



Airedale Alley News

Coming Events

Howl-i-dale Party!

Please mark your calendars for our

Annual Christmas Party

December 15, 2013
at the home of
Gloria and Bill Urquhart
314 South Clifton, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068.



We'll start the festivities at 1 p.m. We will be doing a grab bag again this year. The gift is to be \$25.00 and under and does not have to be dog related.

Please **RSVP** by **Dec 10th** so Gloria can plan on the entree. Thank-you.

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Title Report

Heather Roozee Wins Trifecta-Ranks #5 Groomer in the USA

Heather Roozee, pet stylist/owner at A Groomery Pet Grooming, in DeKalb, IL, won Best Groomed Dog in Show at all three grooming contests she competed in this year. Heather competed at the All American Grooming Show in Wheeling, IL in August, HH Backer's Celebration of Style in Rosemont, IL in September, and Pet Pro Classic in Dallas, Texas in November. She took home the top prize each time with her handstripped Airedale Terrier, Ch Timberwyck Peak Performance, aka Zeppelin. She also placed 1st with a Standard Poodle, 1st with a Miniature Poodle, 3rd with a Standard Poodle and 3rd with a mixed breed, in addition to three 1st places with her Airedale Terrier. At two of the three shows, she had 2 dogs in the Best Groomed Dog lineup. These wins and placements gave her enough Groom Team USA points to be ranked the #5 groomer in the United States. Every other year, the top 5 groomers in the country compete in the World

Grooming Competition, as a team, for the Gold Medal, similar to that of the Olympics. This October, Groom Team USA brought home the Gold from Barcelona, Spain, against 16 other countries.

Heather has owned and operated A Groomery, on Hillcrest Drive in DeKalb, for over 10 years. She is adept at pet styles, show trims, handstripping and cat grooming. She has also hosted the Grooming Seminars for the Airedale Terrier Club of Illinois.



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*Airedale Alley
wishes
you and your families
a
Happy
Holiday Season*



The whole family headed out to Denver toward the end of August. There they hold the TOPS (Terriers Only Performance Summit) show every other year. There was 3 days of agility and 2 days of obedience. It was a long haul, but because my son Eric lives 30 minutes from the show site, we just combined a show and visit all in one. It was also his birthday a couple days after the show, we ended up staying a few days extra where not only was my sons birthday but Laser turned 4 the day after that. I didn't make it out there in time to enter agility on Friday because I had to take my other son to O'Hara for his flight back to Sweden where he is currently living. We did show in AKC Utility for the first time where he Q'd the first time in the ring. That Q earned him Highest Scoring Dog in the "A" group. The next day he made just one mistake on the signals. I had planned on finishing his RAE there. He only needed 2 more legs and I have been holding off entering him in rally till then. On Saturday in Excellent, Laser entered the ring behind a very nice Kerry Blue that is a UB dog. Laser got a perfect 100 and the other dog got a 98. The judge made a point of telling us that he had only given out 2 other 100's in rally before. The next class, Advanced, saw me make a handler error (97) and her dog got a 99. So there was a tie score for Rally High Combined. The judge decided since the Novice course was already set up, to have us run the whole Novice course but off leash. Laser ended up with a second 100 under this judge, thus earning him HC and a very nice dog mug that a trial committee member said that she personally carried on the plane all the way back from France. On Sunday, it saw the two of us up against each other again. But, Laser was at the top of his game winning both classes with two more 100's and getting HC for the second day in a row and another mug from France. After getting four 100's under a judge that had only given out two of them before he told me (laughingly) I was ruining his reputation. It was such a nice trial with wonderful people. Laser had many complements from so many competitors.

The POTC AKC trial in Peoria on September 14 & 15 really showed me that Laser is a competitive dog in obedience. Even though he NQ'd both Utility runs, the Open class on Sunday was what he showed true class. Out of 20 dogs entered, 5 were OTCH dogs and another 12 had UDX+ 's. Kinda intimidating. Then I started seeing some failing the DOR or laying down on the OSS. I was shocked to be called in the ring for a run off. At first I thought it was a run off for maybe 4th but it

turned out to be a 5 way run off for 2nd place and among the dogs was owned by Bridget Carlsen. She did win the run off, but we managed to place 4th out of all those dogs.

The next weekend we traveled to Chillicothe, Ohio to the Hunting Working Airedale Nationals with Laser's breeder and his mother & sister. We had gone the year before to just watch. This year I threw him in to the Fur test. We have done some tracking, but this is a little bit different. The Fur test is an Airedale only title that is earned through this organization. The have a Junior, Senior & Master division. The dog has to track the scent of a raccoon through woods, find the tree that it is hanging from a cage in and must bark. This test is done with the dog off leash and once the dog is put on the scent, the handler may not re-scent or talk to the dog at all. And, the handler must not follow the dog and needs to stay about 20' off the path. If the dog double backs behind the handler, they are NQ'D. So, it is a little harder than it sounds but I thought that at least I'll try this year. This year there were 2 Senior dogs and 12 Junior dogs entered, no Master. Out of all 14 dogs that ran, Laser ended up being the only dog that qualified and earning his JHFur title. This also gave him the award given out each year, the Priscilla Cree Memorial Award. Out of the last 4 years, this award has been won by his mother, his brother and now Laser, keeping it all in the family. I also put him in the Hunt Instinct test. There was so many entered in this, 14, that they divided them up between two days and we were the second to last dog. Friday was a nice day for the test but Saturday saw the skies open up just before testing. I wasn't sure how Laser would do being so late in the day & other dogs were going through all the brush before him and the rain washing scent away. There is a total of 10 things that the dog is scored on. There is tracking a raccoon, finding a dead bird in brush, finding a live bird in brush, prey instinct test, shooting a starter pistol about 15' away and a water retrieve. But, Laser did wonderful, a lot better than I expected him to do. He actually was the only dog that not only found the dead bird but brought it back to me. That wasn't required. Of the 14 dogs, only half actually passed. Laser turned out to be the only dog that has gotten a perfect score ever on the test.

The next weekend, we turned right around and traveled to Lowell, In. for their UKC obedience trial. Laser had a great two days earning 3 High in Trials out of 4 trials, twice getting a score of 199 in Open B. He also

ended the weekend with 24 UOCH points.

After taking a couple weeks off to get used to a new puppy in the household, we traveled to Peoria again, this time for their UKC trial. We were entered in Open B & Utility B in all for trials, hoping for some needed double Q's. Laser Q'd all 8 times in the ring picking up 4 double Q's and winding up with now 74 UOCH points after placing every time in the ring. Getting closer!!

Linda Sorak



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The ~~Dawg~~ House Puppy

You don't have to be ~~BAD~~ to be in This House



Euro with his Bird

October 1st saw our house gain another mouth to feed with the arrival of Dollar von Erikson from Germany. His call name is Euro. He is from the von Erikson kennel which is the leading working Airedale kennel in Germany. This is the first one from this kennel to be imported directly to the U.S. I am very excited to getting started in training for obedience with him. He has already shown a ton of prey drive.

Linda Sorak



Page, 9 weeks, driving home



Euro with his toys

Bob and I welcomed home our new puppy, Aircraft's New Chapter, call name Page on November 23rd. We drove out to Newton Falls, Ohio to pick her up from Dale and Kim Burrier. Page is already doing her own version of agility by running throught the garden railroad train tunnel, doing the dog walk on a raised garden wall, and weaving through our fence! She has also shown a love for water by trying to swim in our pond. And as far as hunting goes, she is great at stalking our cat Zoey. Oh the fun we are going to have!!

Lin Hartnett



First haircut on her ears, 11 weeks

Rainbow Bridge

Linda Sue's Delta Dale 9/30/2000 – 11/05/2013

What a wild ride Linda Sue's Delta Dale, CGC, RN, OAP, OJP, CSL2, CSL3-R, CSL3-H and I have had! I got Delta in November of 2000 as a 6 ½ week old pup and my life has not been the same since. I already had a 12 year old dale at home so I thought I knew what I was in for. What I didn't know was the places and wonderful people I would meet with my girl. We started on a great agility career at the age of 9 mos. We have been to several states competing and went out to Montgomery twice. We have also tried our hand and paws at hunting. We have been out to Hunting Working Nationals in Ohio and have been to the Randy Cooley Memorial Hunt Test a few time competing in the Fur Hunting.

Delta was the greatest teacher I have ever had. She taught me it was not winning or losing, it was just playing the game. Every time on the agility course I never knew which Delta would

show up. Sometimes she would run the course let she was a MACH dog and sometimes she would run like she had never see an agility field in her life before. And please DON'T make her run outside, you never know if the grass maybe wet!

Delta taught me that Obedience Trials should be fun not serious. Isn't it more fun to play tug of war with your pant legs while heeling fast! Or barking at you when you are supposed to be sitting? And let's not forget about hunting. Delta would turn into a mouth foaming beast at the site of a raccoon. She even broke free from me at one work shop to show the rest of the Airedales how it was done. She would bark, jump and foam at the mouth to get that coon. During the Fur Test she would follow the coon scent like she had been tracking all her life. Once she found the coon she would look at me as if to say "There it is, you can see it for yourself" and never make a sound.

Delta was a one of a kind dog and touch many lives. Hopefully every one that had a chance to meet her will remember her with fondness.

I know my life will never be the same because

of her. Thank-you Delta for the Wonderful Wild Ride of my life.

See you on the other side. I love you with all my heart.

Lin Hartnett

It is very quiet at our house today. Our 11 year old Airedale, Robbie, U-CD, U-ACH Maplerun Will-o-Aire Robbie, NA, NAJ, TD, TD, CGC crossed the Rainbow Bridge and is busy tracking his many friends who went before. Many thanks to Dr. Koplitz, Cardiologist at the Waukesha Vet Clinic and Christina Barcus at Canine Center for their months of loving care. If anyone has a dog with Congestive Heart Failure, we have lots of various meds we would freely pass on to you. They gave him an additional year of happy life, running & barking, after being diagnosed. Robbie was a BIG presence at the house and even with 3 other dogs, it seems empty. Love you, miss you, Robbie. You were special.

Nancy and Frank Foster

First Time in the Ring

It had always been on my "bucket list." I have a young Airedale with great bloodlines that show in her movement. Some of the judges for this particular cluster have judged at Westminster. And the show venue is merely a 4- hour drive from our home. I might never have another opportunity like this! Maybe the judges would give me some constructive criticism. And it would be fun! These all seemed like good reasons to enter my Airedale in this comparatively small dog show when I filled out the entry form.

But as I walked across the humid arena to check on scheduling and saw the perfect-looking dogs with their expert handlers, I wondered what ever possessed me do this. I was out of my league and I knew it. I must like to feel foolish, because as I watched the experts floating around the ring, that's precisely how I felt. Recently retired from teaching high school and adjunct at a local university, I was a tad old to start jogging around a dog show ring. I'd researched and studied breeds most of my life. But I had not shown them. I've had wonderful dogs; dogs have been my luxury and often, my joy.

For instance, a year ago, our Bedlington Terrier, Star, had died just a month shy of her 14th birthday. My Giant Schnauzer, Jack, had moped around a bit, and we decided to get a compatible breed to keep him company. I'd wanted another Giant, but my husband asked me to find a small dog. So after doing more research, I settled on an Airedale, as "small" a dog as I would want. A feisty, crisp-looking, outdoorsy dog who from all accounts, could "do it all." I'd always loved them, enjoy terriers, and thought their fire and playfulness would be a good match for our Giant.

When we brought Bess, our Airedale, home that September, the two dogs acted like long lost friends; they instantly bonded, played, chased, snuggled, and were on the same wave length. We couldn't know, then, that our Giant Schnauzer would be diagnosed with bone cancer in four short months. And we couldn't guess that the following May, after 5 months of cancer, our brave friend would pass away. When he did, my heart was crushed. But our sturdy little Airedale stepped up to center stage. Her antics and energy endeared her to us more than ever before. Even though she's not the "small" dog he'd requested, my husband constantly remarks that she has

been a wonderful choice for us. A more amiable dog would be difficult to find.

As we arrived at the ring, I nervously wondered why I had thought this would be fun. I mentally thanked Bess's breeder for great bloodlines, and wonderful reassurance, as well as the breeder's dear friend, an unmitigated expert who had spent hours with us, both of whom took Bess and I under their wings, even though they may have thought I was nuts with my inexperience to do this now. These women are experts and they are awesome!

At the ring,, I looked on the tables for arm bands and elastics. Nothing. One of the stewards figured out my armband and gave it to me. I didn't know where the elastics were and the steward said, "Right over there where they always are." I asked where that was and she pointed to a cloth grocery bag hanging on the side of the ring fence. I hoped that the elastic band would fit on my un-skinny arm.

Now, they called for "The Airedale, please." Oh, boy, I was having trouble holding the Airedale and the armband and rolling the elastic on. I jokingly said, "Well, I'm trying to get the armband on ha ha and am a novice ha ha , which I'm sure is not at all obvious." I could feel the color creeping up my cheeks. And then all my moronic feelings were assuaged (almost) by a very nice woman who stepped from the ring up to me and said, "I was a novice once, too. Here, allow me to help you with that armband." She smiled at me and I happened to notice her name glowing on her name tag. Holy cow. I felt like a teenager meeting a rock star. "Keke Kahn is helping me put on my armband," I murmured. I'd never met her, but I'd certainly seen her judging at shows, and also on television, judging at Westminster.

"Would you bring in the Airedale, please?" she said. She had us go around the ring and we went as we had practiced. Then, down and back. Then it was time to stack. And Bess the Airedale kept moving her feet. Oh, boy. "May I show you how to stack your dog?" the judge asked pleasantly. We *had* practiced, but clearly not enough. "I would so appreciate that," I replied, as the judge showed me where to place the feet. When that was finished, she sent us around again and said, "Would you like some constructive criticism?" "Yes, " I replied, "That's why we came." Mrs. Kahn then complimented Bess, and said I wasn't doing "too bad," but that

I should learn to control my dog more; she was a lovely bitch and it would just take more practice and to keep working on it. She told me a few other things but didn't excuse us from the ring for ineptitude like I had supposed might happen. Instead, she explained the ribbons she presented to us. As we were leaving, she said to make sure to go to "Group" and to check the schedule to see when that would be. Although we were the only Airedale there, we were not the only terrier there. In the catalogue I had noticed Australian Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Norwich Terriers, and a Wheaten entered.

As the day wore on, I realized that there was a lot of waiting that I hadn't anticipated in this large, not-air-conditioned arena . Someone said it was 86 degrees. I would have to prepare better for that next time. I could see that Bess was hot and tired.

In the next ring, Mr. James R. White, a judge and a gentleman, patiently pointed where I needed to go. I had not the slightest notion that we might win, but the judge must have recognized Bess's virtues, because she came out of it with a blue rosette. The second day, Bess didn't do as well. I think she was over tired from all the sensory overload. At home, we lead a rather quiet life. And she backed away from a judge. I was dismayed! I was shocked to see my usually perky and heads-up, tails-up girl do that. The judge, Carolyn Herbel, was kind, however. She explained that this wasn't yet a habit, but that it could become a big problem in showing, unless we worked to overcome it.

The next day, Mrs. Herbel made a special effort when not engaged in judging to come over to speak kindly to Bess and with my husband and I. She took an interest, encouraging a positive feeling. This judge went out of her way to help Bess to have a positive experience. All the judges remained patient with us.

Now, as I reflect upon our first dog show experience, I realize even more that I have loads to learn! But I come away with a new respect for the judges. None of them were "too grand" to be helpful and patient. I had no idea that they would be so thoughtful, encouraging, and downright kind. Clearly, their positions had not gone to their heads.

The atmosphere at this venue was a casual and friendly one. The judges probably would genuinely have been too busy, had this been a

larger show, to take time with a novice senior citizen bumbling into their show ring with a beautiful Airedale on the end of the lead. On the other hand, the judges here had very full schedules, completing their own assignments as well as those of a great judge who'd been scheduled to judge at this cluster, but unfortunately just had a stroke.

For me, these judges made showing for the first time more worthwhile. It is one thing to be in a position of power, as judges are. It is another to carry that position with grace. I appreciate the constructive criticism and the encouragement they provided. Oh—and Bessie, the beautiful Airedale?

You should see her! She's just come in, mud to the elbows, from the yard, where she's chased a squirrel and excavated a marvelous hole nearly as big as she...

-Noel Alexander
And "Bess" Stone Ridge Northern Dancer



Area Clubs



Michiana Kennel Club, Inc.

On behalf of the Hoosier Tire Classic (Michiana, Berrien, and LaPorte Kennel Clubs) we would like to extend an open invitation to you and your members to become an intricate part of our four-day cluster! The Hoosier Classic is excited to be at a premiere show site (St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, South Bend Indiana), on a new show date that eliminates any competing shows (360 miles to the west and 500 miles to the east) of our show site!! In these trying times can you imagine the entries your club could garner when hosting a regional or national specialty at our show site.

Let's get down to the basics. Our new show dates will be July 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2014. Your specialty will be held in an air-conditioned building, with ample, assigned, grooming areas. Our staff will also work very hard to ensure that your show ring will be across from the grooming area. The cluster can also supply your club with tables and chairs at no additional charge. This in itself will be a cost savings for your club when it comes to trophies, and luncheons, along with providing ample seating for exhibitors and spectators. As I am sure your club is aware of

the fact that you can hold a second specialty one hour after Best in Show. Two specialties in one day is quite an enticement to handlers and breeder/owner handlers.

The cluster is offering a \$2.00 reimbursement per dog. If majors are obtained or your club supports the entries for your breed, the cluster will provide rosettes for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB, RWD and RWB.

The fairgrounds offer the following amenities to all exhibitors: Ample day parking with an abundance of motor home parking that offers both 30 and 50 amp hookups and water. There is also a dump station on the grounds.

If your club would like to obtain additional information, please contact Libby Salach at Libby@irvinworld.com, 517-443-5724 (H), 419-205-2329 (C) or 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228.

Sincerely,

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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.



2014 AKC Legislative Conference

January 25–26, 2014

Breed bans • Dog ownership limits • Arbitrary breeder regulations Mandatory sterilization • Zoning issues • Ever-increasing fees

Our rights and traditions as dog owners are under attack. More than ever, oppressive legislation, regulations, and restrictive zoning provisions are impacting responsible dog owners, exhibitors and breeders.

AKC Legislative Liaisons, AKC-affiliated federation representatives, and special guests are invited to join us at the 2014 AKC Legislative Conference on January 25-26, 2014 in Raleigh, NC to learn, share and discuss ways to respond to problematic measures, take charge of the message, identify and utilize resources, proactively educate lawmakers, network with other leaders, and take the lead on dog-related issues in our communities.

2014 AKC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

January 25-26, 2014

Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport, Raleigh, NC 27617

The conference begins at 9:00 am on Saturday, adjourns at 1:00 pm on Sunday, and is scheduled to include:

- **Advocacy 101** — What you need to know to understand (and teach!) legislation and advocacy. Topics include basics on: the legislative process and strategy, what to do if a bad bill is introduced, and how to communicate your message effectively to clubs and your lawmakers.
- **Taking Back the Conversation** — Sarah Longwell, Vice President, Berman & Co., discusses what to do when the media portrays you or your organization as “the bad guy”.
- **The Breeder as Advocate** — Renowned breeder/author/educator Pat Hastings discusses why it’s important for responsible breeders to assert their rightful position as experts on canine issues. She shares her experiences in this area and discusses how to you can translate your expertise into successful advocacy for purebred dogs.
- **Political Participation and Success** — AKC’s federal advocate discusses federal and state advocacy, what legislators need to hear from you, understanding timing, and how to influence the political process.
- **Media Training for Dog Advocates** — How to use social and electronic media to communicate your message and mobilize your grassroots. Plus, why everyone needs an elevator speech and how to develop one. A break-out session will help you practice your new skills.
- **Humane Relocation and the Animal Rights Movement** — Patti Strand, Executive Director of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), discusses her work on the relationship between animal rights extremism, humane relocation, and what it could mean for purebred dogs.
- **Canine Litigation** — Margaret Poindexter, AKC’s General Counsel, discusses the use of litigation in preserving the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders.
- **Tales from the Trenches** — Your peers share practical lessons and insight in from their political advocacy successes. Plus, developing a federation from the ground up and building bridges within the community.
- **And more!**

Speakers and topics are subject to change

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY: Attendance is limited and by invitation only. Priority Registration and reduced conference fees are offered for registrations received by December 6, 2013 (or until attendance limits are reached). Final registration deadline is January 8, 2014.

Priority Registration if received by 12/6/13 - \$60

Registrations received after 12/6/13 - \$85

To receive the Priority Registration rate, please return the conference registration form and fee by December 6, 2013. Or call Patty Van Sicklen at (919) 816-3645 to register by telephone. Conference registration fee includes all conference presentations, discussions and forums, conference materials, and Saturday lunch. Travel, hotel, additional meals and incidentals are not included. Attendance is limited. Conference fee is nonrefundable after 1/8/2014.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Special room rates are available at the Embassy Suites (host hotel) and the adjacent Hampton Inn. Please see the conference registration form for hotel information, room rates, and hotel deadlines.

**For conference information, please contact Patty Van Sicklen at 919-816-3645 or pvs@akc.org
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