Many people will walk in and out of your life, but an Airedale will leave paw prints on your heart.

AireFacts

Raw marrowbones help promote natural dental care.

Airedales need intense daily exercise and mental stimulation.

Check your dog's ID tags and keep them current.

The Whole Dog Journal is a great reference. You can subscribe at www.whole-dog-journal.com

You get the behavior you pet! Be clear & consistent about what you want. Don't reward bad habits!

Say **NO** to Flexi leads, shock collars, electric fences, rawhides, and corncobs.

Don't over-vaccinate your Airedale. Have your vet titer test first to check immunity. (Some states will not accept titer as proof of vaccination. Ask your vet.)

Never leave your dog in an unventilated car & always carry water for your dog's comfort.

Thundershirt™ is one of our "must have" finds. This Velcro wrap can really help relax a dog that is noise or sound sensitive!

Consult a professional trainer at the onset of behavioral problems. Early intervention is always best.

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to our mission. The cost of medical care, food, transportation, grooming, microchips, home checks, spaying and neutering is only partially covered by placement fees. The rest must be raised by private donations.

Please help in our effort to save homeless

Airedales. Make checks payable to NWATR and mail to NWATR c/o Connie Turner, 3235 Bonham Ave. S., Salem, OR 97302.

You may also donate via PayPal at our website at www.nwairedalerescue.org.

Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. Our tax ID number is 26-0471008.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE!

NWATR experienced a very high rate of emergency surgeries in 2012. Our thanks to the wonderful vets and their staffs who not only save lives but keep fees as low as possible for our Airedales in need.

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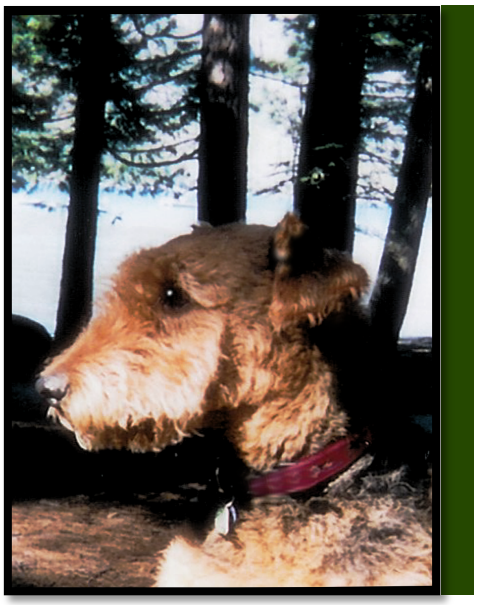
Remember Airedale Terriers in need when you prepare your will or trust document.

Your gift of love and compassion will make a life-saving difference for the homeless Airedales that are counting on us.

To leave a bequest, simply write: "I give to Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue, tax ID# 26-0471008, the sum of $_____ or % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate for its general purposes."



A NOTE TO ADOPTERS

Byline Diane Morgan

Lassie and Cleo and Rin Tin Tin and Toto don't show up in rescue. We don't get the elegantly coiffed, classically beautiful, completely trained, perfectly behaved dog. We get the leftovers. Dogs that other people have incompetently bred, inadequately socialized, ineffectively "trained," and badly treated.

Most Rescue dogs have had it. They've been pushed from one lousy situation to another. They've never had proper veterinary care, kind and consistent training, or sufficient company. They've lived outside, in a crate, or in a basement. They're scared, depressed and anxious. Some are angry. Some are sick. Some have given up.

But we are Rescue and we don't give up. We never give up on a dog. We know that a dog is a living being, with a spirit and a heart and feelings. Our dogs are not commodities, things, or garbage. They are part of sacred creation and they deserve as much love and care and respect as the next Westminster champion.

So please, please don't come to rescue in the hopes of getting a "bargain," or indeed of "getting" anything. Come to Rescue to give, to love, to save a life -- and to mend your own spirit. For Rescue will reward you in ways you never thought possible. I can promise you this -- a rescue dog will make you a better person.

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF NWATR

Eighty-one Airedales and a few Near-Dales, were rescued and re-homed by NWATR last year. The task requires endless volunteer hours by foster families, transporters, and support staff. Private contributions are the life's blood of the effort to take needy Airedales out of harms way and give them another chance to live their lives in love and safety.

We are in the business of finding happy endings. You can help. Report a needy Airedale. Volunteer. Foster. Make an annual contribution in the name of your family. The stories in this newsletter would have ended very differently without your support. Thank you!

Paying It Forward

Murphy

From Street Dog to Therapy Dog in 10,000 "pets"

Murphy wandered into our lives

via the internet about three years ago. We drove to Tracy, California and came home with a handsome but skittish Airedale. After a few days he decided the sun rose and set on my wife Shelley (something we have in common), but remained timid and aloof around me, and terrified of male strangers.

I assured Shel that after ten thousand pets Murphy would accept me and lose his disconcerting "scared puppy" attitude. Sure enough around pet number 3,599 Murphy began to think I was OK. At pet 6,763 he began to walk past strangers without flinching or seeming frightened.

As a Special Education Teacher I learned of a program where therapy dogs work with emerging readers to help them gain confidence with their skills. I thought Murphy would be a great fit when I needed to test special needs students, so Shel and I signed him up to qualify for this duty.

He passed the test will flying colors. The evaluator even referred to him as "our star Murphy" as she checked him for compatibility with strangers, other dogs and people using medical devices such as wheelchairs and crutches.

He also had to stay, stay with a stranger and walk past cheese lying on the ground without stopping to investigate.

Murphy has met many of my students via the internet where he stars on the video camera. I cannot wait for him to work with my kids that suffer from test stress and anxiety. I am sure they will be thrilled to see our handsome Airedale when they arrive at the test site. By then Murphy will be past pat number ten thousand and he will brim with confidence that he will share with my students.

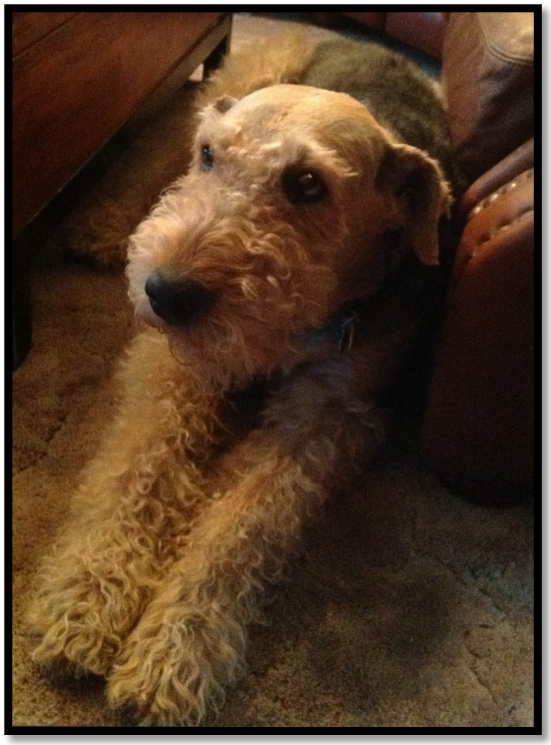
Mr. Z, Murphy & their students

Byline Jeff Zaniewski

Sometimes It Takes A Village

Rusty & Pedro
The Shasta Dales

"When in doubt, love."



Byline

Ann & Terry Langley

God bless the Shasta County Animal Shelter

volunteers who went out on a limb and called NWATR when two Airedales, Pedro, nine, and Rusty, six, were dropped off with orders to euthanize both of them. Their crime? Their owner had died. No one wanted to take care of them any more.

Within hours of that phone call, they were in safe hands but their trials were far from over. Both were matted, filthy and in pain. Pedro suffered chronic untreated ear infections leaving him debilitated and partially deaf. Rusty needed surgery to repair a ligament in his rear leg, an old untreated injury that had resulted in arthritis and a life of constant pain.

Enter the Airedale community. Our volunteers, two teams of vets, and countless supporters answered the appeal to help the Shasta Boys. Funds were donated for Rusty's surgery. When Pedro developed a hematoma from his infected ears, that cost was covered as well.

There followed weeks of rest and rehabilitation for the Shasta Boys. Water therapy, a healthy diet and medication to manage their painful injuries helped them turn the corner.

We began to see their personalities blossom as their misery diminished. Through it all, many of you kept up to date on their progress through posts on our Face Book page, offering encouragement and good wishes for their recovery. We cannot thank you enough for coming to their assistance when it looked as if time had run out for Pedro and Rusty. It took a village, but the brave Shasta Boys made it through. Today they both have loving new Forever Homes.

We wish we could say we seldom see such cases of neglect. We can't. We also know that miracles happen every day. They do…but it's never by accident. Miracles happen because people make a conscious choice to trump indifference with love.

Hard Times Hit Home

Roxie

"The best thing about dogs is their ability to love with their whole heart no matter what."

Byline

Jann Rogers

The call came late on a Friday from a soft-spoken man who had hit bottom and wondered if we could help. A divorce and recent unemployment left him with no other choice but to find a home for his beloved Airedale girl, Roxy.

Purchased as a puppy when life was good and the family was happy, Roxy had a great childhood; then life changed. Once the queen of the household, Roxy now lived in the backyard of a rented home, and took cover under the house at night. Vetting and grooming were a thing of the past, except in an emergency.

When the call came in to the Washington State coordinator for Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue, rescue wheels started turning with immediate plans for bringing Roxy into our care. It wasn't until the end of the phone call that the owner asked if he could feed Roxy hard-boiled eggs because he had given her his last bit of kibble that morning and had no way of buying more food for her.

One of our wonderful volunteers picked her up the next morning to start her new life and get her next meal. She was groomed, vetted, fostered, and loved. Roxy thrived with her foster mom and foster brother Airedale Baxter for the next four weeks as homes were interviewed and home checked for this darling girl.

Roxy has now been adopted by one of our Airedale homes in the Seattle area. She even gets to check back in with her foster family for brief stays during her new owner's previously scheduled travel commitments. Life is good once again for this lovely Airedale girl.

Home At Last

Scooby Do

"To err is human, to forgive canine."

Byline

Roberta Sparr

Scooby Doo came to my attention when a friend sent

the link to his picture on the NWATR web site. I fell in love with that wooly face and couldn't get him out of my mind. I really didn't care that he was almost nine years old.

Scooby had lived his entire life outside in northern Montana. He would lie down, melt the snow and it would freeze before he got up. His fur would pull out in the ice. He was chained to a makeshift doghouse with little protection from the weather on an eight-foot chain for eight and a half years. He was fed once a day when his owner was not on the road.

The woman of the household did not like Scooby Doo and wanted nothing to do with him. She did not feed him when her husband wasn't home. When she mentioned her desire to get rid of Scooby to an acquaintance, the woman visited him and saw his neglect. She took action with the help of NWATR to rescue him. Scooby left his awful home on March 24, 2012, but still remained in an outside kennel. He was taken to a vet and clipped for the first time. The woman who rescued him wanted to keep him but was unable to do so because her dog did not like Scooby Doo. She surrendered him to NWATR for adoption.

I made arrangements to meet and pick Scooby up in Kalispell. This was the beginning of my wonderful continuing journey with him. Scooby was introduced to my male Airedale, Beamer. He has been living with me for two months now and has been through many changes. He was a nightwalker the first week. Then he went through a puppy stage where he left his chewing marks on everything. All that has passed.

He loves toys, indoor life, cushy beds and couches to lie on. No more dirt mattresses for Scooby. I think he feels safe now and relishes the life of relaxation he has fallen into with Beamer and I.

Scooby Doo has brought smiles and joy into our home with his zest for life. I am sure this is what has given him the determination to survive the harsh conditions of his earlier life. Scooby truly is HOME AT LAST.

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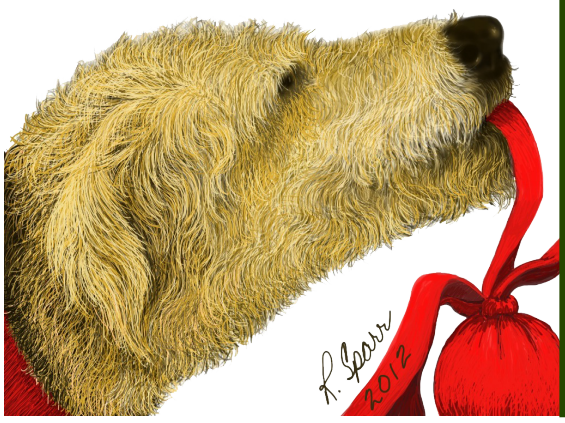

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