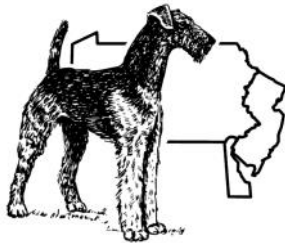


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LET'S TALK PET INSURANCE!

By Deb Ciancarelli

With the rapidly increasing cost of vet care, in ARADV's opinion, pet insurance is a must. While pet insurance policies are a relatively new type of insurance, the first policy was issued in 1982, covering the famous rough collie, Lassie. Today there are many different companies offering pet insurance with customizable options to suit your budget and needs. With the options we will discuss below, you can do your research and choose a plan that is best for you and your Airedales. ARADV strongly recommends pet insurance, however, we do not endorse any one company.

Pet Insurance Basics

Pet insurance is a reimbursement policy that pays for a portion of vet bills resulting from your pet's unexpected illness or accident. When a pet is seen by a veterinarian for a covered condition, the owner pays the vet in full and then submits a claim to their insurance company for reimbursement. Sounds simple, right? Well, it is -- IF you do your research and read the exclusions and inclusions of the policy before choosing.

There are typically three types of pet insurance plans to choose from.

An accident-only plan will reimburse for eligible veterinarian bills related to accidents such as broken bones



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or swallowing foreign objects.

An accident and illness plan includes both types of veterinary care, giving the owner more broad protection but at a higher cost. Illnesses may include infections, cancer, arthritis, diabetes, and allergies.

Routine wellness or preventative care plans, offered by some carriers as an optional add-on or separate plan, provide reimbursement for things like immunizations, flea treatments, and spay/neuter.

The options that you choose affect the monthly premium. These options typically are the deductible, coverage percentage and maximum limit.

Deductible

Your pet insurance deductible is the amount you pay out-of-pocket for veterinary care before your insurance kicks in. Pet insurance is similar to human insurance in that your deductible can affect how much you pay in monthly premiums. The higher the deductible amount, the lower the premium. Deductibles typically range from \$250 - \$750. Generally speaking, choosing \$500 instead of \$250 saves about \$20 a month based on the example policy comparison discussed later on in this article.

Coverage Percentage

After you've met your out-of-pocket deductible, the coverage or reimbursement percentage is the amount that you will be reimbursed for eligible costs. The range is typically 70% - 90% and it does affect the cost but not as much as the deductible choice does.

Maximum Limits

Pet insurance policies typically have an annual coverage limit, or the maximum amount you will be reimbursed over 12 months. These limits vary widely between insurers, ranging from around \$2500 to unlimited coverage (although those with unlimited annual coverage may set a lifetime limit). Some companies like Nationwide have little or no options to adjust the limit.



All companies will not cover pre-existing conditions and require detailed "soap notes" from your vet so they can determine if a condition will be covered or excluded. This is a good reason to insure your pet from Day 1. A few pet insurance providers will look at pre-existing conditions and discern between those that are curable and incurable. If a condition is deemed curable, providers may cover it in the future, provided there has been no recurrence of the condition in a set period. For example, Embrace will cover

curable conditions if recurrence is at least 12 months from the last episode.

There is a waiting period of up to 15 days when you get your policy and up to 12 months for ACL repairs. Certain companies do not cover hip dysplasia, luxation or subluxation, conditions of the third eyelid, hereditary diseases and many other somewhat common conditions. Read the policies very carefully when doing your research. For my personal policy, I made the mistake of not getting the add-on for sick vet visits at approximately \$10 a month. Not only are Maddie's sick visit office fees not reimbursable, they do not count towards the deductible either. So the \$265 ophthalmologist visit fee which would have been more than half of my deductible, does not count. I will be changing that when her policy renews next February!

Comparison / Variables

Here is a comparison of rates that I found using a 5 year old female in NJ (location is a factor also) with no medical issues. I used these options for each quote: 80% coverage / \$500 deductible / \$10,000 per year limit.

Lemonade: \$46.89 monthly or pay annually and save \$50.

Figo: \$62.21 monthly. There is a 15% discount for Costco Gold Star and Business members.

Trupanion: \$172.81 monthly does not include vet visit fee but is 90% coverage and no limits on payouts.


Embrace: \$106.31 with vet visits and prescriptions add-on (@\$20 a month).

Nationwide: \$85.84 No options - \$10,000 max illness / \$5,000 max accident. Note: Nationwide very recently cancelled 100k pet policies due to profit margins. I would avoid them.

ASPCA: \$50.96. They have a preventative care add-on at \$9.95 month which includes \$250 of coverage towards one wellness visit, shots, heartworm test and even \$100 towards a dental cleaning.

As you can see, there is much variation in cost and coverage for the same dog, with the same options. The adopter should do their research, thoroughly read the exclusions section of each policy and select the choices that make sense for their budget and situation. For me personally, I have a policy that is more geared towards catastrophic versus ordinary wellness because I never want to have to make a decision based on money. For others, they may want the wellness plan, so they have the assurance that they can be proactive and never worry about delaying care due to cost. The choice is what is best for you, but please do consider insurance for all of your pets.

Pet Insurance



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PetFirst	redirects to MetLife
Pets Best	https://www.petsbest.com/
Pumpkin	https://www.pumpkin.care/
Spot	https://spotpetins.com/
State Farm	https://www.statefarm.com/insurance/pet/dog-insurance
Trupanion	https://trupanion.com/
Wagmo	https://wagmo.io/

“A boy can learn a lot from a dog — obedience, loyalty, and the importance of turning around three times before lying down.”

Robert Benchley

“What do dogs do on their day off? Can't lie around — that's their job!”

George Carlin

Our Mission:

The goal of Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley (serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware) is to provide prompt and safe assistance for any Airedale who has no responsible owner or breeder. Simply put, our purpose is to find a suitable, loving home for any Airedale who needs one, while strictly adhering to the policies set forth by the Airedale Terrier Club of America's Rescue and Adoption Committee:

* Before placement, each rescued Airedale Terrier will be:

- spayed or neutered
- permanently identified with a microchip
- checked for heartworm, parasites and all other health issues
- brought up to date on vaccinations required by law and appropriate to the age and health of the Airedale
- carefully evaluated for temperament & personality
- bathed and properly groomed

* We assess each rescued Airedale Terrier on an individual basis, in order to place each dog into the loving forever home best suited to the needs of that particular Airedale.

* We strive to educate the public regarding the Airedale breed and responsible dog ownership.

* No ARADV volunteer conducts rescue activities for personal profit. All proceeds from fundraising activities, fees and donations will be used only for the benefit of rescued Airedales.

***Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley
places dogs only in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.***



A Game to Match the Airedale Replies with the Owner Comment/Request/Query

By Mary Jo Johnson

Directions...using the old school method of one-to-one correspondence, match the Comment with the Airedale's Reply. An example..."Substitute Mailman Today" corresponds with "Nuts, no cookies today."

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| a. Come! | <input type="checkbox"/> Who me? |
| b. Sit! | <input type="checkbox"/> I thought you'd never ask? |
| c. Stop barking! | <input type="checkbox"/> Same response as "Sit" |
| d. Stay! | <input type="checkbox"/> What took you so long? |
| e. Go for a ride? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yippee! Cookies! |
| f. Cookies? | <input type="checkbox"/> What is in it for me? |
| g. The Mailman is here. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts, no cookies today |
| h. Substitute Mailman today. | <input type="checkbox"/> By whose standards? |
| i. Leave that rabbit alone!! | <input type="checkbox"/> Why? |
| j. Time to eat! | <input type="checkbox"/> I smell better than you! |
| k. Stop Digging! | <input type="checkbox"/> I'll get my leash. |
| l. Who stinks? | <input type="checkbox"/> I am an Airedale!! |

If you are having mixed options to matching any of the replies, simply choose I am an Airedale!!!

This fun game is inspired by the 11 Johnson Airedales....all 36 years of being owned by them. Please note that I did not include the hasty commands given the day that our Andrew, Tyler and Joseph "tree-d" a 175 pound bear in the corner of their fenced yard. Feel free to add your own unique experiences to this list.



Mischief and Memories

We continue to invite submissions for MISCHIEF AND MEMORIES. We know how memorable Airedale Terriers can be, so, here's your chance to share some of your memories.

Once again, I invite any Airedale adopter to share a humorous or cherished memory for publication in the next STARTING OVER.

Just email it to me (Mike Lurski) at seramike19@yahoo.com, or to Keith Johnson at johnsonka5@netzero.net.

Duffy Meets Pancakes

Shortly after we adopted our first Airedale, Duffy, from Joey, my brother and his wife (and dog) came to visit. After introductions, Duffy got along well with all three of them. We knew that Duffy was food-driven, but we had not yet learned how extreme he could be.

One afternoon I opened the refrigerator, I don't now remember what I was looking for. A few days earlier, we had had pancakes, and there was a stack of three leftover pancakes wrapped in plastic on a shelf. From across the room, dodging at least three pairs of legs, Duffy lunged into the refrigerator, grabbed the stack of pancakes, and took off running through the house, chewing as he went.

I pointed at the dog and tried to tell my wife to grab the pancakes before he could swallow them, but I was laughing too hard to get it out, so I just started chasing him. My sister-in-law had seen what he did, and was dying laughing, also. By the time I caught him, the package of pancakes was long gone. I got the plastic wrap back several days later, out in the yard.

That dog amazed everyone with the variety (anything animal or vegetable) and quantity (as much as he could get) that he would eat. We discovered that he was very happy getting "white cookies" (a.k.a. ice cubes) as a treat, and he would come running from anywhere in the house if he heard me drop one on the floor. He's been gone over 20 years now, and I still halfway expect to hear him running every time I drop an ice cube.

Life is truly merrier with an Airedale Terrier.

Keith Johnson



DOG LICENSE REMINDER

Properly licensing your dog is a part of every Rescue Agreement, and every adopter has promised to keep their licenses current.

In **Pennsylvania**, licensing is done annually by county. Licenses can be purchased at the county treasurer's office, and various other locations, and mail-in renewal is offered. A lifetime license is available for \$51.50 (\$31.50 if dog has been spayed or neutered). Fines for non-compliance are \$300.

In **New Jersey**, annual licenses are available from the licensing clerk of the local municipality, with proof of Rabies vaccination. The maximum fee allowed is \$21.

In **Delaware**, dog licenses are managed by the state (a change in 2016.) Licenses are available for one, two or three years at a time, with proof of Rabies vaccination. Apply online at www.petdata.com/ Delaware, by phone at 877-730-6347, or at 9 locations throughout the state. Rates are \$10 per year for sterilized dogs, and \$15 for intact dogs. Fines of \$50 and up for non-compliance.



Dear Readers,

If your street address, e-mail address, or phone number has changed, please update them by contacting Deb at 609-313-4765 or by email at Deb.Ciancarelli@gmail.com. We'd also enjoy hearing how your dog is doing. Thank you.



Heart

Our beautiful, special, wonderful girl who'd lit up our household for over nine years, Little Ethel Mertz, crossed the rainbow bridge on May 21st. We had a caring hospice vet at the house, and our girl passed with both of us hugging and talking to her and with her buddy Chewie next to her as well. As I write this over a week later the depth of our emotion is still epic. We all know this feeling, which the younger slang overuses the term "gutted;" and that is inadequate by a longshot.

On what we didn't know would become a magical day early in April of 2015, we set-out with our for a two-hour drive to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Auspicious, certainly; we were driving to meet both a potential addition to our Airedale population and also to meet in person, for the first time, our Airedale Fairy Godmother, MaryJo Johnson and her amazing husband Dave.

We were suffering the grief of losing the sainted Tobeyboy, whom MaryJo had found and placed with us over eight years before. Tobey was magical in and of himself; often we referred to his as a "superstar," among other things. His death after a rally gave us unrealistic hope during a critical illness had left us bereft. Further, we were smarting from a failed adoption already; a drive four times as long, only to find that the needy 'Dale we hoped to give a good home had been grossly misrepresented (deliberately) and couldn't fit into our home and family in any way. Thus our drive to Bethlehem was fraught with the specter of another potential failure.

My focus on meeting our soon-to-be new addition isn't intended to minimize the experience of meeting the Johnsons with a special bonus to meet the Lurskis, Mike and Serafina, who'd fostered our older girl, Lucy, and were at the Johnsons' house. The joys of spending time with MaryJo and the Lurskis was epic (Dave was occupied for most of our time together, unfortunately). But the star of the day was . . . a beautiful 6-month-old purebred Airedale puppy, who hadn't even been given a name yet.

On the drive, with some trepidation that we'd jinx it after the disastrous attempt a couple of weeks earlier, we'd debated what we'd name our new puppy. Ultimately, having our aging girl Lucy, Bill had insisted on Ethel (for those of your too young to understand the reference, you're missing-out on the best comedy series of all time!). Chuck was strongly against the name, and thus we arrived at the Johnsons in a state of indecision, nearing acrimonious disagreement.

When the breeder who was surrendering our girl (long, silly story, which accrued to our great benefit) arrived, this skinny, furry (not yet an Airedale cut), shy little pup was presented. And the moment she was let into the Johnsons' yard, our boisterous bitch Lucy bounded to the pup, cowered her, gave her the once-over, and then, as if a starter's gun had gone off, there they went, romping together . . . and inseparable from that point forward. After a few minutes of the two exuberant redheads romping around, Chuck conceded: "She's definitely Ethel to our Lucy."

Thus began a love affair which will persist forever, if only now in our hearts and memories. Unlike Lucy and Ethel of the small screen, Ethel turned-out to be the mischievous one, vexing Chuck daily with her favorite games. Kamikaze missions when clean, folded laundry was out on a bed, running through the house and taunting Chuck. Snagging dirty laundry from the basket in the master closet and running the same play. Upon arriving home, whether she'd been on the outing or Chuck was returning from errands, she loved taking shoes, particularly outdoor shoes from the rack by the laundry room door to the garage, and . . . you guessed it, running the same play through the house with Chuck chasing her. Refusing to go out back without snagging flip-flops or shoes to run out with, or, in the evening, snagging a dinner napkin before she'd go out. Greeting at the door with a toy, then expecting her run with Chuck through the house from room to room, over sofas, chairs, her upholstered bench in our bedroom, getting her "report card," a holdover from her less reliable days alone in the house as a young puppy. Bill's regret is abstaining from most of those joyful runs.

Our girl aged into a chubbier, stockier lady, like her namesake was known for. Beautiful, cute, loving, yet reserved, spoiled and demanding – in those ways a typical Airedale, yet each in her very unique way. Her "goat noises," special guttural throat noises she made more and more to let us know she wanted something or to try and tell us something or let us know she was there. Her yipping, which annoyed Bill, when Chuck got home . . . and now Bill would give anything to hear once more. Even her very furry, chubby butt, which got her the nickname at her groomer's "BBE" or "Big Butt Ethel," which Bill railed against.

Ethel was an only dog for half a year following the sudden death of Fred, who'd earlier become part of a Lucy, Ethel, Fred trio. Ethel was Bill's only solace when, after a terrible auto accident the three of us had in the early days of COVID, Chuck was in



In Loving Memory

Easton Eichelberger
Ethel Taylor-Adam
Winnie Dutton-Hahn



Strings



the hospital in Richmond, VA and couldn't have visitors. When Chewie came along, considerably Ethel's junior, we again briefly saw the flirtatious girl, now a cougar. Ethel taught Chewie the rules and joys of the house: notable of the former, very rare barking; notably of the latter, Ethel taught Chewie how to play ball and catch, and after we moved home to Florida in 2020 the previous summer-only ball games in the pool became daily.

And then, when she was diagnosed with inoperable, untreatable bladder cancer, all restrictions were off, and Chewie enjoyed the lifting of many restrictions as we pampered Ethel for those last months. If there could be any silver lining to her terminal illness, it was that until a short few days before her passing, she was still the happy, exuberant, playful little girl. After only a couple of "declining days" it was clear that we were on the perilous brink of her becoming uncomfortable. When she was finally at rest, Chewie left her side and nuzzled her twice with his own goodbye ... and then got to the business of comforting us.

As with each of our 'Dales of the past, Ethel's memorial is fitting. The most beautiful box for her ashes, a surprise to us, not a prescription or request. A find a few days earlier of a frame for her memorial photo with a beautifully matted saying which captured both her and our feelings perfectly. Our first paw print, courtesy of our wonderful hospice vet, Dr. Katie. And pink roses in Bill's great-grandmother's cut crystal vase.

Our wonderful, special little girl lives on in our hearts, and we share her memory with our amazing Airedale Fairy Godmother, MaryJo. We couldn't have had the fifteen years of joy with several Airedale additions to our family, especially the best nine years ever, without MaryJo's efforts and Delaware Valley Airedale Rescue. Please continue to support and spread the word, as we do.

Little Ethel Mertz 2014-2024

Thank you so much for every single precious moment.



"I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is in compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that time?"

Sir Walter Scott

"I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source."

Doris Day

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Through the efforts of the company's dog-loving representative, Carole Slade, Freshpet has continued to regularly donate their nutritious products to us, which has immensely helped our Rescued Airedales regain their weight, health and strength.

Freshpet has grown tremendously over the years, expanding their variety of pet food offerings. Their products are found at many local supermarket chains such as Giant and Wegmans, as well as pet supply and specialty shops. In 2020, the Bethlehem Freshpet Kitchen doubled its production capacity with the grand opening of a newly constructed facility.

Our gratitude goes out to Freshpet and especially Ms. Slade for their sincere willingness to help our organization and our Airedales.

Airedales in History: Harold Florsheim, Entrepreneur

By Lisa Berglin & Margie Sinex

Harold Florsheim was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1899. His father Milton and grandfather Sigmund founded the Florsheim Shoe Company in 1892. Along with his older brother Irving, he graduated Cornell University. The brothers then joined the family business with Irving coming on board in 1914 and Harold in 1920. By the end of the 1920's the company had grown to 2500 employees. The quality of their shoes and their unique marketing was far ahead of its time. Many people were willing to pay the high price for these fine shoes. Although the depression of 1930 greatly reduced profits, the company survived and began to reestablish itself post-World War II.

Harold built his Harham farms in 1932 in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Here he delved into raising thoroughbred race horses, double breasted turkeys, and top winning terriers. Airedales, Welsh, and Wire Fox terriers were all kenneled and bred on the farm. A dominating force in our breed throughout the 30's, 40's and 50's, his in-house handler was the legendary Tom Gately and his kennel manager was "Mac Bell." Joey Fineran worked for Tom Gately in the 60's.

Hundreds of wins were racked up during these decades and Harold and his second wife Sarabel (Sue) loved spending time at the "Summer House." One of the incredible and stunning features of the home was the living room. It was covered from floor to ceiling with a photographic mural from the 1937 Morris & Essex Dog Show. Harold's dogs won almost every show and award available and to this day, the ATCA awards the Florsheim Trophy to the Best of Breed at the national specialty as long as the dog was American bred. Harold passed away in 1987 with Sue following in 2004. The Harham farm was sold and subdivided in 1985, however written

into the sale meant that the summer house, gate house entrance, and stable master's quarters were saved. Renamed Whytegate, 69 homes now cover the 55 acre estate.

[NOTE (from Deb Ciancarelli): Pictured here is a paper mache Airedale that was one of Joey's prized Airedale collectibles. We do know that it was Florsheim's – that is a fact we heard from Joey herself. What we don't know is how it came into her possession. Maybe Florsheim gave it to Gately and he gave it to Joey as a parting gift when she left his employ. We also heard that the famous Airedale Ch. Bengal Sabu was the model for the piece. Sabu was owned by Florsheim, Dell and a good friend of Joey's – Barbara Strebeigh. Maybe Barbara gave it to Joey? We will never know because everyone who would know is deceased. After Joey's passing, it was gifted to one of our volunteers who cherishes the interesting and mysterious memento.]



Dog Show Trivia

The three "Major" dog shows in the US are the National Dog Show, the Westminster Dog Show, and the AKC National Championship Dog Show.

The National Dog Show began as the Kennel Club of Philadelphia Dog Show 1879. It was held yearly from then through 1927, and then revived in 1933, and has been held yearly since then. Since 2002, it has been televised on NBC Sports as the National Dog Show.

The first Westminster Dog Show was held May 8-11, 1877, and has been held yearly since then. Seven dogs have won multiple Westminster championships, including Warren Remedy, a Smooth Fox Terrier, the only dog to win three times.

Four Airedale Terriers have won the top prize at the Westminster Dog Show: Ch Kenmare Sorceress (1912); Ch Briergate Bright Beauty (1919); Ch Boxwood Barkentine (1922); and Ch. Warland Protector of Shelterock (1933) marking the last time any Airedale Terrier has won.

The AKC National Championship Dog Show has been held yearly since 2001. It originated in Orlando FL, and has since been held in Long Beach CA, Tampa FL, and has returned to Orlando since 2007.



For Your Information

Suggestions to Keep a Dog Safe

NO HARNESS

Martingale collars are a must! Harnesses come off 100% of the time in a panic due to body dynamics no matter what size, type or advertising claims. Think of a t-shirt or football jersey in a brawl. When the arms (legs) go vertical or the body ducks (dog goes backward sitting) it comes off. Standard collars, even if tight, will slip over the head and ears with enough force or wiggle.

NEW DOG

When you bring your new or foster dog home have it drag a leash in the home until the dog is approaching you comfortably. This allows you to gain control without undermining trust (grabbing the dog).

CRATE YOUR DOG

When no one is home or guests are over if leery of strangers or change. Crates don't kill, but cars do.

WINDOWS

NO open windows (dogs can lower a cracked window). Make sure the window lock is on.

LEASH

ALWAYS keep a new dog on a leash, including in the yard for several weeks. If your dog is a rescue or from a shelter **NEVER** leave them unattended in a yard or have them off leash in unfenced areas. You don't know the dog's history, including flight triggers. Instinct for flight will override training and recall 100% of the time if the dog thinks it's life is in danger.

IN THE CAR

Always tether or buckle a dog in the car.

STAY HOME

NO public outings until your dog is confident on leash, at home and in controlled settings.

With a rescue or shelter dog remember new places, things or people while traveling, or being watched by others, can be a reset and you need to assume the dog could revert to the dog you started with instead of the confident dog it has become.

For Your Information



Top 10 Dog Training Tips

Written by [Small Door's medical experts](#)

One of the most important and rewarding things you can do as a pet parent is to train your dog well, but it's often hard to know how to get started. Since January is national Train Your Dog Month, we thought we'd share some handy tips to help you and your pup get going.

1. Use positive reinforcement techniques

Focus on rewarding your pet for good behavior, rather than punishing bad behavior. Reward the good, no matter how small, and don't respond to unwanted behavior.

2. Find the right reward.

Find what motivates your dog, whether it's chewy treats, crunchy treats, a ball, favorite toy, or just affection from you.

3. Consistency is key.

Being consistent in your training is incredibly important. Use consistent commands, consistent rules, and make sure everyone in the household is on the same page.

4. Train little and often.

Short training sessions repeated throughout the day are much more effective than longer ones. Five minutes at a time is best, unless your dog shows they have a longer attention span.

5. Build up in stages.

Break behaviors down into smaller parts. For example, in the beginning, if you're training "come," praise and reward your dog when they take even one step towards you.

Also, to dogs a sit in the house is different from a sit in the yard, which is different from sit on a street or sidewalk. Build up step by step.

6. Make it fun.

Training should be fun, both for you and your dog! Always keep it positive, and mix things up to keep it interesting, such as incorporating short play sessions into your training in between repetitions.

7. Praise the small things.

Remember to always praise your dog for any improvement, no matter how small. It's easy to get caught up in the end goal of training, but celebrating the little wins is just as important, and will help keep both you and your dog motivated.

8. Work training into daily life.

By making training part of your usual pet routine, it's a lot easier to fit in many small sessions. For example, ask your dog to sit or respond to another command before you give them their dinner, take them out for a walk, or play with them.

9. Use your hands.

Much as we'd wish they could, dogs can't understand language the same way we do. Many dogs respond better to hand signals than verbal commands, so try combining the two, or even begin with only hand signals and add the verbal command later.

10. Consult a dog trainer or attend a training class.

A good trainer can help you get results much more quickly. When choosing a trainer, take your time to do a little research. Make sure they use positive reinforcement techniques, and read plenty of reviews or get references if you can.



Let's Talk Airedale!

NEWLY ADOPTED HARRY IVES FROM MAINE ...

It's been about six months since Harry joined our life, two months after Molly died suddenly of splenic cancer. What a joy he is! Donald adores him. Harry is our ninth Airedale (seventh rescue), second male and much more assertive than Hannibal, our only other male. As Deb put it, Harry is a manly dog, kicking and strutting (we have to be quick with the poop bag!) and doing all the traditional doggy things. He loves hiking with us, playing with balls and sticks, rolling on grass or leaves, and, especially, being in water. He approves of both our king sized bed and the living room couch we got for Molly.

He no longer pulls and loves going for walks (usually three a day including a "patrol" of a mile or so in the very early morning making sure our home and the neighboring cemetery are secure) happily going slower when Donald's walking him. Well, seeing horses, raccoons, fishers, cows, ducks, baby foxes, garter snakes, and wild turkeys does get him going; he is an Airedale and we don't think he's seen any of them before! It's a good thing he doesn't pull as much: he never was the 56 pounds claimed. Maybe one of his feet wasn't on the scale. More like 75 when he came home and, with all the exercise, now maybe 90 pounds of loving Airedale.

So smart, maybe one of the smartest we've had. Our park has watering stations for people and dogs and he was quite surprised the first time water came out of it but the next time he ran to it. We got bags of top soil for our community's dog park (amazing how much dirt a dog can move in 30 seconds). We plopped down two over holes he had started. He tried to pull it away but it was too heavy. He went to the next one, same thing. So he lay down on top of the bag. He has 4-5 different balls and distinguishes among them; same with his dozen favorite squeaky toys.

He still doesn't like other dogs though he's much better than six months ago and we're still hopeful he will get over his reactivity. I take him to the local park most days where there are many dog walkers and the dogs are on leash and work with him. Now when he sees a dog there his first reaction is to look at me: Where's my treat? And he's learned children, even the ones crawling on hands and knees, aren't dogs in disguise.

Sally Ives



Newly Adopted Phoenix Campbell



Newly Adopted Ivy O'Connell



Newly Adopted Gypsy Klaus

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Our youngest volunteer Adalyne Hon helping Mommy with the Thank You and Condolence cards

The Dukes



Dukes collection of toiletries for homeless he collected

Today 11:12 AM

He's such a good neighbor!

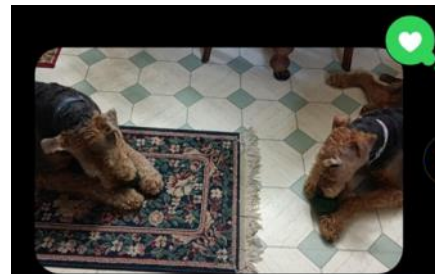
Duke Fowler



Today is Dukes 6th birthday. January 4th will be 2 years with me. Steak and mash potatoes for him tonight

Woot!! Happy birthday to Duke! 🐾

Duke Pawling



It is Woof treat time! Somehow I suspect they will expand and align their enjoyment of the Woof to "It is Happy (Woof) Hour somewhere".

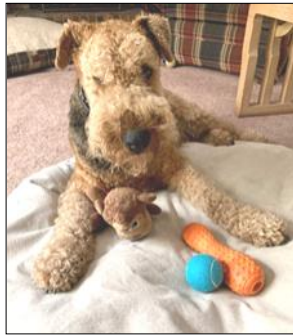
Winnie & Beatrice Johnson keeping cool with their Woof treats



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Madelynne Ciancarelli, as foster sister to Rescue Mika



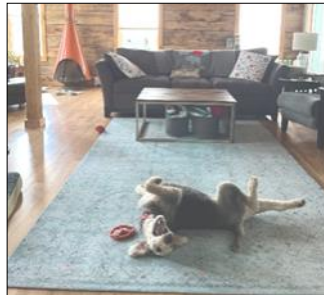
Newly adopted senior Gustav Meisel



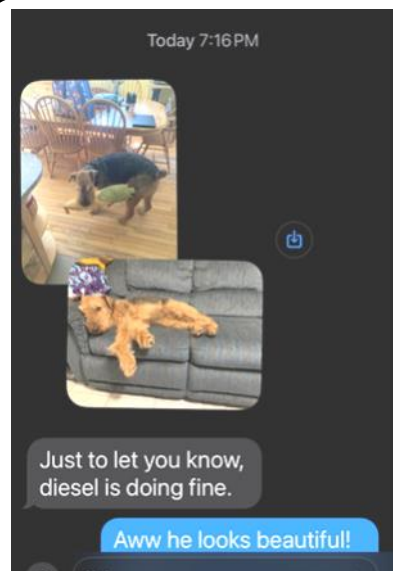
HARRY IVES



Ball Master, Newly adopted Louie Skirchak



Newly adopted Matilda Hahn-Dutton



Diesel Ostrowsky



Ginger Weisel on food prep!



Newly adopted Mika Regel-Zimmerman at camp with his new friends.



Cathy and I wish to extend our thanks to the ARADV for their assistance in the "Rehoming" of "She's a Keeper."

She certainly is a keeper and we love her to death. We are so grateful to have her as she has fit right in with our family Mom, Dad, and Izzy (our mini Yorkie).

Having lost two of our rescued Standard Poodles to cancer, November 16th, 2023 and February 14th, 2024, she quickly settled in, filling that void. We know it was tough for them being able to say goodbye to this 6 and one half year old sweet little girl, but our love came instantly. She is truly a "Keeper"!

Cathy & Rick Hageman



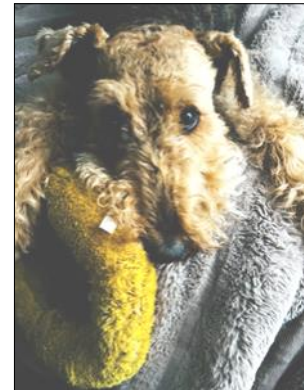
Let's Talk Airedale!



PIPER WOODS

Thought I would give you an update on Piper Woods on the 2nd anniversary of ARADV bringing her to us. She is doing very well. Full of energy! She knows her basic commands, eats very well, enjoys treats and her toys. She goes to doggy daycare 1-2 times a week and really enjoys it. She gets great report cards, mainly that she is enthusiastic, friendly and playful. Thanks for allowing us to be here family.

Janice Woods



Zelda Cicerello



Kipper & Karl Harwiger

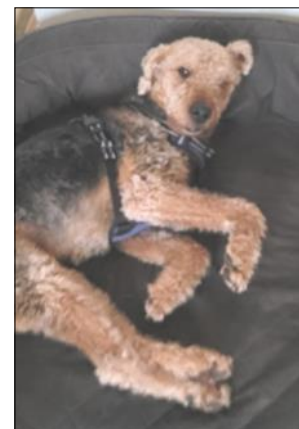


When your girl does your hair and "makeup" 😊

You can't see the bow around her neck, or the clip above her other ear, lol and she sits through it



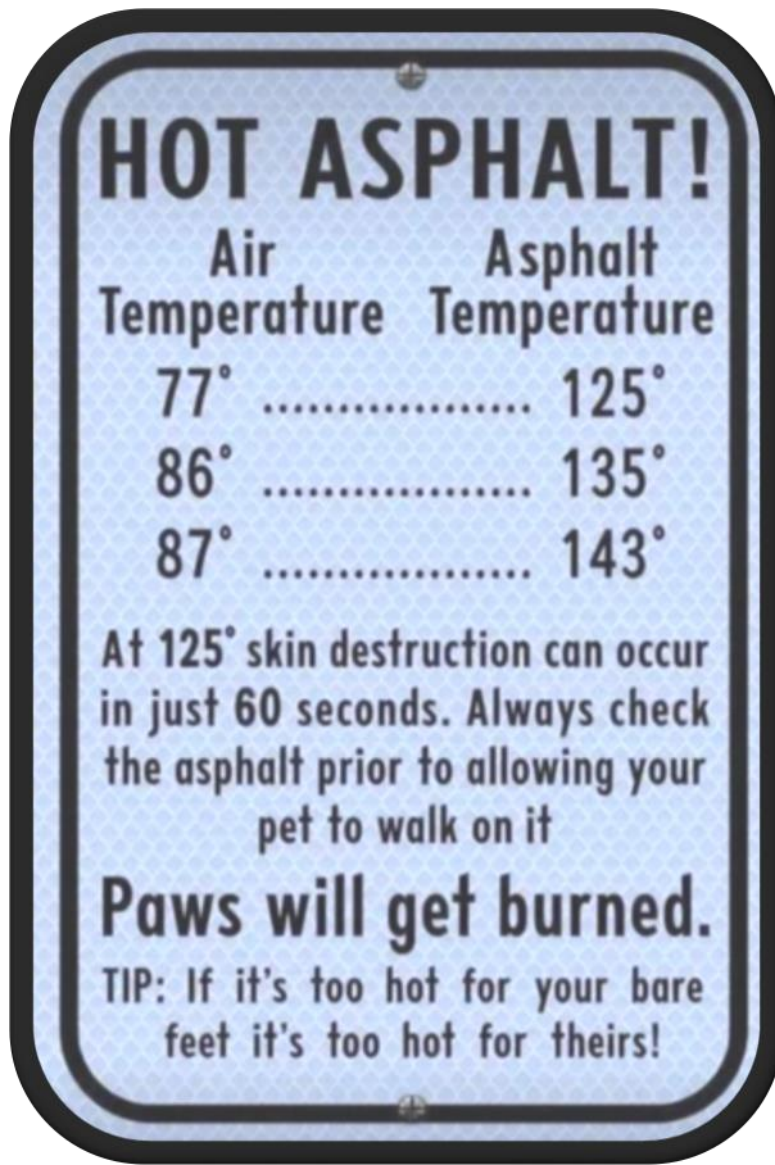
Willow Staymates and her girl Angie



Newly adopted Riggins Biddle

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Please know that every dog placed by ARADV is remembered, as is every adopter. We would love to know how those dogs are doing, both the happy and the sad. Keep those letters and e-mails coming, and send your change of address to Deb at 609-313-4765 or by email at Deb.Ciancarelli@gmail.com.



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