

Breed presentation from United States of America

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SOFT COATED WHEATEN CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc. (SCWTCA, Inc. <http://www.scwtca.org>) is the AKC recognized parent club for Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (SCWTs). SCWTCA, Inc. (hereafter referred to as SCWTCA) objectives are available at <http://www.scwtca.org/constitution.htm>

AKC determines and publicizes popularity based on the number (#) of dogs and litters registered.

SCWTs REGISTERED AMONG AKC BREEDS

	'07	'06	'05	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97
Total # SCWTs	1,589	1,762	2,015	2,148	2,020	2,091	2,409	2,360	1,983	1,988	2,017
SCWT / AKC	61 st / 157	62 nd / 155				56 th / 150					63 rd / 145

SCWT LITTERS REGISTERED AMONG AKC BREEDS

	'07	'06	'05	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97
Total # SCWT	811	923	968	1,059	1,023	1,062	1,009	1,004	979	890	832
SCWT / AKC	58 th / 157	57 th / 155	56 th / 154	54 th / 154	49 th / 154						

* AKC Dog Registration Statistics https://www.akc.org/reg/dogreg_stats.cfm
 * AKC Litter Registration Statistics https://www.akc.org/reg/litter_stats.cfm
 * 6/24/08 Personal Conversation w/ Rob Garrett – AKC Electronic Reporting

The choice to register a litter is left to the breeder. If the litter has been registered, the choice to register the individual dog is left to the owner.

AKC OFFERS TWO TYPES OF REGISTRATION:

- Full Registration entitles the dog to all privileges described by AKC Rules and Regulations
- Limited Registration means the dog is registered but no litters produced by that dog are eligible for registration. A dog registered with an AKC Limited Registration shall be ineligible for breed competition in a licensed or member dog show. It is eligible, however, for any other licensed or member event. These events include: Obedience, Tracking, Field Trials, Hunting Tests, Herding, Lure Coursing, Agility and Earthdog. <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RREGS4.pdf> Chapter 3, Section 4A

Based on scwtbreeder listserv comments, it appears demand for SCWT puppies is dwindling but not to the point that SCWTCA breeders are unable to place puppies. SCWTCA breeders often share with inquirers information about litters whelped by fellow SCWTCA breeders.

SCWTCA membership is elected as described in the By-Laws, Article 1, Section 3. <http://www.scwtca.org/constitution.htm>

SCWTCA activities include and information is distributed to breeders and the public via:

Annual national specialty and periodic roving specialty; electronic communications (SCWTCA website; listserves – Updates for Board announcements, Discuss for member exchanges); publications (Benchmarks – quarterly breed publication, Health News

– quarterly health newsletter, AKC Gazette breed column, Wave-lengths –informs membership of official club business, Buyer's Guide); Health Committee, including liaisons to research projects, health initiatives, and national health registries; Stud Registry; Judge's Education; Breeder's Education; Public Information; Yearbook; Archives; Legislative Liaison; AKC Delegate; Membership Directory & Handbook; Rescue; Awards. (2008 SCWTCA Directory)

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- 379 Members (USA 367, Canada 12)
- 137 on Breeder Referral List (133 USA, 4 Canada). Not all choose to be listed.
- 241 Kennel Names (231 USA, 10 Canada) There are, however, several puppy-mill and backyard breeders who do not hold SCWTCA membership.
- * 6/24/08 personal communication with Carissa Hutchins, Editor SCWTCA Directory

In addition to general conduct, SCWTCA breeders must adhere to guidelines for Breeding SCWTs delineated by the Code of Ethics <http://www.scwtca.org/ethics.htm>

1. Only breed dogs whose progeny are eligible for AKC registration.
2. Breed for the characteristics set forth in the Official Standard of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier ("The Standard").
3. Use only breeding stock
 - a. With sound temperament,
 - b. In good health,
 - c. With no known hereditary or congenital diseases, and
 - d. Free of parasites and communicable diseases.
4. Breed only mature dogs and bitches. a. . . . breed bitches who are 18 months of age or older.

If . . . a bitch [is bred] on two successive seasons or twice within 12 months, . . . [she is] not bred her during her next two seasons or 12-month period.

 - b. breed dogs who are 18 months of age or older.
5. Not breed any individual dog or bitch excessively.
6. [Be] knowledgeable about the genetic diseases affecting Wheatens and work to manage these and other diseases [by ensuring breeding stock]
 - a. . . . over two years of age is OFA certified for hips or meets the average mean for SCWT using PennHIP. Any breeding stock under two years of age is OFA Preliminary evaluated for hips or meets the average mean for SCWT using PennHIP.
 - b. . . . eyes are examined by a Board certified ophthalmologist prior to the first breeding and a minimum of every two years thereafter while being bred or until age 10, whichever is later; dogs whose semen has been frozen are tested for life or until frozen semen is no longer stored.
 - c. . . . undergoes blood and urine testing, including blood chemistry panel, CBC, urinalysis and urine protein/creatinine ratio before the first breeding and at least annually thereafter.
 - d. . . . [health records are accurate].
7. Use a written stud dog contract for each breeding.
8. Participate in conformation events held by AKC-recognized clubs as one means to evaluate breeding stock.
9. Mentor those with whom . . . breeding stock [is placed].

Coefficient of inbreeding calculation is not required by SCWTCA or AKC regulations, nor does either organization offer recommendations regarding inbreeding coefficient values.

Average puppy price East/West Coast = \$1,800 – 2,000; Midwest = \$1,200 – 1,500.

* USA Breeder Responses to 6/21/08 [scwtbreeder] US Contribution to Breeder's Seminar Poll

SCWTCA offers a Breeder's List <http://www.scwtca.org/breeders.htm>

Proven stud dog fee is frequently the price of a puppy; for unproven approximately \$1,000.

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SCWTCA helps breeders promote member-owned stud dogs by an On-Line Stud Registry <http://www.scwtca.org/stud/index.htm>

MAJOR HEALTH SURVEYS AND RESULTS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS INCLUDE:

- In 1999-2000 Dr. Margaret Slater's team received a 74.5% response rate from 699 mailed surveys pertaining to general health, resulting in information about 1,246 SCWTs. The seven most frequently reported causes of death were, in rank order: cancer, old age, PLE/N, kidneys, heart, stroke, seizures, and behavior. For a description of the study and results go to http://www.scwtca.org/health/survey2000_mail.htm

- Current and on-going response of participants in the Canine Phenome Project on-line survey report the most frequent health issues, in rank order, are disorders of: skin, temperament, cancer/tumors, dental, ear, orthopedic, kidney / urinary tract, reproductive, gastrointestinal and endocrine system. For a description of the study and results go to <http://www.caninephenome.org/softcoatedwheatenterrier.html>

- SCWTCA's earlier health activities are chronicled by Holden, E. & Carlson, C. Highlights of SCWTCA's activities concerning health issues from 1976-2003. Benchmarks, 32(1), 32-39 (March 2004) <http://www.scwtca.org/health/archive.htm#history>

- Current health and protein-losing studies are described in Benchmarks, 35(1), 24-27 (March 2007) <http://www.scwtca.org/documents/benchmarks/benchmarks-200703.pdf>

- Since June 2006, SCWTA health initiatives and information have been documented by Health News, a quarterly newsletter found at <http://www.scwtca.org/health/healthnews.htm>

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- Blood and urine testing, including blood chemistry panel, CBC, urinalysis and urine protein/creatinine ratio before the first breeding and at least annually thereafter. <http://www.scwtca.org/health/protocol-own.htm#labs>

Lists for health test data and/or dogs that have been diagnosed with heritable diseases include:

- Canine Eye Registration Foundation <http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html>

- Orthopedic Foundation for Animals <http://www.offa.org/>
- PennHip <http://www.offa.org/>
- Open Registry <http://www.scwtca.org/openregistry/index.htm>

SCWTs have been imported from: Canada, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, and Sweden.

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SCWTs have been exported to: Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, and Netherlands

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NEW FRONTIERS

Canine Phenome Project <http://www.scwtca.org/documents/health/healthnews-200804.pdf>

Joint endeavor and funding by

- SCWTCA <http://www.scwtca.org>
- SCWTCA Endowment <http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org>
- Genetic Research Fund (GRF) <http://www.scwtgrf.com>

GRF On-Line Pedigree <http://www.scwtca.org/documents/benchmarks/benchmarks-200803.pdf>

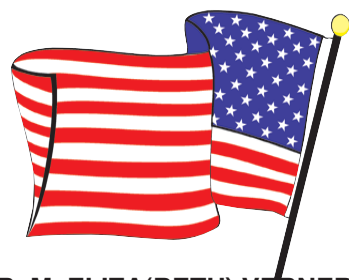
Herding Instinct & Trials <http://www.scwtca.org/documents/benchmarks/benchmarks-200803.pdf>

Success in Dual-Continent Conformation Rings

- Canadian and Irish Terrier Group Wins – Ch. Geragold Orla Finlandia (Kris)
 - * 6/29/08 personal communication with Nancy Draper
- Crufts and 42 USA Terrier Group Wins – Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life (Kovu) <http://www.scwtca.org/archives/kovu.htm>

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