

Airedale Rescue Group Newsletter December 2025



Happenings

ARG has taken in 48 Airedales as of this month. This is a record number of dogs needing help in our 5-state region. It has been a crazy busy year with multiple dogs needing help at one time. We have had 8 dogs that were heartworm positive and one with significant health issues. Over \$36,000 has been spent on veterinary care, boarding, grooming and training which is 85% of the ARG budget to date.

Dogs have been found and surrendered to animal control, found and held, then ARG contacted or surrendered by owners who cannot care for their dogs. Truly it is sad. Many of the dogs are seniors and we just don't have enough homes willing to give a senior a chance.

Rudy - Wants his very own home!

Loving home sought for Rudy, a male Airedale Terrier. He is approximately 55 pounds and is between 7 and 10 years old. This provides a comprehensive overview of Rudy, a dog with specific medical, housing, and behavioral needs.

Rudy is a loveable dog and needs a home best suited to care for him. He was found as a stray in TN, and a woman took care of him until she surrendered him to a shelter. The shelter contacted ARG to take Rudy in. Rudy has one unusual marking, a cryo-brand on the left flank of the letter R. He was likely a hunting dog or a farm animal.

Medical Conditions and Treatments: Rudy is heartworm negative but suffers from progressive retinal atrophy, resulting in functional blindness that probably became complete when he was 4-5yr old. He has a dysplastic right hip, which necessitates daily NSAID treatment and may require surgery, but he needs lots of exercise and has no problem trotting around for a few miles at a time. Additionally, he has a CCL effusion; it is not determined if surgery is recommended. Rudy is a cryptorchid, and therefore, his neuter status is uncertain, as is his age.

Housing and Comfort Requirements: Rudy requires nonslip carpeting or rugs due to his fear of slipping on hard floors. He needs a fenced yard with secure gates, as he is known to test gates and pull metal fences with his teeth. Rudy would benefit from a heated bed in winter and thick memory foam beds with bolsters for comfort due to his sore hip. He enjoys being outside and would likely appreciate a heated kennel with access to the outdoors. If he lives inside, he wants to be with his human and is currently mostly only using the yard if the foster mom is outside with him.

Behavior and Training: Rudy follows his owner persistently and is learning commands slowly due to overstimulation. He is best suited to living with a male dog and no cats. Rudy tends to herd and use his mouth, can be boisterous with children, and requires leash guidance during walks due to his tendency to run quickly and be distracted. He is not dog aggressive but attempts to hump some dogs and occasionally digs, necessitating monitoring to prevent yard escape. He has learned to use the dog door to go in and out of the house, but doesn't want to go out without his human



Florida Fundraising

In November the 11th annual fundraiser was held for Wire Fox Terrier rescue of the Mid-West and Airedale Rescue Group. This year's theme was a Howlin' Luau. Over 60 people attended with their dogs for a great time supporting rescue. Hundreds of donated items for raffle beautifully displayed just waited for anxious participants to claim.

The organizer, Jo Anne Bates, did an outstanding job organizing and coordinating the event. Vendors displayed their wares, music played and even a costume contest kept everyone engaged. This was the second year the event was held at Motorworks, and the good food and service was appreciated.

Over \$1400 was raised and split between the two rescue groups to support dogs in need.







Special Thanks!

Airedale Rescue Group could not do what we do without the countless volunteers who rally to transport dogs in need, foster, love, and help with the dogs we care for.









Year-End Giving

It is not too late for year-end giving. Your gift will help Airedale Rescue Group to continue our mission of rescuing, saving, providing medical care and rehoming pure bred Airedale Terriers. Click the donate button below or give via Venmo to @ARG2000.

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