



AIRETAILS 2009

AIREDALE RESCUE STORIES OF THE NORTHWEST REGION

Welcome to our second annual edition of AIRETAILS. Each rehomed Airedale Terrier has a story and we share some of the stories that touched our hearts this last year in the pages to follow. Don't miss our informative notes section "Tricks of the Trade", recognition of our volunteers and donors and light hearted Airedale notes in this issue.

2009 Poster Boy



HARVEY

Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue (NWATR) is a 501 c (3) charitable organization formed with the purpose of helping homeless Airedale Terriers in the northwest region. NWATR is an all volunteer organization. NWATR operates under the code of ethics and guidelines of the Airedale Terrier Club of America's rescue committee.
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HARVEY. NWATR received an emergency call New Years Eve evening from a rescue group in Yakima asking us to help a very young Airedale boy who was in a local shelter with a severely damaged leg and possibly hip. An Aire Angel agreed to pick him up from the shelter, foster him and have him medically evaluated. At his first veterinary appointment, the veterinary staff quickly named him Harvey because of the way he hopped to cope with his injury. Stoic but happy with all of the attention, Harvey successfully went through surgery and was soon released to Connie Turner, our NWATR coordinator, and husband Gordon for what ended up being a six month rehabilitation at the Turner's home in Salem, Oregon. At risk of losing his leg, it was a difficult process of keeping a young Airedale Terrier quiet enough for successful healing but, this is a happy ever after story. In June, 2009, Harvey was adopted by a wonderful Seattle family. Harvey continues to learn how to run like an Airedale without hopping and has now restarted his life with the Airedale enthusiasm that we all know and love.



(Harvey's medical expenses were paid for from donations made to NWATR's general fund and with assistance from the national Airedale Terrier rescue fund).

****Donations to **Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue** are used to provide resources and funds to our rescue volunteers and to support our efforts to help*

*temporarily homeless Airedales in the northwest region. Donations can be made by check and mailed to NWATR 1958 8th Ave West, Seattle WA 98119, or to NWATR c/o Connie Turner 3235 Bonham Ave S. Salem, OR 97302 OR can be made via PayPal at our website at www.nwairedalerescue.org.****

Eighty Three Airedales and Near Dales were rehomed by NWATR for twelve months ending July 31, 2009:

Rubican, Olivia Maggie, Charley Gelwick, Maggie, Rosie, Suzie Q, Chai, Rubnik, Ella, Puck, Rocky, Samson, Zoey, Ben, Missy, Tana, Maddie, Charley, Jack, Gracie Doll, Max Corbin, Max Brain, Gus, Moe, Asa, Gromit, Chester, Oliver, Lou, DavieX, Oz, RedX, Danny, Dixie, Hank, CorkyX, Woody, Lucy, Lil Queenie Victoria, Charlie Grey, Mousse, Chester, SummerX, Shasta, Axel, Carlin, Sammy, Cricket, Millie, Missy, Daisy Mae, Tucker, Oscar, JacksonX, Keely, Kayla, Barron, Kai, Jonesy, Annie, Teddy Bear, BennyX, Fozzie, ScruffyX, Scooter, Gracie, Harvey, Leroy, Winston, Lucy Fertado, Lovey Bear, Tango, George, Archie Bear, Dubbie, Abba, YorkieX, Maxamillan, Kappi, Mr. Darcy, Charly Too, Muffin, Nui.



Bear



Gracie



Kayla

A Walkabout Story

TANGO . Having a rescue escape from a new home is a situation where both the new owner and the rescue person placing the Airedale does everything possible to prevent it from happening. Unfortunately, on occasion one of our own does engage in a walkabout. Tango, our special boy who spent his first year as a kennel dog at our worst local breeding facility here in the northwest who luckily was purchased by a loving owner had such a walkabout. Because it ended well, we can laugh about it now. Tango was able to find a hidden hole in the fence at his new home (NWATR rehomed him for his owner because

of his two days, report in beach and More calls to his new new owner was seen next visit to who



ongoing fear of men learned at the breeding farm). For people from the Camano Island community would on Tango sightings. He was seen taking a swim at a local checking in at a local store that sold fishing supplies. reported him jogging happily along the rural road back home. He was even seen peeking into the fence at his but apparently decided he wanted more beach time so again at the beach playing with other dogs. Luckily, his the store coincided with the arrival of his foster mom opened the van door and in he came. Two days on the

run made the boy hungry and made his rescue easy at that point in time. Tango definitely enjoyed his new found freedom but was happy to be back with people whom he trusted and loved.

PUPPIES

NWATR received two separate calls to help care for litters of puppies. Both sets of breeders wanted out of the situation puppies in both cases were in assistance.



breeders dogs and

receive the pups. Thank goodness we have a few knowledgeable foster homes who stepped in to help our



immediately and the definite need of our

NWATR required the to sterilize their breeding arrangements were made to

northwest coordinator with their care and placement.

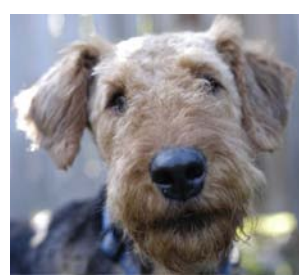
Tucker



Lou



Maddie Mae



MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR AIRE ANGELS WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR CALLS FOR HELP. GETTING AN AIREDALE RELEASED FROM A SHELTER, TRANSPORTING, ALL THAT GOES INTO FOSTERING AN AIREDALE TO GET READY FOR A NEW FOREVER HOME, GROOMING, WEEKLY SHELTER CHECKS, HOME CHECKS, OWNER COUNSELING, ETC. ALL REQUIRE LOTS OF VOLUNTEER TIME AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! Also, thanks to our Aire Airedales who share their homes and toys with our many foster Dales who temporarily don't have a home of their own.



Sammy & Annie



Jordan



Shasta & Hamilton

VERY IMPORTANT!!

Take a moment right now and ask yourself:

TAG: Is it on her collar and is the contact information current and correct?

MICROCHIP: Is her chip registered with your current contact information?

LIFESTYLE: Has your Airedale gotten lost in the shuffle and could be happier with a few changes like more walks, scheduled playtimes with other dogs and more one on one time with you?

DIET: Variety during her lifetime is essential. Is it time for a change? Your higher end pet stores can provide valuable information to improve her diet.

HEALTH: Does her demeanor or appearance suggest she is experiencing discomfort or has new health issues that should be investigated?

UP TO DATE: Are you keeping up on current events that affect the health and well being of your Airedale? We strongly suggest a subscription to ***The Whole Dog Journal*** (accepts no ads; independent research and monthly articles on health, behavior, training, toys, and diet) to be well informed.

A BIG AIREDALE THANKYOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED FUNDS TO NWATR this past year:

Gene Hartman, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Connie Cservenyak, Fred Lawrence, Carolyn Airriess, Lindsay Myers, Chris and Kay Johnson, Rhonda Nelson, John Rogers Jr., Lorna Cullen, William Woodland, Carole Breitenbach, Carol Philips, Pat Glaister, Pamela Oldow, Joan Hellyer, Elinor Hein, Jo and Robert McCloskey, Janet Mayer, Van Wilkinson, Nola Elson, Gerrie Spencer, Catherine McLeod, Maurine Barnett, John Combo, Stephanie Garnett, Jackie McGuinness, Ginny Schuyler, Jill Zimmerman, Gary and Teresa Gallaher, Sandy Tamasie, Jeff Huber and Family, Lydia Ross, Erin Raney, Doug Schurman, Dina Chernick, Armand Zimmerlin, Charles Winston, Linda Jones, Julia Fielder, Megen Opsahl, Kelly Madding, Theodore Johnson, Diana Hesla, Lynne O'Hara, Marvin and Mary Miller, James and Sherilyn Harrell, Peggy Kurtz, Sally Hands.

****If we have inadvertently left any of our donors out, please let us know!****

****Donations are vital in our efforts to help Airedales in need in the northwest region. We have a dream to some day have an Airedale sanctuary to act as a safe haven to meet, greet, groom, vet, evaluate, house, and place Airedales temporarily down on their luck. Many are remembering NWATR in their financial planning. Our charitable status as a 501 c 3 organization allows tax benefits for donors to NWATR.****

Mousse In a remote area of lost her home due to a new temporary home, this girl was thin day.



northern Montana, this young girl boyfriend...living outside at a and in need of an immediate spa

A beautiful Airedale emerged and border and being treated like a queen.

Muffin A 93 year old woman wanted her one last Airedale and a local breeder was happy to oblige. For four years, Muffin lived alone in basement and backyard because of her young Airedale energy and later found a home with the grandson who soon discovered a fence to stay home. NWATR was called now in a wonderful home in Everett with lots of one on one attention.



she is now living north of the

temporary Muffin needed and Muffin is daily walks and

“AIR” DALES OZ



Tango



2009 Top Ten Reasons Why Airedale Terriers were turned into NWATR:

10. Didn't realize how hard it is to handle a litter of puppies
9. Does not listen; does not stay home (no fence)
8. Cannot afford ongoing cost of Airedale ownership
7. Elderly owner wanted their one last Airedale
6. Too active for young children in the home
5. Doesn't like being alone during the workday; boredom=problems
4. Other pet in family ticks off the Airedale
3. A move, a new spouse or new baby so Airedale has to go
2. Owner age or health leads to neglect of Airedale
1. Many breeders do not screen homes; only ability to pay

SPECIAL NEEDS AIREDALES

They give one hundred fold back for what they receive. CRICKET was picked up immediately when we were contacted that had a 5 month old blind Airedale who was in danger of injury at her current home. Cricket is a rancher was in such a sweet little girl and, because she was born readily accepted her vision and compensates in amazing ways. NWATR had her professionally evaluated by a canine eye specialist with a diagnosis of an eye condition that is extremely hard to successfully treat. Our coordinator worked with Cricket for a few months and then was able to knowledgably place her with person who was ecstatic with being chosen to be Cricket's forever Mom.



CHAI is a beautiful, smart and loving girl who had an unfortunate first few years of life being handed off to homes who were not equipped to properly own and care for an Airedale Terrier. As with many homes without fences, Chai's second home decided a shock collar was the way to keep her home. Every time a dog would walk by Chai's yard, Chai would do what dogs do and want to meet and greet the dog only to get stung with pain from the shock collar. It didn't take long for Chai to associate other dogs with pain.

NWATR was called from Chai's third home because of her extreme dog aggressiveness. A professional evaluator concluded there was no going back and Chai would always be a risk to harm

Angel
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easily
NWATR
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Although



in helping to Chai to once again have the enjoyment of playing and socializing with another dog. We at NWATR are so pleased everyone joined together to give Chai a new chance at a happy life.

other dogs. Placement would be extremely difficult. An Aire family from Alaska stepped forward and convinced NWATR could provide a loving home for Chai; one where she would be kept away from other dogs. Roll forward six months and was notified that Chai decided on her own she wanted to neighborhood dog she had passed many times while on walks. still extremely careful, Chai's owners have done a wonderful job

A **strong immune system** is the key for a long and healthy life for your Airedale Terrier. Minimize or eliminate use of topical pesticides (for fleas, ticks, and heartworm). (Our research concludes that Washington and Oregon dogs DO NOT need heartworm preventative). Be informed about new guidelines for vaccinations (after three years of age, request a TITRE test first before agreeing to vaccinations). The TITRE test shows the level of antibodies in the system and, more times than not, indicates your Airedale is already protected and DOES NOT need an annual booster. Over vaccinating compromises the immune system and opens the door for cancer and other diseases to take hold. Prevent your Airedale from having exposures known to cause cancer (yard treatments, weed killer, pesticides, second hand smoke etc). And, of course, provide a healthy diet with food from pet stores that specialize in healthy and safe food. Variety, fresh fruits and vegetables and minimal emphasis on grains is a good start to upgrading your Airedale's diet.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

***BODY LIFT** Snip the sides of a tote bag and slip under your Airedale's mid section with handles brought together over the back. Your dog lifts easily without discomfort. It works like a charm.

***HEMOPET AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES** Behavioral issues either existing or a sudden onset? Always eliminate the medical side first with a thorough check up by your veterinarian. VIP: NWATR has been able to save lives and prevent rehoming by counseling owners to submit a blood sample of their Airedale to HemoPet (www.hemopet.com). HemoPet, Dr. Jean Dodds' specialty lab, screens for, among other things, canine hypothyroidism. Only HemoPet analyzes based upon age and breed and is continually improving their techniques for diagnosis in their southern California lab. Less than \$100 and a week's time can immediately improve the behavior and appearance of your Airedale with a positive diagnosis and follow up treatment with an inexpensive daily medication, Soloxine, in many cases. Please visit their website and read about their wonderful service. Hemopet works directly with your veterinarian. Diagnosis by a local lab IS NOT the same as the in depth service provided by HemoPet. We have many success stories and strongly recommend testing for Hypothyroidism with HemoPet when behavior or health problems arise.

*The **MARS COAT KING** is getting raves from people who have purchased this special grooming brush/tool. Many Airedale rescue people confirm that they would not be without it.

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A PET'S BILL OF RIGHTS

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years...any separation from you is likely to be painful
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me
3. Place your trust in me...it is crucial for my well being
4. Don't be angry with me and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends and your entertainment while I only have you
5. Talk to me...even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it
7. Before you hit me or strike me, be aware that I could hurt you, but I choose not to.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something may be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. Remember, you too will grow old
10. On the ultimate journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there,
Because I love you so...



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