

AIRETAILS 2010

AIREDALE RESCUE STORIES OF THE NORTHWEST REGION

Welcome to our third annual edition of AIRETAILS. Tales that will make you smile, warm your heart and maybe shed a tear along with useful information we have come across these past twelve months, this edition is ready for your reading enjoyment. We at NWATR would like you to know how much we enjoy hearing back from you this time each year. We receive wonderful updates on our rehomed Airedales and we rekindle friendships that may have grown silent with the busy lives we all lead. Our Airedale community is very special. We thank you for your continued support.

ANNIE 2010 Poster Girl



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ANNIE'S STORY: On January 10, 2010 our regional coordinator, Connie Turner, received a call from a rural shelter in Maderas County, California asking for assistance with a purebred Airedale girl about to whelp puppies. The shelter's only other option was to put this young girl down if NWATR could not send someone to pick her up immediately. Our NCAL volunteers were at their cabin in Lake Tahoe but did not hesitate to immediately jump in their car and drive to the shelter to pick up "Annie". Our Oregon transportation volunteer in Portland drove straight through to meet up with them in Tracy to retrieve Annie and bring her north to Salem, OR to the Turner's home. The next day, Annie brought 9 beautiful Airedale/Boxer puppies into the world. Along with providing daily care for Annie and her puppies, the Turners worked with Annie helping her to become comfortable with people and a normal daily living situation. We will never know what life was like for this young girl before January 10th but we do know that her life is now a dream at her new home with one of our wonderful applicants in Springfield, Oregon. Each of the nine puppies was very carefully placed with approved homes in Washington, Oregon and Northern California. It is fun to get updates and pictures of these funny Airedale mix kids to see what they look like and hear about the adventures they have as they grow.



ANNIE AND PUPS



ANNIE AND NEW MOM

****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.****

72 Airedales and even a few Near Dales were rehomed by NWATR for twelve months ending July 31, 2010:

Byron, Mr. Shaggy, Rufus, Ace, Buck , Zeka, Madison, Millie, Oonaugh, Monty, Lady Smith, Max, Jordan, Blue, Lizzie, Aggie, Sadie Raymond, Keta, Gunner, Sadie Stewart, Oliver Gadler, Hunter, Fanny, Oliver Dearman, Wrigley, Dezi, Quincy, Murphy, Jacobi, Loki, Billabong, Eli, Ranger, Chopper, Nellie, Zoey, Fenrik, Samantha, Lilly, Hindi, Hazel Bee, Ivy, Annie Phillips, My Good Buddy, Gus, Yukon, Harley, Wilson, Ellie, Abby, Lady Opsahl, Annie Opsahl, Bella, Sadie Meeks, Cricket, Rimington Barrow, Wilson, George, Sarge, Allie, Max, Maddie Mae, Skookums, Kate, Frasier, Hank, Mack, Hannah, Duncan, Sadie Smith, Keeper

"Many people will walk in and out of your life but an Airedale will leave footprints on your heart"

(Because we are in a unique position to see the end results of owner decisions, we have sad stories to back up every item on our "Just Say No" list below/ success stories for the "Yes" list)

JUST SAY NO TO:

Flexi leads, shock collars, rawhides, greenies, corn cobs, bacon, ham, and holiday turkey, chain store kibble and treats, giving Soloxine with dairy or soy, automatic vaccinations (titer test first to test immunity) and doing them all at once.

SAY YES TO:

Daily hard exercise and other dog socialization, a well thought out diet, and professional advice with the onset of behavioral problems, a subscription to Whole Dog Journal, avoiding any cancer causing agents, checking your dog's i.d. tags **NOW**(are they there and are they current?)

HANK A wonderful adult Airedale in a great home but the wrong location was Hank's story. Living around the corner from a senior living facility created a lot of daily stress for Hank as he watched a parade of small feisty dogs walk past his home. Then came the intact Parson Russel Terriers who moved in next door and insisted on trying to get into



Hank's yard to tussle. Hank is all smiles now that NWATR was able to find him that storybook forever home on the beach in southwest Washington State. Hank shares daily long walks and trips to town with his new owner and has his earned in own spot in the family RV. *"There are no words, really, that would fully express our gratitude to you for rehoming Hank. The pictures and follow up on Hank are so helpful to all of us. We vacillate between an enormous sense of relief that Hank is safe and happy and just pure sadness that hits us all at the craziest times"* Kim (previous owner).



SADIE



SKOOKUMS



BILLABONG

SADIE finally got fed up with an aggressive small dog who badgered her at each meeting on their daily walks resulting in the need for Sadie to move out of the neighborhood. She was returned to her breeder who allowed NWATR to place her in a fantastic home outside of Gig Harbor, WA. We were later informed that Sadie was the ring bearer in her new owner's redo of their wedding ceremony at their home. Sadie patiently waited for her new dad to signal her to walk down the aisle with rings attached to her wedding day collar. Attendees were amazed at Sadie as she slowly walked down the aisle to the wedding couple, waited until the rings were removed and then gently went into a down stay until the ceremony was completed.

SKOOKUMS, was a special needs rescue who has found a dedicated and loving home in the Portland area. NWATR had previously assisted with Cricket who was almost completely blind from the same litter last year. Skookum is a little slower than the normal Airedale (some would say that is a good thing) but is a wonderful and entertaining companion for his new family.

BILLABONG'S owner died so Bill was dropped at the local shelter to find his way on his own. NWATR picked him up the next day and found him to be a big loving gentle giant. Bill continues to have a bit of separation anxiety but his wonderful new owners on Guemes Island are patiently working through this with the big boy. Bill goes everywhere now including road trips to Eastern Washington and Banner Bank in downtown Seattle where employees look forward to having Bill come in and say hello.

AGGIE'S STORY from our hardworking foster home in Tracey, CA:
"All rescue dogs touch your heart. As a foster family, our work is often about sad beginnings and blessed endings. That is both the challenge and reward of Airedale Rescue. One of the dogs that will always be 'ours', though she has gone to a wonderful forever family, is Aggie. This little girl came to us from the Lassen County Animal Shelter. She had been impounded by Animal Services, prior to which she had been isolated in small kennel away from people and other animals. She was filthy, matted, and starving. In addition, Aggie was terrified of other animals and was extremely kennel aggressive.

All of that sounds like a recipe for a sad outcome for any dog, but then, Airedales are special. The combination of the right intervention and the perfect adoptive family can work wonders, and, in Aggie's case, the

outcome was one of those blessed endings we treasure. Pictures speak a thousand words so I am including in this Happy Tail, both Aggie's intake photo and her situation today. Her wonderful owners have added their comments. The traumatized dog we received is no more. Now, she flourishes and we are always reminded of the power of a loving environment to heal...Meet Aggie:



AGGIE AT IMPOUND



AGGIE now thanks to owners Bob and Paul

Meet Aggie's Forever Family: "We were thrilled beyond description when Ann and Terry chose us to adopt Agnes (aka Aggie). Ann described her as a "Very Special Little Girl" and one of the sweetest dogs they had rescued in their many years of fostering and rehabilitating Airedale Terriers. "She makes me laugh every day" is one way Ann had described her to me over the phone when she was interviewing us. When the time had come to meet her and I walked through the front door of the Langley's home, Aggie came straight to me with her tail wagging and she nuzzled up against me as though to say "I've been waiting for you!" It was as though she knew that I was there to take her to her "forever home". Ann said "She's chosen YOU!" Arriving home in Rancho Mirage, we followed Ann's carefully detailed instructions in orienting Aggie to her new home and neighborhood. After thoroughly checking the place out and getting some exercise, she plopped herself down on her bed and fell asleep on her back. Her relaxed and contented behavior told us she was very happy and felt safe in her new forever home. As a rescue dog, we expected Aggie to come with some emotional baggage. She surprised us in very quickly adopting to her new home and environment. She's truly been an absolute model of good behavior and has easily established herself as 'The Darling' of the neighborhood. She is everyone's favorite at her veterinary and grooming facility. Her intelligence and eagerness to please has made training her a cinch. She is able to learn a new trick or command in just hours. She has steadily gained confidence with each passing week and everyone that comes through the front door is her new best friend. Every day, her behavior says to us "Thank you so much for adopting me!" Aggie came to us just 6 months ago yet, it is hard to imagine her not having been a member of the family for a much longer period of time. We love her dearly and that love is returned on hundred-fold from her. We simply can't imagine not having her in our lives. And, as with Ann, she makes us laugh every day!"

MORE FROM OUR RESCUE HOMES:

(Funny Missy came to us at NWATR a few years ago as a senior girl in need of a home due to a divorce. Missy is joined here by her new sister Sarah at their home outside of Missoula, MT.) ...“both of my girls warned one or both of us of tragedy this year. What would have happened without them one will never know. In May, Missy made Don get up and look out into the pasture where I was having a wreck with my driving horse trying to run with the cart. I could hold him down from running, but couldn’t get him unhitched by himself. I struggled for five minutes before Missy was able to alert Don to come outside to help me. Thank you Missy! Sarah alerted me today to a fire in my bar-b-que by making noises and acting strangely. I followed her gaze, saw the bar-b-que ablaze and was able to have Don shut it down before it exploded! Thank you, Sarah!”

“...just wanted to drop you a quick note to say hello! Lucy and I got the NW Airedale Newsletter last week in the mail, and of course it brought a tear to my eye! All of those sweet faces and the happy endings makes me so happy. Lucy is awesome! She patiently sleeps through off of my lessons, sings along with some of the students, chases squirrels every day in the backyard, goes for walks, gets too many treats, and loves to play with my dad’s wire fox terrier, Atlas. They are the best of friends.”

“...this is a story about Lucy (another Lucy!) and Tad. Tad lost his wife of 60 years in May 2009. A few days later, he lost his other long time companion, Buddy, his dog. My father is 82 years old and, at the time, did not want any more animals. His nights alone made him reconsider. My father had always had Airedales so I went online to look for an older trained dog. It was difficult because most of the people were concerned with Tad’s age and what would happen to the dog when he passes on. Then we found Lucy. Lucy is a 9 year old female who was hard to adopt because of her age and no one would adopt to my dad because of his age! Well, a match was made in heaven as we drove from Antioch, CA to Oregon to meet Lucy. I cannot even explain how this dog has helped my father. They are inseparable. So, this is a very happy ending to a sad beginning. Thank you Airedale Rescue for this amazing, loving, beautiful dog...”

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, a big thank you 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.

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

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George and Lilly



Sarah and Missy

****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.****



Breda



Brittany



Jack(in memory of)

Her eyes met mine as she walked through the door. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly so she wouldn't be afraid...she knew my background, that I was homeless now, and I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad. I only have the future to look forward to and I want to make a difference in someone's life....A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could so see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came to meet me. So many more are out there who haven't come to meet us... So many more to be saved. At least I could save one...

"I rescued a human today..." (as revised for Airedale Rescue)



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