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The Agony and the Ecstasy of Rescue

By Cheryl Silver

A longtime OK back yard breeder put something out on Craigslist saying that his dogs would freeze to death in the impending blizzard if someone didn't buy them. The three dogs had lived their lives in a filthy outdoor kennel and had litter after litter... They have no social skills and were petrified. Pearl was heartworm negative, had whipworms, infected ears and badly needed dental attention.

1/31/11 — Frances Martin, from OK Airedale Rescue, wrote: Pearl is seven years old and about to have her babies. Lilly is Pearl's daughter, five years old and due the end of February. Crockett, the father of both litters, is three years old. Thankfully, we got them just before a winter storm hit us hard. Pearl's pups (Alice, Ariel, Ladybug, Stella, Zeba. Hobbes, Leo, Rusty, Andy, and Bill) were born 2/8/11 and moved to Cheryl Silver's in Austin, TX on 2/12/11 to foster. The rest of the story is from Cheryl:

2/14/11 — I just came back in the house from walking Pearl. She sat at the gate of the x-pen enclosure, indicating she wanted to go out. She is such an angel. I barely slept last night. It was crazy. I spent all night feeding her by hand and switching pups off and on Pearl, so they could nurse. Today I helped Becky build a whelping box for her that is 4 feet by 4 feet. It is so much easier for her to nurse. We weighed them all (8 oz.-1 lb.) and put on their ribbons. Amazing. Anyway, I am exhausted so will close. Today she was wagging her tail!... sleep tight...

2/15/11 — Pearl is such a nice girl, not a mean bone in her body and I think she likes to watch television <g>. There is so much that is new in her world and she is doing mighty well at exploring, except when the big barky dog "shouted" at her on one of our morning walks. Her little stub of a tail is wagging more and more. As the OK folks noted, her teeth are absolutely horrendous; they definitely need attention, once she is done nursing and is in for her spay surgery.

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From the Chair, Becky Preston



My first year as ATCA Rescue & Adoption Chair is over, and it has been an exciting one for me! I want to thank all of you for your welcome and help in learning the ropes as Chair.

We have had a number of things

happen this year. In collaboration with the ATCA Board of Directors, we have reaffirmed that rescue is indeed, an ATCA committee. For the past several years, there has been some discussion that we were a separate entity. We are different from most ATCA Committees in that we do not receive our funds from the ATCA. Because of this, NAR Inc and ATCA Rescue and Adoption were being used interchangeably when referring to Rescue. This led to an Ad Hoc Committee being formed with myself and Elizabeth Berry, Barbara Brown, April Clyde, Pamela Macomber, Margo Dupree Virginia Latham Smith and Linda Baake Jarvis serving on it.

A proposal was hammered out that states that Rescue is an ATCA Committee and allows three ATCA Board members to serve on the committee. National Airedale Rescue Inc is our funding branch, and that is truly the only purpose it serves. This is to allow donors to take a tax deduction on donations. So we should properly refer to our-

The three ATCA Board members who are joining us

are Barbara Brown from Illinois, John Turba from Mississippi and Myrna Whatmough from Florida. All have rescue experience and are eager to help.

The ATCA has also donated \$3500.00 to the Rescue and Adoption committee from the estate of Herbert W Schultz. Additionally, about \$7500.00 is being held for rescue on an as needed basis.

If you have looked at our financial statements for last year (available on the website under Donate) you saw that Rescue had a negative income of \$24,340.64. Yes that is a negative figure! This is due in part to the loss of our premier fundraiser Christine Sheffer. While others have stepped up to fill her shoes with some fundraising, we REALLY need a full time coordinator to take on this task.

Barbara Brown and Myna Whatmough have volunteered to work on fundraising and Christine is willing to share her ideas and experience with us. To make matters even more difficult, PayPal has toughened up its policies on raffles etc. due to federal gambling laws. Fundraising on a local level is going to become even more important.

On the plus side — and it is a big plus — the Quilt raised \$15,719.00 for us this year and we were able to vend at both the Devon Dog show and Montgomery County Dog show. I really would like to thank Joey and her group who handle all of the retailing at these shows and the Lori Taylor and her workers who move the Quilt from event to event and sell those tickets.

A huge thank you to all Rescue Volunteers for their work on a daily basis to save the dogs we all love. It simply couldn't be done with out you! Let's make the next year a great one for Rescue.

Becky

The Full Monty

selves as ATCA Rescue and Adoption!

This year my Montgomery experience began with the agility trials at the Kimberton show site. I accompanied my friend Lori Taylor, who is a member of the Quilting Bee, to help sell raffle tickets for the quilt. It is always breathtaking to see the quilts. The talent of this world wide group of artists and quilters is amazing. We set up the ticket booth and spent some



time watching the Airedales compete in the various agility trials, a real treat.

The next day we set up Rescue Bazaar and the Quilt ticket sales booth at the

by Cindy Johnstonbaugh

all -breed show as well as a partial bazaar at the Obedience trial in Exton. It was our first year at the Devon show and it was so worthwhile that we plan to be there next year.

My most exciting encounter was meeting the owner of the dog who is the model for the detailed embroidered head I put on many of the shirts and other items that I make for rescue. She knew that his likeness had been made into a design, but had never seen it. Needless to say, she was one of our very best customers! I now call it the Christopher head. She said that he is a Canadian and American champion!

Since Devon is an all-breed show, there was a wide array of dogs to meet and greet. I saw the easily recognized Labs, Airedales of course, and some of the new rare breeds.

After the Devon sales waned, Lori and I packed up the

merchandise while Joey went to pick up the Exton "branch" of the bazaar before returning to load up the Devon stuff. Joey and Bette Leyden then drove the van back to the headquarters hotel while Lori and I stopped at the Montgomery show site to set up the tents for the next day. That night was the annual ATCA Rescue meeting at the headquarter's hotel, always a great opportunity to meet up with volunteers from all over the country and discuss issues important to rescue and exchange stories.

Sunday was the grand finale for the weekend, with the All-Terrier show on the grounds of Montgomery Community

College. Rescue volunteer Jeanne Esmond described it as, "Seeing the perfects and the pets." Seeing so many perfectly groomed Airedales all at once never gets boring or "old."

We are fortunate to be able to set up the Rescue Bazaar and the Quilt sale booth adjacent to the Airedale ring. And honored to have Saxon Slowik's help with the ticket sales! Aire-



dale exhibitors, spectators and even handlers look forward to browsing through our wide variety of Airedale wares.

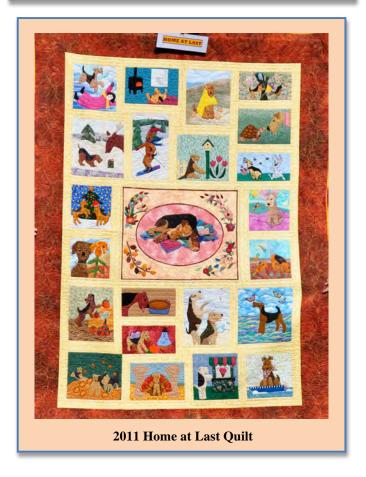
Just before the final judging of the day, the quilts are taken into the ring and the winners are drawn — an exciting conclusion to a very exciting weekend.

To find the dates for next year's shows, go to the Airedale Terrier Club of American website, <u>www.Airedale.org</u>. The shows always fall during the first full week in October, so mark



your calendars every year to see some beautiful well-trained Airedales and experience some incredible shopping.





Quilts celebrating the Airedale Terrier have been created every year since 1999 by a group of women who love quilting, And want to help those who need new homes! Take a look:

(http://tinyurl.com/airedalequilt)

We in Rescue would like to thank all of the wonderful people who bought quilt tickets - some, we know, again and again. It is not only REALLY exciting to see the "best quilt ever" year after year, it is exhilarating, humbling and absolutely heartwarming to see each one for the first time, "in person."

We sincerely hope that the hardworking quilters continue to be inspired to help our Airedale Rescue fund for as many years as there are Airedales to Rescue.

General Davies

by Jane & Pam 7/4/2011

After losing our beloved Airedale, Dexter, of 12 years, we decided we would rather have a rescued Airedale this time instead of going to a breeder. So we adopted General, a.k.a. Big G, on November 6, 2010. Thanks to seven volunteer drivers, he made the 13- hour trek from Kentucky to Pefferlaw, Ontario, Canada. When we first laid eyes on General, he was terrified and skinny. It was a 3- hour drive home from where we picked him up. Of course trying to convince him that he was going "home" forever and all was going to be ok from now on was impossible.

We can only imagine the horror of the General's past. He was approximately five years old when he was brought into rescue — malnourished, in dreadlocks, smelly and very scared. General was purchased as a pup to be a puppymill stud. He lived outdoors in a pen. The person who turned him in wanted him destroyed and said that he was wild. More like scared to death! Fortunately the shelter he was taken to turned him over to ATRA.

Since then he has put on about 10 lbs. and been groomed again (since his initial clean-up at rescue). He loves to be groomed and is extremely well behaved on the table. He adores us and would protect us with his life. He loves his toys, splashing in his doggie pool and his big cushy bed. He has become a typical goofy Airedale. He has regular vet visits, for which he is well behaved. He loves to play with his new brothers and sister. His favorite pal is our five-year old Wheaten Terrier, Teddy. We have a large fenced yard in rural Ontario, so they have room to have full out runs and chases.

He's become a huge cuddle-bum as well, doing the standard Airedale pose of sleeping on his back, with his head on your shoulder and your arm around him. His eating has slowed down as he realizes he gets fed twice a day now, so no need to scarf it down. He has had serious trust issues (no wonder with a past like that!!). We are working hard with him to let him know that company is ok. He wants so badly to please us and listens well and tries so hard.

He has FINALLY gotten over his fear of the floors.

We have no carpeting and for the first several months we had blankets, towels and mats **EVERY** WHERE just so he could walk across the room. He was terrified of vehicles and noises, so taking him for a walk was virtually impossible. We learned we could drive him around the corner to the forest



trails where it was nice and peaceful. He loves it in there. Now he has advanced to walking with the rest of his k9 siblings in "town," which is very small with little traffic. He still has his frights when a car goes by, but is doing much better.

We took him to the lake (5 minutes from home), since he loves his little backyard pool so much, but the BIG lake is another fright, so for now he's content in his little pool.

General is an absolute doll. We just love him to death and we will protect him as much as he would protect us. He has his own Facebook page with over 240 Airedale (and other Terrier) friends from around the world, where he and the others exchange silly Airedale antics, tips and tears. He's at General-Big G Davies if you would like to join him.

General just wants to say thanks to everyone at ATRA who helped him along the way and found him his furever home. He is such a happy boy now; you can actually see him smile.



Holly is seven and we have enjoyed her company for only two weeks now. She came to us through AireCanada Rescue, although she didn't really so much need rescuing as re-homing, due to an unfortunate turn of events. She is sweet and gentle and very much a lady — and our Sarge (the other fuzzy bear Hairedale who is three) is madly in love with her. He absolutely adores his new big sister and has mellowed out a lot since her arrival. As it should be, Holly rules! Hubby and I absolutely are enjoying sharing our home with Airedales... they are so loyal and entertaining all at the same time.

Jenny, Holly & Sarge — Ontario

Scarlet's Letter

Hi. My name is Scarlet and my life has not been an easy one. In fact there are some parts of it that I don't recall and perhaps I have chosen to forget. I lived outdoors and had numerous litters of puppies.



I can't use one of my back legs and hold it up because it hurts. It's safe to say that it hasn't been a walk in the park for me.

I was found as a stray in rural Illinois — lost,

underweight, hungry and scared. When the shelter called, ATRA came and rescued me before I was euthanized. ATRA took me to the vet who gave me a check-up and looked at my leg. The orthopedic vet said that my leg had been broken at the knee and the break radiated up the femur and down the tibia. The bones are twisted and didn't heal well. I don't know how my leg got broken, they think it happened when I was young, and was probably from cruelty or neglect.

I have adapted well to walking on three legs, but my bad leg hurts. The vet said they could try a series of surgeries and rehab, but that it would be painful for me and I would have arthritis in my leg and my foster dad said that hurts, too. I am tired of hurting and the vet recommended that my leg be amputated. I will have my surgery on January 13. After two days of recovery, I will go home with my foster dad, Ed.

I may be just a dog, but I know my medical expenses are going to be extreme. ATRA and my foster family have been so kind by taking me in and giving me a second chance that I want to give something back. However, because I am an Airedale with no means of supporting myself, I turn to you with hopes that you can donate something to my expenses. It would certainly make my tail wag and I would be forever grateful. Scarlet

Many of you have been following Scarlet's story very closely through her surgery and recovery. Well, now the time has come for Scarlet to go to her forever home. I am very pleased to officially announce that my wife, Denise and I are adopting Scarlet and she will be coming home on Saturday.

I want to thank all of you for your support of Scarlet whether it was financial, moral, spiritual or physical. Most of all I would like to thank Ed Stube for all he has done for Scarlet. I know Ed did everything he could to help her through this difficult time and make her as comfortable as he could. His time and dedication to Scarlet before and after her surgery is greatly appreciated. Scarlet truly owes Ed her very life and I am sure she will never forget him. Ed and Scarlet have bonded very closely to each other and it will be very difficult for Ed to say goodbye.

Many of us have been in the situation before, where we have developed a very special bond with a particular Airedale that we have fostered and we know how hard it is to let go. But, we do so because it will mean there will be room in our home and our heart to help the next Airedale that needs us. We will do everything for Scarlet that we possibly can to ensure that she lives out the Airedale dream and has the good Airedale life that she so richly deserves. We can't wait to meet her on Saturday and to begin celebrating the rest of her life with us. She is truly an amazing Airedale with a spirit to match.

Thank you, Ed, for everything you did to keep Scarlet comfortable; you are truly an Aire-Angel!

Now Scarlet is a real Daddy's girl and loves her forever home. Out in the yard she just loves chasing anything that moves in her domain and having only three legs hasn't slowed her down in the slightest. She flies like the wind with reckless abandon and makes us cringe when we see how fast she runs. She is all Airedale, so there is no slowing her down!

What a sweetheart she is.

Bob Seis — IN



Scarlet after surgery, happy at home.

The Names of the Rescued

These are the **544** recorded Airedales who have come into rescue between 7/31/10 and 8/1/11.

Each year, for various reasons, hundreds of Airedales from all over the country find themselves in need of new homes. Sometimes they are lost or abandoned, but most often these dogs are unwanted simply because they have become an inconvenience for their owners — a new baby, a move, a divorce, a re-marriage, a new job, illness, death, allergies.

In most cases, but not all, these dogs were just not wanted enough in their former homes.

These dogs whose names you see here are now beloved pets — for which some have waited nearly a lifetime.

The ATCA Rescue and Adoption Committee recognizes and supports local rescue efforts and maintains a list

of active volunteers who can be contacted when an Airedale needs help or when someone wants to adopt one of these great dogs..

Dakota	Rosie	Baxter	Bosco	Benton	Doc	Angel	Amy
Blitz	Hondo	Weston	Winston	Bella	Oliver	Axel	Puddin
Gator	Wilobee	Stanlee	Toby	Pearly Mae	Mollie	Annie	Georgie
Scruffy	Luke	Lizzie	Teddy	Bentley	Picadilly	TuTu	Alexai
Hank	Molly	Phoebe	Woody	Nicholas	Libby	Arthur	Lily
Trooper	Scott	Samson	Casper	Max	KC	Newcastle	Ozzy
Dodger	Izzy	Lizzie	Duke	Zeke	Reggie	Duncan	Pippa
Buddy	Allie	Daisy	Tess	Charlie	Scali	Echo	Andi
Gibson	Peacock	Duke	Abby	Pete	Henry	Skookums	Roxie
Buddy	Miley	Pippa	Chloe	Sheena	Tracker	Gabby	Carl
Darby	Rockne	Cookie	Charlie	Lou	Abigail	Sidney	Maxie
Seamus	Higgins	Sammie	Kipling	Bud	Charley	Hopper	Otter
Sophie	Cindy	Solo	Joy	Lennon	Claire	Baby	Lizzie #2
Ranger	Yoshi	Hugo	Lukie	Munroe	Finnegan	Paxton	Kobe
Abbey	Ernie	Tucker	Izzy	Maggie 5	Guinness	Louie	Bodi
Bingley	Stout	Dolly	Jenny	Major	Harley	Erin	Bower
Buster	Annie	Gracie	Beau	Charlie B	Jack	Rosie	Ginger
Abby	Murphy	Crystal	Maggie	Lulu Bell	Lily	Sage	Lucy
Minnie	Duke	Will	Kramer	Peaches	Lacy	Doc Watson	Allie
Addie	Roxie	Bree	Piper	Stella	Norton	Nick	Big Bear
Chloe	Sullivan	Jake	Duke	Maxwell	Ace	Lacey	Raleigh
Jozee	Duke	Maddie	Woody	Penny	Chiclet	Mollie	Molli
Jasper	Shiloh	Pup	Maggie	Foley	Ali	Brandy	Rowdy
Suzie	Lucy	Charlie	Coupe	Sassy	Jack	Shiloh	Zeus
Lacey	Ruby	General	Maggie	Max	Mr. Bingley	Zoey	Kobie
Bella	Macy	Roxie	Daisy	Lola	Harvey	Wendy	Hobbes
Belle	Della	Rodeo	Lilha	Max	Blossom	Heather	Ryder
Marcus	Rudy	Ralphie	Kaleb	Lupe	Sam	Delia	Sallie
Walter	Holly	Annie	Lilly	Georgie	Millie	Cooper	Yogi
Griffin	Athena	Maddie	Ollie	Bear	Diamond	Juliet	Molly
Samantha	Harlow	Jethro	Teresa	Koufax	Harvey	Harley David-	Rory
Maggie Mae	Sophie	Ellie	Bonnie	Gunny	Rags	son	Kacheena
Skeeter	Teddy	Jasper	Piper	Riley	Cooper	Griffin	Izzabel
Ty	Kellie	Williams	Otis	Mattie	Molly	Collin	Maggie Marzi-
Lexi	Bandit	Carley	Ruby	Sherman	Scout	Chance	pan
Reese	Rusty	Izzy	Scarlet	Lola	Tex	Zeus	Fergus
Johnson	Baby	Tia	Beauty	Henry	London	Buster Brown	Emme
Daisy J.	Roscoe	Trace	Snickers	Ruby	Annie	Elvis	Bradley
Nellie	Chance	Pax	Maya	Annie	Andi	Rosie	George
Jordy	Miss Behav-	Maggie	Dira	Vincent	Roxie	Shiloh	Clyde
-		Gizmo	Elliott	Maddie	Kobe	Emmett	Charlie
Tarzan Ace	ior Maggio	Guiness	Maddie	Maggie	Bodi	Emma	Lady
	Maggie		Zane	Fergie	Homer	Bella	Braiden
Gussy	Jenny	Beau Aisha	Annabelle	Ginger	Jack	Tug	Jake
Lilly Longtail	Sully		Whiskey		Dillon	Monty	Ace
Ruby	Mollie	Prissy Mugs	Abbey	Brogue	Wagner	Farley	Beau
Cooper	Deeogee	iviugs	Autey	6	vv agner	rancy	Deau

Chelsea	Brennan	Daisy	Thor	Etta	Feller	Lil Gurl	Dilan
Rudy	Naddie	Tucker	Koa	Toby	Finnegan	Tillie	Rocky
Jordan	Doris	Jackson	Ray	Lucy	Lily	Chloe	Copper
Carson	Maddie	Morgan	Rosie	Zeller	Cheyenne	Clancy	Bentley
Sophie	Bitsy	Cricket	Tequila	Riley	Connor	Mazzy	Jake Sylvy
Darcy	Tory	Totally Jady	Sunrise	Toby	Jacob	Max	Bradley
Pearl	Conner	Fannie Mae	Ginger	Virginia	Bentley	Jetter	Hudson
Lilly	Rosey	Hunter	Fred	Rex	Jackson	Emma	Tovah
Crockett	Thumper	Scout	Cindy Lou	Otto	Duke	Cody	Penny Lane
Ramsey	Gretchen	Molly	Daisy	Amber	McCrae	Sully	Mick
Liza Jane	Tatum	Teddy	Ranger	Airelle	Ryder	Lance	Xena Zoev
Gordon	Iowa	Stider	Quinn	Maggie	Bailey	Pearl	Aly
Charlie	Trover	Pauline	Mattie	Charlie	Alfie	Pepper	Rusty
Bimby	Madison	Glori	Mack	Holston	Smitty	Kati	Spartakiss
Togo	Guffy	Duke	Neman	Millie of	Dixon	Lady	Teddy
Spencer	Annabelle	Logan	Dozer	Metry	Hero	Jerry Lee	Bella
Headly	Murray	Ivy	Ginger	Berklee	Cricket	Belle	Pearly Mae
Maddie	McDuff	Rockne	Brutus	Abraca-	Daisy	Hank	Bentley
Pokemon	Big Girl	Newman	Sallie	dabra/Abby	Jake	Benny	Nicholas
Riley	Daisey	Cinnamon	Reilly	Scoobie	Nicky	Missy	KC
Reese	Oscar	Ozzie	Fergus	Chumley	Trave	Buck	
Sadie Mae	Vern	Breezy	Shelly	Jonsie	Mya	Lucky Boy	
Bebe	Jack	Brooke	Spuds	Archie	Troy	AJ	
Kate	Hanna	Tucker	Quisp	Poppy	Kipper	Mark	

All of the above dogs were reported to have been placed in accordance with the Rescue Policy set forth by the ATCA Rescue & Adoption Committee:

Before placement, all rescue dogs are:

Spayed or neutered

Bathed and groomed (clipped or stripped)

Checked for heartworm and parasites and treated for any found

Brought up to date on shots

Microchipped

And carefully evaluated for temperament & personality

in order to be matched with an appropriate home

Prospective adopters are thoroughly screened and evaluated for a suitable Airedale All rescue dogs are placed as housedogs in homes with a securely fenced yard.

A six month old male was given up because he chews on everything, including the family's four year old. Their comment, "We sure wish we had read your website before we got this puppy!"

Unfortunately, this puppy did not come from one of our responsible breeder friends, who would have been there to educate the family, support them and take the puppy back if it didn't work out. That is why Airedale Rescue exists — because there are people who feel that producing and selling a puppy is

all it takes to be a breeder. They don't understand (or care) just how much work it is when you do things right.

Fortunately, after he has been neutered, we have an approved, experienced Airedale home waiting with the time and energy it takes to turn a little AireCroc into a well-behaved adult that will be welcomed every where he goes.

Thankfully, the family made sure he had all the proper puppy shots and did take good care of him!

From the SWAT newsletter



Lucy, Our Sixth Airedale

Our first Airedale was Ziggy. We rescued her from a backyard breeder who was going to take the unregistered puppies to the pound. She started our love of the breed, moving many times with us and lived to be 15.

Next was Jake, our first from Airedale Rescue. He was 18 mos old and came by way of Connie Turner. He had been harshly disciplined in his short life and was actually afraid to bark. He was a once-in-a-lifetime dog — such a gentle soul and a love to all. Unfortunately, he passed away at the age of five from a blood disease.

Then came Hazi, our first "princess" 'Dale. She was about six, from Connie Turner. Her owners decided after five years that they no longer had time for her and that she should be an outside dog. She disagreed and went about learning the fine art of opening gates to visit the neighborhood. Her owners decided she was a "problem" and she went to rescue. She was shy at first, but was soon telling us what to do and exactly how she liked it done! Hazi had many health problems through the years, but, in true Airedale fashion, she weathered the storms with grace. She left when she was about 11 1/2 yrs.

Next was Miss Lizzie Jane, also was about six and the smallest one we have ever had. She came from Rusty LaFrance, who at the time happened to live a couple miles from us! She went from having the perfect little spoiled life to having the life from Hell. She was the bossiest, happiest princess on the planet, BUT, if a "stranger" came to the door, it was sheer terror for her and would ruin her day.

After exhausting our bag of tricks for six months to ease Lizzie's fears, we decided a calm companion might do the trick. Well, it just so happened that Rusty received a stray from Northern Nevada around that time. Lizzie went for a stay with Auntie Rusty & the crew and we all met Carson, a big, beautiful, gentle boy who reminded us of our Jake! Rusty wanted to keep him, but, we were unrelenting beggars and it worked!

Carson came home with us two days before Christmas and all was well. He was a dream dog and took Miss Lizzie's orders in stride. When Lizzie died suddenly of a ruptured tumor in her spleen at age10, Carson blossomed into a fabulous only-boy



and loved it! He was well and happy, but went to sleep one night and didn't wake up. We think he must have been around 11-12 years old.

We are now living in Arizona and although we said "never again" after losing Carson, you know how it goes. It was all of three weeks before

we couldn't stand not having an Airedale around. We drove down to Tucson from Phoenix today to pick up Lucy and take

her home. When we arrived at Sidney's, all of the Hardie 'Dales thought we were just about the most wonderful people they had ever met. We revealed our secret: we had rubbed our palms with hot dogs just before we got out of the car — a trick we learned from Connie Turner!

Thirty-Day Update:

How time flies! We have been all over like Rover for the last month and Lucy has weathered the new people, new en-

vironment, new homes, travel, new friends and boarding as if she has been at it her entire life! She is a "hot mess," into EVERYTHING, very opinionated, full of energy, loves to play, beyond food motivated, prone to what we have labeled "the afternoon meltdown," suffers from Airedale selective deafness, is



NOT bunny friendly and we wouldn't have her any other way!



She is an absolute love, sharp as a tack, funnier than ten comedians and should keep us on our toes for many years to come

(God willing). I'm including her picture taken just a few minutes ago in one of her favorite spots, now known as Lucy's room. Thanks so much for all that you do. We remain in your debt for entrusting Lucy to us. Please let us know if there is ever anything you need.

Terri and Rick —AZ

Starting Over at Age Six

Barbara Curtiss of NEAR

It can be a challenge to find a home for a six year old dog. Some people just don't realize that that's just when an Airedale goes from rascal to gem. Max was six when he needed a new home (his family "had no time" for him any more).

Gary had just lost his beloved Airedale and needed a new fuzzy face in his house, willing to take on Middle-aged Max. That was ten years ago. They are celebrating Max's SIXTEENTH birthday today!

He is enjoying the day, as he does every day, waking up late, going for a car ride to his favorite walk along the Cape Cod Canal, then back home to help Dad with the gardening.

The Littlest Lunatic

Ouite by accident, the Littlest Lunatic came to us in 2004. It was our luckiest of lucky days although, initially, it didn't seem that way. Connie Turner of NWATR had phoned to ask if AireCanada could take some dogs into our care. She was drowning in rescues and was out of foster placements. We agreed we could manage three, two of which we placed immediately into waiting homes. The third was LL.

The plan was for us to foster LL and find her a new home. Like many plans, this one was derailed almost immediately by circumstances. Poor little LL proved to be mostly blind, somewhat deaf, terrified of her own shadow and a consummate resource guarder. She had an alarming tendency to wave her teeth around as well, especially if she believed she might be hurt, and she pulled on leash like a freight train. A difficult little soul was LL — definitely not adoptable.

So, we worked with her. How we worked with her! She adored Little Miss Angie Airedale; thus, Angie acquired a set of bear bells to wear on her collar so visually challenged LL had a reference point in the house and in the yard. We have not moved the furniture in seven years so she does not crash into errant tables or chairs. We taught her that she could give us her treasures because we would always return them to her. We hand fed her, teaching various commands in the process. I massaged her so she would know that human touches were good (although I carefully started at the rear as far from the flashing teeth as possible!) We attempted to curtail the yanking on leash with lots of practice using loose leash techniques.

When we judged she was ready, we took LL on a home visit to an applicant who wished to adopt her. LL cowered in a corner of the kitchen, terrified of the large, gentle male Airedale owned by the family. The family disliked her on sight and we soon whisked LL home again with promises never to subject her to such stress ever again. We told her she could stay with us as long as she liked . . . and she is still here today!

Living with LL has been adventure. She has devoured more plastic containers than Walmart presently has in stock. She hauled a syrup jug into our bed and chewed the lid off, managing only to cover herself in stickiness. She sat on the table in the trailer to look out the window, resisting all efforts to unseat her, and ended up with her head stuck through the window shades. Blind or not, she figured out how to open the locked screen door in the RV and bolted at a giant Campground beside the Alaska highway up in northern Canada. (Fortunately, she was found, chatting up some gentlemen a few doors down the lane.)

She dumped fish oil all over her crate and rolled in it. She ate a entire set of vertical blinds in the guest room. She stole clothing and refused to return it. She guarded the oven when treats were baking and gnawed on us with enthusiasm when we offered to remove meaty bones from her jaws. She buried muddy toys in the bed and hid the clean wash in her crate. And more . . . lots more!. She was always so puzzled when we evidenced some alarm or distress at her behaviors: "Who? Me? What did I do?"

Despite all her various transgressions, LL steadfastly adored the grandchildren and the Alpha Male and I. She's been loving and lovable (when not covered in fish oil!) She's a great housedog and our best friend. A true treasure.

So what would happen if LL needed a new home -- if some unforeseen event occurred which prevented us from keeping her or looking after her properly? Would she go to the SPCA? A municipal pound? A kill shelter? Would anyone at such places understand that the little blind sheep-coated Airedale trembling in terror before them was the sweetest creature in the entire world and worthy of a wonderful new home? Fortunately, LL will never be faced with trauma like that. Instead, if a time ever comes when LL needs a home (and we sincerely hope it does not), Connie Turner and NWATR will take her back into rescue's care and find her a perfect family. And THAT is why we voted in the Shelter Challenge to help NWATR win \$1000 - and it worked!

We were voting for LL and all those like her who have been successfully re-homed by NWATR's volunteers and, even more importantly, who WILL be re-homed in the future. Thank you, to all who voted as much as you were able and as often as you could. LL, the NWATR rescue, says "Thank you for your kindness!" Maureen Scott — B.C.

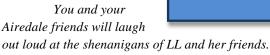
Starfish Stories 2

The Adventures of the Littlest Luxatio

Maureen Scott

Since fundraising endeavors are so limited these days, the Littlest Lunatic has agreed to help AireCanada by letting us publish a selection of her adventures under the title of Starfish Stories 2. The booklet features photographs and drawings of LL illustrating her various misadventures and transgressions.

You and your



Full ordering details can be found here:

www.airecanada.com/blogs/tag/pennies-for-airedales-2011/ AireCanada thanks you for supporting this fundraiser!

The Agony and the Ecstasy..., continued from page 1:

The pups are hilarious; what a bunch of active squeakers!! Pearl

loves hardboiled eggs and dried liver bits and all kinds of goodies. I think she is a bit overwhelmed with so many pups because she is not really cleaning them up from their poopies, so today a friend



and I spent a great deal of time cleaning crusted poop off bottoms. Huge thanks to Becky, who brought this need to my attention. One poor little guy was so badly caked (after one day) that we soaked his little bottom in warm water and he clearly enjoyed that. So I will be busy with cotton balls and warm water for a while.

Becky and I started weighing each pup and keeping a log as of yesterday. Today I weighed each one and I am concerned about one tiny boy and one tiny girl. While most of the pups have gained at least one ounce, the lavender girl gained only 1/2 an ounce. I am giving her lots of attention; making sure she is attached to a very full teat and ensuring she is nursing and not getting pushed out of the way. The smallest male gained less than an ounce so he is getting the same attention.

We are doing our best here. Please keep these pups in your thoughts and prayers. I am going to close and go back to the "nursery."

Well, we had a very good night. At about 4 a.m. I heard squeaking and got up and noticed that Pearl finished almost all her food so I restocked that and she just inhaled it, so I restocked again <smile>. Re-heated the snuggle-safe for the babies, made sure the heating pad was okay and then we all went back to sleep. I think her bleeding is slowing down. I changed the linens in the box last night for fresh ones and as close as I can tell, it looks pretty good, but the fabric has a pattern so I will have to look more closely when I am more awake. She is taking her amoxicillin like a champ.

This morning at about 6:15 I realized she was sitting next to the gate so I took her out (I look quite glamorous with my nightgown and a fuzzy hoody on) and she peed and pooped and it is getting solid (yea!).

She is nursing now so I need to take care of my gang... Have a grand day...

2/16/11 Today I was able to fit Pearl with her own martingale collar. I have been walking her with a slip lead up till now. She is relaxed enough for me to slip it over her head and I was able to walk her with a 10-foot line around a portion of my back yard where the other dogs don't have access. I had my basenji boy,

Hank, on the other side and they met through the fence sniffing noses (both are very polite). Pearl's tail gave a little wag. It would be grand if they could be together at some point, even to start off on walks together with a friend walking Hank. She is just inhaling the whole wide world <smile>.

2/19/11 — I almost think that Pearl's name should be "Blossom" because she is just blossoming. She now does a terrier two-step when she seems me approaching her pen in the living room. She smiles, the tail wags, her head swings from side-to-side and she dances. She is also doing quick little play bows. She has been keeping her pen area immaculate. She must be feeling much better, as she is keeping her babies' bottoms clean. It just keeps getting better and better! I will stop being worried about it. They are moving so fast now that it really is a challenge to keep them sorted out as I do the rotation. Poor Pearl, some of them are so eager to feed that they will latch onto any flesh they come to and start sucking away. Right now I am doing three good-sized loads of wash a day. Bless his heart, my hubby has been helping big time. If I say Pearl needs something, he doesn't miss a beat and he has been doing all the laundry. I swear, Pearl acts like she is getting younger and younger everyday.

2/22/11 — This morning Pearl saw her reflection in one of the French doors, gave a little bark and then a lovely howl. Then she stood there waiting for that other dog to do something. Every time you walk in the room, her tail starts wagging. My son came over yesterday and she just stuck her nose out to him to give kisses. His girlfriend, Joanna, was on the far side of the pen from my son and Pearl just kept walking back and forth between them for loving. The pups are all growing like crazy. Most are up on all fours "walking" like drunken sailors on rough seas. It is astonishing to see how fast they move.

I found out there is a group called "Linens for Love" here. They distribute used (but clean) hospital bed pads to rescue groups! They are wonderful for keeping the "palace" clean. At 4:30 a.m. I got up to find her food bowl empty, her water bucket needing refilling and two of the pads were wet. I was able to take care of it easily with the new supply.

Well, gotta run. A potential adoptive family that lives one block from me is coming to visit today. I am very excited! **2/25/10** — It continues to be fun, fun, fun here in Austin, Texas. Hope you enjoy a couple of pix of typical pups here at Chez Silver. Note how big their bellies are! I have learned at that as pups grow, so do their bladders and their capacity to produce pee & poop! Wow, am I doing laundry!

I have seen little ones climbing up on her side. Well, yesterday I was cleaning up the linens, turned around and there two of them were on the *outside* of the box - yikes! So today, Becky is coming with more boards and we are going to raise the level of the walls. I also need to get out a larger bin for the group that is not nursing. They are so big that they are crowded where they are. This will make the third upgrade to the holding pen.

Yesterday a very astonishing thing happened. . Pearl &

I were engaged in girl talk — she was standing right beside the holding pen; I was on the couch on my knees talking with her. All of a sudden, totally out of the blue, we heard "woof, woof," just like a big dog! Pearl was so astonished that her head just whipped around and she craned her neck to look down into the bin; I essentially did the same thing. It was so startling. We expect squeaks and moans and sucking and pitiful whimpering, but never a "woof, woof."

3/7/11 — Pearl has the patience of a saint. Today I have found them jumping to get her beard, chewing on her feet and whiskers and leaping to grab her ears... silly goofballs! They seem quite pleased with their prancing skills. I have also noticed that most are busy chasing squirrels in their dreams!!!

Odds and Ends: Lots of time spent watching for eyes to open, teeth to come in, getting nails cut.....lots of maintenance and monitoring. Introducing them to solid food was an unbelievable adventure—what a hoot and what a mess. I began letting the pups run around loose in the front of the house as we did tidying of their domain. The fuzzballs ganged up on my poor 13 year old basenji, Hank, who has infinite patience and has figured out it is best to jump up on a couch to get away from the hoard. I got lots of help with all this cleaning from neighbors and Airedale lovers including Juan, the fellow who helps me around my garden. He adores dogs and they adore him.

3/8/11 — I invited a Girl Scout Troop over to the house to interact with the pups... lots of fun! One of the things I arranged



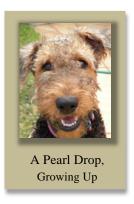
was for them to go outside for the first time and to hang out in a kiddy pool that had leaves and crushed granite in it. The pups were exhausted after the visit (so was I <g>) https://picasaweb.google..com/AndreaGriswold5/GirlScoutsPuppies?authkey=Gv1sRgCPOcjO-a97nKhgE&feat=email#

3/19/11 — I was calling a friend as I leaned on the edge of one of the x-pens, watching the little needle-teeth furballs play. The phone was on "speaker" function. As it started to ring, a bunch of the pups stopped in their tracks and turned toward the sound.

Each time it rang they cocked their heads in the best terrier tradition.

Update: I arranged for all the adopters to come to my house on the same day to send the babies home. They were exactly 8 weeks old.

Microchipping, complete physicals, contracts done, collars, putting together placement packets, etc is just part of the process. Arrangements to ensure all are



spayed/neutered were critical. Everyone who came to the house for their new baby was thrilled with Pearl and knew their pup was inheriting some great genes. Pearl was spayed a few days after their departure and 12 teeth had to be extracted at the same time—poor baby. Plans were made to place Pearl with a wonderful family who had driven to my house a couple of times to get to know her. I knew it would kill me, but I let her go.

4/9/11 She went home with her new family. They were elated and did everything they could think of to make her feel at home, but she was profoundly depressed, barely ate, barely drank water, peed in the house (never did that here), sequestered herself away from folks, avoided them at times, and never did poop (6 days without pooping!) We talked on the phone daily. Nothing helped — the sautéed chicken livers, the turkey sausage, the hard-boiled eggs, the cottage cheese, etc. — nothing.

4/15/11 We all finally agreed that she would come back to me. Her tail started wagging like crazy even before her feet touched the pavement at the parking lot where we met. She was thrilled to see me (and I was thrilled to see her); she was happy to see my basenji boy, Hank. She was happy, happy, so happy! When we got home we went right to the back yard and in less than one minute she was pooping, pooping, pooping. Whew! What a relief. She has been eating like crazy, testing all of her favorite spots to lie on.

We are thrilled to have her here; we will make it work. She is "home at last" and I am honored. I need to fill out my application to adopt her! Once again, I have failed fostering. Sigh.

4/22/11 — Earlier today I spent an hour and a half with my girl at the vet clinic. She lit up and became her adorable wigglebottom self when she saw me. After our visit I came home, did my chores for the rest of the gang in preparation for picking up Pearl to take her to the overnight emergency clinic. When we returned this evening, I was stunned at how much she had deteriorated in under three hours. Then I looked at her sweet face and she just wasn't there. Her eyes were blank. She was already leaving me. I told them I wanted to put Pearl to sleep. They had laid soft fuzzy rugs on the floor for her and I told her how much Cont'd on pg.12

The Agony and The Ecstasy, cont'd...

I loved her and what a most perfect girl she always was and I hugged her and rubbed her ears as the vet gave her the final injection — and now that tender and gentle light in my life is out. The entire vet staff and one of their consultants were completely puzzled about what came on so fast and so virulently.

The necropsy showed that something horribly toxic was irreversibly destroying her liver. There was no way to determine what it was. There are no poisons here; my property is a certified wildlife habitat with no toxic chemicals allowed. She was *never* off leash outside. This is not how it was supposed to be.

4/23/11 — While I walk around still numb from all that has happened, I am still drawing tremendous comfort from the loving and supportive messages all of you have sent both publicly and privately. It means a great deal.

I thought you would enjoy a few of my sweet memories of my curly girl: When she first arrived with her Pearldrops she and they were all contained in one end of my living room using a number of x-pens. Pearl could get out whenever she wanted to and she was quite adept at communicating to me what she wanted. As the pups got older, she had free run of the front half of the house with my basenji boy, Hank. She was never a problem loose in the house.

One of her favorites was on an area rug opposite our long couch. If I was lying on the couch and lifted my head, Pearl would life her head to look at me; when I put my head down, her head would go back down — such a sweetie pie.

Coming home was always special. When I would open the front door, her sweet face and most perfect black nose was right there with her bottom wiggling like crazy. Then she would give a long low stretch and the wiggling would resume.

Too little time to make lots of memories — sigh.

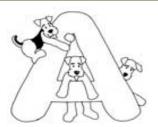
Yesterday Becky stopped by to visit. She suggested I might want to get a rose or a tree to plant for Pearl — what a great idea. I told Becky I would look for a rose that had "Pearl" in the name. I mentioned it to my neighbor, Betsy, who had helped me so much with Pearl. When I saw Betsy later, she had something in her arms . She told me, "It is called Perle d'Or."



Pearl of Gold. It is a lovely rose. Some of Pearl's ashes will be buried with it. Again, my thanks to everyone. Hugs to all,

Cheryl — TX

Perle d'Or



is for Airedale

PATTERNS FOR SALE

from the 2010 Airedale Rescue Quilting Bee

Quilts celebrating the Airedale Terrier have been created every year since 1999 by a group of women who love quilting as much as their Airedales. (

The quilts are raffled off and the proceeds are donated to the treasury of the Airedale Terrier Club of America's Rescue and Adoption Committee.

This year, for the first time, the Airedale Quilting Bee is offering the individual block patterns for the main 2010 quilt, "A is For Airedale." You can buy individual blocks for \$3 each, or the entire 25-block set for \$30. The patterns can be used for many things beyond a quilt or pillow. Create stencils, wood silhouettes, and appliqué patches — let your imagination run wild!

Your purchase of a block — or the whole set — is important. This pattern sale is the first stitch in the safety net that extends to the network of Airedale Rescue groups. The pattern sales will help defray the costs of the quilting bee fundraiser, whose sole purpose is to help fund Airedale Rescue nationwide. Each purchase helps to ensure the funding needed so the Bee can continue to create these beautiful quilts thus providing much needed support for Airedale Rescue.

Please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/adtpatterns

To order the whole set, click on the "add to cart" button at the top of the pattern blocks.

Individual blocks may be ordered by clicking on the button beneath the block(s) of your choice.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ** We offer patterns for Y and Z as separate blocks as well as a pattern for the combined YZ block as it is in the quilt.
- ** If you order the entire set of patterns, you will receive the Y, Z and combined YZ patterns.
- ** Each pattern you are purchasing will print out on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. It is not in pieces nor are seam allowances added.

No instructions accompany the block(s);

after payment is received,

a PDF version of the block will be e-mailed to you.

Airedales' Lumps and Bumps

(from SWAT newsletter) From an article by Dr. Becker:

Sebaceous Cysts can occur in any breed of dog.

Like the other lumps and bumps I've discussed in this series, sebaceous cysts are benign and nothing to worry about in terms of cancer. They occur under the skin, and they generally behave in one of three ways: They erupt. They get walled off. They resolve on their own.

If a sebaceous cyst erupts, it means it came to a head, opened up, and the contents oozed out. Sometimes these eruptions can lead to infection. The ooze is usually a fairly gross material resembling cottage cheese, or sometimes a thick, black, waxy looking substance. I don't recommend you squeeze these cysts, because this can cause them to implode, which can lead to cellulitis (a bacterial skin infection), which may require treatment with antibiotics. This is the least optimal outcome if your dog has one of these cysts.

I do recommend you keep an erupted sebaceous cyst clean. Disinfect several times a day, and prevent your pet from licking the area. Most of these types of cysts will heal on their own if they are regularly disinfected and not fussed with by your dog.

If sebaceous cysts under the skin become walled off, which means they feel like little peas, just leave them be. They won't go away because they're walled, but your dog's body will just ignore them.

Dogs prone to developing sebaceous cysts can acquire them at any age, and they can be an ongoing issue throughout your pet's life. Some dogs get one or two cysts at a time, others can have five or six on an ongoing and recurring basis.

In vet school I was advised to remove sebaceous cysts because I could make money with the procedure and dog owners are generally happy to have the things gone. However, as I discussed in parts 1 and 2 of this series, I don't recommend removal of any benign cyst 'just because.' Removal is only necessary if the cyst recurs and is prone to infection and/or if your dog's quality of life is impaired by the cyst.

Preventing Sebaceous Cysts: There are a few things you can do as a pet owner to reduce the possibility your dog will develop sebaceous cysts. Keeping your pet brushed and well-groomed will keep the sebum flowing out of the oil gland and hair follicle, which will help prevent the oil buildup that leads to cyst formation. Optimizing your dog's fatty acid intake is another important step. Essential fatty acids are delicate (easily destroyed by heat and processing), and should be replaced especially for dogs eating only dry food. If your dog is fed raw, I recommend adding krill oil or another omega-3 fatty acid. You can also add coconut oil. Both these oils help normalize sebum production.

If you discover a sebaceous cyst on your dog, there's no reason to make an emergency visit to your veterinarian. I do recommend you have it checked out to make sure it's benign, but there's no reason to panic.

Your vet can confirm the mystery lump is indeed a benign sebaceous cyst through cytology, meaning he or she will extract a few cells from the lump, look at them under a microscope (or send them elsewhere for examination), and ultimately assure you there's nothing to worry about.

A Potential Giant Step Forward in Lymphoma Treatment

Dr. Coates is a veterinarian who shares her professional and personal experiences, M - F, here on petMD's blog, the Fully Vetted. Log in for your daily dose of her insight and wisdom.

Though vaccinated and unvaccinated dogs relapsed with clinical disease at the same time, 40 percent of vaccinated dogs that relapsed experienced long-term survival after a second round of chemotherapy; only 7 percent of unvaccinated dogs that relapsed and were treated with the same rescue chemotherapy protocol survived long term. Furthermore, when the vaccinated long-term survivors did eventually die, they showed no evidence of lymphoma on full necropsy. See the rest of the blog on this at: http://www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted/2011/nov/a step-forward in lymphoma_treatment#.TsOuZZRejKE.email

Most of you may already be aware of the fact that you can get much better prices on prescriptions for rescue (and your own dogs too) by getting them at Walmart, Sams or Costco. You can get a list of the \$4 prescription drugs online. Because of their increased buying power, their cost is a lot lower then the vet's, and you are able to get them at a much lower rate. Most vets will write you a prescription to take to them. I would really encourage this as vet costs are going up and we all have more rescues that need help.

Becky Preston

I had accidentally dropped a nectarine pit on the floor, which my Airedale Ellie scarfed up in an instant. I figured she would poop it out later, but my husband, Bill, 'googled' it and found out **fruit pits are poisonous to dogs, emitting cyanide.** I called the ER vet immediately .

She did not vomit even after I gave her the doses of Hydrogen Peroxide as instructed., so we headed to the ER clinic. They gave her a shot and the pit was up quickly. Then they hydrated her and gave her meds to calm her system.

She was tired the next day, but is doing fine. She finishes her meds (Pepcid) tomorrow. Betsy King — PA



He looked so sad and forlorn. His eyes were so blank. I showed the picture to Allan and said that I had to fill out adoption papers. He reluctantly said all right.

We drove an hour to pick up the Airedale that we had never met. I think it was love at 1st sight!! While Cindy and I filled out the paperwork, Allan took him for a walk. They bonded right away. On the way home, I sat in back with him. I hated the idea that he might feel like he was getting moved because somebody didn't want him.

We walk every morning about four miles. If it's nice, we walk in the afternoon, too. It's great for all of us! Allan walks with us when he can. When I meet someone, they'll say, "Oh, you're the one with the big dog!"

We have had some issues with Mac's skin and tummy and he had to go on thyroid pills, but we'll keep trying to get the skin thing worked out, and keep loving him to pieces! Our Vet wants me to leave Mac to him in my will! Dr. Phil always says he is exactly what an Airedale should be!

When we got the email from Lisa about a 6-month-old Airedale mix in a shelter in Nebraska, he'd already been there two weeks and we were concerned that he might be euthanized. Lisa she said to go ahead and proceed with adopting him. The shelter was the same one in Nebraska from which my sister had adopted Fergus, so obviously we were the ones meant to have this boy. Fergus and I piled into the car and drove there, adopted the puppy named Chief, bought a crate & blanket, took him by my Mom's house to say hello and got on the road home.

He wasn't at all keen on the crate, but I was driving by myself with nobody to ride herd on an active puppy, so he had to stay there. By the time we got back to Colorado, he had resigned himself to being in it, as long as he could see me through the gate.

First order of business was a new name. With a 100-lb Ridgeback mix in the house, "Chief" just didn't fit. We had been to Alaska in 2005 and really enjoyed our visit to Kenai Fjords National Park, so Kenai he became. His biggest drawback was barking. He barked a LOT. It has been an ongoing project to persuade him that he need not insult the dog who lives over the back fence every single time the dog goes out into his yard.

Kenai is five years old now. Since June 2010 he's been a great big brother to our new rescued [ATRA] Airedale, Denali. He helped her be comfortable in her new surroundings, learn to come when called, and played until they were both worn out. He now likes his crate so well, he sleeps in it with all four feet in the air — so she was persuaded to like hers, too! Great dog, Kenai! Lela Criswell — CO



Our vet in Texas loved him, too.

He is such a good boy and he came into our lives when we really needed something to get us to move on. He makes us laugh. We are so glad we have him!! We still miss our Bubba, but,I know that he had a hand in finding Mac for us. We could have gotten a puppy, but we wanted to give a rescue a second chance.

It has been almost four years and we are now living in Oklahoma. He doesn't seem to mind at all!!

Colleen Milhan — OK

From a Texan to an Okie!!

When we lost our beloved Bubba, the pain was so bad that Allan and I had decided to never have another dog, but after five months, I looked on the NTAR website and found Jake, (we renamed him Mac, because we have a Grandson, Jake!) I kept watching to see if he had been adopted.

What to Do if Your Dog Hates the Crate! Our very favorite advice of all time is Cheryl Silver's hint to put a BBQ chicken in the crate, close the door and DON'T LET THE DOG IN. Other than that, you'll find a pretty good article at: www.whole-dog-

journal.com/issues/14 11/features/If-Your-Dog-Hates-His-Crate 20388-1.html

DOG TALK

Dear Mom,

You and Dad do a lot of things for me and I want you to know how much I appreciate all of them. I like going for walks and playing Frisbee in the yard. I like all the playmates that you bring home for me to play with. I don't know why none of them stay, but they sure are fun while they are here. OK, most of them are fun. Some of 'em I could live without. I really like it when you go upstairs to bed. As soon as you leave, Dad lets me get on the sofa with him. That's really special and I know it.

I love the magazines that you keep on the coffee table. Golf Digest is one of my favorites. Why would anyone try to hit a little white ball into a hole that is 300 yards away and you can't even see it. I bet you thought I didn't real the articles. C'mon, it's not all about the pictures.

Yep, there are a lot of things that I want to thank you for. Last but not least is Aunt Lydia. Thank you for making her my Aunt. I'm so sorry for all the other furkids in the world who don't have an Aunt Lydia. Do they ever get sardine fish sticks in the mail? Oh yeah... thanks for the mailman too.

Love, Seamus NC

Hi everybody,

. Things are going pretty well here. I got a new brother awhile back. Mom calls him Finnegan, and to-morrow is his first birthday. Finnegan, in dog language, means "trouble."

Things started out pretty well. He was small and I could boss him around a lot, although he had really sharp teeth for a little guy. Now he's bigger than me, and has really big teeth. Most of the time we wrestle and play in the backyard. I figured out how to dig out under the fence so I could hunt down the neighbor's cat. Boy, did I get in trouble for that episode. Now there is some kind of wire all along the fence, and my cat hunting days have come to a close. Maybe that stupid cat will come over on my side of the fence. If she does, she is toast.

I try to keep Finnegan in line, but he's a rough kid. He's thinks if he pulls hard enough he can rip my ears off. When he doesn't get anywhere with that maneuver, he starts with my tail. Mom says I am patient, but once in a while he deserves a good flattening and I let him know who is boss. I need a lot of rest to deal with this kid. When he finally

wears out, I take
a little "toes up."
I've attached a
picture so you
know what I
mean. I threw in
a picture of
"Trouble," too.



Treats, play, walks, rides in the car. And always another day of potential cat hunting. Ahhhh, life is good. Love to you and all my brother and sister Dales waiting for a great home like mine,

Lily - now in VA

Heartfelt Thanks ...

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