



DOG OF THE WEEK

Meet Piper... week of January 17, 2005

Piper is an Airedale Terrier who, like her brother Finnegan, will turn one year old in a week. She is a pretty and head strong young lady who is the perfect sibling princess to match Finnegan's dignified and proper prince. She is spirited and individual and makes quite the jaunty and fun addition to the We Call Rover Over Ltd. family.

The Airedale Terrier, also known as the King of Terriers, originated in Yorkshire when working men in Leeds crossed the Old English Broken Haired terrier with the Otterhound. Although the breed is too large to technically follow the definition of

“terrier” which means “of the earth” which refers to the ability to go underground, the Airedale still has the personality and gumption of its terrier relatives. The Airedale Terrier is a tough and faithful dog which makes a keen watchdog and has been used as a police dog, sentry dog and messenger. They are a stubborn yet loyal and intelligent pet.

Like her brother and littermate Finnegan, Piper had a bit of the devil in her when she first began coming to daycare. If there was something for her to get into, you'd better believe she would be up to her elbows in it the minute you turned your back. There have been countless times we have witnessed her running from the kitchen with a pair of sunglasses in her mouth or a dog brush or two. She was the ringleader of the gang of pooches who were responsible for “the great couch-cushion slaying of 2004”; however her lawyers struck a plea bargain and all she got was a seven month restraining order to keep her away from any cushions of any kind. So if the kingdom of We Call Rover Over Ltd. is ruled by King Louie and Queen Buster and their heir to the throne Prince Finnegan, then Piper is the mischievous and scampy Princess Piper who they don't like to talk about to the press. She is always doing her own thing her own unique way. She is tough when she needs to be (but never tough on others), always quick with a clever quip and most of all, doesn't let her gang of friends or her family (Finnegan) tell her who she can play with. Despite her royal background, Piper is unpartisan and non-discriminatory. No one is above her or below her; she's a true unbiased leader. It isn't unusual to see her playing with one of the dogs the others have deemed a misfit and therefore not for socializing with. Piper just loves everyone. She truly is the working dog's royal hero. She is never without a smile and is always up for a good time and a little bit of trouble (because how can it be a good time if there is no threat of trouble?). Piper is very intelligent and very sweet. She will drop everything (except maybe your sunglasses) for a good cuddle with one of the daycare employees. She is never too rough and no matter what trouble she gets into, she always faces the consequences with an air of dignity and grace. For she knows, no one can resist her fuzzy little face for long.

So if Finnegan is the Prince William of the dog world, than Piper is definitely Fergie. Never one to let her lot in life or who she's related to come in the way of her being herself and having a blast. Princess Piper (or Princess Bugger as she is affectionately known to her human parents) is a little bit naughty, a little bit nice, with a dollop of unforgettable on top. She's what all good princesses should be, a strong female with no fears, no obligations and above all else no apologies. All hail Princess Piper! Now follow her to the party, she knows the way!!

