

HUNTING/WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT 2007

No Action Required

Committee:

David Morgan-chair. Lawrence Alexander, Dale and Kim Burrier, William Clarke, Joyce Contofalsky, Burgess and Mary Evans, Paula Falk, Larry Forbes, Steven and Bonnie Gilbert, Forbes Gordon, Mal Graham, Chris Halvorson, Jim Lanning, Karen LaPierre, David Merryman, Jim Middaugh, Dorothy Miner, Yvan Mongeon, Shiela Mors, Park Peters, Jerry Sibert, Mick Younkins

The Hunting/Working Committee of the ATCA, in its 21st year, hosted six different events throughout the country, with over 200 entrants participating and a qualifying rate of approximately 20 percent for tests. These events also included workshops in swimming, scent work and introductory bird work. As reported in the *American Airedaler*, seven of the original HW participants from the first '86 event were present to see 167 entrants kick-off the Week Of The Airedale 2007 in March. New test rules and modifications were effective. Members of the committee are proud of the work accomplished thus far, and cognizant of the road ahead.

In continuing to promote, develop and preserve the hunting instinct in our wonderful breed the HW committee plans, in 2008, to hold the six events that we've held this year, and add a test and workshop at the ATCA National Floating Specialty in Wisconsin. At the suggestion of the previous ATCA President and following the existing model of the ATCA Rescue/Adoption Committee, the HWC explored the possibility of its incorporating during the past year. Such exploration has culminated in the formation of an Ohio corporation named "Hunting Working Airedales, Inc.," which is a separate entity from ATCA for tax purposes, and will file its tax return separate from ATCA. We have applied for separate and more comprehensive insurance for the specific field events that we've developed, which include the use of live gunfire. This will protect the parent club more completely. We continue to advertise in various sporting magazines and to promote the use of the Airedale in the sporting life and protection and service fields.

The committee wishes to thank the ATCA for its continued generous support of the mission of Hunting and Working. We are seeking hosts for events on the East and West coasts, to round out our calendar and make our program accessible to all. We are developing new approaches to the AKC Performance Committee to encourage inclusion of Airedales in AKC Working Dog and Hunt Test programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hunting/Working Committee Chairman
cc: HW Committee members