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Dear Mr. Speck:

By this letter and the attached supporting documentation, the Airedale Terrier Club of America, Inc. (ATCA) requests that The American Kennel Club, Inc. (AKC) allow admittance of the Airedale Terrier to AKC Hunt Tests. Specifically, admission is requested for the following:

- AKC Hunting Tests for Spaniels, and
- AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers.

The Complete Dog Book (19th Edition), the official publication of the AKC, describes the Airedale Terrier as a breed developed "...by sporting Yorkshiremen for hunting..." (page 313)

For over 15 years, members of the ATCA, led by the Hunting/Working Committee of the Club, have devoted tremendous efforts to promote and develop the hunting abilities of the Airedale Terrier. Major outcomes of these efforts have been the establishment of a formal Hunt Test Program, the hosting of an Annual Hunting Workshop (now in its 14th year), and the education of all Airedale fanciers regarding the versatile field abilities of this breed. The attached information package provides full details of these activities.

During this time, members of the Hunting/Working Committee of the Club have had frequent contact with the AKC regarding the development of a Hunt Test Program for the Airedale Terrier. The ATCA Hunt Tests have been established following guidelines provided by the AKC.

Even in traditional sporting/hunting breeds, hunting activities are not actively pursued by many of the breed fanciers. However, in the ATCA there is widespread support among all the membership, even from those who do not field train their dogs, for the efforts of the Hunting/Working Committee. It is clear to all the membership that

the hunting abilities of the Airedale Terrier must be conserved and promoted in order to maintain a versatile dog that correctly reflects its developmental history.

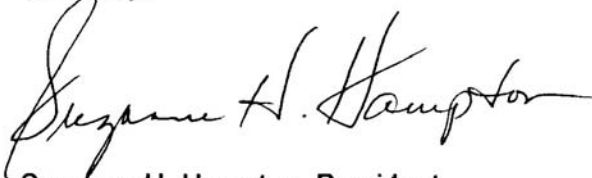
The scope of the work of many members of the ATCA in the development of the Hunt Test Program for Airedale Terriers, and the field work abilities of the dogs themselves, are apparent in the attached package. The admittance of the Airedale Terrier to AKC Hunt Tests would serve to validate both the dogs and the efforts. The recent decision by the AKC to admit the Standard Poodle to AKC Hunt Tests has served to underscore the desire of the ATCA for this recognition by the AKC.

On a personal note, although I do not field train my dogs, I have attended several National Hunting Workshops and will again be there in March of this year. At these Workshops, I never cease to be tremendously impressed by the bonding of handler and dog that is apparent, the training skills of the handlers, and, above all, the amazing abilities of the dogs to carry out their work in the field. These experiences have served to heighten to a tremendous degree my appreciation of the breed.

We look forward to a positive response from the American Kennel Club regarding our request for admittance of the Airedale Terrier to AKC Hunt Tests.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me at: 973-276-2198 or Mr. Stephen P. Gilbert, Chair of the ATCA Hunting/Working Committee, at: 419-991-7430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne H. Hampton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Suzanne H. Hampton, President,
Airedale Terrier Club of America

cc: Alfred L. Cheauré, President AKC
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