

On Sunday, Nov. 3rd the WATC Officers and Board Members met for a meeting. In attendance at Sue Shannon's home were President Pam Straus, Vice President Lisa Berglin, Secretary Sue Shannon, Treasurer Sandi Cooley, and Board Members Pam Lyon and Lanny Duttlinger. In this newsletter you will find the minutes of that meeting, as well as information on upcoming Holiday events for club members

Board Meeting Minutes, Nov. 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at noon. Pam Straus started with the Specialty Committee Report.

Judges: The judges have committed to our Specialty weekend.

American Airedale Magazine Ad: We made a few minor changes in the draft of the Ad.

Contract: The Contract with Kettle Moraine Kennel Club has been signed.

Auction: We had a discussion about changing the auction. Instead of many items of smaller value, we would like to have 3 - 5 higher value items/baskets (at least \$50), and keep it a silent auction vs. a raffle.

Lunch: We are optimistic that we will get a later ring time and will be able to offer our traditional fried chicken lunch to show people and spectators. Sue Shannon will organize the details of the lunch.

Breed Table: Pam Lyon will set up the table, which includes information about Airedales, as well as photos. Because our present photos are rather out-dated, we are requesting photos which show the versatility of the breed. If club members have photos of their Airedales doing Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Hunting, etc., we are asking that you e-mail them to Sue Shannon. She will have 8 x 10 prints made for the display. Sharing breed information with the general public satisfies one of the AKC requirements, which we need to meet to have our Specialty Show.

Flowers: Pam Lyon will bring the silk flower arrangement for our ringside table.

Reserved Grooming: Pam Straus will reserve 4 grooming areas, which will cost \$100.

Trophies: Lisa Berglin suggested that we offer sponsorships for the various show categories, i.e. a \$75 sponsorship for the Best of Breed trophy and lesser amounts for other levels. Those sponsors will then have their names listed in the Premium Book. Lisa will use the funds to purchase appropriate trophies / gas cards for the prizes.

Judge's Gift: In addition to paying for our Specialty Judge's hotel room for one night, the club will also present her with a gift, which Lisa will choose.

AKC REQUIREMENTS

We ran an ad in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for the weekend of October 20th. It read:

"AIREDALE AKC Pups: www.AKC.org & AKC affiliated.

Breeder Referral 920-452-2753. WisconsinAiredaleTerrierClub.com"

Pam Straus received 8 calls from that ad, so we decided to run the ad every other month. The cost is \$27 per ad. Sue Shannon will take care of this.

On our website you will find an AKC-approved Disaster Preparedness Plan for natural disasters, which satisfies an educational requirement.

The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club put together a poster advertising AKC dog shows in our area. We paid \$100 to have a photo and our website as an ad on the poster.

Nominating Committee

Lisa Berglin and Sue Shannon agreed to be on the Nominating Committee for our club's officers and board members. If anyone in the club has an interest in serving as an officer or board member, they should contact Lisa or Sue. We will have our election at the Annual Meeting in February.

Holiday Events

We will be walking the in Grafton Christmas Parade, which will be on Saturday, Nov. 30th.

The annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

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Grafton Christmas Parade

Bring your dogs - dress them in their Holiday finery!

The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30th, but we ask people to arrive between 10:00 and 10:15, as some of the roads are closed off as it gets closer to 11:00.

We will meet in the same location as last year. From Hwy. 60 in Grafton, take 4th Street south. Go 2 blocks on 4th street, then turn left (East) on Beech Street. The parking lot of "Vishay Cera-mite Corp." is on the corner of 4th and Beech Street. The actual address of the company is 1327 - 6th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024. If you have problems that day, call my cell phone, 262-483-1802.

Please bring poop pick-up bags. You may also want to bring water and a water bowl for your dog for after the parade. Please let me know if you're planning on walking in the parade. If the weather is awful, we will cancel, but we would still like an idea of how many people will be joining us.

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WATC Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

Our 2nd Holiday event is the Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. It will be held at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton on Sunday, Dec. 15th. The

address is 2615 Washington Street - the location is right at the Hwy. 60 exit on I-43. It's on the east side of I-43.

They offer a Sunday brunch that is not a buffet, but rather ordered items. Here is a link to the

menu: http://www.waterstreetbrewery.com/WSBG_Brunch.pdf. We will meet at 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE let me know if you plan to attend this event - friedashan@aol.com

As always, we will have our Yankee Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$20. The gift does not have to be Airedale/dog-related, but many are. We will also have a brief meeting.

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We have a very exciting litter coming up.

Dam is:

Jolee Aire Gretchen, whose sire is Darbywood's Jolee Aire Jordan, a Max son.

She was bred to Ch. Reydaleterrydale Daredevil, who we co-own.

Gretchen is OFA'd Good and Daredevil (Colin), is OFA'd Excellent

This is a repeat breeding from last year with the puppies born on 12/12/12. That litter turned out so wonderful, we have decided to repeat it.

These puppies are due on January 7th, 2014. We will be having Gretchen's ultra sound done on the 7th of December.

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Sandi Cooley reports that she just bred Rowan this past weekend, so puppies should be due January 9th, 2014

Ch Strongbow Pistol Packin Mamma JHF - Rowan

Ch Reydaleterrydale Daredevil - Colin

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AIREDALES WHO HAVE GONE TO THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Two messages from WATC members Kevin and Linda Silvasi-Kelly, one dated August 5, 2013, and the second one dated Nov. 4, 2013:

Hi, We have sad news. Wed. our airedale Mattea died. She was a rescue so we didn't know her age for sure. She showed some signs of pain and slowing down so we took her to the vet to see if it was bone related. we found out after blood tests and x-rays, that she had cancer. There were tumors in her lungs, on her pancreas and one in her anal gland. It was too far along to do anything. She was quite comfortable in fact we went to the dog park on Sun. and she played for over an hour. Tues. pm while Kevin was walking her she had a 10 min. seizure and he had to carry her home. She did snap out of it and seemed fine. I came home from work about 10 pm and looking at her thought "she looks so beautiful-all fluffy and curly". The next am she had another seizure lasting only seconds and she was gone. She now rests under our lilac bush in the yard. It took us by surprise and we are still shocked. She was neglected and abused in her life before us and she really blossomed here. She was smart and loved life. She enjoyed her sister Celeste (who is nearing 14 and is day to day) and her cats. She loved us and we feel good knowing we gave her a happy forever home for her last 5 years. We miss our Mattie.

Love, Linda and Kevin Silvasi-Kelly

Hi Sue, We have sad news once again. We had to put our beloved Celeste Annie Maripaws of North Bay to sleep last week. She was nearly 14. Up until Sept. she was doing well but then her kidneys started to fail and we had all to do to keep up with accidents. it was a challenge to keep her, her bedding and the house clean. We did the best we could waking up thru the night every 2 hours to let her out. She was a trooper and did her best to work with the situation. When she no longer could get up on her own we had to make that awful decision to put her to sleep. What was so hard was her mind was fine. It was her body that was giving out. Once in a lifetime a dog like Celeste comes into one's life. She was special. Not only was she a beautiful dog...from a line of show dogs...she was incredibly smart, so sweet and loving, and just a joy to have as a companion. Her personality was larger than life. I am blessed that she was in our life for so long. Losing Mattea was hard but losing Celeste only 6 weeks later has made things extra hard. our house is very quiet. We have had some interesting little signs the past few weeks to reassure us all is well.

Sincerely, Linda and Kevin Silvasi-Kelly

ps. It is really something how a dog can impact your life.