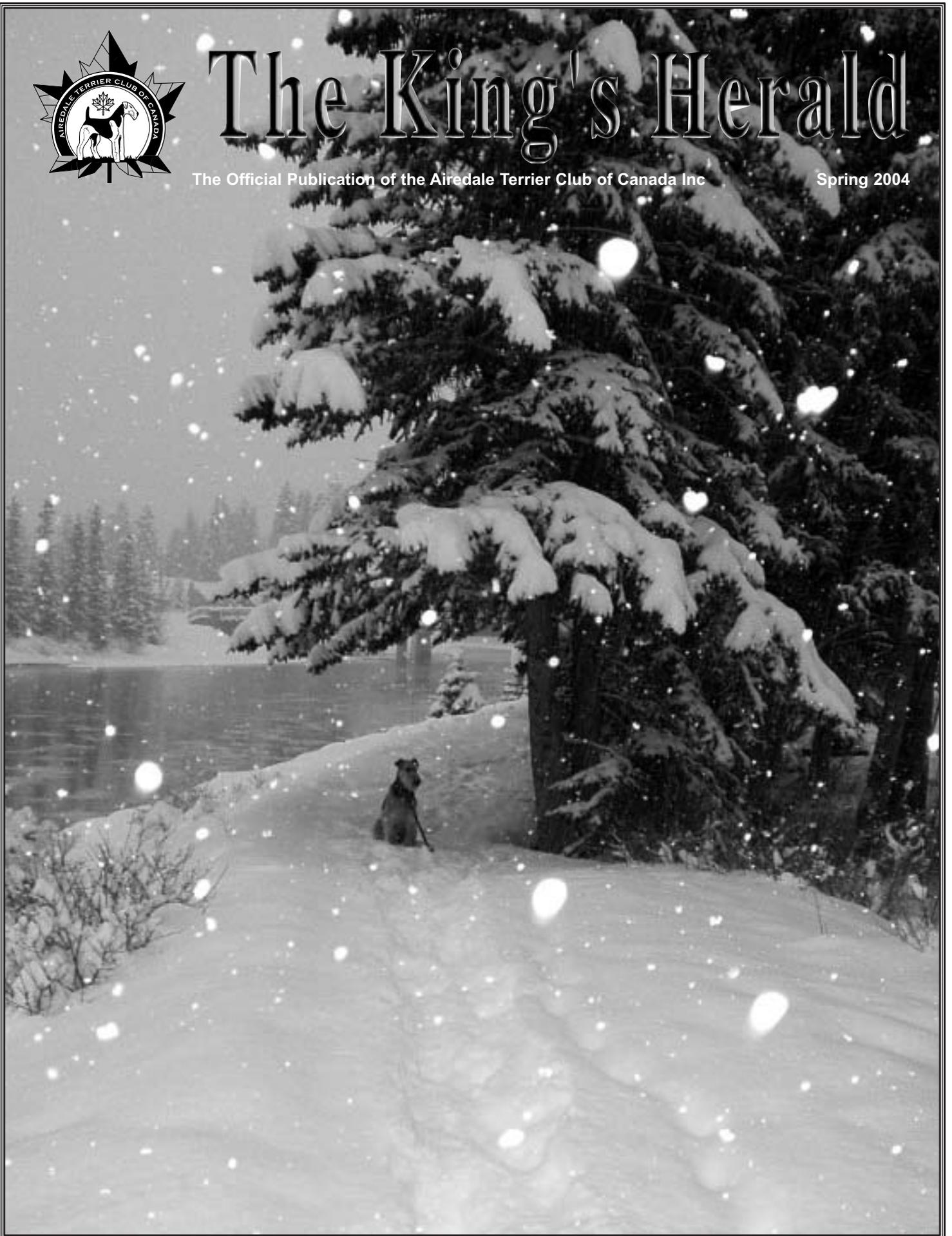




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MONTGOMERY - 2003



**Am Can Ch Regalridge Leader of the Pack
Breeder/Owner: Lee Steeves**



**Can Ch On Eagle's Wings At Hollytroy
Breeder/Owner: Carole Kane**



**Am Can Ch Indus Strike It Rich At Winsea
Owner: Helen Arnold Breeder: Joanne B Helm**



**Can Ch A KrackerJack Glory V Hugadale
Breeder/Owner: Margaret A Saltzmann**

Montgomery -Judge: Sandra Allen Goose

WD/BW	Rangel's Celtic Warrior CH Greenfield's Celtic Legend x CH Rangel's Wild Thing
RWD	On Eagle's Wings At Hollytroy CH Huntwood Mavrick N' Hollytroy X Hollytroy The Designer's Touch
WB	Tartan Scotshire Royal Rave CH Tartan Skyy King O'Scotshire X Tartan Scotshire Royal Wave
RWB	Terrydale HK Moraine Chosen Ch Terrydale's Int'l Affair X Moraine Magic Promise
BOB	CH Terrydale HK Moraine Spin CH Terrydale Int'l Affair X Moraine Magic Promise
BOS	CH Scoshire Aires Hell's Angel CH Tartan Scotshire Ultra Glide X CH Scoshire Aires Black Magic
AOM	CH Timberwyck Maximum Overdrive CH Greenfield Celtic Legend CH Fuego Fantastico CH Gallaire's Sweet Lucille CH Vict'anne Inglevalley Guinn CH Bristol Aires Northern Star

CANADIAN DOGS PLACING

12 to 18 Months Dogs

1ST	INDUS STRIKE IT RICH AT WINSEA Winsea's Strike Anywhere - Indus Cajun Cayenne Pepper Owner: Helen Arnold Breeder: Joanne B Helm
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Puppy Sweepstakes

1ST	INDUS STRIKE IT RICH AT WINSEA
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Bred by Exhibitor Dogs (Devon)

2nd	INGLE VALLEY ROYAL CROWN Ingle Valley Fender Bender - Ingle Valley Jacoba Royal Grace Breeder/Owner: Marian Murray-Domanski
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3RD	A KRACKERJACK GLORY V HUGADALE Ch Terrrydale's Int'l Affair - Ch Oakrun Beyond Myth V Hugadale. (All 3 shows) Owner: Margaret A Saltzmann Breeder: Margaret A Saltzmann
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Open

2/RWD	ON EAGLE'S WINGS AT HOLLYTROY Ch Huntwood Mavrick N' Hollytroy - Hollytroy The Designer's Touch Owner: Carole Kane Breeder: Carole Kane
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Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Bitches

4th	INGLEVALLEY ROYAL OF GLENAYR Ch Inglevalley Jedi Knight - Ch Inglevalley Jacoba Royal Grace Owner: Peggy Frye, Tim Maher & Marion Murray-Domanski Breeder: Marian A. Murray-Domanski
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12 to 18 Months Bitches

4th	PARADYM TANYETTA REBEL ROUSER Ch Paradym Red Rebel - Saugeen Shores Maggi's Muggins Owner: John B Ross & Kelly Ann Wood Breeder: Deborah Gauthier
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Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

4th	HOLLYTROY'S ON BREATH OF DAWN Ch Huntwood Mavrick N' Hollytroy - Hollytroy The Designer's Touch Owner: Carole Kane Breeder: Carole Kane
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Open

2nd	VICT'ANNE JALYNAIRE FANTASIA Ch Jalynaire Dallas Cowboy - Jalynaire Shannon Dee. Owner: Anne V Curtis & Thornton Jenness, E. Williston Breeder: Anne V Curtis & Winnie Gervais
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AOM

CH VICT'ANNE INGLEVALLEY GUINN Jacoba Excalibur Grand Slam - Ch Victorianne Inglevalley Girl Owner: Anne V Curtis & Arthur Crudo & Marian Murray-Domanski Breeder: Anne V Curtis & Marian Murray- Domanski
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Hatboro - Judge: Ric Chashoudian

- BW/WD Rangels Celtic Warrior
- RWD York A Dezilu Production
- WB/AOM Tartan Scottshire Royal Rave
- RWB Brisline's Plum Perfect Unforgettable
- BB CH Von Schmitt's Intl Tsunami
- BOS CH Scoshire Aires Hell's Angel
- AOM CH Arcadia Tartan Mystery Man
 CH Texters Sargeant at Arms
 Ch Regalridge Leader of the Pack
 CH Gallaire's Sweet Lucille
 CH Penaire Prince of Egypt



Can Ch Hollytroy's On Breath Of Dawn
Breeder/Owner: Carole Kane

Devon - Judge: Charles Foley

- BW/WD Oldiron Play For Style
- RWD York A Dezulu Production
- WB Rangel Celtic Con-Salsa
- RWB Stirling Blackstone Spitfire
- BB CH Greenfield Celtic Legend
- BOS CH Terrydale HK Moraine Spin
- AOM CH Arcadia Tartan Mystery Man
 CH Victorianne Inglevalley Guinn
 CH Bristolaires You'll Remember Me
 CH Timberwyck Maximum Overdrive
 CH Fuego Fantastico
 CH Scoshire Aires Hell's Angel
 CH Ashdod Captain Courageous
 CH Stirling Fire and Glory
 Ch Matrazin Zaminder
 CH Penaire Price of Egypt
 Ch Texter's Sergeant at Arms



Ingle Valley Royal Reflection
Owners: Debbie Spendolini & Marian A Murray-Domanski. Breeder: Marian A Murray-Domanski

Highest Scoring Veteran at the Airedale Terrier Club of America Obedience

OTCH Valdonaire Main Attraction - Ch Montford Valdon True Arrow x Narrations Talk of the Town CDX.

Holly at the ripe old age of 12 took highest scoring Veteran in Obedience with the score of 193 1/2. All this was done in the pouring rain.

RIC CHASOUDIAN ON SPARRING TERRIERS

I do love seeing certain breeds brought out to look at each other or spar as we say it, but I understand that the powers that be are frowning on it. If this is so it will take a lot of the history of judging Terriers out of it, plus the romance of it.

Sparring Terriers is a way to look at these certain types at their very, very best. Nothing can duplicate it for showing of the character of the dog and his or her natural beauty.

With the advent of a lot of non-terrier type judges judging Terriers, I am sure many are reluctant to spar because they might lose control of the ring or that novices showing their dogs might not understand what is required of the handler and dog in the process of sparring. I do, when I am judging, spar many breeds of dogs. You can tell from the looks on the handlers faces that they just do not understand what to do.

In breeds like Miniature Schnauzers and Wheaten Terriers, the handlers do not understand what to do in many cases. When I see this bewildered look come into the handlers face, I just talk them through it with only two dogs at a time so there is no control lost in the ring. The idea is to let two dogs, preferably of the same sex, approach each other not so close as to intertangle their leads or get either dog in a position to get hurt and then to stand back and look at them. In order for the judge to do this, the handler must get out of the way so that the judge has a clear look at each exhibit. If one or the other exhibitor thinks that this is an exhibition of "my dog is tougher than yours" the judge must quickly take charge of this mistaken idea the exhibitor or exhibitors have and set them straight. If two dogs do not show an interest in one another, the judge might send one back and bring another out to peak their interest. This way of looking at Terriers is fast becoming a lost art with the

advent of excessive baiting, toys and squeakers. I personally cannot stand watching a ring full of really good Airedales at Montgomery County and having a judge who never lets them come out and look at one another. This goes for any of the sparring breeds, which a judge has to know which are which. Many breeds like Norwich, Norfolk and Cairns can be or don't have to be sparred but let stand on their own.

Many breeds in the Terrier group should never be sparred which are mainly the Bull breeds like Stafties, American Staffs, and both varieties of Bull Terriers.

The breeds that can be sparred are these: Airedales, Australian Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakelands, Miniature Schnauzers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Soft-Coated Wheaten, Welsh Terriers and West Highland White Terriers.

The breeds that should not be sparred are: Am. Staffs, Bedlingtons, Borders, Bull Terriers (Colored and White), Cairns (can be or not), Dandies, Jack Russells (because it says it in their breed standard), Manchesters, Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolks and Norwich (can be or not), Skye Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

If a judge does not feel comfortable with sparring and feels like he or she can be intimidated by overly aggressive handlers or extremely inexperienced exhibitors, then it may be best if the judge waits until they have a little more experience in the Terrier ring. If a judge feels like they are capable of controlling their ring, they cannot make their exhibits look better than by sparring them. I hope this type of showing of Terriers is not done away with by any powers that be just because they think it should not be done.

Hungry Airedale in the News

Beau knows cash. And he likes the taste of it. Last week, he ate more than \$850 in one sitting. And he's not related to Don Buttrey, the Canton man who is legendary for devouring an assortment of objects that were believed by others to be inedible.

But that's another story.

Beau is an 9-year-old Airedale whose owners are Art and Judy Whiteman of Plain Township.

Art, who retired last year after 31 years as a teacher with Canton City Schools, says he should have seen it coming.

"Our daughter's new baby was in the house, so we penned Beau in the family and sun rooms. When the baby cries, he cries too, but he's too big and he doesn't understand yet so we keep them apart." Whiteman explained.

Torn between his new grandchild and the unhappily exiled Beau, he went to check on Beau and spotted a bunch of \$1 bills and \$5 bills on the floor.

I figured, "Oh, he must have pulled my pants off a game table and got into the pocket, the front pocket. I knew that because in the back pocket, I had put the big bills after I cashed a check" Whiteman related.

Those big bills, between \$850 and \$950, were going to a new pair of professional figure skates for his son, David, a Glen Oak High School student. The two were planning a trip to Cleveland to pick them up. He recalled he'd gotten the cash all in \$50 bills except for a \$20 bill and a \$1 bill.

Whiteman reached for the back pocket and found it extremely wet and very, very empty.

"I'm like, Oh, my gosh. He ate it!" Whiteman recalled.

He called a 24-hour emergency veterinary service and asked what he could do to induce vomiting in an Airedale.

"She asked why and I told her my dog just ate about \$900 of money. She said, Oh, my gosh, were they in small denominations? I told her 17 or 18 \$50s" he said.

Pour a teaspoon of hydrogen peroxide down his throat for every 10 pounds the dog weighs, she advised. Beau was good for five teaspoons. Art's daughter, Hillary, administered the peroxide while her dad held Beau.

"Immediately, he got sick and out comes this huge pile that looks like a garden salad", Whiteman said, still amazed at the memory. "All this money. Nothing but chewed to pieces." Undaunted, they soaked the scraps of legal tender in a sink filled with bleach and water and set them out to dry like so many puzzle pieces. Then David and Hillary began piecing, then taping, the masticated bills together.

They were able to reconstruct \$771 "I was elated we got that much", Whiteman said sealing each bill in a plastic bag. Whiteman headed off to the North Canton branch of the Canton School Employees Federal Credit Union.

His tale drew rapt attention and plenty of laughter from the tellers, some of whom he had done business with for 30 years.

Now Whiteman is wondering if Beau perhaps has a future on late-night TV.

"Maybe Leno", he mused.

"Or Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks. "

AIREDALE TERRIER - FIRST 8 WEEKS

Those who have lived with and gotten to know an Airedale Terrier appreciate its qualities. Airedales have a charming nature, a great spirit and a big heart. They are intelligent, loyal, strong, devoted and the list goes on and on. Airedales can act like teenagers on some days and behave like perfect English gentlemen on others. That set me to wondering how I, as a breeder, could make sure that my puppies have true Airedale qualities. I decided to videotape a litter of puppies during the nine weeks they stay with us. During the first three weeks, I videotaped them for two 15-minute periods per day in their surroundings. In the following weeks, I kept the camera on them two hours at a time. I then watched the videotapes and recorded my observations. Based on these observations and the writings of behaviourist veterinarian Joel Dehasse, I changed the way I care for and stimulate the pups during the first weeks of their lives. Here are some of the notes I took in my quest for insight into breeding the "total Airedale".

"The behaviour of a dog is shaped by heredity and training. Dogs get most of their training in the early months of their lives. It is therefore important, during this period, to properly control and monitor a number of parameters." - Joël Dehasse [translation]

Week 1. At birth, the pups are very black except for the tips of their paws and tail, and two spots above the eyes, which are tan. The smaller pups weigh about 10 oz and the larger ones, about 16 oz. Seeking heat and comfort, the pups sleep together in a pile. Because they need heat, the room temperature should be kept at 78 degrees Fahrenheit and the relative humidity, at 50%. Liners and blankets should be changed as often as possible to keep the puppies dry. It is important to handle the pups right from birth. Their eyes and ears are closed, so touch and smell are the only senses through which they can recognize their surroundings and be stimulated. Smell is a survival reflex which will decrease as the eyes and ears open. As of the first week, you can already make a first selection to identify pups with a natural ability to sniff out objects.

Week 2. The pups lie beside each other now rather than in a pile, and move around more and more. They try to stand up and whimper when they come up against an obstacle or are afraid.

Week 3. The pups' eyes and ear canals open. The pups explore their surroundings more easily and are stimulated by sounds and sharp colours. It is time to stimulate them by leaving a radio on close by and giving them colourful toys to play with. They start to stand up and are more easily disturbed by movement in their environment. The bottom of their crate or pen should feature a nonslip surface that will make learning to walk easier and will decrease the risk of malformations in the forelegs and forequarter angulations. From 3 weeks on, the pups try to relieve themselves away from the area where they eat and sleep. They start yapping and growling. The mother starts to wean her young by staying away for longer periods of time and thus spacing feedings farther apart.

Week 4. The pups see, hear, move around easily and play-

fight. They test their communication skills by growling and barking. It's important to give them toys of different textures and sizes such as plush toys, latex toys, chew toys and so on. The puppies' teeth start to show and the mother will not be so keen on nursing her litter. This is a good time to start them on a meal of moistened and crushed kibble. A hierarchy emerges in the litter. At this age, it is possible to identify the pups that will accept limits and therefore obedience training more easily. Human contact is very important. The pups begin to exhibit fear reactions. They now sleep in small groups.

Week 5. The pups begin to interact with humans. They seek human contact, mouthing hands and ankles, and carry small objects.

Week 6. At six weeks of age, the pups start to understand the difference between their littermates and the humans in the household. The pups communicate by vocalizing and biting. This period corresponds to a first phase of exploration. The pups must be in contact with various aspects of family life (e.g. the phone, the vacuum cleaner, children). Because they are sensitive to sounds and colours at this age, it is important to expose them to different types of walking surfaces, sounds and situations, and to let them get used to being handled by people of all ages. It is also time to introduce some basic rules. The puppies start to test human authority and the hierarchy. The social behaviour they will have as adult Airedales is determined as of the sixth week of life.

Week 7. At seven weeks of age, the pups start to show an interest in staying clean. Easy and free access to a place outside will help with housebreaking. Our set-up allows the puppies to go outside and come back in as they please. This makes it easier for them to learn to do their business outside and to experience new stimuli. At this age, they are mischievous, they love to play, and they enjoy stealing objects and hiding so that they can chew away on them at their ease. We can already tell which of the puppies will have the retrieving skills that are so important in obedience training and hunting. You can bring out these skills in the pups by exposing them, under supervision, to UD dumbbells (leather, metal and wood) and, if you're looking for a hunting dog, bird wings. By observing the pups closely, you will notice the differences between the individuals in the litter. It's also important to accustom the pups to being handled by humans and groomed (clipping, bath, etc.) When the pups are 7 weeks old, I have a breeder they do not know come in and do Campbell and Volhard tests so that the tester, myself and the future owners of the pups can know their psychological profile.

Weeks 8 and 9. The pups meet their new families and leave the litter for their new homes. It is important that the new family continue training and socializing the pup by walking it on quiet then gradually busier streets, taking it along for car rides, having it meet new people and making sure it has frequent contact with other dogs.

Julie Trotter



Annie (played by Hailey Swanton) serenades Sandy (played by "Sir")

Seneca Sir of Appyaire, CD, CGC (owned and loved by Shelley DeMerchant) appeared as Sandy in the Simcoe Little Theatre's production of the musical "Annie" which played to packed audiences in November and December 2003.

Sir is a child tested, certified and working therapy dog with Therapeutic Paws of Canada. He and Shelley visit many hospitals, retirement and nursing homes where Sir also entertains residents with his musical freestyle dance moves.

Additionally, Sir and Shelley are one of a select few dog/handler teams chosen to implement TPOC's new "Paws to Read" program, whereby children who have difficulty with reading and comprehension will read to a dog.



In September 2003, the Hamilton Dog Obedience Club's trials offered an unofficial class entitled "Team Challenge". Each team consisted of four dogs and handlers with the highest combined scores of the day being declared the winners!

A team of three Airedales and one Australian Shepherd, representing Del-Mar Dog Training Academy, competed against other professional dog training schools and took home the Team Challenge Award.

The Del-Mar team consisted of: Appyaire's Sheza Beauty, CD and Appyaire's Ms Maggie Muggins, CD (bred and owned by Shelley DeMerchant), Appyaire's Hail to a Rose, CD (Bred by Shelley DeMerchant and owned by Heather Griffin) and Sunsplash DelMar Kinsey, (Australian Shepherd bred by Margaret Lacey and owned by Leona Stratford).

Shelley DeMerchant (of Appyaire (Reg'd.) Kennels) is Head Trainer at Del-Mar Dog Training Academy, located in Oakland, Ontario.



Members enjoying the show

The Montgomery tapes from 2003 are here!

Members in southern Ontario decided to have a Montgomery Revisited party. We hooked up two televisions to the VCR and gathered round in our lawn chairs. Twenty two of us, revisited Montgomery.



The view is great!

We cheered the Canadian dogs and our American friends and carefully marked our "Montgomery revisited catalogues". We enjoyed warm sunny weather and the warmth of good friends gathered together to enjoy our favorite hobby.

For lunch, we served Chicken a la king, salad and rolls, followed by a dessert table.

Some said it was the best Montgomery ever! And we didn't need to drive 10 hours to get there.

The Montgomery tapes are available for loan through our Club Librarian, Terry Styles. There is no charge to borrow them, only the cost of the return postage.

Plan your Montgomery revisited party now!

For more information on how we planned our day, please email Elaine at skycroft.airedales@sympatico.ca.



Kelly Wood and Airedale Wanna Be

**The Airedale Terrier Club of Canada
Executive Meeting
Monday 20 October 2003
Home of Elaine Zemaitis**

Present: Elaine, Debbie, Roy, Pat
Regrets: John, Valerie

Meeting called to order at 7:35.

1. Review and Approve Previous Minutes – Motion by Roy to accept the minutes as distributed. Seconded by Debbie. All in favour.

2. Specialty 2004 – There was a discussion regarding table gifts and centerpieces. Debbie and Pat will look after centerpieces. Roy still looking for help – anyone looking for a job – please contact Roy.

3. Boosters 2004 – There were 3 additional requests for booster for 2004:

Alberta Kennel Club, KW Kennel Club and BC – A motion by Debbie to say Yes to BC and No to Alberta and KW as there are no ATCC sanctioned events in BC for 2004. Seconded by Roy. All in favour. Pat to notify the requestors. (Done)
Note – the executive felt that both KW and Alberta were already hosting ATCC sanctioned events (Specialty and Booster) on the same weekend as the additional requests and an additional ATCC event on the same weekend was not beneficial.

Note – Yvan to request the Specialty for 2005 to be held in Winnipeg.

4. Election Committee – This is an election year and the nomination forms must be sent out soon. Motion by Roy that Pat be the Election Officer for 2004. Seconded by Debbie. All in favour. (Forms sent out)

5. Policy and Procedures – due to Valerie's absence this will be moved to next meeting.

6. ATCC Website – There were no volunteers from our club members. There was one email requesting additional information however nothing further was heard from that member. Therefore it was decided to go ahead and hire a professional to get our website started. Elaine will assume responsibility of establishing the ATCC website and has a maximum of \$1500.00 to get started. Motion by Roy. Seconded by Debbie All in favour. (Done)

7. Rescue – ATCC will undertake to establish a rescue program as part of The Airedale Terrier Club of Canada Inc. Motion by Roy. Seconded by Debbie. All in favour. Roy will prepare a protocol for 2004. At the annual ATCC auction in conjunction with our Specialty there will be several auction items designated to rescue.

8. AOB – Elaine "bought" a piece of art to use for a get well card. She will try to have it reproduced and bring back to the executive for their approval.

Next meeting – Monday February 23 7:30 at the home of Elaine Zemaitis.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

**The Airedale Terrier Club of Canada
Executive Meeting
Monday 23 February 2004
Home of Elaine Zemaitis**

Present: Elaine, Debbie, John, Pat
Regrets: Roy, Valerie

Meeting called to order at 8:05.

Review and Approve Previous Minutes – Motion by Debbie to accept the minutes as distributed. Seconded by Pat. All in favour.

Specialty 2004 – Peggy Beisel has been approved to be our judge for our Specialty in 2004. Our English judge broke her leg and was unable to fulfill her assignments for KW and the specialties. KW is still waiting for approval for some of their judges and that is why there has been no premium lists available yet. Elaine spoke with the hotel and they have informed her that we will have to pay \$10.00 per 750 ml bottle of wine as corkage when we bring in our own wine for the dinner. Elaine is working on the table gifts – John is helping with some of the computer work.

Grooming Seminar – The ATCC held a grooming seminar on Sat 21 Feb. There were about 13 people in attendance. We would like to thank Elaine for offering her home and being a wonderful host for the event. We would like to thank Margo Dupre and Susan Carter who taught the seminar. Thank you also to Debbie Adkinson for getting the lunch items. I think that everyone had a wonderful day – good company, excellent food and we all learned a thing or two. We made a profit of \$561.84.

ATCC Website – Our website is under construction. We reviewed the structure and tabs and Elaine will forward our suggestions to Vicky to implement. All is going well.

Special Awards Form – The Special Awards Form that was seen in our newsletter was actually part of some meeting minutes. The form was and still is under discussion and not yet available for club member use. Once the form is approved it will be sent out for members to complete.

Get Well Card – Elaine presented the printed card that was done from the artwork we bought. Fifty cards have been printed. They look very nice – well done Elaine. Elaine will forward a copy to Pam and Helen so that they can be published in the Kings Herald.

Elections – The responses were reviewed and Pat will contact those nominated. Once the slate of officers is ready we will let the membership know if a vote is necessary.

AOB – The Club Directory renewal was sent in. The Montgomery 2003 tapes have arrived!!
The Rideau Terrier Specialty will be held on 28 Aug 04. This year the feature breed will be the Airedale Terrier.

Motion to adjourn by John, seconded by Debbie. All in favour.

Next meeting – Monday 29 March 2004 at 7:30 at the home of Elaine Zemaitis.

Items to be carried forward:

Special Awards Form (Sep meeting)
Policy and Procedures - Membership

time shortly after Airedale conformation judging
Sarah will be looking after ring side hospitality
Wine & Cheese – start time approx 5:30 – 6:00
Dinner start time 7:00
Suggestions needed for judges gifts
Sheila looking after the Chinese Auction

ATCC Website – Elaine has asked specific individuals to write a few paragraphs as introduction to: Therapy, Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Hunting/Working, Pets.

Elections – There will be an election in the Prairies only. If all club members in the area are on email, an electronic ballot will be sent to all for voting – otherwise a paper ballot will be sent. An announcement will be made at the AGM regarding the new director. The Newsletter Editor position has not been filled. Pam will post a “wanted” ad in the next (and her last) newsletter.

Policy and Procedures: Valerie has resigned as both Director and “reviser” of the Policy and Procedures. The ATCC board of executives will put forth a motion at the AGM to accept the Policy and Procedures document as it stands.

AOB –

Roy gave us an update on the CKC AGM
Motion by Debbie to send a cheque to Kelly for partial payment of her phone services as puppy referral person. Seconded by John. All in favour.

Valerie has 2 boxes of paperwork that she will store at her home.

On behalf of Carol Kane, Elaine requested a booster be held in Prince Edward Island at the Island Dog in October 2004. John Ross will be the judge. Seconded by Pat. All in favour. Note – we will now have a booster in all 5 areas in 2004 – this is a first for the ATCC!!!!

Motion to adjourn by Roy seconded by Debbie. All in favour.

Next meeting – Monday 26 April 2004 at 7:30 at the home of Elaine Zemaitis.

Items to be carried forward:

Special Awards Form (Sep meeting)

The Airedale Terrier Club of Canada Executive Meeting Monday 29 March 2004 Home of Elaine Zemaitis

Present: Elaine, Debbie, Val, John, Roy, Pat

Meeting called to order at 7:35.

Review and Approve Previous Minutes – Motion by John to accept the minutes as distributed. Seconded by Debbie. All in favour.

Specialty 2004 –

Premium lists to be sent to Roy by Colmar
Menu same as last year – tickets \$32.50 Cdn
Additional room available to crate dogs during dinner can be used for the wine & cheese and special auction prior to the dinner. We would require a liquor license and not have to pay corkage
Judges have been sent the premium list
Plan to request sweeps at 10:30 with specialty to follow immediately
Obedience will be held on the Saturday – request

Banshee, The Artic Airedale

Gary Last, a resident of Hinton, Alberta, has skied solo in the Arctic not once, but four times.

His Airedale Banshee, now 3 years old and about 95 pounds, has accompanied him on two arctic expeditions. He chose an Airedale because they are reputed to be able to do anything any other dog can do. He has certainly put this notion to the test. The first was a 500 kilometer trek in which she pulled 100 pounds for a month, while only 1 year old. The second trip, which was even longer, she matched his 120 pound Malamute by pulling around 110 pounds for 700 kilometers.

During these trips, she slept out in -30c temperatures, watched for polar bears and even played with an arctic wolf. In an effort to make her more comfortable, Gary had a wind proof jacket made for her at some cost to himself. She was very ungrateful, because as you know, Airedales can be extremely stubborn. When Gary put the jacket on her the first night, she did not like it and consequently refused to lie down. Instead, she stood in one spot for 9 hours. Determined to show her who was boss, after a day of pulling, he put the jacket on again assuming she would fall off her feet and give in. Not so, as once again, she stood in one spot for 9 hours without sleeping. She would occasionally stagger but would not give in. The next day, Gary pitched the jacket.

At first, Banshee spent the nights inside with Gary but after a while, she would stay out side with Brazeau, Gary's Great Pyrenees.

Both the dogs are a little different from normal sled dogs but they are both good guard dogs. The dogs guarded the tent at night and it was a good thing they did. One night late in the trip, the dogs barking woke Gary and as he came outside, he found the dogs were keeping a pack of wolves at bay. When the wolves caught wind of him, they went away. Gary was again woke up by the dogs, this time, because of a grizzly. Banshee went to meet the bear while Brazeau was tied up. The dogs definitely kept wild animals away.

Breaking trail was also interesting with the two dogs. Gary had planned to take the lead with the two dogs behind him but two trails got broken as Brazeau refused to stay behind and walk beside him. Banshee was running all over the place sniffing things here and running there.

As Gary was getting close to civilization, he ran out of dog food and he had to start feeding them 'people food'. The first morning, he tried to give them pancakes but they wouldn't eat them, he put butter all over the pancakes and still they wouldn't eat them. Finally, he put maple syrup on the pancakes and the dogs liked that. For the last three mornings, Banshee and Brazeau ate pancakes for breakfast, pasta primavera for dinner with peanut powerbars for snacks.



Banshee was a tropper. Sometimes, she would be shivering and shaking but she hung in there. She was smart too. One day when they were camped in the middle of the snow, Gary couldn't find her. When he called, her head popped out from behind Brazeau. She was using him as a windbreak. Some nights, she would even sleep on top of him for warmth.

Banshee has not only excelled as an arctic dog but also most importantly as a mountain dog. She has covered thousands of kilometers carrying a pack through the mountains. The Airedale is very strong and quite willing to work hard. Banshee is not afraid of heights and is very willing to follow Gary up the side of a mountain on some treacherous slopes.

She routinely swims across fast flowing rivers. Last summer, they got caught on the 'other side' of the wild Hay River in Wilmore Wilderness Park. Gary found a tree that had fallen across the river and after getting all the gear over, he went back and tied a rope around Banshee's neck and told her to stay put. Upon reaching the other side, he yanked her in and she shot downstream to the end of the rope and Gary reeled her in like a big fish. She was no worse for wear and very clean.

The Airedale makes a superb watchdog and would without question, fight to the death to protect Gary from a bear. On two occasions, she has kept grizzlies from coming into camp. One evening, she ran out to confront a grizzly that had followed them off the trail and was trying to get into camp. The bear backed off and she followed it around the perimeter of the camp, keeping it at bay until Gary could shoot his bear banger and scare it off.

Gary says "Overall, I am quite impressed with the Airedale, they are extremely loyal and listen well. They do not shy away from hard work and are always ready to go. I look forward to many more adventures with Banshee. In fact, this coming weekend we are backpacking into the mountains in Jasper and who knows what will happen."

AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA

2004 "National Specialty Weekend"

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We will continue to up the weekend and firm up the events as we are able to settle the matters		

Canine Hip Dysplasia - Update on Hip Registries

by Fred Lanting

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Fred Lanting is a German Shepherd fancier and breeder. He has spent much of his life studying canine hip dysplasia. In 1972, he published the only book on the subject, Canine Hip Dysplasia. This article is an update on ways of registering and certifying dogs so that the public can determine if the dog they are breeding to or the dogs they want to buy a puppy from are clear of the disease.

This article is slightly more than an update on the hip registries operating in the U.S. (and Canada, to a great extent). I hope to not only bring you the current status of each of the three as we turn the corner into 2002, but also stress again the importance of an open registry to progress in reducing incidence of HD in segments of breeds (sometimes called strains, but more accurately breeding lines). I have been working in the field of canine orthopedic disorders since 1966, and am convinced that the best course a breeder can take is multi-faceted:

1. Select the very best dogs (companion, working dog, or foundation stock) you can find.

2. Use the most accurate and advanced diagnostic techniques available and economically feasible.

3. Base breeding decisions partly on progeny results; one tool in that category is BV or ZW (Breeding Value or Zuchtwert).

4. Favor open registries; these are those in which the "failures" as well as the dogs with better hips are identified publicly.

We might as well consider these items in the order summarized above. Whether you intend to breed dogs or not, number 1 is very important. You and/or your puppy customers certainly would not purposely select defective dogs, but in effect, not selecting against a problem can be thought of as selecting for it. Think of the analogy in training. If you do not train for correct behavior, you are actually "training" incorrect behavior. Picking a dog to share your life, home, and time could be a ten-year or longer investment. Besides the features of temperament, size, coat, general health, and so many more, you owe it to yourself and the dog to choose an animal that has good odds of having serviceable hips and other joints. Back in dogdom's dark ages, longevity of ancestors, ability of parents and the individual to work long hours without pain or perform certain utilitarian functions were all that owners could use. In the 1950s and '60s, realization that hip dysplasia could often be detected with radiography, and that it was an identifiable genetic disorder, led to the establishment of many hip detection and registration schemes around the world. In the U.S. (and serving much of Canada's needs), the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals was established at the U. of PA, with Wayne Riser at the helm. Breeders now had a standardized means of listing potentially valuable breeding animals that had no evidence of severe or moderate hip dysplasia. This was a definite advance over the performance tests, giving more information on this specific portion of a dog's phenotype. Dogs that were considered "normal for age and breed" were given a certification number, and as time went on, people could fair-

ly safely assume that a dog without this certification were dysplastic. The certificate thus became a valuable commodity. It marked dogs as more valuable than similar dogs without it. Unfortunately, the inertia that came with great numbers of dogs in the OFA registry may have contributed toward an unwillingness to consider technological improvements.

2. After 30-some years of service to breeders, this stagnation and protection of the old method had left breeders on a plateau without offering any ladder to the next level of progress. It was time to examine new paradigms.

That much-needed route to the next pinnacle also came out of the U. of PA (called "Penn"). By the early 1990s, research had already established an improved diagnostic or predictive technique that promises great benefits to those who want to produce or buy sounder dogs. As Solomon said, there is nothing truly new under the sun, but there can be advances and better combinations or arrangements of data or genes or methods than what has been seen before. The better method, given the acronym PennHIP® for (University of) Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program, was not entirely new, but was based on the concept suggested by earlier experiments in puppy palpation, "wedge" radiography, and other positions utilizing stress to push femurs apart and demonstrate joint laxity that was hidden in the older views. It is a more highly refined approach, standardized for accuracy and repeatability, and is more quantitative than the almost entirely subjective OFA or hip-extended approaches. While the older position with the dog's legs stretched out as if resembling those of a bipedal human lying supine on the table is best for identifying mineralization ("calcium deposits" and arthritis) in the hip joint, it allows too much covert laxity to be a reliable indicator of things to come. Since in many or perhaps most cases a loose hip will develop degenerative joint disease (DJD), it is wise to detect as much laxity as possible and compare it with numerical, measurable standards of excellence and risk. The looser the joint, the higher that risk of the dog's eventually getting DJD, regardless of breed. Website articles that treat the differences between PennHIP and older methods in more detail include those on <http://realgsd.net/GSDInfo/News/FredL/1fredlanting.htm>, www.synbiotics.com, and www.vet.upenn.edu/researchcenters/pennhip/. One of the important advantages of the PennHIP stress-radiography method is that it allows accurate and much earlier prediction of an individual dog's later hip status; it is a vastly improved estimate of risk for developing DJD. And the scientific data is more than sufficient to be a convincing case for breeders to use PennHIP. As I have said in another place, those who quote old information and say that "School is still out on the PennHIP method" simply have been skipping classes in the past several years.

The use of Breed Value (progeny and sibling results being made part of a dog's likely genetic picture) has not been practiced much in this country. It is an old, established, and

critical feature of dairy cattle breeding, but in the U.S., only two groups are known to utilize its very helpful advantages. One is the breeding program at The Seeing Eye, Inc.®, the famous school for guide dogs for the blind in Morristown NJ. The geneticist there, Dr. Eldin Leighton, has used PennHIP for diagnosis/prediction and BV data on relatives (mostly siblings, ancestors, and progeny) to make great strides in reducing HD incidence far below that possible in any other breeding program. The other is the community of fanciers devoted to the imported German Shepherd Dog.

In Germany, the SV (parent breed club for all GSDs worldwide) has adopted a very similar data analysis system called Zuchtwert (breed worthiness). Through a very complicated formula, the numbers and values of acceptable and unacceptable hip ratings of siblings and progeny are calculated. Stud dogs and brood bitches with low ZW numbers are more desirable as breeding partners and the parents of a pup you'd want to buy. The average hip quality of GSD in Germany is fast-normal, meaning "nearly normal", and the ZW number of 95 correlates to that status in a statistical way. That is to say, a dog with 95 might not have fast-normal hips itself, but on average, there is a correlation across the breed population. A dog whose hip radiographs are superior will get a lower ZW number than he was born with, which was the average of his parents' numbers. Furthermore, if he has previous siblings and half-sibs that have been radiographed, their results can also move his number one way or the other. His sire or dam may produce better or worse hips with a different parent, and that will also affect his official number.

For the non-statistician, it is enough to look for families and individuals with low numbers, as the higher the number, the more HD that particular dog has produced or is likely to produce.

The fourth major tool in a successful fight against proliferation or prevalence of hip dysplasia, or almost any disease for that matter, is knowledge. This time, knowledge in the form of open and honest information on the hip status of the dog you are interested in breeding to or getting a pup out of. On this side of the oceans, we have only one truly open hip registry, the GDC, which stands for Institute for Genetic Disease. This organization is on shaky ground because breeders are not availing themselves of the benefits that would apply if they practiced more participation, more sharing of information. Without sufficient numbers of dogs in the database, the GDC can do very little to give what could be a better look into the genotypes of the potential breeding animals. If people change sufficiently, the GDC can revive; at present, it may have to act in a more limited manner. One obstacle is the complacency of the American dog fancier. The typical owner took a long time to accept OFA or an equivalent registry of "normal" or "acceptable for breeding" dogs. To change horses in mid-stream is not something most would want to attempt, or have the gumption to do even though it is easy. The other obstacle is the OFA's intransigence to such matters of progress. They had the opportunity to persuade their almost-captive clientele to switch to an open registry, one in which inquirers could get the readings on potential studs, dams, or near-relatives of

their own potential breeding stock, but the managers gave the inadequate excuse that it might discourage owners from having dogs radiographed and entered into the database. They have refused to adopt the progressive ideas of GDC as they have refused to advance into the superior stress-radiographic technique developed at Penn. It is largely a matter of politics. OFA leaders are at personal odds with those at Penn, and resented the possible threat of competition from GDC. If cooperation were the word of the day instead, there would not have been the need for competing organizations. But the person carrying old, heavy baggage is going to be passed up by others sprinting for the best seats on the train. As we "go to press" with this article, GDC is engaging in more friendly discussions with OFA. GDC is to be found at <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/gdc>.

I contend that the wisest breeders and shoppers will use all the tools they can to improve their breeds and lines. The ultimate would be to use PennHIP for early risk prediction and a numerical comparison value, selection of stock with lower ZW-BV numbers if available, and submission of radiographs to an open registry (GDC if they still operate that service for hips). Breed clubs can do much to improve genetic health by peer pressure through awards and codes of ethics.

Unfortunately, they are not allowed to put restrictions on which dogs are allowed to breed if they are affiliated with AKC, as that monolith is in the business of appropriating not only breeds and breed clubs, but controlling all registration decisions as well. And their practice has always been to register anything as long as the money and the form are sent in, and there is no complaint about it. In other countries, it is the breed club that is the sole and responsible guardian of the breed. Here, we must rely on salesmanship and P.R. to mold attitudes and encourage compliance with common-sense practices such as those that would improve hip quality.

What about the update on progress mentioned at the outset? The GDC is floundering, though worthy of support and revival. The OFA shows no signs of progress. Nor do they supply us with print information, but direct us to their inadequate but large website. It does little good, when the hip-extended method is ambivalent in value or accuracy, to list only dogs that have "passed" their low or imprecise standards — what of the other relatives that do not pass? What of progress at Penn? This is the only one of the three that is moving at "fast-forward", and much has been published in the professional (veterinary) literature that supports the value of the PennHIP technique. Among the latest are two articles that should appear around the first quarter of 2002 in JAVMA, the largest and possibly most prestigious and demanding of the vet journals.

One is on risk factors for DJD and its confirmed relationship to DI. Distraction Index is Penn's numerical (quantitative) description of how much laxity can be revealed when a small but significant force is applied to separate the ball from the socket so that a picture can be taken while the hip is in this loosest state. Remember, OFA's premise is also that "tighter is better", although Penn has the only well-known method of determining true tightness. Another article

will deal with the significance of a line of extra density, thickening, or mineral deposits on the shoulder of the femur, first studied by Dr. Joe Morgan at U-Cal.-Davis and popularly known as "Morgan's line", but in the new paper referred to as "caudolateral curvilinear osteophyte". I predict this mouthful will not replace the common moniker. Whatever it's called, it may be a help to vets who still rely only on the hip-extended, subjective view.

Not really new, but an update of sorts for newcomers to the discussions on hip quality analysis, is the fact that PennHIP radiographs can only be submitted by trained and certified vets and their certified/trained technicians. Trained by Synbiotics/Penn, that is, in such symposia-connected sessions as the Feb. 10, 2002 Las Vegas seminar held immediately prior to the Western Veterinary Conference. Vets who withhold radiographs because, for example, there is obvious HD or DJD, are dropped from participation. This protects the integrity of the database and prevents the type of bias found in OFA, where mostly the good hip pictures are sent in, and the bad-hip dogs hide in the shadows. Vets who would allow their non-certified assistants to do the radiography without their personal action in holding the distractor or manipulating the dog's legs will also face expulsion, as has happened twice that I know of. Semi-annual breed prevalence and statistical profile updates are made available to participating veterinarians and the Synbiotics or Penn websites. Penn has made a small move in the direction of an open registry, leaving the decision up to the breeder/owner to decide whether to check off the box indicating willingness to share information. That is a small box, and since an office worker often fills out the form down to just before the owner's signature, it is not checked as often as it should be.

Make sure you see and check-mark it when you have your dog evaluated by a PennHIP practitioner, so others interested in breeding to your dog or its parents can contact you. If you want to find out about the DI of a dog or close relatives, you can network with the owners who allow their names and addresses to be made available. PennHIP is still a closed registry, so they will not reveal the DI of dogs, but they advise that when you contact the owner-participants, you ask for a photocopy of the official PennHIP report. If not, you could be fooled by disreputable owners. For example, a dog with considerable DJD may have its joints so "frozen" by calcium deposits that much laxity cannot be demonstrated. You also must see the part of the report that mentions the absence or presence of remodeling or DJD or evidence of HD. Just to say that a dog is in the 80th percentile or whatever, in regard to comparative laxity is not enough. You need all the information on the report. An owner can get his breed's listing by phoning Synbiotics at 800-228-4305, and using the phone prompt for "Technical Services", then asking for "Breeders wishing to share information".

What is the latest in certain breeds? I am listing here only those breeds for whose magazines or websites I have previously written articles. The others will be found on Synbiotics' website.

I'll start with my own favorite breed, the GSD, although the Golden has one-third more dogs in the database and the Lab has nearly 80% more. The GSD has a mean DI of 0.43

which means that you should prefer breeding partners that are not higher, and especially look for ones toward the 0.3 threshold below which there is no DJD development. The Shiloh Shepherd, basically a strain of GSD selected for larger size among other characteristics, also has a mean of 0.43 but the King Shepherd, a small splinter or dissident group from the Shiloh club's original registry, has 0.5 as their mean DI. This could mean that the breeders and owners of King Shepherds are more lax than their dog's hips! For those not familiar with DI, let me suggest that you could think of a number such as 0.50 as representing a joint in which distraction allows the ball to be moved about 50% out of the socket. For a Corgi, Neapolitan Mastiff, or Newfie, this amount may not be as serious, but for a GSD it is definitely a situation to be avoided. There are breed differences as to relationship between laxity (DI) and later DJD.

Airedale Terriers: 0.58, but this is one of those breeds in which the DJD isn't as bad at that level as it would be, on average, in the GSD.

American Bulldog: 0.57

American Pit Bull Terrier and American Staffordshire Terrier (basically the same breed with different registries): 0.59 to 0.61

Australian Shepherd: 0.49

Australian Cattle Dog: 0.56

Canaan Dog: 0.48, which may surprise some who believe that the rigors of feral life eliminate much HD; in fact, more depends on a combination of breed/group/family phenotype in those "wild" breeds that actually do not compete that much for food and breeding. But the truly wild dogs that rely on very demanding environments that weed out the weak, and allow only the strongest to do the breeding in the pack, are famously low in HD incidence. The wolf in its many varieties, the Dingo, and even such wolf-domestic dog blends are examples. The Lupine breed, which is mostly Northern Gray Wolf or Timberwolf, and the American Tundra Dog which is another wolf blend, do not have statistically high enough numbers submitted to PennHIP yet, but so far are quite low in DI and I predict will continue to be so.

Dutch Shepherd: 0.53 It is interesting to compare this with its close cousins the Belgian Shepherd varieties — the black Groenendal has 0.3, the mahogany Tervueren has 0.35, and the short-coated Malinois has 0.39. The Dutch Shepherd is phenotypically and probably historically an intermediate form between the GSD and the Belgian Shepherds.

Mastiff: 0.51 More commonly, perhaps, referred to as English Mastiff or Old English Mastiff

English Shepherd: 0.62 Also known by some as "Farm Shepherd", a breed found mostly in the U.S.

Fila Brasileiro: 0.56

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog: 0.56

Neapolitan Mastiff: 0.65

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever: 0.53

Rottweiler: 0.55 It is of importance and interest that the typical Rottie with a given DI will usually have less DJD than a typical GSD with the same DI. There are even greater differences between several other breeds.

Shiba: 0.52 Compare this with its descendant, the Akita

which has 0.6, but also with breeds more frequently identified with HD symptoms. Even light-weight, small dogs' hips should be monitored and improved.

By the way, the Greyhound is listed as having a mean DI of 0.23, but it was not made clear if this included both the track and the show Greyhounds. Breeds like this and the Whippet have nearly a zero incidence of HD, although occasional examples of dysplastic individuals are seen.

In summary, big advances in the field of hip dysplasia do not come along frequently, but when they do, there is no excuse for not availing ourselves of them. The latest "great new thing" was the introduction of the measurable stress radiography technique at Penn. Since then, voluminous studies there and elsewhere have confirmed the superiority of this radiographic approach over all others in the world. I am not including such overpriced research methods as MRI, nor do I foresee any genome maps in the future that will help, partly because of the polygenic nature of HD. Those who can use the most tools will have the best chance of success.

If you have friends in countries where there are no PennHIP certified vets, urge them to use the ZW system where they can, and radiograph dogs later in life to see if DJD has developed after the usual age of certification, which frequently happens. If you don't have BV-ZW available in your breed, use PennHIP even if you have to travel. Share all your results with the public, whether flattering or dismal or anywhere in between, for the sake of the breed and your fellow dog fanciers.

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JANE HARVEY IN CANADA

Two years of virtual hibernation ended when our latest video 'TERRIERS THEN & NOW' was finally complete. So, it was appropriate to celebrate by combining 8 dog shows with delivering two terrier seminars, plus sightseeing in between, making our trip one month long. So husband Bob became my personal valet while I judged and lectured! But it was great to have him on hand to video my major winners, other interesting dogs plus the gorgeous Canadian scenery.

I judged Shows and delivered my Terrier Seminar in two separate locations – in Calgary, which is just east of the spectacular Rocky Mountains, and St Catharine's, which is near the Niagara Falls. We crossed the Rockies from Vancouver on the famous train, the Rocky Mountaineer, plus took advantage of this location to see the sights. Then we flew to Toronto to complete the second leg and enjoy more of Canada.

We took pre-publication copies of our new video 'TERRIERS THEN & NOW' which provided the basis for both

Seminars. The attendances were up to 40 people per session, each paying up to \$100. I was flattered by the number of all-breeds and licensed judged who were present. The Seminar in Calgary was a fully catered two-day affair. This gave adequate time not only to view portions of our new video, but also to examine the assortment of terriers that presented for discussion. The St Catharine's seminar did not have the same available time. However, it covered much the same ground except for the 'hands on' discussions.

The weather in Canada was just like our worst Australian summer when we were there! I judged in 35-degree heat most days with absentees in Calgary attributed to fires in the Rockies. Calgary is situated at an altitude of some 3,500 feet, which makes one feel tired. Despite these trying conditions, the entries were approximately 1,200 dogs each day, making the Alberta Kennel Club Shows are the largest outdoor dog Shows in Canada. Americans like Edd Bivin and his wife headed the panel of the 12 judges, but I was the only Australian. It was great fun and Bob and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! St Catharine's was a smaller affair with Darren Bowey and James Hubbard also on that panel.

The other 'down' side of an otherwise marvellous doggie experience was the myriad of paperwork the judge is required to complete during the actual judging. We had to check every armband, record all scratchings, and mark the placings in our books before presenting any ribbons. Although I was in some sort of routine by the time I had completed the 8 Shows, I sure came home appreciating our Australian stewarding!

I certainly saw some beautiful dogs.

JANE HARVEY

AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA National Specialty Saturday August 2nd 2003 Critique from Judge: Mrs. Jane Harvey (Victoria, AUSTRALIA)

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this critique. I did not arrive back in Australia until one full month after your Show. Then there seemed endless tasks to sort out with the release of our new video 'TERRIERS THEN & NOW' launched at the largest Dog Show in Australia just two weeks after my arrival home. Never the less, I often looked at the video footage we took on the day of your Show and the comments below are taken directly from the soundtrack I dictated and put on the tape during the actual judging.

It gave me great pleasure to judge my own breed's National Specialty in Canada. This is the seventh Airedale Specialty I have done in various parts of the world and it is fascinating indeed to see just how our breed develops when isolated by distance. As a terrier person from the "old school" my personal involvement with Airedales has spanned some 40 years.

Overall, the temperaments were good although some of the younger exhibits lacked confidence. In today's pet orientated society, temperament is arguably our breed's most valuable asset. In both size and attitude, an Airedale must be undoubtedly the 'King of Terriers'. That is essential to what makes up correct Airedale breed type. On the whole handling and presentation was good, bearing in mind that I am not used to professional handlers. Having said that, as I have commented in several cases below, compared to the rest of the world too many exhibits were shown without sufficient length of body coat. However, the Canadian Airedales compare favorably with those I have seen elsewhere in the world. So, although numbers are dropping everywhere, the quality is certainly there!

I shall now deal with the exhibits individually.

Junior Puppy (Male) 6 – 9 months (Entry 2 Absent 1)

1st INDUS WAR EMBLEM : Eight and a half month well grown puppy, quite nice type, but would prefer a better front, full dentition and a coat with not quite so much undercoat

Senior Puppy (Male) 9 – 12 months (Entry 4 Absent 1)

1st INDUS STRIKE IT RICH AT WINSEA: Eleven months old quality puppy with correct breed type, lovely head and excellent balance, good angulation, true movement coming and going and excellent temperament. Would prefer a coat containing not quite so much undercoat. Best of Winners and Best Puppy.

2nd NIGHTSUN SOLAR FLARE: Well grown ten month old puppy with glorious head and expression, strong muzzle and full dentition, excellent coat and type. Looked a bit leggy on the day and needs to tighten up a little in front. However, time and maturity should correct this as, in my experience some of the best male Airedales look like teenagers at this age. So, I am confident this puppy will grow into a correctly balanced dog. Hence on the day I gave him Reserve Winners Dog.

3rd NIGHTSUN CHASING THE DREAM: Well grown eleven months old pup with a lovely head. In profile he had good balance, despite being overweight on the day. However, he needs to be taught better ring manners if his owners are serious about pursuing a show career.

Open Dog (Entry 1)

1st BREAS IMA WILD THING: Balanced 18 months old dog of correct breed type, good balance and sound coming and going. Although the jacket was correct texture, the general presentation of this dog let him down. Also I prefer a better ear carriage.

Junior Puppy (Female) 6 – 9 months (Entry 2)

1st INDUS WINNING COLOURS: Well balanced 8 months old bitch of good type, sound coming and going and a lovely head and expression with very nice ear placement. Would prefer a better coat, full dentition and more animation.

2nd INDUS RUBY TUESDAY: Well grown balanced 7 months old bitch with a lovely front and well worth persevering with. However, on the day she was a bit heavy and I would prefer a better coat.

Senior Puppy (Female) 9 – 12 months (Entry 2)

1st FYREBRICKS RIVERDANCE : Extremely typey and well balanced for a 10 months old bitch, with great angulation and sound movement coming and going. Would prefer a better jacket and a just a little more confidence. Winners Bitch

2nd NIGHTSUN CHIANTRA AURORA: Ten months old bitch with long head and a pin wire hard jacket. However, although balanced, I felt she was too fine and therefore lacked sufficient Airedale breed type.

Canadian Bred (Female) (Entry 1)

1st COOLEAMBER JOYFUL NOISE: Twelve months old bitch of good type, correct balance and angulation both ends that made her sound coming and going. Would have preferred darker eyes and a much happier and more outgoing temperament, typical of an Airedale.

Bred by Exhibitor (Female) (Entry 1)

1st COPPERHILL CASSIOPEIA : Sixteen months old well balanced bitch of excellent type, beautifully balanced with a lovely head and expression. Not in the best of coats today. Reserve Winners Bitch

Open (Female) (Entry 1)

1st FYREBRICKS HOT SUMMER BREEZE : Three year old well balanced bitch with a lovely coat, correct angulation and sound coming and going. Although the head construction was correct, uneven ear carriage spoiled the expression. Additionally correct breed type was sacrificed by lack of confidence coupled with a less than perfect tail set.

Specials (Entry 8)

Ch. BULAIRO NORTHERN KODIAK : Large male with a strong head and excellent temperament. Good breed type and nicely balanced although he is now, at 5 years of age a bit heavy throughout. Moved soundly both ends, despite being a bit wide in front.

Ch INDUS JUST MAD ABOUT HARRY: A class

stallion dog throughout with excellent temperament and ring attitude and a simply marvelous head and expression, and a beautiful neck to set it off. Also well angulated without being overdone and covered the ground soundly both coming and going. Although every inch an Airedale, he did not have that perfect balance in my eye. I also would have preferred him to be shown with much more body coat. Best Opposite Sex.

Ch COOLEAMBER ECLIPSE: Five year old dog which has obviously been a beautiful dog in his day. Typey, well balanced, sound coming and going with a nice head and excellent temperament. However, he is beginning to show his age by coarsening throughout.

Ch COOLEAMBER GALAXY: Typey, beautifully balanced three year old male with a lovely head and ears, whose the expression would be improved by a darker eyes. Wonderful texture of jacket, shown with correct length. Well under consideration on the day.

Ch. MONTERRA SO MANY STARS: A beautiful two and a half year old bitch with all the essentials that make up a typical Airedale. Wonderful balance, sufficient angulation without being overdone, sound coming and going, beautiful head and expression, full dentition, and although somewhat laid back and dour at times, excellent temperament. Shown in lovely jacket that would have been perfection had it been just a little longer. I was delighted to award such a worthy representative of the breed. Best of Breed and Best in Show.

Ch VALDONAIRE MILLENIUM MADNESS: Upstanding female with correct breed type, lovely long head, well balanced and with good temperament. Moved soundly fore and aft. However, as she was recovering from maternal duties, she was not looking her best on the day.

Ch BREA'S SECRET AFFAIR: Quality mature female approaching four years old. Very alert and interested which gave her the look of tiptoe of expectation, despite her head being a little short for correct balance to the rest of her. Excellent angulation both ends with lovely body and firm topline, despite her excess weight on the day. Shown with a lovely jacket that I would have preferred just a little longer. Award of Merit

Ch. WINSEA'S REBEL ANGEL: Nicely balanced bitch with lovely head, alert expression, and excellent angulation both ends. However, in my opinion her lack of size robbed her of correct Airedale breed type

At the completion of the breed judging, it was lovely to see a 'Sires and Get' group, as well as two 'Dam's and Get' Groups. It is essential for any breeder to study these groups when displayed as these give an indication of what the different lines are throwing. Hence an analysis of these groups can be very positive to all who view them construc-

tively.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all, both judging the Show and your wonderful hospitality afterwards. I would like to thank the Committee and members of the Canadian Airedale Club for inviting me and giving me the opportunity of going over your lovely dogs and I hope my visit proved to be as positive for you as it was for me.

With Best Wishes from 'Down Under' JANE HARVEY.

A video of the 2003 ATCC National Specialty held in Calgary can be made available to Club members. The cost will be \$50/copy. A commitment from at least 8 members will be required in order to have the video produced. If more than 8 copies are ordered, the cost of the video will be reduced proportionately. If you are interested, please contact Helen Arnold, (403) 243-5378, or harnold@winsea.ca.

Do Airedale Terriers Go to Heaven?

An Airedale dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, "You have been a good dog all of these years. Anything you desire is yours; allyou have to do is ask."

The dog says, "Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 rats are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the dog.

The rats said, "All our lives we've had to run. Dogs, cats and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, each rat is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the dog is doing. The Airedale is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

The dog yawns and stretches and says, "Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!"

A Mountie always gets her . . . dog?

Annie Airedale left Regalridge Kennel on Friday evening for her new home on Lake Fletcher. She would live with folks who have owned Airedales for two decades, have a lovely wooded, fenced area for the dogs overlooking the lake and who were delighted with the new addition to their family. On Saturday, Annie escaped the run and found her way to the floating dock where she was captured and returned to the safety of the run. On Sunday morning, she escaped again and wasn't seen thereafter. On telephoning Sunday evening to see how Annie was faring we were advised she had disappeared.

Ken and I loaded Rascal (her half brother and partner in crime here at the kennel) and Jenny Airedale into the van, breaking speed limits to get to Fall River. We spoke with the new family and began our search in a square pattern, using the two dogs. Four fruitless hours later, we returned home for a sleepless night. By 7:30 the following morning, we were back in Fall River with the dogs and armed with flyers. We called, posted flyers and searched without any sightings for hours. Mid-afternoon, having returned home, we received a call from a great fellow in the neighbourhood who had spotted Annie on his dock. He had tried to contain her to no avail. We jumped back in the van with the same dogs and returned to search. The fellow who had seen her was a wonderful support as we tried in vain to find little Annie. We crawled over his property and climbed his very steep cliff without any luck. We canvassed other neighbours and finally went to the City for dinner with friends. On our return, we detoured to Sackville and collected a live animal trap from a very helpful friend. In all of this, our friends were wonderful - they called, offered search assistance and gave excellent advice.

Back again at 8:00 Tuesday morning, we repeated our search patterns and installed the trap. With nothing else to do that would be productive, we returned home to await any sightings.

At 11:00 am we were called by animal control in Dartmouth. They had a 'terrier' with our kennel tattoo but the numbers didn't quite match those we had phoned in for Annie. Checking the combination they had read, it corresponded to a Male Welsh who lives in Ontario - this was a 'female terrier' but "much older than a puppy." Since it was our combination, we drove to the City to collect 'whomever'. Of course, it was Annie. Her story unfolded as follows:-

At 9:00 am a "little dog" was seen running across the main highway near the Halifax airport. An RCMP Officer used her cruiser to stop traffic on the 102 to let a little Airedale cross the highway in safety. With her lights flashing and surrounded by transport trucks, the Constable sat on the highway and coerced the 'little Airedale' to come to her. Aided by a Veterinarian who was in the line of traffic and could see what was happening, the pup was deposited in the back seat of the cruiser and ultimately to the safety of animal control. Remember, the RCMP always get their - dog!

We posted bail. Annie is now back at the kennel awaiting return to her owners who are fortifying her accommodations. She was 20 miles as the crow flies from where she had left her home and on her way back to Regalridge, I reckon. To manage that she had traversed the shores of two very large lakes, crossed a bridge and gone through heavy woods to make it to the busiest highway in Nova Scotia. She appears none the worse for wear - her tail is wagging!

Lee Steeves
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ATCC Grooming Seminar



When Margo Dupree volunteered to give a Grooming Seminar as a fund raiser for the Club, we couldn't believe our good fortune! We knew we should be buying lottery tickets when

Susan Carter offered to come and assist!

Members were invited to register for a day of grooming, complete with lunch and catered coffee breaks. Debbie Adkinson arranged Nestle gourmet casseroles, desert and ice cream. Elaine and Saul hosted the event in their home. Pat Reed handled registration.

We had a packed house with fourteen tables!



Margo and Susan spent time with each groomer, providing detailed instruction customized for each dog. We all learned new tricks. Some members were preparing their "show dog" for the very first time, others were grooming their Champions and their Veterans with a whole new twist. Many of the groomers plan on competing at this years National Speciality in Kitchener on May 23rd.

With beautifully conditioned and groomed dogs, competition will be wonderful.

The Club raised over \$560.00. Thank you to Margo and Susan and to all the members who joined in to make it a success!

Elaine Zemaitis



For What Its Worth

Carol Kane

As many of you know breeding top-quality dogs means more than turning out a few show ring winners. It means consistently producing high levels of excellency in our breeding stock litter after litter. This takes knowledge and understanding of what our breed is all about and what we are trying to create.

From time to time I'm asked by novices for breeding tips and/or advice on how to improve their breeding program, in other words breeding for improvement. What they fail to realize is that dog breeding is subjective with not clear cut answers.

Far from being an expert on this subject my advise to them is, look for good well written books on breeding, not necessarily one written for our breed, but dog breeding in general. One of my favorites is "The Joy Of Breeding Your Own Show Dog", by Ann Seranne. This is a "how to and why" book, it is extremely easy to read and understand. There is a wealth of information on pedigree building written in everyday language, and it explains beautifully the various types of breeding programs.

For what its worth I'd like to offer the following suggestions, things that have worked and proven successful for me, my ten commandments of breeding.

1. Take time to travel, to look, to study, and compare the dogs major breeders are producing, and above all, talk to these breeders.
2. Study and understand your breed standard, consider it your blueprint, you cannot create or improve if you do not

have a base from which to work. No carpenter would ever start building without a set of blueprints, and so it is with breeding dogs.

3. Buy the best line bred bitch puppy or young female available to you. And, let it be a daughter from a good producing mother, the best and strongest puppy you can find. Look for a breeder who has line bred for a number of years, he knows what to expect from his stock, thus you reap the benefits of his past breedings. Why reinvent the wheel. You are asking for trouble if you buy from a haphazard breeder, a breeder who continuously outbreeds, has no idea where the good and the bad in his stock came from, he can't help you even if he wanted to.

4. The dogs you choose for your breeding program today will influence your future breedings for many a year to come. If you start with poor quality, no matter how excellent their background, all you will have to work with is the genetic material of these poor specimens. Dogs can't pass on what they didn't get.

5. Once your line is established, avoid outcrossing like the plague, it will diminish prepotency. Use outcrossing as a last resort, only when there is absolutely no dog within your line capable of giving you the desired qualities you are seeking. While you may succeed in getting your desired quality, you'll also get a whole lot more than what you bargained for. Note well, each time you outcross its just like starting all over again.

6. Keep your numbers down, you don't have to be big to produce quality. One of England's finest breeders, the late Molly Harmsworth rarely kept more than two dogs with her at any one time, and who would argue the quality of her world famous "Bengals".

7. Breed for a total dog, one capable of doing the job he was originally created to do. Our breed was meant to work. Don't get hung up on one or two parts of the dog, anything is breedable, but ask yourself, is it good for the dog.

8. Do not breed to a littermate of a top producing dog thinking he will produce just as well. The law of genetics are overwhelmingly against its happening, very rarely are brothers duplicated exactly. In dealing with live animals and genes there are always variations. Littermates may look somewhat alike, but it is highly unlikely they have the identical genetic makeup.

9. Selection of offspring can make or break your breeding program. You can not be successful as a breeder if you let the best get away. It is paramount you choose the best genes in every breeding so your next generation will receive as many good genes as possible. This is accomplished by knowing the quality of the dogs in your puppy's background, as well as the matings of these dogs. Rule of thumb, if you are breeding well, your younger dogs will be better than your older dogs.

10. Keep records, trust nothing to memory, write everything down that happens to your litters. Gather every piece of information possible about the dogs in your line, write it on your pedigrees. Over time it will all fit in like pieces of a puzzle.

Mr. F. M. Jowett's description of the ideal Airedale Terrier, was written in the 1880's well over 100 years ago. Here is what Mr. Jowett wrote in his book called "The Airedale Terrier"

"The general impression should be that of a big, sturdy, symmetrical Terrier, with any amount of bone and substance, yet at the same time entirely free from the slightest suspicion of clumsiness, with a long terrier-like head, small, well-carried ears, dark glossy saddle, and a rich golden tan-a dog which combines strength and activity to a very remarkable degree, and yet full of the highest quality with intense Terrier character.

He should be game and hard, full of dash and fire, fit and ready for any kind of sport-in a word, an Airedale Terrier should look like what he really is, both a sportsman and a gentleman".

And, that is how he should be bred!

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Directors Reports

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The 2004 Airedale show season is shaping up to be an other busy one. In mid December 2003 the Alberta ATCC members and one ATCC member from BC, Margot Robson, was in for a visit with Don Fance and Andrea Easton, had the chance to attend a great grooming seminar. The Master Groomer was none other then Kelly Wood. Kelly was in Calgary for a short visit with Helen Arnold and took the Saturday afternoon to share some grooming tips on finishing work. All were very impressed by Kelly's talent and ease of passing on her knowledge. Thank you Kelly for taking the time and your helpful way.

It's been said that we often meet interesting people through the World of Dogs. I did meet one very interesting man from Hinton Alberta, small town 150 km west of Edmonton. The man name is Garry Last. Garry did three trips to the Artic with his 2 dogs. And you guessed it one of the dogs is an Airedale. Hicking from Hinton to the Artic. Pam will have his interesting story in the Herald. I'm sure that you will all enjoy this adventure. It shows the detrimination of one man and his loyal Airedale!

In 2005 a ATCC Specialty is plan for Manitoba. Help and support would be greatly appreciated. You could contact Helen Arnold, she will be the Specialty Coordinator. In Alberta our annual ATCC Booster will held in August in Calgary in conjunction with the AKC 4-day dog show. For more information you could contact Don Fance or myself.

Other great news is the announcement of another Week of the Airedale Terrier in 2007 in St-Louis by the ATCA.

Also the 2004 ATCA National Hunt Test Weekend the 19th annual spring workshop, hunting test and fun events will be held March 26-28 in Columbus, Ohio. For more info contact Dorothy Miner at 419-647-4626. Email: dminer@earthlink.net. A great place to be for a fun weekend and to test the versatility of our Breed.

Go out and have fun with your Airedale. Till next time
Yvan Mongeon
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THE AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA FALL BOOSTER, NOVEMBER 29, 2003

The Airedale Terrier Club Of Canada held its fall booster in Mississauga, ON in conjunction with The Caledon Kennel Association show which is one of the largest in Canada, featuring 11 specialties and 12 booster. The Airedale Terrier Judge was Mr. James White of Vale N.C. USA. The terrier group had almost 200 entries, unfortunately, the Airedale Terrier entry was lower than we like to see with only 3 entered, 0 - 2 - 0 - 1. It is always a thrill to watch the Airedale Terriers enter the rings, they are so regal, all three bitches were beautiful.

Winners were: Congratulations all.

BEST OF BREED

Ch. Paradym Tanyetta Rebel Rouser, female
Owner: John B. Ross and Kelly Ann Wood
Breeder: Deborah Gauthier by Ch. Paradym Red Rebel ex Saugeen Shores Maggi's Muggins

BEST PUPPY

Gardenaire Seeds of Tomorrow, female

Owner: Pat Morris

Breeder: Pat Morris

By Ch. Jokyl Edismac Encore (GRB) ex Ch Gardebaire's Blue Ridge

Congratulations to the only Airedale Terrier entered in the Obedience trial. What a challenge, an Airedale is in the obedience ring what great results. Oliver was awarded his C.D. after his fine performance.

AIREDALE TERRIER - HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE

Was awarded to:

Ch. Westchhester Odds On Oliver, male

Owner: Heather S Denny and Joan L. Garbutt

Breeder: Ric and Jan Arsenault

By Ch Traymar's Knot Guilty

Ex. Westchhester Adorable Devil

Valerie Adkinson, Ontario Director

INGLE VALLEY AIREDALES

It's been really hectic here in my own personal life, as you well know, then three teenagers on top of that, i just started to show again and i'm happy for that, so on the dog front before this point i don't have much from myself until now and i am happy to say that my girl Selena (airedale 8 month old puppy now), is doing well as she was in my car accident with me & I'm looking forward to showing her in the near future.

Can. Ch. Ingle Valley Zany Antics-aka-Jordie has just passed his CGN, Nov/03 and was handled by his Co-owner Jerry Haffner. They take 8 week CGN courses now....so way to go Jerry & Jordie (Jordie is 6 1/2 years old).

I showed Can. Ch. Ingle Valley Royal Crown Jewels-aka-Hunter at Montgomery weekend and the Devon show day he won 2nd in his Bred By Exhibitor class, we then later have shown at the Syracuse show Nov/03 and he got more points to his American Championship winning Winners Dog all 4 days & Best of Winners 3 out of the 4 days in Bred By class. I'm looking forward to showing at the Montreal Dog Show with my Reserve Winners dog from the Canadian Airedale Floater back in May/03, Ingle Valley Soul Simplicity-aka-Jason.

I am also breeding Can. Ch. Ingle Valley Royal Princess-aka-Cozy this week for my spring 2004 litter which would be ready for new homes 1st part of May/04, any inquires/reserves on this litter--don't hesitate to drop me a line or phone 613-379-5340 or inglevly@ihorizons.net

Marian &
Ingle Valley Airedales

COOLEAMBER AIREDALES

Am. Can. Ch. Cooleamber Galaxy - Keegan finished his American championship in four consecutive weekends in June 2003, including a 4 point major at the Great Lakes All Terrier Association Specialty under judge, Mr. L. Hirstein. He was expertly presented by Scott and Susan Kipp. Keegan is home at stud to approved bitches and is awaiting the arrival of his 7th and 8th litters. Penn Hip 0.41, 0.32.

Cooleamber also congratulates Al Capone (Walnut Ridge) on the arrival, 03 January 2004 of 2 males, 6 females to Am. Ch. Cooleamber Walnut Ridge Joya (Zoey) and Am. Ch. Tartan Sottshire Ultra Glide (Harley).



And In The Welping Box

Winsea 1/3/04
Am Ch Timberwyk Maximum Overdrive ex
Am Can Ch Winsea's Calypso
1 boy
Breeder: Helen Arnold

Hugadale 1/23/04
Oakrun's Barnswallow Paradym x Ch A Millennium Glory V
Hugadale
7 puppies, 4 girls and 3 boys
Breeder: Margret Saltzmann

Winsea 10/18/03
Am Can Ch Oakrun's Blue Jay of Paradym ex Am Can Ch
Winsea's Rebel Angel
11 puppies, 6 girls, 5 boys
Breeder: Helen Arnold

Merjen 1/27/04
Ch A KrackerJack Glory V Hugadale ex Ch Oakrun
Chickadee
8 puppies, 3 girls and 5 boys
Breeder: Annie O'Neil-Kahn

Cooleamber 11/1/03
Ch MJ Robaire Nightsun Dancer CDX ex Cooleamber
Joyful Noise
12 puppies, 6 boys, 6 girls
Breeders: Andrea Easton and Don Fance

Murrayvale 2/4/04
Am Can Ch Bristol Aires Unsung Hero ex Ch Murrayvale
Muggle's Mission
7 puppies, 2 boys and 5 girls
Breeder: Anna Mason

Regalridge 11/ 24//03
Am Can Ch Regalridge Leader Of The Pack Regalridge ex
Ya Gotta Have Heart
11 puppies, 8 boys and 3 girls
Breeder: Lee Steeves

Skydale 2/13/04
Can Am Ch Cooleamber Galaxy ex Skydale Northern Fling
13 puppies, 5 boys and 8 girls
Breeder: Margo Robson

Kalua Dabsquoui Perm 12/26/03
Ch Murrayvale Drummer Lad ex Ch Kalua Dabsquoui
Kobra
13 puppies, 6 boys and 7 girls.
Breeders: Johanne & Louise Lambert

WharfeAire 2/17/04
Am Can Ch Oakrun's Blue Jay Of Paradym ex
Ch Hollytroys Design A New Tiger CD
6 puppies, 2 girls and 4 boys
Breeder: Wanda Purvis

Dear Dog:

Since you seem to have so much trouble processing the English language no matter how loudly it is spoken to you, I thought perhaps I could communicate with you more effectively if I wrote down my thoughts.

First, please allow me to assure you that you are not starving. In fact, if the newspapers bothered to publish a canine version of those irritating "body mass indices" that my daughter so delights in reading aloud to me, I'm sure we would discover that you've got far more waddle in your walk than is strictly necessary. The way you visually track every bite of food I take, with a trembling expression of frantic pleading, is most annoying.

Speaking of walks: We've been taking the same route around the same block for nine years. For you to sob, whine, and tremble every time I get out your leash is just crazy.

And would you please stop rolling in road kill? Dead animals smell like...well, like dead fish. There is a reason I give you a bath every single time you roll in something is NOT a coincidence.

Here's a news flash: Our next-door neighbors LIVE THERE. They have a right to be in their own yard! Stop barking at them through our windows! Your crazed fury is especially irritating in view of the fact that when you actually encounter them in person you flop on your back and let them rub your tummy. As a guard dog, you're about as intimidating as a gerbil.

The following are not digestible: Balloons. Crayons. Socks. I can show you evidence out in the yard. Stop eating them; they are not food!

I do not mind rolling down the window for you when we are in the car. I don't even mind that the air rushing up your nostrils makes you sneeze. What I do mind is that you always pull your head into the car to share your sneeze with the back of my neck. Keep your head in or out, that's all I ask.

Our front door is three inches of solid wood; you cannot tunnel through it. Stop clawing! Don't we always let you out when you need to go?

The bushes in the back yard cost a lot of money, but there is nothing of value hidden under them. Stop digging for buried treasure!

The stuff in the trash can is not your food. Oh, and your expression of shocked innocence when we accuse you of dining at the garbage buffet is not nearly as persuasive as the forensic evidence left strewn around the kitchen. Stop blaming the cat; she doesn't eat anything that costs less than a dollar an ounce.

Oh, and speaking of the cat, just because she gets to sleep on the bed doesn't mean that you do too. Did you think we wouldn't notice all the dog fur on our bedspread when we got home?

And another thing: I do not wake up at the same time every day! On days we don't work, we're allowed to sleep past our normal waking time. Stop licking my face because your internal clock says it is time for breakfast. Don't dogs DO weekends?

Look, you do make me crazy sometimes. But I suppose I have to admit that even though you're lazy (you probably won't even bother to read this letter!) and don't seem very bright, you do have your positive attributes. You're the only one in the family who will get up and pace with me in front of the window when it's past curfew and my teenage daughter is parked in the driveway with her date. You're the only one who likes my cooking, and you share my opinion that we don't need a cat. After nine years of living with you, I suppose life just wouldn't be the same without you.

Wanna go for a walk?

AIREDALE TERRIER - TEMPERAMENT TESTING

How to choose an Airedale puppy for its new family? I always use the temperament test developed by William E. Campbell, American animal behaviourist and world renown authority on pet dog behaviour problems. A slightly modified version developed by Joachim and Wendy Volhard is now available. Extensive information on the test and on how to administer it and interpret the results is available on the Web. The Airedale is not an easy breed and not all dog lovers are cut out to own an Airedale. By combining the results of this test and my observations, I get a profile of the temperament of each puppy at 7 weeks of age and can use the profiles to pick the best pup for each new family. What you see in the puppy test is what you will probably get in the adult dog's personality. The new family must of course continue the puppy's training and socialization.

Here are the tests I use: each one measures a specific behaviour trait or attitude.

Test 1: Social Attraction = Degree of social attraction, confidence or dependence.

Test 2: Following = Degree of following attraction. Not following indicates independence.

Test 3: Restraint = Degree of dominant or submissive tendency, i.e. how the pup accepts stress when socially and/or physically dominated.

Test 4: Social Dominance = Degree of acceptance of social dominance. The pup may try to dominate by jump-

ing and nipping or it is independent and walks away.

Test 5: Elevation Dominance = Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control.

Test 6: Retrieving = Degree of willingness to work with a human. High correlation between ability to retrieve and successful guide dogs, obedience dogs, field trial dogs.

Test 7: Touch Sensitivity = Degree of sensitivity to touch. Good to know for obedience dog.

Test 8: Sound Sensitivity = Degree of sensitivity to sound (rudimentary test for deafness).

Test 9: Sight Sensitivity = Degree of intelligent response to a strange object.

MY INTERPRETATION

* An extremely dominant dog is generally considered not good with children. It must go to dog owners who know Airedales well. Given its dominant nature, it will attempt to resist human leadership.

* A dominant Airedale is okay for an adult household, but not for a household with small children. It will be a loyal pet once it respects its human leadership, which must be firm and consistent. A dominant Airedale pup is self-assured and, in my opinion, can make a very good obedience dog.

* An in-between Airedale pup is outgoing and friendly and will adjust well to different types of environments provided it gets regular training and exercise. This dog accepts human leadership easily and has a flexible temperament. An in-between Airedale pup is the best choice for a household with children.

* A submissive Airedale is an easily controlled dog, an adaptable puppy whose submissive nature will make him continually look to his master for leadership. A submissive dog can develop fears and shyness. This Airedale puppy is easy to train, gets along well with children and is good for most households.

* An extremely submissive Airedale needs special handling to build confidence and bring it out of its shell. Such a pup needs very good socialization at a very early age. It can show fear in and have trouble adapting to new situations. An extremely submissive pup is usually safe with children over 10 years of age.

* An independent Airedale pup is not affectionate and may dislike petting and cuddling. It is difficult to establish a relationship with such a dog for work or as a pet. An independent pup is not recommended for children who may force attention on it and is not a beginner's dog. An independent dog will develop no attachment to its master or human family. In my experience, this temperament is an odd exception in Airedales.

It is important to combine the test results and your observations. In my opinion, the breeder is the best person to choose a pup for its new family.

Julie Trottier

New Champions



AM CAN CH INDUS STRIKE IT RICH AT WINSEA - RITCHIE
 Ch Winsea's Strike Anywhere - Ch Indus Cajun Cayenne Pepper
 Owner: Helen Arnold, Breeder: Joanne Helm



AM CAN CH WINSEA'S REBEL ANGEL - REBA
 Am Ch Stone Ridge Moraine Man O'War ex Ch Epoch's Timeless Odyssey CD
 Breeder/Owner: Helen Arnold



AM CAN CH COOLEAMBER GALAXY - KEEGAN
 Am Can Ch Cooleamber Eclipse ex Am Can Ch Walnut Ridge Crown Jewel
 Breeder/Owner: Andrea Easton & Don Fance



CH BREA'S IMA WILD THING - ZEUS
 Ch Cooleamber Boomerang Trigger CD ex Ch Walnut Ridge Brea Wildaffair
 Owners: Pam & John Helm, Breeder: Pam Sheane



CH BREA'S MOON MAIDEN - ERYN
 Am Can Ch Cooleamber Galaxy ex Ch Walnut Ridge Brea Wildaffair
 Breeder/Owner: Pam Sheane



CH BREA'S ZERO GRAVITY - BOGEY
 Am Can Ch Cooleamber Galaxy ex Ch Walnut Ridge Brea Wildaffair
 Owner: Bev Jackson, Breeder: Pam Sheane

Judging Tips*Top 18 Things Certain To Annoy Airedale Exhibitors*

1. Judges who do not allow sufficient time for Airedales to settle down in the ring. Have the dogs go around a time or two so the dogs can settle down.
2. Judges who don't give handlers/ owners -- especially novices -- adequate time to stack their Airedale. They are large dogs and take time to set up and present properly.
3. Judges who try to stare an Airedale down. Do so at you own risk.
4. Judges who don't know how to assess the size of the Airedale.
5. Judges who fall for "Big Hound-eyed Airedales" rather than airedales with piercing, almond-shaped correct-eyed Airedales.
6. Judges that seem to put up the best behaved or groomed Airedale, forgetting about type and quality.
7. Judges who don't spar Airedales or who spar too many at once. Bring two or three out at a time to see their conformation and lines.
8. Judges who fault (e.g. This dog has a low tail set) or merit (e.g. This one has the darkest eyes I've ever seen) judge at the exclusion of judging the entire dog.
9. Judges who fear Airedales (e.g. bring them out to spar and panic when things get fiesty or or afraid to look at their bites).
10. Judges who criticizes the dog (e.g. "My that coat wavy" "Little big isn't she?") or the handler (e.g. Overdoing it bit, aren't you?) without being asked. Say something nice or nothing at all.
11. Judges who can't make up their minds and make Airedales go around and around and around and around one more time until the dog wants to drop and the handler is begging for mercy.
12. Male or female judges who wear floppy hats, dangling jewelery, or strong cologne.
13. Judges who would rather watch the goings on in the next ring or outside the ring. Look interested for the two minutes you have an exhibitor's dog.
14. Judges who pull dogs out in reverse order.
15. Judges who apologize for what they've done (e.g. I probably made a mistake giving your dog only reserve). Keep it to yourself and learn from it.
16. Judges who "gush" over a dog (e.g. "I just loved your dog's movement.") after giving the dog a second or worse in the class. Say nothing and let your placements speak for you.
17. Judges that allow handler(s) to take over their ring.
18. Judges who forget that the Airedale is King of The Terrier.

And of course...

Judges who don't put up the exhibitor's own King of the Terriers to Winners or BOB.

Notes of Interest

This will be the last King's Herald that Helen and I will publish. We both have very busy schedules and it has been hard finding the time to devote to it (as you can tell by the lateness of the last 2 newsletters!). So if anyone would like to volunteer for the position, please contact the executive and let them know.

I will continue to put together the 'Title Holders' and the 'Stud Dog and Brood Bitch' issues. The 'Stud Dog and Brood Bitch' will now be combined into one. I'll let you know by email when I need the information for that one. If you haven't sent me the information and a photo for your 2003 titles, please do so as soon as possible. I hope to have it ready by June.

I would like to thank everyone that submitted articles and news for this issue. It is great that everyone pitched in and contributed. It also makes my life a lot easier - I didn't have to spend hours surfing the net to find interesting bits and pieces to include!

Best of luck to everyone at the National Specialty and for the rest of 2004.

Pam Sheane and Helen Arnold
King's Herald Newsletter Editors



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SPECIAL ISSUES

CANADIAN TITLE HOLDERS 2003

Submission date	Mid April
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BROOD BITCH & STUD DOG

Submission date	TBA
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Send your photos (no photo copies please!) with your dog's name (reg & call), 3 gen. pedigree, owner's name & address & breeder.

Please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. If you do not include postage, your photos will not be returned.

Print your name and your dog's name on the back of each photo. Send to:

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3. DO NOT compress your images for emailing
4. Send one image (picture) at a time (other wise, it takes forever to download)
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