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Coming Up at the Nationals

HWA's 33rd Airedale Field Nationals will take place **September 7-9th, 2018** at Holly Hills Game Preserve, near Chillicothe, OH. We hope many of you have Saved That Date, but if you're still just thinking about coming, here's some reasons why you should come:

If you're new at the HWA Nationals,

- this is a great place to see what Airedale field work is all about and to find out if you like it.
- If you have a puppy or young dog not trained for field work, the Hunting Instinct Test will evaluate your dog's hunting instincts and enjoyment. See page 4 for more details.
- If you'd love to try field work, but don't know how, this year's Beginners' Retriever Workshop presented by retriever judge Pat Rose will get you started. More details on page 5.
- Just want to have some fun with your Airedale? Our Barkathon on Friday and Pocket Quail contest on Sunday are two fun contests that invite Airedales to use their voice and their noses – no training required.
- Maybe you've never seen an Airedale hunt? The HWA Upland and Retriever tests have a spectators' gallery, so you can watch dogs in the Junior to Master level HWA tests.

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If your Airedale has had some training,

- the ATCA Fur Test will again be offered on Junior, Senior and Master levels on Friday. This year the titles you earn in this test can be registered with the AKC. See page 3 for more information.
- The HWA Upland and Retriever Tests have well-credentialed judges who are familiar with our breed. See page 4 to find out more.

Back by popular demand,

- HWA's full-color Nationals catalog is a keepsake that's made even better by the advertising pages you send us. More on the how and why of this on page 8.
- HWA's Banquet and Auction on Saturday evening is the social highlight of our year, not to mention our financial backbone. See page 6 for news on a slightly different set up this year.

New this year,

- Advanced Retriever Workshop will be offered by our judge Pat Rose on Sunday afternoon. More details on page 5.

Nationals Premium Out in July

The HWA Nationals Premium (that is, the entry/reservation forms) will be emailed to you and posted on our website in mid-July. These will include the registration forms that you use to enter our HWA Upland and Retriever Tests; or, if your novice dog or pup is just starting out, to enter our Hunting Instinct Test; our Pat Rose Workshops, either Beginner Workshop or Advanced Workshop; plus reservations and payment for our Banquet and lunches, and pre-paid tee-shirt orders. Information on making your reservations at our headquarters hotel will be included. If you choose to make an additional Test Sponsorship donation, you may do so on this form.

The Premium (entry form) for the ATCA Fur Test will be emailed to you at the same time as a separate document. If you're entering the ATCA Fur Test, you'll be sending in your completed entry for that test, along with the entry fees, to the ATCA's designated Fur Test Secretary.

Information on taking out an ad page in our HWA Nationals catalog will follow the Premium in a separate mailing.

Time Sensitive

Nominating Committee Named for 2019 Elections

The HWA Nominating Committee for the 2019 Board has been named, as follows:

Diane Maxwell, Chair
George Gordon
Pat Reed

The Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates to fill two vacated Board positions, that of President and Board Member at Large.

These are two-year terms. If you'd like to be considered for one of these Board positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible before their June 15th deadline. Members can find their contact info in the Members' Roster in the Members' Section of our website, or reach us through our general email of HWAINformation@gmail.com

What does it take to be an HWA Board member? To be an HWA Board member, you have to be an HWA member. You don't have to have vast experience in hunting, training, breeding, or owning numerous Airedales. You should have an interest in the continuation and improvement of the Hunting Working Airedales, Inc. club.

So if you think you'd like to be considered as a possible future Board member, our Nominating Committee wants to hear from you soon.

New T-shirt!

Once again we'll have a new HWA tee-shirt available by pre-order when you send in your Nationals entry. It will be waiting for pick-up at the Nationals. This year's shirt will be a long-sleeve tee. See the Premium you'll get in July for details. No mail orders, so just another reason to get yours at the Nationals.

ATCA Fur Tests Get Even More Exciting

For the fourth year in a row, our breed's parent club, the Airedale Terrier Club of America, will hold an ATCA Fur Test on Friday of our Nationals. This year, that's Sept. 7th. These tests become even more significant this year due to their AKC approval as a "parent club" test, which went into effect in February, 2018. That means that if your Airedale qualifies at an ATCA Fur Test, you may register that new ATCA title with the AKC, and that title will then appear on your dog's permanent AKC record. It will be on your dog's pedigree, and when you enter more AKC events, it can be included in AKC event catalog. In this way, your dog's "credentials" as a fur-hunter will follow his name just as any obedience, agility or other AKC performance title.

Our appreciation to members of the ATCA who worked with the AKC for this title recognition. You can find the form needed to register your Fur Title with the AKC on our website's Links/Resources section or by this direct link: http://images.akc.org/pdf/App_for_Approved_Parent_Club_PE.2.2018.pdf

In addition, the names of the ATCA Fur Test titles have changed. Formerly, ATCA and HWA Fur Test qualifiers could earn Junior Hunter Fur (JHFur), Senior Hunter Fur (SHFur) and Master Hunter Fur (MHFur) titles. The "replacement" titles are Junior Fur Tracker (JFT), Senior Fur Tracker (SFT) and Master Fur Tracker (MFT). This is what will appear in the AKC records.

The rules and running of the ATCA Fur Test and the HWA Fur Test are identical. You can find the Fur Test rules as part of our HWA Hunt Test Rules document, also found in the Links/Resources section of our website or by this direct link: <http://www.huntingairedales.org/Hunt%20Test%20Rules%202018.pdf>

One more new and nifty thing: The ATCA ribbons for Fur Test qualifiers are big black and tan rosettes. You should try to get one in September at our Nationals!



Four new Junior Fur Tracker [JFT] titles were earned in the ATCA Fur Tests at the ATCA's Cooley Memorial Hunt Tests in May.

How to Train for a Fur Test

As this year's Fur Test at the Nationals will be a joint effort by HWA and ATCA we'd love to have a strong representation of dogs and owners from both clubs running this test. And while most Airedales have good noses and a liking for chasing critters in the yard, running a good Fur Test goes better with some special training. And so, we repeat these tips that we publish every year:

You'll need some some raccoon scent (we recommend Cronks Scent, available at

www.fntpost.com or similar stores you'll find online); a raccoon pelt (check Ebay for a good buy, or from www.fntpost.com when you order that scent), and an area outside of your dog's usual yard with some trees for laying the scent and dangling the pelt. Find complete instructions in our website's Links/Resources section on "How Do I Train for A Fur Test," or by clicking this direct link: <http://www.huntingairedales.org/How%20To%20Train%20For%20Fur%20Test.pdf>

HWA Nationals' Judges Announced

We're pleased to announce our slate of judges for the 2018 HWA Nationals.

ATCA Fur Test Judges will be Lawrence Alexander, Chris Halvorson and Kim Burrier. These three judges repeat their duties by virtue of their combined years of experience with the HWA/ATCA Fur Test program. Kim Burrier will serve as the liaison with the ATCA Hunting and Field Committee.

This year's HWA Upland (Flushing) Test are John Dudash and Rick Abolt. John has judged our HWA tests in the past, bringing his experience as an AKC-licensed Upland (Spaniel) Test judge and his training /handling of his English Springer Spaniels to our Airedale tests. Rick Abolt is new to our HWA tests, but he is familiar with Airedales from judging them in AKC Upland Tests. Rick's Waterloo Kennels in Maryland concentrates on Labrador Retrievers for upland and waterfowl hunting and tests.

HWA's Retriever Test judges are Patricia Rose and Leslie Phillips. Pat Rose repeats her role as last year's HWA Retriever Test judge, noting that her personal experiences with field training and hunt testing her Standard Poodles for AKC Tests give her an insight into our Airedale efforts to "break into" the hunt test world with a non-traditional breed. As Pat Rose recently put a Master Hunter (AKC Retriever) title on Lucas, her young Poodle, she is an accomplished trainer as well as being a judge. Leslie Phillips has participated in HWA Nationals since our events at Buckeye Game Club. In recent years, Leslie has brought her experience as an AKC-licensed Retriever judge and Flat Coat Retriever exhibitor to our Nationals at Holly Hills.

The Hunting Instinct Test will again welcome Airedale breeder Sherri Glass as our main evaluator. Sherri has decades of experience in breeding and evaluating Airedale puppies for their performance potential as well as their correct conformation. Add that to a sense of humor that appreciates whatever an Airedale pup can come up with makes her evaluations well-tuned to young Airedales and owners who are novices when it comes to field training.

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



Honey Bee, a puppy owned by Kim Bache, reacts to a chukar in the Hunting Instinct Test.

The Hunting Instinct Test as a Starting Point

If you're bringing a puppy or new dog to the Nationals for the first time, be sure to enter the Hunting Instinct Test to give him or her the first taste of field experience. This test is designed to evaluate the hunting instincts of pups around 6 months of age and up (that is, they've finished teething and have adult dentition). Older dogs may also be entered in the test if they haven't had prior field training.

In this informal test, pups will be assessed on such things as their natural prey drive and retrieving instincts, on their reaction to encountering live caged game, and their inclination to follow a scent track, and on their willingness to go into the water. Pups are scored on each "exercise," and those who score at least 70 out of 100 possible points "qualify" and receive a certificate.

Airedale pups often surprise their owners with their enthusiasm, and more than one future "superstar" pup has pulled its owners into further field efforts. Spectators also enjoy watching the pups go through their paces, especially if they're looking to see what kennels or bloodlines are producing pups that do well.

The timing of the Hunting Instinct Test on Friday afternoon allows owners to participate in the Beginners' Retriever Workshop, as sessions don't overlap.

Patricia Rose's Beginner and Advanced Retriever Workshops

Pat Rose has been an AKC-licensed Retriever Test judge since 2012, but she has been in on the movement to have Poodles recognized as hunting dogs for about as long as HWA founders were talking about hunting Airedales. Poodles were allowed to run in AKC Retriever Tests about 10 years before Airedales could enter AKC Upland Tests. Pat now observes that Airedale handlers are "about where Poodles were 10 years ago" as far as retrieving skills. And she's happy to help us improve on that.

So we're pleased that Pat Rose will present the **Beginners' Workshop** at this year's Nationals. This workshop will be spread over sessions on Friday morning and afternoon, plus Saturday morning. The timing is scheduled to give participants a chance to take part in other activities such as the Hunting Instinct Test and Barkathon, or even enter a Fur Test. Skills covered in the Beginners' Workshop will be tailored to participants, but emphasis will be on basic retriever skills such as marking (watching and remembering) the fall of an object (bumper or bird), picking it up, and bringing it back to the handler. Between those three simple points is a world of techniques and drills on land and water. While Pat may not have time to cover more than the basics, she will point you in the right direction to continue your training efforts.

Pat Rose's **Advanced Retriever Workshop** will take place on Sunday afternoon after lunch and the Awards Ceremony. We invite those who have already progressed through Junior Test level retriever skills to stay on for it. New this year, we're offering this in response to those who requested guidance in training for advanced skills such as multiple marks and blind retrieves. We encourage those who have entered the HWA Retriever Test that Pat judged earlier this weekend to stay on for her tips on how to improve training results. If you live a distance from Holly Hills, this may mean you'll want to book Sunday night at the hotel after a full afternoon of training, but we feel it will be worth it to serious trainers.

In Memory of Pam Tanner

On May 5, 2018, longtime HWA member Pamela Tanner lost her 5-year battle with cancer. In spite of her illness, Pam remained active in HWA until recent times. Along with her partner of 18 years, Mike Logsdon, Pam had been a steadfast supporter of HWA. Their attendance at HWA events began in 2003 with their puppy Snuffy. Pam and Mike remained active, particularly in fur tracking events, with their Airedales Snuffy, Nauti, and now Parker. Pam and Mike's generosity in sponsoring two Nationals Hospitality evenings and Pam's role in organizing a pond-side refreshments for Mike's bonfire at a Fun in the Field a couple years ago shows their commitment to fostering good-will in our organization.

Though many of us know Pam through Airedales, Pam and Mike also loved sailing and their participation in the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. In her professional life, Pam was a medical technologist and entrepreneur in bio-science, credited as one of the founders of the Steris Corporation in Mentor.

Pam will be greatly missed by all her friends in Airedales, as well as her family and larger community of friends.



HWA Banquet and Auction has New Room and Menu

After two full days in the field, it's always a pleasure to "clean up" for HWA's Banquet and Auction on Saturday evening. This is our time to talk dogs, share good food, and bid on great gear at the raffle and auction. If you're a newcomer, please don't hesitate to join in – you'll find a friendly group of new friends.

This year's Banquet and Auction will be held in the 2nd-floor dining room of the Christopher Conference Center. This smaller room works well for dinner entrees served to your table (rather than big buffet lines), so you'll be asked to select your dinner choice when you make your reservation in the Premium/Reservation form that will be emailed to you in July. We'll be interested in hearing if you like this new format for the Banquet.

The HWA Silent Auction will go on as usual during our Banquet. While we've all been out at Holly Hills, our Banquet coordinators Corally Burmaster and Pat Reed have been arranging the array of donated items with sheets for us to sign on with our bids. Bidding goes on throughout the evening, and the Banquet concludes with the

announcement of the successful bidder for each item.

Of course, the more items donated by those who attend, the more fun we have. As this evening is HWA's main annual fundraiser, we count on you to help us make it great. We welcome donations that are Airedale-orientated (paintings, photos, books, sculptures, jewelry, etc) or dogs in general, or training gear. Creative non-doggy donations are also popular, especially if they involve gift certificates or alcohol.

If you'd like inspiration for something to bring, Amazon has an interesting assortment searchable under "Airedale gift products." Or just go to www.Ebay.com or www.Etsy.com and type in "Airedale" in the search box, and you'll find donation ideas in all price ranges.

When you know what you're bringing, or if you're sending something in advance, please contact Pat Reed at aireforcep@gmail.com

Then come with cash, check, or credit card and get ready for some great shopping!



This year's Limited Raffle

is a hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind work of art made for your home by an HWA member. Interested? Watch for the flyer that announces the start of ticket sales about one month before the Nationals. This is a "limited" raffle in that only a limited number of tickets will be sold, most of them prior to the Nationals thanks to Corally Burmaster's great sales efforts. You do not have to be present to win. Get your tickets early!

Making the Most of Our Nationals

-- How *You* Can Help --

“Sponsor” Part of Our Nationals

A sponsorship of a part of our events is a way for you to play a role in the success of this weekend. You do not have to be present to be a sponsor.

Sponsorships help us cover the costs of our event, and hopefully to do a little better than break even so that we have some seed money to plan for the coming year. Since we initiated sponsorships a few years ago, they have been an important part of our financial stability. All our sponsors will be listed and thanked in our Nationals Catalog and announced with appreciation at our Banquet.

Here are some options:

Hunt Test Sponsorships

Sponsor a **Junior** Upland or Retriever Test for **\$25**

Sponsor a **Senior** Upland or Retriever Test for **\$50**

Sponsor a **Master** Upland or Retriever Test for **\$100**

You will find a space to sign up for a hunt test sponsorship on our HWA Nationals Premium when it comes out in July, or contact us separately at HWainformation@gmail.com

Event Sponsorships

If you'd like to do something more in the way of a “three-figure” monetary gift, we do have some challenging expenses to meet, including:

Workshop Sponsor

Judges' Hospitality
(meals and gifts for our judges)

Judges' Accommodations
(motel rooms for our judges)

Contact us at HWainformation@gmail.com if you can help.

Hospitality Sponsorship

Our Hospitality evening on the Thursday prior to the start of our event is an evening when we offer a complimentary light supper and get-together space at our host hotel for meeting and greeting friends old and new. Cost for this evening is about \$500. If you'd like to sponsor all or part of this evening's expense, please let us know at hwainformation@gmail.com



What's in the future for HWA?
It's up to you....



*Our thanks to John and Pat Bell,
this year's sponsors
of the Gunners' Choice Award Trophy.*

The Nationals' Catalogs, A Record of Our Time

If the word "foodie" means someone addicted to the fine points of cuisine, we wish we had a similar word for the "dog person" addicted to the fine points of every dog. That's the person who reads a dog show catalog from cover to cover, looking at the sires, dams and breeders of each dog entered in order to learn about bloodlines and resulting performance. That's the person who loves to look at all the advertisements in dog magazines and catalogs, knowing that each ad is a window to someone in our Airedale world.

And so we encourage you to consider making your mark with an ad in this year's catalog. You'll get another email on this after the Premium/reservation email comes out in July.

Your ad could include a favorite photo of your dog. Feel free to use any of the photos of your dog taken by our HWA photographers at our events. As for wording, you might have a "Best Wishes for a Successful Event" heading. Or perhaps a "Congratulations to all participants!" statement. Or you could place a memorial ad in for a departed Airedale. Or perhaps an ad that announces a planned breeding, stud dog availability, or a new title.

Cost for a one-page color ad in the catalog is \$50 per page. If you're adept at composing your own ad, you can send that as a .pdf to Pat Bell at patmyers.bell@gmail.com

Ad size print area is 7.25" height x 4.25" wide. If you'd like some help composing your ad, contact us at HWAinformation@gmail.com

Our sincere thanks to Pat Bell, who has handled the big job of editing our HWA catalog for the past several years. Thanks to the income from the ads, the Nationals catalogs will be available free to all Nationals participants and to anyone who places an ad in the catalog. In addition, a "marked" version of the catalog showing the qualifiers in all tests ---- and your ads ---will again be posted on our website after the Nationals. You can check out last year's Nationals catalog by clicking this link: <http://www.huntingworkingairedales.org/field-nat-l-reports> Each catalog is a record of its time, and your dog's place in it.

HWA's Website Has a New Look

If you've checked out HWA's website recently -- that's www.huntingworkingairedales.com --- you've no doubt noticed a big change. Though the content of the site is basically the same as in our prior version, the new website design makes it look all new.

Our thanks for the new look to Sue Reimund, a former Airedale breeder and longtime past president of the Airedale Terrier Club of Wisconsin, now turned website designer for dog clubs and various breeders.

We hope that HWA's members and worldwide followers will use our website frequently to the good purpose of learning more about our breed.



HWA's Facebook Site Tapping Worldwide Interest

In last year's June edition of our HWA Update newsletter, we reported that our HWA Facebook site had 2,100 "likes," and we were hoping to reach 3000 by the next year. Well, that didn't exactly happen, though we did reach 2,295 likes as of this writing. Maybe we just need more "shares" to branch out to new people?

Its interesting to note that 1,487 of our followers are from the US, with the remainder spread through countries, topping out with the United Kingdom, Canada, and Germany. We love and encourage "visitor posts" to our site, especially from owners who are showing off hunting or IPO performance results from their dogs. While there are various Facebook sites dealing with aspects of Airedale ownership, training, feeding, grooming, HWA's Facebook site concentrates on --- as our Mission Statement says -- promoting and preserving the Airedale Terrier as a versatile hunting and working companion dog. We're gratified to see so many people are interested in Airedales in the field.

Get An Early Birdy Puppy

Is this summer your time for a new Airedale puppy? Lucky you, since long days and warm weather are perfect for enjoying your pup's energy and antics.

But, if you have the intention of future field work with that pup, its time to follow the practices common in other sporting dog breeds. Let that puppy be "birdy" while he's still a baby in order to imprint him as a life-long hunting machine. Few serious trainers / hunters put off field training until a dog is mostly grown up.

Picking a "birdy" pup is a starting point. Sporting dog breeders typically puppy test their litters by watching which ones "light up" when meeting a live game bird or pigeon. Though few Airedale breeders do this, you might have the chance to bring a freeze-dried pheasant wing (available online or at Cabelas) when you make your pick of the litter. Pick from the pups who clamber over the bird scent and feathers. That laid-back and disinterested pup in the corner may be a cute pet, not its a good performance prospect.



Show your pup live birds as soon as possible. They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes some connections in the bird dog world – whether through a pro trainer or by joining a hunt club --- to find a way to give your pup the excitement of chasing birds and letting his prey instincts kick in early. If you're fortunate enough to have friends in the hunting dog world, bring your pup along to hang out with them.

If you're into throwing toys for your pup to chase and run around with, save a special bumper for puppy hallway retriever practice. When you toss that special training bumper, throw it down a narrow hallway so that the pup has little chance

to do anything with it but run back towards you with it. This is only a game, but if your pup's up for it, he's already learning to bring things to you rather than playing keep-away.

Accustom your pup to gunfire or loud popping noises early. If you belong to a hunt club, let the pup hang out and play with the pup a good distance from the gunfire at first, then gradually come up closer when he shows it doesn't bother him. If you can't get him around gunfire, try Dale Burrier's trick of blowing air into a brown paper lunch bag, and popping the bag a good distance from the pup when he's totally into rough-housing or eating. Gradually you can make those gunfire-like bag pops closer to the pup as long as he's still ignoring them. Later, gunfire sounds pretty much just like a bag pop to him.

Get your puppy swimming as young as possible. Like human babies, puppies have lots of impulsive action before their more mature "caution" filters kick in. Summer is an ideal time for you to wade into a pond or pool carrying your pup so that he swims back to shore without even thinking about it. He doesn't need a flotation device. Moving his legs in some sort of dog-paddle action comes naturally. If you've got other dogs or people swimming with you, so much the better. The pup will grow up thinking swimming is great fun.



Many trainers say to let a puppy be a pup and just play before starting planned training, but in truth, puppies start learning from the minute you bring them into your home. You might as well have a lot of "fun with a purpose" with your birdy Airedale puppy.

Fun in the Field Photo Page

This year's **Fun in the Field** weekend took place on April 14-15th at Holly Hills Game Preserve (which is also the site of our Nationals). Fun in the Field is an annual spring field training weekend for Airedales.

This year we had a smaller group than usual, which gave us time for repeated practice sessions in tracking and barking at the raccoon tree. In another field, we had plenty of pheasants (even late-season roosters) for upland flushing and retrieving practice. For those just starting out, Dale Burrier gave an "Intro to Game Birds" session that was a lot of fun for new dogs. It was a no-test, no-stress, casual weekend for enjoying our dogs together.

We hope these photos bring back good memories for those of us who were there, AND if you couldn't come, we hope these will give you a good idea of all Airedales can do. Picture yourself there next April!

