

MEMORIES OF THE LATE PATRICIA HOLLINGWORTH, AN HONORARY
LIFE MEMBER OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB

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2017 FROM MANDY NOKES, PATRICIA'S DAUGHTER

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that my Mum, Patricia Hollingworth, died last September.

Right from early days she had a passion for all animals and always had a dog of some kind in tow! Childhood photographs show her with the family Airedale - Bob. In teenage years Mum had a Pekinese which she loved dearly and her Father made a little wooden box for him to enable him to travel in style on her bicycle. I remember as a baby, Mum and Dad had a Welsh Terrier but he was rather snappy and not to be trusted - either that or he didn't like children! That may be a reason she reverted back to Airedales - renown for having good dispositions. This is where she was forever thankful to Barbara Holland who she bought "Maggie" - Party Piece of Tamworth from. Maggie was a beautiful dog with lovely confirmation the only problem was she didn't think much to the show ring and sat down in the ring refusing to budge! I remember going to shows at the Old Bingley Hall and Digbeth Town Hall in Birmingham as a little girl and even won one of your Shields - "Best Girl Handler". Mum decided to breed from Maggie and she had a couple of litters. Her prefix was Coppercrest. The first puppy was huge - my Nan had him - Jasper - and he was sometimes used as a stud dog. The puppies were adorable and I remember one was sold to a home in Canada. Mum thought one of the puppies had the X Factor so she kept her - Tyke - "Coppercrest Wait and See". Tyke went on to become a Champion ... what an achievement breeding your own Champion! Mum was also a judge and hand stripped dogs ... "the proper way"!! I remember one day Mum was busy stripping in the trimming room and the phone went which I answered....they wanted to speak to Mum. I replied by saying "sorry she can't come to the phone at the moment - she's busy stripping" Umh... what must they have thought!!

Mum wrote a book called "Maggie - the dog of my Life". This had wonderful illustrations in it of Maggie getting up to all her naughty tricks.

After the Airedales a little stray dog arrived on our doorstep and of course Mum just had to keep her. "Kipper" we named her. She was a funny looking girl - just a Heinz 59 but a true companion. Mum had her alongside "Kyla" a neurotic Bearded Collie!! They say the saying goes "keep the best till last"...well this is where Megan comes in! The most beautiful Welsh Springer Spaniel who became Mums true companion and best, faithful friend right up to the very end, going just a couple of weeks before Mum. We owe so much to our beloved dogs.

In 1982 Mum and Dad were Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. They have their charities for their year in office - Dad's being the RNLI and Mum's - The Birmingham Dogs Home. During her year in office she raised a substantial amount which helped in the rebuilding scheme of the Birmingham Dogs Home which was then in New Canal Street, Birmingham. She also changed the ruling of how dogs were put to sleep of which she was very proud.

I know Mum enjoyed her time involved with the Midland Counties Airedale Terrier Club and I remember having a treasure hunt on the Clent Hills. Please send the Club my very best wishes.

Below and on the next page are photographs of Patricia kindly supplied by Mandy.



