

Airedales and Cats

What The Airedales Really Think Of Cats

It is fair to say that the Airedales “tolerate” Ash’s presence. Given the chance, they would love to play a big game of tag with Ash being “it”. They would also really love it if Ash were to run across the backyard, whereupon the Airedales would be forced to chase after him.

I often find one of the Airedales “visiting” Ash as he sleeps on some piece of furniture, usually one of the kids’ beds. The dog can be seen with her front paws up on the bed, body leaning in towards the cat, with her tail wagging vigorously. The cat is motionless with slanted eyes as if to say, “Try it, just try it, I dare you.” I walk in on them and the dog immediately looks at me as if to say, “I was just being neighborly. Honest, I was. I mean, it would be entirely rude of me now if I were to say, completely ignore the cat, wouldn’t it???”

What I really think the dog said to the cat when I was not in the room was, “Here’s the deal.... let’s play cops and robbers. I’m the cop, you’re the robber. When I say ‘GO!’ you run and then, I catch you. Got it?”

And the cat is saying, “What kind of STUPID do you take me for???”

I do have to be careful when more than one dog is in the house with the cat. One on one, they tolerate each other. Two dogs, and there is a conspiracy in the house. I especially find it amusing when Smash finds the cat and seems to tell the Airedales “Over here, girls!” They all then try to gang up on the cat. Luckily I have always been supervising the situation and the dogs do a little time-out. (To which the cat says, “Now whose the robber, jailbirds?!”)