



Airedale Alley News

President's Report

Dear Airedale Lovers:

First of all I would like to thank Lin Hartnett for offering a new perspective for both members and new members to come. This is the first newsletter under Lin's direction and how she finds time I am not sure. On top of writing the newsletter Lin has competed in the agility ring with her dog for many years where she has earned many titles and continues to compete despite her busy schedule.

With the arrival of spring and the cool weather that has plagued us most of April and May, the only ones that truly enjoy this brisk weather are our Airedales. So with the cooler temperatures I am hoping all of you are getting your best friend out for his favorite activity. Whether you are interested in agility, obedience, tracking, the show ring or just enjoy the outdoors, I am hoping you enjoy it with your favorite Airedale.

If you currently own an Airedale Terrier or are thinking about adding one to your family you might want to think about joining our state club, the Airedale Terrier Club of Illinois. The club was founded in 1946 so we have been around a little while. Our club's main purpose is to further the Airedale Terrier. In an effort to promote the diverse interests of club members and the versatility of the Airedale Terrier, the club has many functions throughout the year. We conduct seminars and, of course, gatherings with our four-legged friends.

As many of you know, our club specialty is just around the corner on June 18th. While there are shows on Friday and Sunday as well, I am hoping everyone can attend our specialty and see these beautiful dogs. The conformation ring is not the only event that would love to have your support. We have club members who are also competing in obedience and rally. Come and root for club members and to watch THE

KING OF TERRIERS. And don't forget our luncheon and auction on Saturday. We welcome all who fancy this great breed.

Until the next time we chat, all the best.
Sincerely,

Lanny Duttlinger
President/Secretary
Airedale Terrier Club of Illinois

Coming Events

THE AIREDALE SPECIALTY

Please be marking your calendars for our upcoming specialty, which is scheduled for June 18, 2011 at the Grayslake Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Road, Grayslake, Illinois. There are also shows schedule for Friday and Sunday as well. So it will be a busy weekend. Our judges this year are Rhae Drijber for Sweeps and Marcia Feld for the regular classes.

The Candlewood Suites is once again our host hotel.

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Saturday, June 18th is also our LUNCHEON and AUCTION. In an effort simplify things this year we will be doing sandwiches. I am hoping we can do a variety of subs as they are fairly healthy. However I need your help too. I need people to bring a dish to pass and dessert or two. If someone could bring in the beverages that would be great. The chips of course have already been taken care of.

Your contributions to our auction help make \$\$ for our club. Many of you contribute Airedale

related items, which is wonderful, but please know that your donations do not need to be dog related.

Kindly R.S.V.P. me so that I have an idea how many to expect and if you will be bringing anything to pass at the luncheon. You can either email at or contact me at 815-914-6416. Thanks. Lanny

ILLINOIS DOG WALK

Reserve the date now - - our annual cookout and dog walk will be August 21, 2011.

We are currently working on a program and will advise as soon as that is put into place. The pertinent facts are as follows:

When: August 21, 2011|
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30 (potluck) The main entrée will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass.
Where: Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, Illinois (Bay View Location).

Easiest access is via the Hwy 173 exit just north of Rockford off of I-90. After exiting, head west (towards town) and the Rock Cut State Park entrance will be on your left. At the first major intersection keep right and then stay on the main road until you see the sign for the Bay View area.

Please bring pick-up bags, your leash and things that will make your dog comfortable, remember it's August!



Title Report

On May 8, 2011, Dempsey passed his TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT test. Also known as a TDX. It was hosted by the Car-dun-al Dog Training Club, Huntley, IL. It was held at Rock Cut State Park in Rockford. It was a great Mother's Day gift. I'm looking forward to our last level VST. Dempsey is now known as:

CH. ROYALCREST TOTAL KNOCKOUT TDX
yeah!!!!

Barbara Denofrio



Dempsey and Barbra at the Car-dun-al TDX Tracking Test.



Barbra and Dempsey working the field.

Area Clubs

Good afternoon,

There is a new organization/Foundation that has recently been formed which is taking on the task of doing research on Airedale Terrier health concerns. I am an advisor for this Foundation and have been amazed at the lightning speed in which research has already begun. The researchers are in need of blood samples from both "infected" Airedales and "clear" Airedales. There is need of a large quantity of diverse blood submissions for use as a control group.

The Twin Cities Airedale Terrier Club has a long history of contributing to health issue research. Our club has jumped on this band wagon as well as the Texas Lone Star Airedale Terrier Club. Both organizations have set up a blood draw date where a vet will be available to collect blood from as many Airedales as show up. Then as a group we will send the blood and the required forms to the researcher at the Univ. of Missouri.

I have enclosed as an attachment the information I sent out to the members of TCATC. It contains the background and the necessary information needed for blood draw submissions.

This foundation, Airedale Health Foundation, has gained wide support from other organizations and is now working closely with OFA, CHF, CHIC, and the Morris Animal Foundation, along with canine geneticists and veterinarians to collect blood samples from all Airedales for study on various modes of disease.

So, I am sending you this info to see if you would like to get your respective regional clubs involved in this large and very important project. I think Barb Brown has already been very involved in the initial establishment of the foundation.

If you have any questions after reading my attachment (at the end of the newsletter), please contact me. This info will also be published in the next AA.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Newsletter Submittals

Send information submittals and photographs to Lin Hartnett: Bharn48@ameritech.net

For show ring reports please provide

1. Winner's AKC name and call name
2. Winner's sire and dam
3. Winner's breeder(s) and owner(s)
4. Show and Titles won

For title reports

1. AKC name and call name
2. Breeder(s) and owner(s)
3. Show and Titles won

For whelping pen reports please provide

1. AKC name and call name
2. Number of males and females
3. Breeder(s) and owner(s) of litter
4. Date of whelping

Anecdotal information concerning shows, titles and whelping is also welcome.

Something exciting is taking place that will have a huge affect on the health of present and future Airedale Terriers as a breed.

WHAT: DNA blood sample are being collected and submitted for the research of cerebellar ataxia, Addisons, lymphoma, juvenile renal failure, and Cushings disease. Any study is more likely to identify genetic markers in health problems that occur while dogs are young, rather than later when such health problems can become age associated diseases like chronic renal failure, many cancers, etc. However, all samples are welcome.

WHO IS INITIATING THESE STUDIES?: David Post, DVM,MS and Dr. Laura Post, long-time Airedale breeders and American Airedale health article contributors, have done much of the ground work in initiating this new round of research. Proposals have been solicited from researchers on the following:

1. Finishing up work to have a usable genetic marker for cerebellar ataxia in Airedales
2. Sequencing the Airedale genome
3. Providing preliminary work on identifying a marker associated with Addison's

The research on cerebellar ataxia is already well on its way. Right now the new focus is on Addisons with the hope that we learn in a rather quick manner how to breed away from this health issue.

Additional research proposals for lymphoma, juvenile renal failure and Cushings will also be sought, so any blood samples collected now will be saved and then be readily available for those future study areas.

If anyone wishing to participate in this study needs further clarification or has questions about any of the procedures involved, David Post's contact numbers are: (clinic) 903 561-7677; (personal cell) 903 565-4828.

FUNDING: Financial pledges to pursue much of this work have already been received. To support this work, an Airedale Health Foundation has been created. The foundation's web site, www.airedalehealthfoundation.org will contain a copy of the Addisons research proposal and bi-annual updates (if possible) on how the research is progressing. The foundation can also be reached via email: airedalehealthfoundation.org

THE RESEARCHER: Dr. Gary Johnson from the Univ. of Missouri is conducting the research on ataxia and Addisons. Gary is a familiar name to those who have a long history with TCATC. Gary was one of the founding members of TCATC. Gary has also been involved in previous research projects involving some of our members.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Researchers are in need of DNA submissions from 1) Dogs affected by any potential genetic issue, and 2) Dogs that do not outwardly exhibit any problems but could be used in a Control Group. Anyone owning an Airedale can contribute to this project – breeders and family companion-owners alike. All information concerning the submission samples will be kept strictly confidential. During the spring season many Airedale owners bring their dogs to the vet for heartworm checks, vaccinations and/or general check ups. This would be an ideal time to collect a blood sample and have it sent in. Also, many vets will not charge a blood collection fee if you inform them that it is for research purposes.

DNA COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Collect a blood sample, 5-10 ccs – more is better, in a purple-topped (EDTA) tube. Your vet will have these tubes on hand. Important: The blood sample needs only to be put in the tubes and rocked gently a few times to distribute the anticoagulant – do not spin, extract serum, or do anything further. Refrigerate if the sample is being held for any time before shipping.
2. Ask your vet to label the sample with the call name of the dog and the owner's last name. (If samples from several dogs are sent together, number each sample and the accompanying form with the same number.)
3. Fill out a CANINE DNA RESEARCH Individual Dog Information sheet for each dog. This form is found at the end of this communication. Include it with submission.
4. Send a copy of the dog's 3 generation pedigree with the submission.
5. Ideally, ship immediately. If samples are held for a day or over a weekend, blood must be refrigerated.
 - a. Ship via overnight delivery (US Mail, UPS or FedEx). Do not send on Friday- there will not be anyone to accept the delivery on a weekend and the sample could be unusable by Monday.
 - b. Pack the sample in a small insulated container (most vets have these for shipping samples to labs), with one or more cool packs. It is important that blood samples be kept cool but not frozen.
 - c. The delivery address is:

Dr. Gary Johnson – (Airedale) DNA Research
320 Connaway Hall
University of Missouri
Columbia, MN 65211

THIS RESEARCH IS IMPORTANT: Do not assume that the health problems this research is addressing are not important because they are not the "biggies!" Just because you have heard little or no reports of the occurrence of these problems, means nothing. The problems are there and are growing, but rarely shared. By sending in DNA samples, you will be contributing to strengthening the existence of the breed. The reporting form is on the next page.

CANINE DNA RESEARCH Breed _____

Individual Dog Information

Litter ID code: _____

Blood – Tissue – other _____

Registered Name _____ Call name _____

AKC# _____ Birth Date _____ Male / Female - - Intact / Neutered

Sample Submission Date: _____ Color _____

Sample submitted for which research project? _____

Owner: name _____

address _____

Alternate _____

phone (day) _____

phone (eve) _____

fax _____

e-mail _____

Does this dog exhibit any of the following conditions? (Please attach history for any Yes answer)

Y - N Allergies

Y - N Digestive difficulties

Y - N Arthritis

Y - N Heart Problems

Y - N Autoimmune Disorders

Y - N Hernia (where? _____)

Y - N Bite or Tooth Abnormalities

Y - N Reproductive Problems

Y - N Cancer / Tumors

Y - N Seizures

Y - N Cataracts / Vision Problems

Y - N Skin / Coat Problems

Y - N Deafness / Hearing Impaired

Y - N Skeletal Abnormalities (Hip Dysplasia, etc.)

other (please list):

Y - N Temperament Problems (shy, aggressive, etc.)

Testing done on this dog:

OFA/PennHip Y - N

age at test: _____

result: _____ # _____

CERF Y - N

age last tested: _____

result: _____ # _____

Thyroid Y - N

age last tested: _____

result: _____

other (please list):

Other Comments / Questions / Concerns?

Please circle your response to the following;

- I am / am not willing to provide additional blood samples if needed for research.

- I will / will not consider donation of a tissue sample (spleen, kidney, or liver) upon the death of this dog, and will discuss this decision with my veterinarian so that a notation is placed in my file.

I submit this sample and pedigree for the purpose of DNA research; I understand that the identity of dogs and owners participating in the research will not be revealed; and I have supplied complete and accurate information, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ date _____