



HWA Update

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Happy New Year!

2016 should be a great year for HWA!

Please **mark your calendar** for three HWA events in 2016:

- Our spring Fun in the Field weekend is **April 9-10**.
- In summer, our special event is a three-day Airedale Retriever Seminar presented by Bridget Bodine, planned for **June 24-26**.
- Our fall event is our 31st Airedale Field Nationals, **September 9-11**.



Fun in the Field: Pheasants, Fur & Friends

After a long winter, we can't wait to head to the hills --- Holly Hills Game Preserve, that is, near Chillicothe, OH. Mark your calendar for an Airedale-centric weekend on **April 9-10th, 2016**. Entry information/reservations, along with headquarters hotel reservation info, will be sent to you in early February.

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Bridget Bodine's Airedale Retrieving Seminar

Bridget Bodine is a professional gundog trainer who makes her living training sporting dogs, mostly setters and Labs. Over the past few years she successfully impressed her training patterns on her Airedale clients, Filson and owner Kate Ostrowski, as they progressed through the Senior Hunter levels of training. Last fall Bridget presented a well-received retriever seminar at our HWA Nationals. As the seminar came to a close, Bridget realized she could teach Airedalers a lot more, if only she had the time. So she proposed we get together this summer at her homebase, DeCoverly Kennels in Eastern PA, for an Airedale retrieving seminar. Three days of learning from an expert who combines hard-core retriever training with enough humor and people-skills to make it go down well – we jumped at the idea.

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(Fun in the Field, continued from page 1)

Our Fun in the Field weekends have something for everyone from pups to experienced hunters. You can expect:

- informal coaching from experienced Airedale trainers who want to help others get started.
- a live raccoon for “getting acquainted” and tracking practice.
- help introducing new dogs and owners to game birds.
- pheasant hunting for practice and training (HWA provides the gunners).
- hunting on your own. If you prefer to do your own hunting and shooting, we’re reserving fields so you can do that without waiting till training sessions are done.

This year we’re planning a **bonus** for everyone interested in learning more about our breed from an expert. HWA Board member **George Gordon** is a lifelong hunter who is also an AKC-licensed judge whose resumé includes prestigious conformation judging assignments at the Airedale National Specialty Show at Montgomery County Kennel Club.

Fun in the Field attendees will have the option of attending a seminar that George will present on “**The Ideal Conformation of the Airedale Hunting Dog.**” George will point out how the Airedale’s AKC Standard (the measure of show dog judging) is about more than just looking pretty. It also describes the perfect athlete, from the correct weather-proof coat, to compact feet, to angles of shoulder and pelvis bones -- its all about form following working dog function. Dale Burrier, a longtime HWA member whose Airedales do well in the conformation ring and the field, will assist George with an Airedale to illustrate his points. Questions and answers will follow.

We hope you’ll join us for Airedale fun and learning opportunities on the second weekend of April!



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Here’s the plan: The all-Airedale Retrieving Seminar will be held at DeCoverly Kennels (see <http://www.discoverlykennels.com>) on the three-day weekend of **June 24-26**. In order for this seminar to proceed, we need an entry of at least 7 Airedales, with 12 Airedales being the top limit. Limiting the entry makes it possible to give individual attention to dogs and handlers. Those working on senior and master skills will be challenged to refine their techniques. Those getting started with young dogs or pups will be offered a pathway to get started. It will be intensive. It will be worth it.

Anyone who’s trained with a professional trainer or attended a seminar knows that costs are a consideration. So you can plan ahead, costs for this proposed training weekend are a very reasonable \$250 per dog (plus birds); \$50 if you’re bringing a second dog; and \$75 for auditing without a dog. RVs may park overnight on the property.

More details and entry/reservations forms will follow later this spring.

P.S. After our HWA Nationals in September, Bridget competed with Crosby, her black Labrador Retriever, in the **2015 AKC Master Retriever Nationals**. With over 800 dogs entered, Crosby and Bridget made it through five series of test situations to be among the 252 honored **Qualifiers**.



Did You Know?

The Airedale Terrier Club of America (ATCA) will be hosting the **14th Annual Cooley Memorial Hunt Test Weekend** on May 13-15, 2016 in Beaver Dam, WI. This event always draws a good Airedale entry for the ATCA Fur Test (equivalent to HWA Fur Test) on Friday, followed by two days of AKC Upland Hunt Tests.

HWA Membership Drive Continues

Now through the end of February is the suggested time for you to renew or start your HWA membership. We're keeping our dues low, and we're working hard to build a strong club that benefits our breed. We value your financial and moral support.

You'll find our Membership/Dues form on our website at <http://huntingworkingairedales.com/media/HWA2016Membershi.pdf>

HWA membership isn't just for those who attend our events or hunt with their Airedales. Our club's Mission Statement is "to preserve and promote the Airedale Terrier as a versatile hunting and working companion dog." If you agree with that premise, you *should* be an HWA member.

This club works in the best interests of our breed because 1) it's faithful to the breed's heritage, and 2) maintains the breed's abilities. Too many other breeds have lost touch with their heritage and abilities. Airedales deserve to be true-to-form-and-function, forever.

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The Rewards of HWA Membership

HWA is meant to be a club by the people, and for the people (and their Airedales). One of the best ways for you to find out more about the club is through the **Club Topics/Members section** of our website. You can find it easily by clicking on the Club Topics/Members button on our homepage, or just click this direct link: <http://www.hwamember.com>

"**Club Topics**" are timely news bits, kind of like the Timeline feed on Facebook. Anyone browsing the website can access this section.

The password-protected **Members Section** is one of the perks you'll get with membership. If you've forgotten your user ID and password or are a new member, contact Mike Logsdon at mike@cipher100.net to get that info.

The Members' section has more "insider" information. You can find summaries of our monthly Board meetings, financial statements, a roster with contact info for our members, and our Constitution and ByLaws. We also have a Discussion Forum that's a way for members to share conversations on Airedale topics.

If you're an Airedale breeder, your HWA membership entitles you to be listed on the **Breeder Referral** section of our main website at <http://huntingworkingairedales.com/BreederReferral.html>. There's a demand for Airedale pups that have the drive, nose and instincts to do well in the field. If that applies to your pups, contact us at hwapres@gmail.com for details our Breeder Referral program.

As an HWA member, you're eligible to serve on our Board of Directors. Our Officers and Directors have term limits so that these positions will be shared by many members over the years. The idea is to spread the operations of the club around so that there's never one clique running things. When our annual Nominating Committee puts out its notice for prospective Board members later this year, please consider volunteering.

As an HWA member, you'll be entitled to vote whenever we have an election that has more than one candidate for a position. From time to time, you may be asked to vote on issues such as ByLaws amendments.

As an HWA member, you're welcome to participate as much or as little as your time, talent and interests allow.

New Airedale 3-in-1 Gundog Brochure

“I didn’t know those dogs could hunt.” HWA’s response to that often-heard comment is a new tri-fold brochure designed to give an fast lesson on Airedales. The emphasis is on the virtue of versatility as 3-in-1 hunting dogs, that is, one dog that can hunt 1) fur, 2) upland game, and 3) waterfowl. We’d be pleased if you’d help us distribute this brochure.

You can preview the brochure in the Club Topics section of our website, or by clicking this direct link:

<http://www.hwamember.com/AiredaleGundogBrochure.pdf>

We encourage you to download and print it out if you want a few copies for your friends. But easier yet, we’d be happy to mail you (at no charge) as many professionally printed, glossy higher-resolution brochures as you can use for wider distribution. Dog events such as AKC Meet the Breeds, sporting conventions such as Pheasant Fest, or even sporting dog clubs would be perfect places to circulate this handout. Or if you have a grooming shop or kennel office, a nice display of brochures might catch some attention.

Contact us at hwapres@gmail.com to request as many printed brochures as you need.

Puppy Buyer Brochure Still Available

We’re into our second printing of our popular Airedale Puppy Buyer’s Brochure. This tri-fold brochure is designed for breeders to include in the packet of puppy information that they hand out to all the new buyers bringing home their new pups. Many of those buyers won’t be familiar with Airedales’ hunting history and inclinations, so the brochure offers new buyers the chance to consider a new outlet for their pup’s energy and abilities. The theme is “You don’t have to be a hunter to enjoy Hunting Working Airedales.” The bottom line is, the pup may be a hunter, whether or not the owners know it.

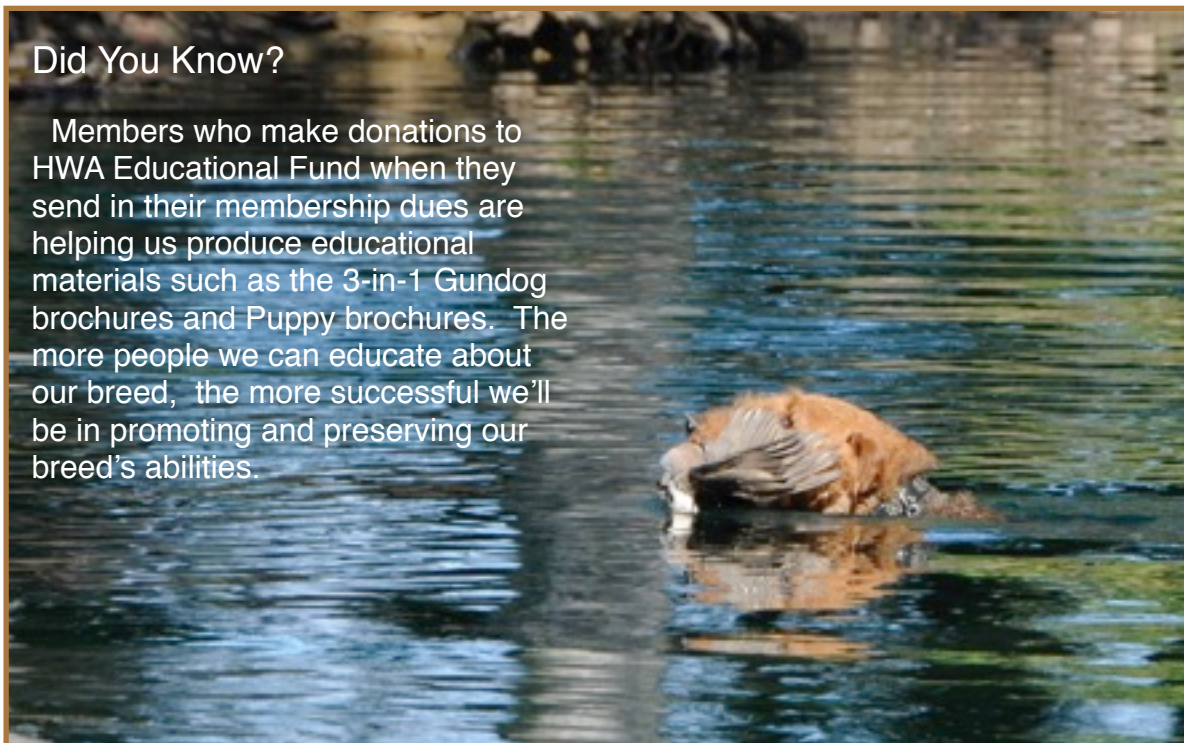
You can preview the HWA Puppy Brochure in the Club Topics section of our website, or by clicking this direct link:

<http://www.hwamember.com/Puppy%20Owner%20Brochure.pdf>

If you’re an Airedale breeder, we’ll be happy to send you as many professionally-printed copies of this brochure as you need for current and/or anticipated puppy packets. Contact us at hwapres@gmail.com to order your brochures. No charge for this, of course – you’ll be doing Airedales a favor.

Did You Know?

Members who make donations to HWA Educational Fund when they send in their membership dues are helping us produce educational materials such as the 3-in-1 Gundog brochures and Puppy brochures. The more people we can educate about our breed, the more successful we’ll be in promoting and preserving our breed’s abilities.



HWA Facebook Site Brings Airedalers Together

One of the good things about social media is that it brings people of similar interests from all over the world together with a couple of clicks on the keyboard. That's happening with the HWA Facebook site. Look for it by searching Facebook for *Hunting Working Airedales, Inc.*

In recent months, our Facebook site has had the President of the Airedale Club of Finland post a photo of an Airedale used to track wounded deer in Finland; a hunter in Utah sent a photo and video of his Airedale treeing a mountain lion; and several Airedalers sent photos of their dogs' pheasant hunts. The Facebook site gives us a great way to share information and photos, ask questions, and learn from each other.

When we started the HWA Facebook site in 2010, we had no idea that we'd have 1,600 "likes" by now. The global nature of our site's fans breaks down to 1,005 coming from the United States, with the United Kingdom second with 65 "likes," Germany next with 60, Canada with 54, on down to Malaysia, with one person who "likes" HWA's site. Please tell your friends, and keep it growing!

HWA Website is the Mother Ship

If HWA's Facebook site sends out lines of connection between Airedalers all over the world, then our HWA website is the mother ship, the main repository for a wealth of information on Airedales in the field.

Whether you're looking for reports on what Airedales can do, looking to find a breeder, needing some advice from our FAQ section, or simply enjoying the photo galleries with hundreds of Airedales, the HWA website showcases breed history and upcoming activities.

Our thanks to our webmaster, Andrea Shaw, for another great year of helping us show the world what Airedales can do.

www.huntingworkingairedales.com

Are You Feeling Lucky?

This March HWA will be offering a special Limited Raffle. We'll keep the details secret for now, but stay tuned to take your chance on a very nice Airedale-themed prize (it's not a puppy). Winning ticket will be pulled at Fun in the Field, but you don't have to be present to win.



If you do not wish to stay connected through our HWA email mailing list, please contact HWApres@gmail to ask to be removed.

HWA Nationals is Only 9 Months Away!

The HWA Nationals on September 9-11 at Holly Hills Game Preserve is well-underway, as far as our Events' Committee planning goes. We're already lining up our judges, planning for a big raffle item, and thinking how to give you an experience that's a highlight of your year.

It's not too early to start planning for the Nationals. 1) Save the date on your calendar; 2) Tell your employer you need those days off; 3) If you come across something nice to donate to our Auction, snag it now; 4) Do some winter training with your Airedale, if only basic obedience classes; 5) Check out how much fun we had at last year's Nationals with a quick click to our website's report and photo gallery:

<http://huntingworkingairedales.com/2015fieldnationals/>



Favorite Quote

“Think of the Airedale as a cross between a Chesapeake Bay Retriever and an Irish Water Spaniel, and train accordingly.”

--- Gundog writer David Michael Duffey