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## Lucky Lindy

by *Mary Johnson*  
*Missouri Rescue*

The great flood of 1993 affected almost everyone in some way for miles along both banks of the Mississippi River. The effects changed entire communities and lives forever. The flood's effects would not reach Airedale Rescue until the cold days of January, many months after the waters had receded.

A call came in that there were two Airedales in a small shelter in Quincy, Illinois. Since Quincy had been hard hit by the flood and their little shelter was overcrowded, it was unlikely that a home would be found for these two dogs. They were in terrible condition, having been in full coat out in the flood and in the elements for months afterward. Even worse news was that the male had a broken hind leg.

A local vet in Quincy set his leg and cared for him before he came to rescue in Missouri. He was named "Lindbergh" since he was an AIRE-dale going to St. Louis! Lindy struggled day after day with the extensive cast required by the compound fracture. In spite of being painfully thin, he tried his best to play. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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## Greetings With Love From A Lonely Dog

I wish someone would tell me what it is  
That I've done wrong.  
Why do I have to stay chained up and be  
Left alone so long?  
They seemed so glad to have me when  
I came here as a pup.  
There were so many things we'd do  
While I was growing up.  
The Master said he'd train me as a  
Companion and a friend.  
The Mistress said she'd never fear  
To be left alone again.  
The children said they'd feed me and  
Brush me every day.  
They'd play with me and walk me  
If I would only stay.  
But now the Master "Hasn't Time"  
The Mistress says I shed.  
She doesn't want me in the house  
Not even to be fed.  
The children never walk me.  
They always say, "NOT NOW"  
I wish that I could please them  
Won't someone tell me how?  
All I had, you see, was love.  
I wish they would explain  
Why they said they wanted mine  
And then left it on a chain.

From *paw prints*,  
Newsletter of the Humane League of  
Lancaster County (Lancaster, PA)

## Santa Gets Rescue-d!

The Christmas parade in Jackson, Michigan, was attended by over 10,000 people - AND nine rescue Airedales! Described in the newspaper as "one of the more unusual marching units," the nine Airedales were rescue dogs placed by Mid-Michigan Airedale Rescue.

Anyone for an Airedale Rescue drill team in the DooDa Parade in Pasadena?

## Lucky Lindy (Cont'd from Page 1)

Lindy grew increasingly bothered by the cast and we discovered a lesion forming under the cast. To treat the lesion, off came the cast - only to be replaced by another. Unfortunately, second lesion appeared and off came the cast again. On St. Patrick's Day Lindy finally got his third and final cast - a bright green one to celebrate the day!

On the last day of April, after weeks of rehab to rebuild the fragile limb and lots of good food, Lindy went to his new home. Lindbergh now spends his days happily, with the flood of '93 a distant memory.

## Quincy

Lindy's devoted pal "Quincy" had stayed with him as they traveled the wastelands left by the ravages of the flood. Her road to a happy home involved a longer journey still. After an initial placement in Omaha did not work out, she made a cameo appearance in Nebraska rescue. Meanwhile, Missouri rescue was also at work looking for a home for Quincy. And yes, one appeared! Unfortunately, it was in Illinois and Quincy was now in Nebraska.

After interviewing the interested family, a rendezvous between rescue workers, Quincy, and the prospective adopters was arranged at the Wisconsin Specialty. When Quincy and the family met, it was love at first sight. She happily settled into her fleece-lined crate with her teddy and seemed to know she had found her home.

Quincy's placement involved many good people, traveling many long miles, in many states - only for the reward of knowing that Quincy now has the life she deserves. A reward well-deserved by everyone!

Missouri Rescue  
Nebraska Rescue  
Illinois Rescue

# The Rascals of Rescue

Meet some of the dogs who have come into Airedale Rescue during the year since *Airedale 911* was last published. Included are dogs who came into rescue in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia

Lady Samantha	Sunrise	Blazer (Jake)	Smiles (Fanny)	Radar
JoJo	Ashley	Charlie	Stanley	Marquin
Lucky (Percy)	Ruffo	Luna	Wendy	Britt
Alexandra	Alexander	Laika	Zachary	Willis
Oliver	Bob	Roxy	Rusty #1	Clovis
Charlie	Carl (Arno)	"A"	Rust #2	Missy
Katie	Gabby	"B" (A's sister)	Rusty #3	Stud
Jenny	Tory	Jay	Hildy	Max
Bear (Jethro)	Suzie (Belle)	Hawk	Kane	Jessie
Goldie	Mirah (Missy)	Marta	Bo #1	Gracie II
Yoda (Happy Jack)	Simon	Willie	Bo #2	Penny
Sunny	Abby	Taffy	Amos	Casey
Merlin	Carla (Murphy)	Sallie	Mattie	Sofi Sadie
Jake	Neko	Lady Mollie	Teddy	Oliver Hardy
Toby	Beau (Teddy)	Topper	Zeke	Alex
Joey (Sammy)	Playboy (Nick)	Baron	Teddy	Jake
Tess (Tomboy)	Moey	Jazz	Molly	White
Amelia (Daisy)	Josie	Wilma	Mozzie	Buddy
Sandy	Bob	Taffy	Galsy	Sadie II
Klopper	Bogie	Deso	Waldo	Emma
Boz	Cooper	Courtney	Unk	Haywoodiewoodie
Dillinger	Jake	Puppy - No name	Mr. Peabody	Asta
Kramer	Duke	Puppy No-Name	Lucey	Nikki
Moak	Lucy	Josie	Ashley	Shawn
Karma	Willie (Logan)	Rocky	Berry	Libby
Brighton	Oscar	Teddy	J.J.	Zeke
Jazz	Buddy	Fred	Monti	Amanda's Trooper
T.J.	Magnum	Ruby	Braggs	Mattie
Maude	Astra	Doreen	Coco	Clancy (Muggs)
Sophie	Aristotle	Tucker	Trapper	Buckaroo
Archie	Farlie	Maggie	Tuffy	Dudley
Jessie	Mary	Samantha	Brie	Pollyanna
Lacy	Sadie	Molly	Taffy	Duckey
Rex	Josie	Abby	Harpo	Abby
Mac	Barney	Alex	Cody	Alex
Mandy	Sam	Alf	Sheila	Barney
Clancy (Muggs)	Rusty	Bart	Beauregard	Scott
Chip	Nacho	Bosley	Brandy	Murphy
Lindbergh	Little Engine #6	Buffy (Meagan)	Rockey	Kizzi
Quincy	Sam	Cassie	Maxi	Kizzi's daughter
Ollie	Sheba	Fritz	Katie	
Connor	Duffy	Jacob	Penny	
Miami	Ginny	Ollie	Katy	
Dale	Ian	Rolly	Ginger	
Max	Teddy	Rudy	Alex	
Dukie	Oliver	Sam	Rusty	

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## ***Amelia Airedale***

Daisy, an emaciated one-year-old was found wandering in the New Mexico desert by a rancher on spring round-up. A chain of phone calls led to AARF (Arizona Airedale Rescue Foundation) in Phoenix. A wonderful vet in Hobbs, NM, agreed to fly her to Phoenix in his own plane. A humane Sunday outing!

While the plane was being revved up, back in Phoenix a couple who grieving over the recent loss of their two rescue Airedales heard about Daisy's plight and agreed to meet her.

Daisy (now Amelia Airedale) worked her Airedale magic and now lives happily with her new family in Arizona. They are helping her to overcome her shyness and fears, no doubt brought about by her adventures in the badlands of New Mexico. She's still frightened by large overhead objects and the occasional airplane. Was she escorted on her desert journey by buzzards? Probably. Her earlier Lippizaner gait gradually became more normal and initial concerns about neurological problems disappeared.

It took a rancher, several shelter workers, rescue workers in several states, and a kindly vet for Amelia's happy ending. Without their help Amelia might well have become coyote fodder. With it, she's become the affectionate, loving, funny, and newly daring member of her adoptive family.

Arizona Airedale Rescue Foundation (AARF)

### ***Brighton***

Brighton reaped the benefits of networking when a St. Louis family drove out to Colorado to him from Colorado rescue. He now leads a busy life with an Irish Wolfhound and a three-legged Airedale mix.

Colorado Rescue  
Missouri Rescue

## **Alex *Up, Up & Away!***

As you will gather from some of the stories in this issue, these days more and more rescue Airedales are taking to the airways for placement. Fortunately, networking can often help bridge the gap between areas where, on the one hand, there are more rescue Airedales needing homes than there are homes available - and where, on the other hand, homes are waiting to adopt in areas where no Airedales are available.

The Huswits, a Pittsburgh family whose Airedale had died, were eager to provide a home to a rescue Airedale. But there they were in Pittsburgh, a long day's drive away - and there was Skipper in eastern PA. As the options were explored, the solution dropped out of the sky: John, a helicopter pilot, arranged to pick up Skipper in his chopper while on a business trip. It was quite a sight to see Skipper (now Alex) sitting proudly in the passenger seat as he whirred away to his new life!

Airedale Rescue & Adoption Service (PA)

## **Little Josh**

At 10 months of age, "Little Josh" was the typical goofy, devil-may-care, big rescue puppy when Mitch Stewart adopted him. Today he's "Joshua, CD." Not only did he earn his CD, he was also Class Winner of his qualifying trial. This fall he's going for his CDX and has started search and rescue training. Josh is learning to slide rather than run down slides, as Mitch attempts to overcome his dislike of heights. [Look for Josh at the Montgomery obedience competition!]

Arizona Airedale Rescue Foundation (AARF)

## ***Playboy***

Poor Playboy certainly didn't have a life that lived up to his name! Living isolated in a barn when he came to the attention of Rescue, this 6 year old wasn't housebroken and was (understandably!) desperate for attention. Fortunately, a name change was included in his new life and "Nick" now even has his own Cocker Spaniel!

Airedale Terrier Rescue Association (MI)

### Doing Whatever It Takes!

Faced with a rescue dog who had escaped through an open door and was merrily proceeding down the street, Sally Schnellmann (FL) remembered the advice of a friend: "I dropped down on my knees in the driveway, crouched low to the ground and started pounding my fists on the ground, and at the same time pretended to be crying. (Now, have you got *that* scene in your mind?!)"

"Sunrise stopped, turned, and looked to see what this crazy lady was doing now. I kept it up, and the first thing I knew, she ran over to see what in the world I was doing - and with that I reached up and grabbed her collar.

"I suppose I should wonder what the neighbors thought, but by now, probably nothing I could do would surprise them."

Sally Schnellmann (FL)

*How great to learn that sometimes  
what you feel like doing  
is the best thing to do!*

### Moey and Astra

Moey's original owners spent no time with him but they gave him anything he wanted to eat and he tipped the scales at 120 lbs! Adopted by a young couple with a toddler who originally wanted a puppy, Moey is on a strict diet and the pounds are starting to melt away. He's discovering that a leaner bod can get downright frisky! Now well loved, this gentle boy has blossomed with his new-found family.

At the other end of the spectrum, Astra (6-7 months) weighed in at 23 pounds when taken in at a shelter, too emaciated for them to adopt out. In her first week of foster care, she gained 9 pounds! A delightful, loving dog despite cruel treatment, Astra is now the first rescue Airedale in a home of experienced Airedale people.

Airedale Terrier Rescue Association (MI)

Metro has managed to entertain at Episcopal church services. Our local rector is a dog person (poodles, alas, not Airedales). He decreed that dogs are welcome at the 8:15 AM Sunday Services (walk your dog and bring it to church). He didn't count on Metro.

Metro is now quite familiar with the Episcopal liturgy. So much so, being an independent Airedale, she has decided to go-it-alone and sit (on leash) in the pew directly in front of me. She sits up straight, attentive to every word. Rector, assistants, and acolytes cannot keep a straight face. Looking at the congregation and seeing an Airedale, alone and acting like all of the other parishioners . . .

One Sunday when an assistant was preaching, a very loud yawn was heard. After the service another parishioner came over to me and exclaimed, "I think your dog expressed all of our feelings about that sermon!"

Virginia Borland (NY)

# Even Superman needed foster parents!

For information on how you can help,  
contact Joey Fineran, Rescue Chair:

Phone/FAX: 610-294-8028

## ***Move Over, Cindy!***

by Virginia Borland (NY)

Bouncy, playful, and obedient (well, sometimes), a brace of Airedales on New York's Upper East Side *does* make a statement.

It was love at first sight when "Metro" Borland and "Kelly" Metcalf met in the dog run in Carl Schurz Park two and a half years ago. Like any other social-climbing parent, I encouraged the relationship.

After all, my rescue dog had captured the heart of the son of a champion, whose numerable honors include Best of Breed at Westminster.

Family gatherings, sleep-overs, and finally an Airedale exchange program was worked out. When I am away, Metro stays with Kelly and vice versa. Walking together, Metro and Kelly always summon up emotional reactions, even from the most blase New Yorkers. From a casual "What good-looking dogs" to side-splitting laughter when they wrestle and play, Metro and Kelly are a notorious pair.

Is it any wonder this dynamic duo caught the eye of fashion experts at Neiman Marcus? Breathlessly chasing after us as we were leaving as Carl Schurz Park one afternoon when Kelly was out houseguest, "Could we borrow your dogs to photograph for our fall catalog?" the Senior Art Director shouted. Perform in front of a camera? Cindy Crawford move over!

### **Senior Citizens & Adult Dogs *A Perfect Match!***

Like many people, senior citizens often start out thinking that they want a puppy. Often an adult dog would be a much happier and more sensible choice. We all forget how much work is involved in raising and training a puppy.

Many thoughtful seniors also take into account that a puppy's life span may stretch beyond their own. No one wants his or her much-loved pet to become homeless as an adult or as a canine senior.

## ***Hello, Hollywood Calling***

Rescue dog Ruffo starred in a commercial for a pet grooming glove to be sold on TV. (John & Susan Horne, FL)

Zukie, riding in the front seat wearing her Marlin's cap, was spotted by an advertising person from Budweiser who expressed an interest in using Zukie (in her Marlin hat, of course!) for Bud advertising. (Brad & Barbara Thornton, FL)

### **Trial By Fire!**

Sally Schnellmann reported a surefire approach to screening and educating prospective adopters. A couple contacted Sally after seeing a club member's dog, very impressed by how handsome he was. They owned two tiny Yorkshire Terriers and wondered if an Airedale would make a good companion for their Yorkies. How could they get to see more Airedales?

Sally invited the couple to her home to meet their three Airedales and a poodle. As Sally says, "Meeting this crew is an experience in itself as they voice their excitement at having company, and repeatedly leap into the air behind the barrier gate, hoping to reach the guests and give them the great big kisses they feel are an appropriate greeting!" Sunrise (a rescue Airedale crated for her post-spaying recovery), "not to be ignored, vocalized her unhappiness that she could not join in the festivities."

Pulling out all stops, Sally had invited several other Airedale owners to stop by with their dogs and soon there were four more Airedales adding to the excitement. "Happy dogs were racing through the house, the porch and the yard. Dry tongues were thrust into water buckets for big wet drinks, followed by appropriate head shakes to rid excess water from Airedale beards - creating a lovely, cooling and refreshing spray for everyone in the general area."

"In the midst of all this fun, our Yorkie owners decided they must leave - funny thing, I haven't heard from them since. Oh well, not everyone is cut out to be an Airedale owner!"

Sally Schnellmann (FL)

# Spaying & Neutering

Rescue workers are usually fanatics about spaying and neutering pets. They see firsthand the problem of excess dogs in a disposable society. Established rescue groups make spaying and neutering a requirement before placing a dog.

Unfortunately, some people do not initially understand the importance of spaying and neutering. We've all had some bizarre conversations with people who wonder if we might waive this requirement (we won't) in their case. Usually these conversations are with men and are about neutering. Perhaps because heats are inconvenient and messy, people seldom object to spaying a female (ironically, the more complicated surgery).

The most obvious (and necessary) benefit of spaying/neutering is that the dog will never be able to add additional puppies to the legions of unwanted animals. However, there are a number of other beneficial side effects, some of which are health related and discussed briefly on this page.

In male dogs, neutering may also help to diminish objectionable behavior related to sexual hormones: aggression; mounting people, objects, or other dogs; territorial marking with urine. In fact, we have seen cases where neutering so dramatically and quickly made urine marking in the house stop that the dog might not have ended up in rescue had the initial owners had him neutered.

A neutered male dog will be a much happier pet. He will be more agreeable, better able to pay attention to you rather than his sexual urges, and less frustrated by his inability to breed to females in heat. He will be able to get along better with other dogs, particularly males. Many neutered Airedales live happily with other male dogs.

Neutering won't make him a less good watchdog or hunter. It won't make him fat and lazy (calories and boredom do that). It will make him a better companion and he'll be happier. So will you.

I ran an ad in the Kansas City paper for a six year old male. A man called asking if he was neutered. I responded that he was and the man said, "He won't do me any good." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "Well, I have a female I want to breed to him . . ." It reminded me that all our extra effort to be the first person to adopt from the pounds in order to guarantee neutering and spaying is very important. **Barbara Brown (MO)**

## Mammary Tumors

Mammary tumors in female dogs are three times more common than in human females. Of all tumors in bitches, 50% are mammary tumors, and 45% of these are malignant.

- Spaying before the first heat cycle reduces the risk to .5% (yes, that's 1/2 of 1%!) of the risk in intact bitches.
- Spaying after one heat cycle reduces the risk to 8%.
- But spaying after maturity makes the risk the same as for bitches who were never spayed

### Spay early!

[From Merck Veterinary Manual, 7th Edition]

## Pyometra

Pyometra is a very serious (and potentially fatal) uterine disease which occurs in unspayed female dogs. And it can be difficult to detect until the condition is quite advanced.

It is also highly likely to reoccur; 70% of bitches treated medically for pyometra have a recurrence within two years. The treatment of choice (if pyometra is diagnosed in time) is immediate spaying.

Happily, this danger can be avoided when the uterus is removed during spaying.

[From Merck Veterinary Manual, 7th Edition]

## Prostate Problems

Prostate problems are common in male dogs, with the resultant enlargement, inflammation, and infection of the prostate gland.

Once well-established, prostatic infections can be very difficult to completely resolve and predispose a dog to frequent urinary tract infections. Not a pleasant experience for you OR your dog!

Neutering remains the most effective treatment for many prostate problems, as well as for perianal adenomas. And early neutering can reduce the chance that many of these problems will develop.

# Ian

My name is Ian and I'm a large economy-size Airedale with a heart to match my size. Left tied to the rescue kennel gate, I truly thought this must be The End. But Rescue took me in, gave me a stylish haircut and a bubble bath. I emerged from my beauty treatment a new dog with a new outlook on life.

Soon I was introduced to a prospective owner and it was love at first sight. Although I realized that this human was not knowledgeable about Airedales, I shrugged and decided that training Bill would become my mission in life.

As we left the rescue kennel, I gazed soulfully into Bill's eyes and pointed him to the nearest pet supply shop, indicating that I needed a new lead and collar and toys to keep me happy. I must say Bill was generous as we approached my new home with several sacks of toys. My new home is a Spanish hacienda on the hills overlooking Laguna Beach. "Mi casa" even had a housekeeper to cook my meals! I chose my bedroom, the one with the sliding glass doors out onto the covered loggia and with a fireplace to ward off the ocean chill. The antique four-poster bed I soon made mine.

All went well until January 19 when I was rudely awakened by my bed rolling and shaking. I shouted at Bill, "It's too early for fun and games," but when I saw the destruction from the earthquake and fires, Bill and I beat a hasty retreat outside. It seemed like the end of the world. Since Bill and I are allergic to smoke, ashes, and quivering earth, we took wing to Bill's other house in Washington, DC. The lifestyle is very different on the East Coast but I soon made friends and settled in. At least the ground there stands still.

We traveled to San Francisco, where our househunting turned up an apartment with a great view of the Golden Gate Bridge. The management wasn't sure that I qualified for residency, but Bill and his checkbook (and my exemplary behavior!) soon convinced them to amend the rules. The only fly left in the ointment was the rude taxi drivers, but I solved that problem by taking Bill to the Jag dealer where I selected a maroon convertible for our wheels.

So if you see us motoring up and down the California coast, shuttling between Laguna Beach and San Francisco, give us a wave and we can pull into the next rest stop to share a biscuit!

**Ian, Roving Airedale Ambassador-at-Large**  
Southern California Rescue

From Mary Carrier (NM), who recently joined  
Airedale Rescue: "When will people stop  
throwing away these wonderful creatures?"

## Old Happens!

### Save A Place for an Older Face

## For Hanna

by Elizabeth Clark

What morning when you waken  
Is the right one to decide  
That this dog will be forsaken  
And no more with you abide?  
A dog like this, she'll find a home  
And what will be the harm  
In telling all the children  
That she'll be living on a farm?  
As you bring her in and leave her  
In her lonely metal cage  
And act as though you have no choice  
I feel a silent rage.  
What heinous thing has this dog done?  
What had been her crime?  
Or are there other things more pressing  
And you don't have the time?  
This dog who loved her master  
And served him day by day  
Has become an inconvenience  
And has now been sent away.  
She keeps a faithful vigil,  
The tears in my eyes burn.  
While with trusting expectation  
She waits for your return.  
A dog like this will have no home,  
No master will be found  
For who will take an older dog  
When younger ones abound?  
Now at last her time has come,  
And with a gentle nod  
I'll cradle your dog in my arms  
And send her back to God.



# And We Get Letters

I've had a great new year in my new home. Martha and Gus are as soft as grapes, but sometimes they try (unsuccessfully) to be firm with me . . . For a while I didn't like it when they went to work and left me home. It's a pity they aren't independently wealthy so they can stay home with me.

In the spring Gus installed a nice dog door for me and even though he did a beautiful job, I didn't like to use it. I preferred to have Martha and Gus open the door for me. They tried everything to get me to use that door. Boy, did they look silly hanging out that door themselves trying to bribe me with goodies!!

Finally they expanded the fenced-in portion of the yard (I told you they were soft on me) and they fenced in a woodchuck hole. When I saw those little baby woodchucks, I learned to use that door lickety-split and it's been great ever since.

Putting all modesty aside, it seems that everyone LOVES me!! Everyone pets me and talks to me in a nice tone of voice. What does C-U-T-E mean?

**Sadie (MA)**

. . . how very happy we are to have Barney as a member of our family. He is a wonderful dog and we are so happy you "saved" him for us. He fit right in as soon as I brought him home last May, and I think I can honestly say he is happy with us.

He is a very affectionate Airedale, as well as a good protector. Last summer when I was home alone, someone tried to break into our back door, and he must have heard something, even though I did not. He ran for the door, barking and growling fiercely and, I assure you, whoever it was ran off immediately. Needless to say, Barney was highly praised and well rewarded.

He loves to make us laugh, too. He will jump into the middle of our king-sized bed, lay on his back with all four feet dangling in the air, put his head on the pillows, and then bark to make sure we see him.

**Linda Magri (MD)**

Thank you so much for finding Tess for me. She is a love, dogs my footsteps, loves to go in the car and hates being in the backyard alone, and she likes my cat!

I gave her a bath and she submitted meekly, then really romped around. I'm enjoying her so much. She goes on my morning walk with me and doesn't react to the yipping little dogs that seem to get out of their yards.

**Billie Dick (AZ)**

I can't believe it's been another year, but I've grown up quite a bit. No more do I eat bean bags, pillows, love seats, stuffed animals and all those other goodies. In fact, except for the wall, the door and the moulding, I haven't eaten anything this year! So I was good for 364 days!!!

We have a new member in our household; my Mommy's Mommy. My daddy calls her "Moose." He says that means Mom in Dutch, but I'm not so sure. Moose speaks to me in Dutch, which would be confusing except she shares her lunch with me, so I understand perfectly.

You'll be glad to know that I don't have to follow Daddy around constantly anymore. In fact, just last week I let him go into the bathroom alone. Yes, ma'am, I'm quite the independent young man.

**Bialy (NJ)**

P.S. Walls taste awful.

How can I thank the Airedale Rescue League enough for allowing me to adopt such a wonderful dog. Everyone that has encountered Rikki always asks the same question: Why would anyone *not* want him?

Thank you so much for such a wonderful boy!

**Tracey (PA)**

# And We Get Letters

I had some reservations about Mattie's age (she turned 7 not long after she was placed), and how she would adapt to my two house cats and aging Airedale, but the transition could not have gone more smoothly . . . she responds readily to sit-down-stay. We have worked particularly on "heel" since she still tends to be very frightened of large trash containers , and other things like bus shelters, and most recently, political posters on poles. No remarks about D.C. politics, please! . . . Mattie has a sweet, kind, and affectionate disposition, as well as being very smart and funny . . . **Linda Anderson (D.C.)**

Charlie is still our baby boy. We love him so much. I just can't imagine how the other owners didn't care for him. He is the best and the most tolerant of our puppy. He is about nine years old now. I'm just so thankful for him. I don't know if you remember, but I originally got him for my aging father. I know he is in heaven smiling at Charlie.  
**Betty Stewart (NJ)**

Barney's adjusting nicely to our household. Oliver died a week ago and Barney's presence helped us all through the sadness . . . He's welcome anywhere in the house, but he settles himself on the rug by the back door and refuses to budge . . . Barney was somewhat aggressive with our bird, growling and barking at him. The bird started growling back, and after one bite to Barney's nose, Barney has new respect for him!  
**The Blech Family (PA)**

There is a country/western song titled "Amanda - Light of My Life" and that is just what this wonderful lady is. She has settled in and made herself at home and has fallen in love with my neighbor, an ex-police officer who suffered a stroke and is presently partially disabled. I have recently retired and I don't get to laze around because at 7 AM a wet nose and tongue say, "Wake up." Amanda's playful-ness, intelligence, and typical Airedale attitude keep me busy - I love it. She pouts, too. Thank you, Airedale Rescue, for two wonderful companions in a row.  
**Dave & Amanda (VA)**

Skip's as stubborn as a mule, quiet as a mouse, and thinks he's a 10 pound dog. I've got the black and blue marks to prove it. He's not too fond of dogs his size but he adores the poodles and Yorkies around the neighborhood . . . Skip loves his toothbrushing episodes, hates to be brushed (unless he's chomping on a pig's ear, zones out while we both play couch potato in front of the TV, and is the best companion I could hope for . . .  
**Ellen and Skip Karp (NY)**

. . . how much we appreciated the Easter basket for Fred - that was so thoughtful. The notes your third grade class wrote, and pictures, were just precious. Bill & I sat down to read them all, while Fred got into his basket.  
**Bill & Ruth Burris (OH)**

E.J. is the best dog we have ever had. Unfortunately, as you know Seena, our 14 year old Airedale had to be put to sleep a couple of weeks ago. It was difficult for all of us, including E.J . . . Thank you one and all for making this family so happy.  
**Francine & Edmond Joway (CT)**

## *The Rascals of Rescue (cont'd from Page 3)*

Miss No Name  
Barclay  
Ms. No Name  
Ranger  
Rusty  
Tugger  
Oliver  
Lotti  
Gretchen  
Sky (Sunnie)  
Buddy  
Kirby

Barney  
Minnie  
Hudson  
Gypsy  
Patty  
Chewy  
DeeDee  
Bentley  
Elmo (Elvis)  
Chester  
Marley (Muggs)  
Chelsea

L'il Mac  
Chewey  
Muffin (Bon Ami)  
Gatsby  
Ginger  
Hewey (Beethoven)  
Cody  
Chip  
Skipper  
Barkly  
Tuscany  
Eve

Jessica  
Ruby  
Ruffy (Grady)  
Merry Margaret  
Barney  
Alex  
Kieyo (Cleo)  
Brittany  
(Peaches)  
Moses  
Tyler  
Baxter

Major  
Max  
Sarah  
Jennifer  
Buffy (Scruffy)  
Foxy Roxy  
Piper  
McDuff  
Tyler  
Curley  
Sparkle

# And We Get Letters

How cute is this guy! He is just a doll. Even when he does something devilish (which he does), one look at that face and all is forgiven. Gatsby has the whole family wrapped around his paw.

During one of the past horrible snow storms, Saki got stuck in a drift on the bottom level of the patio. Gatsby barked until we came out and stayed by his side until Stan went out to help him up the steps. They get along so well, they are never out of each other's sight.

. . . He is such a special fellow. He has given such life to both us and Saki. He is so loving, so giving, and such a devil. Because he looks like a great stuffed animal, all transgressions are forgiven in a moment. As I told you . . . either he sleeps in our bed at night or on his blanket, nose to nose with the Akita.

Leslie & Stan Goodman (NJ)

We thought you might like a picture of the Happy Traveler. It might also be referred to as "It's a dog's life!" This was Angie's favorite spot in the camper as we traveled across country this summer . . . Indeed, she was an angel and attracted attention wherever we went - and she loved it. The camper makes it possible for her to go with us, pretty much anywhere we go . . . Angie's been with us about a year and a half, and she and we know we belong together.

Eric & Jean Snyder (PA)

We just love Alex. He is settling in very nicely - we are thrilled. He is affectionate, polite (most of the time) and barks once a day! (He didn't bark at all until the 3rd or 4th day after he arrived.) I think he's starting to feel more secure now. He is just delightful. Paula & Jack Hustwit (PA)

God bless you and yours . . . Thanks again for all your wonderful help and "thanks" especially from our funny, curly friend Willie.

Maria Tripp (TX)

Hi! MY name is now Major and I like it so much that I even answer to it sometimes. That makes my new mother real happy. That other dog, my sister, tried real hard to get me into trouble but Mom is kind of smart and she knows who is doing everything.

Major Watkins (NJ)

Shannon is doing very well. She's had a couple of accidents but I am attributing them to the fact that when the kids take her out, they are used to a dog lifting his leg . . . they'll learn . . . She's lovable and listens to everyone so she's easily controllable. We started training her to sit up and wait until you clap before she starts to eat. I took her to the vet and he loved her, says she's a great dog and could not figure out why anyone would give her up.

Brian Joyce (OH)

. . . Foxy Roxanne. Yes, that will be her name. We liked Foxy Roxy very much but (we) felt she was too much of a lady for either so we decided to keep the basic name and add to it a bit. She knows her name and responds to it. At least when she wants to. She is a happy, playful young lady, and I think she has decided to keep us. She will reign as queen of this home as her confidence continues to grow and her timidity fully fades (it's fading fast!).

Cal & Roberta Ratcliffe (CT)

I want to let you know That I am doing fine. The Travers are very good to me and love me a lot. I have heard Margaret say that I am the best dog they have ever had . . . The only problem I have is getting too fat. I now weigh 75 lbs. Do you think I need to diet?

Max Travers (MI)

Mr. Magnum has come into his glory . . . When he was satisfied that our queen-size bed would be his, too, he made his way back to the kitchen and ate with relish! After a brief snooze, Mags decided it was time to check out the outdoors. We took him around the block and he frisked all the way. When we returned, we let Magnum take an unleashed tour of the fenced-in yard. He loved the freedom to roam at will, and he took it upon himself to sprinkle everything generously!

... Later he helped me make supper. Believe it or not, when we sat down to eat and I told him to go lie down, he went into a corner of the kitchen and laid down until we had finished eating. . . . When my husband arrived home later that evening, Magnum raced into his arms

He is a dear little soul. And best of all he will no longer be down on his luck!

Jeanne Purcell (CT)

## And We Get Letters

As you can see from our card, we have been completely taken over by Boudica . . . you'll remember that she was the one with ears like the flying nun . . . Boudica has been with us for two years now. It's hard to believe . . . Other than the movies, we don't go anywhere without her. We know we *could*, but we'll look at each other and realize we'd rather be home with the dog . . . I tell everyone about Airedale Rescue, trying to get the word out.

**Bonny Hart (NY)**

L'il Mac is a delight and a perfect addition to our family . . . Blackie taught him that the nicest place for siesta is our bed, which they share. Bonding with Jack and me began to occur quietly. He's definitely an outdoor dog. Loves to play, coaxes me to join him. We play fetch - then he runs the perimeter of the grounds, bounding like a deer. I had to lift him into the car for the first two rides - third time he bounded in alone and almost said, "So there!"

**John & Jane Roth (PA)**

Reggie's running and jumping abilities surprise us at times. Last Saturday, he even got up the attic pull-down stairs. None of our other dogs did that! Seemed strange to see a dog walking around up there. He got down easily, too, before hitting open rafters and insulation. Thank goodness he can't pull that ladder down!

**Caroline Hadley (PA)**

Maggie Mae had her first birthday with us . . . She's a perfect fit for us seniors. She acts like she owns us, the yard, house, and especially our bedroom. A little bossy at times! . . . Maggie Mae is in great shape, known and loved by the whole neighborhood from our daily walks. She's in full command of the O'H household and a real blessing to us. We're only sorry we didn't get her sooner.

**Dean & Jo O'Hollaren (DE)**

When Libby came into our lives, we had just lost our beloved Bridget, an 11 year old Airedale . . . Libby has filled a place in our hearts and brings joy to our home. She is so funny - sleeping on her back with her legs on the air, bounding through the woods in search of critters she never catches, and peeking out the curtains to watch the "action" on the street.

**Herb & Maurelle Holt (VA)**

My attitude towards people has really changed; I have gained self-esteem and no longer walk around staring at the floor. When mommy takes me out, I prance and dance. I want people to look at ME!

Everytime I see my vet he's always very happy about the improvement in my behavior and how I look physically. He wants me to start visiting nursing homes

**Toby Schwedes (NJ)**

We received Eve last Wednesday and have been enjoying her ever since. She is so calm and gentle I can hardly believe she's an Airedale. She is fitting in very well and my husband says she'll be running the house in another week or so, much as our other Airedale.

**Jackie & Milt Johns (PA)**

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*the people who have opened their hearts and homes to give an Airedale a second chance*

*the special people who were willing to love an Airedale who was old or ill*

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*boarding kennels who give special rates to rescue dogs*

*those who have made donations of money, crafts, supplies, grooming, and training expertise*

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