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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

“The show must go on.”
…Josephine Demott Robinson

Montgomery 2005 has come and gone. However, it was as memorable as any Montgomery. Although, as every Montgomery, in its’ own way.

We have had challenging weather in the past, but this year the weather tried to take center stage. When the Dog Show at Devon was cancelled, it appeared that the same might run true for Montgomery. Not to be. Montgomery is, after all, an all terrier show and not for the faint of heart. The show did go on, at the new facility, and was as successful as always.

The same could be said of all our Montgomery activities.

Again, our performance members quietly showed the way for the rest of us by hosting the first ever All Terrier Obedience Trial at Montgomery. In the independent world of Terriers, SCWTCA is, again, at the head of the pack.

We also had our first ever SCWTCA Town Hall Meeting. For a group of terrier owners, we did pretty well and I want to thank all who attended and participated. The SCWTCA Town Hall provides a less formal way for all of us to interact. It gives a chance for the Board and the membership to discuss the issues facing our club.

For all its’ instant communication, the internet is no substitute for getting together in person. The SCWTCA Town Hall is an activity I hope will continue. We will include a SCWTCA Town Hall in next year’s activities, hopefully at a time when everyone can attend.

If we kept such records, we may have set one for attendance at our dinner and annual meeting. A meeting made a little more interesting by Dr. Nora Berghoff and her presentation. It was very positive to hear something new on the horizon for part of our health issues.

Through all the changes, bad weather and constant challenges, our Montgomery Coordinator, Lance Canter, hung on, well, like a terrier. I wonder if Lance knows that when Josephine Demott Robinson first said, “The show must go on.” she was talking about the circus, which does frequently include a few terriers.

Once again, we want to thank Lance for coordinating an exceptional Montgomery.

John Giles,
President, SCWTCA, Inc.
From The Editor

With this issue I take over as editor of a publication that has been part of my life for 35 years. Bear with me as I struggle through these first few issues for this is a new hat I now wear. To say that I feel as though I am flying by the seat of pants is putting it mildly! I want to pay special tribute to Jody Sylvester and Carol Carlson who are always there when I need them with help and support. Jody is so at ease with Adobe InDesign, the software I am using to put Benchmarks together, and without her, I would be dead in the water! Carol’s expertise is, of course invaluable.

As many of you now know, we lost a dear and special Wheaten fancier in early November. Kerry Kuehner passed away on Tuesday, November 8. We were all in shock over her sudden death. It appears that Kerry had breast cancer that ultimately metastasized to her liver that, in turn, brought about her death. Kerry’s delightful demeanor and smiling face will be missed by all who knew her. I asked two of her very closest friends to write something of their reminiscences of Kerry and I have chosen, rather than to quote from them, to share all of what they had to say about this beautiful spirit.

Shari Boyd Crusi wrote the following:

I met Kerry in late ‘93 when a mutual Wheaten fancier introduced us. She had seen Brett and me win at Mont. Co. and wanted to hire me to show her bitch. Instantly, a friendship blossomed. Kerry lived in D.C. at the time, and was able to watch her dog being shown. We had the chance to visit and go to shows together often. We always set up together, whether at Virginia, the week long North Carolina cluster, Ohio, Chicago...you name it, we put her to work with everything there was to do in a set-up. She did so voluntarily, as she wanted a complete knowledge of how it all worked. In exchange for all of her help, she and I spent countless hours trimming Wheatens. Being a graphic designer, she had a great eye and saw the lines, which made her a GREAT student. She took endless notes and sketches of all parts of the dog. We practiced ring procedure as well, always having our own dog show in between the real ones. One of my most proud moments was when Kerry came to my house before Mont. Co. with a dog she had bred and finished. She asked me to review his trim and there wasn’t a hair to be changed. She was first AOM that year. I enjoyed the days where I was winners at a show and she was right on my heels at reserve with a dog she bred and trimmed herself, but I LOVED it when she stepped in front of me for the win. She washed many an Airedale for
us, checked many a ring, and always supported the other dogs in the set up, as she befriended many of our other clients. I fell so in love with her spirit that I asked her to be my maid of honor when RC and I were married. And good thing I did, as my bride’s maids may have ended up wearing the wrong color dresses, otherwise! She was my fashion beacon, introducing me to the likes of Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and credit card debt that I was not familiar with! She also designed my business cards. We could not decide between the final two versions, so we kept both. For me, Kerry’s light shined so brilliantly, that it was hard to grasp at times. Those closest to her may know what I mean. She showed me that no matter how devastating a situation, there was indeed goodness to be found. Everyday I will be reminded of her. She was magic.

And this from Cherie Turner Fogarty:

Kerry and I met right after she got her first Wheaten, Lucy. Shortly thereafter she brought home a puppy to socialize, and he never left. She had become interested in showing her dogs, and we started going to shows together. As we got to know each other we found that that we had more in common than our dogs. We spoke often, talking about what shows to enter, stud dogs, recipes and where to shop next. With Kerry’s artist eye she caught on to grooming very quickly. In no time she was passing that knowledge along to others; including me. She was always striving to make her dogs look perfect for the ring, ever hopeful of that next big win. We had fun watching our puppies grow, trying to see the things that Marjorie and Shari would see when they came to evaluate them. Our best times together were when we’d travel to a show, meet with friends for dinner and stop to go shopping along the way. Kerry was a member of the Maryland SCWT Association, SCWTC of Greater St Louis, and SCWTCA. She was the editor of the yearbook and was very proud of her work on it. She was great at talking to prospective owners. She was a fierce competitor, always willing to listen, and ready to learn new things. Kerry’s faith was an important part of who she was, and even though we did not share the same beliefs, we spent many hours discussing the effect that faith had in our everyday lives. When my own health crisis arose she was very supportive calling me often, keeping me positive when I needed a friend. Our last trip together was in March to Kentucky. She was still teaching me to groom, still trying to make me see how to make my dog look even better. She did something that weekend that she
never thought she would do, but, that she always hoping that she would do-- the dog that she was showing beat the dog that Shari was showing for Best of Breed. She had a big smile on her face for the rest of weekend—for her it was a memorable experience to say the least. I miss Kerry terribly, and my life will not be the same without her.

I know I speak for everyone when I say how grateful I am to these special friends of Kerry’s for sharing their perspective and insights. In truth, we have all lost a treasure.

Gay Dunlap

Letter To The Editor:

Why are we not celebrating the long healthy lives the vast majority of our Wheaten Terriers?

The Wheatens with ever-vigilant breeders will remain a healthy long lived breed. That does not mean health issue that are very serious will not occur. They will and do. It is heartbreaking when it happens. Serious breeders will quite quickly notice a pattern if a disease is inherited in nature. This then requires the collection of detailed information and the sharing of this data in a public forum. Some health issues will be inherited, others may not be, but all are part of the aging process (such as many Cancers).

Currently there is a program in the USA/Canada to have an open registry of Wheatens affected by PLE, PLN, RD and Addison’s Disease. Routine health testing of eyes, hips are also done by all club members. Some breeders do elbows and patella also. In Finland and Sweden there are also open registries for PLE PLN and RD and in the UK for RD and deafness and retinal folds. So you can see there are different issues addressed in different countries. Germany and Denmark also have club programs, but their clubs are usually national Terrier Clubs, not single breed clubs.

One thing to be careful about is not “shooting” the messenger. The North American dogs are I suspect just as long lived as those of most other countries the Wheaten is popular in. The North American breeders are very open about health matters in the breed. This should not be equated to the dogs in North America being any more or any less healthy then elsewhere.

Instruments like open health databases will allow breeders to make better informed breeding decision. However, be smart and try to avoid breeding
down from dogs affected with a serious health issue. Do not however start witch hunts on dogs which live a long normal healthy life....especially if that dog was health tested its entire life. There is no substitute for documentation.

Discussions such as this while upsetting and painful initially will lead to a healthier breed, and better informed breeder decisions in the long run. Remember to try to keep a calm rational discussion going. We all continue to live and learn.

Health test, health test, health test ...report all the results, good and bad. Keep no secrets. By keeping everything in a public domain it makes spreading rumors much harder.

This is a long lived and healthy breed and with sincere efforts of every Wheaten breeder it will remain a long lived healthy breed. No breed is without it genetic weaknesses, and once we are working on these weaknesses in a calm and balanced way the breed can be improved.

Sincerely
Neil O’Sullivan, Geragold Wheatens
(and yes I am a professional geneticist...I don’t just play one on television!)

Southern California Fun Day ladies, Rose Clime, Cecily Skinner and Beverly Streicher. Story can be found on Page 19
Denver Specialty  
August 19-2005 Greeley, Colorado  
Susan McGee*

It’s always so much fun to attend the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Specialty! If you have never been, make plans for next year now! How can you miss out on beautiful weather, reserved air-conditioned grooming space for Wheaten exhibitors, large rings, a 4 point major, attractive trophies and rosettes, beverages and snacks each day, and friendly, nice people! Seen among the crowd … Jackie Gottleib, Bonnie Kanter, Elaine and Bob Azerolo, Jinx Moore, Nancy Butler, Hank Loring, Linda McCallum (I love her Wheaten jewelry!), Sue and Jim Little (Club President), Diane Lunde, Patrice Chevalier and Bob Bergman, Nona Mansfield, Molly O’Connell and many more… please forgive me … I am still learning people’s names and faces!

Friday’s post show activities included dinner, a silent auction for Wheaten health, a raffle and Dr. Lori Wise’s informative presentation on renal dysplasia. Dr. Wise DVM, ACVIM has evaluated a large number (500+) of Wheaten puppy kidneys using ultrasound.

Friday’s Sweepstakes was great to watch! I helped serve as a steward with Diane Lunde’s oversight and guidance. This is the best job to have… you really get to see what the judge is looking at! Sweepstakes’ Judge Nancy O’Neal chose DOUBLOON AZLOUGH WATERCOLOR (b) as Best in Sweeps and STRATFORD TOP PRIORITY (d) as BOS in Sweeps. Judge Betty Anne Stenmark selected LONTREE 24 KARAT OF MORNINGSTAR (d) as Best of Breed. BOS went to CH ANDOVER WILDROSE HIGH ON LIFE (b). Best of Winners and Winners Bitch went to DOUBLOON AZLOUGH WATERCOLOR and Winners Dog went to LECHAUN’S GLENAMON HAPPY DAYS. Reserve Winners Dog was STRATFORD TOP PRIORITY and Reserve Winners Bitch was LONTREE LIBERTY ANN JUSTICE. The wins were spread around … lot’s of people were happy! I did say there were majors in dogs and bitches!!!!

Saturday was thrilling …. A Wheaten received a Group 4 placement out of a very well represented terrier group! Breed Judge Barbara Dempsey Alderman selected CH SCOHO STRATFORD CAYENNE PEPPER (d) as Best of Breed and Group Judge Jon Cole gave him a Group 4! We were so proud to see our breed being recognized! BOS went to CH STRATFORD SPICE GIRL (b) and BOW and Winners Dog was STRATFORD TOP PRIORITY. Winner’s Bitch went to EUREKA TRIGO CREATING A RUCKUS. Reserve Winner’s Dog went to LECHAUN’S GLENAMON HAPPY DAYS and Reserve Winner’s Bitch went to STRATFORD MATERIAL GIRL. In case you did not notice the repetition of the “Stratford” name … tears were shed by that breeder and others when we realized how many of her “kids” received recognition that day!
Sunday was another beautiful day. Judge Loraine Boutwell selected CH LONTREE 24 KARAT OF MORNINGSTAR (d) for Best of Breed and CH STRATFORD SPICE GIRL (b) as Best of Opposite Sex. BOW and WB went to ANDOVER CAREY HURRAH. Winner’s Dog went to LECHAUN’S GLENAMON HAPPY DAYS. RWD was KILIAN GOLDRUSH OF LONGRIDGE and RWB was HEIRLOOM PLAY IT BACK ALLEGRO. What a wonderful Wheaten weekend at the Denver Specialty! Hope to see you there next year!

*Susan McGee is NOT a member of the Denver Club. Susan lives in Kansas City MO with her Wheatens, Clancy and Carly. She is a member of the Greater St. Louis SCWT Club, SCWTCA, Triune Agility Club, and Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club. Susan is a wealth management consultant for The Commerce Trust Company and serves as a Trustee of an independent school in Kansas City.

Best of Breed at Greater Denver’s Specialty was Ch Lontree 24 Karat of Morningstar, bred by Joy Laylon and shown by Vicki Williams
BOS was Jackie Gottlieb’s Ch Andover Wildrose High On Life

WB and BOW was Elaine Azerolo’s Doubloon Azlough Watercolor
She was also Best in Sweepstakes under Terrier judge, Nancy O’Neil
Gr Denver’s Winners Dog was Lecaun’s Glenamon HappyDays shown by breeder, Hank Loring, owned by co-breeder, Dana Sumner, and Scott and Sherrie Amon.

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I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren’t certain we knew better. They fight for honor at the first challenge, make love with no moral restraint, and they do not for all their marvelous instincts appear to know about death. Being such wonderfully uncomplicated beings, they need us to do their worrying.

~George Bird Evans, Troubles with Bird Dogs
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April 14  SCWTCNCC, Sacramento, CA  
Judge, Regular Classes  Edd Bevin  
Sweepstakes  Genie Kline  

May 6  DVSCWTC, Bucks Co, PA  
Judge, Regular Classes  Chris Erickson  
Sweepstakes  Dana Frady  

June 2  SCWTC of Greater St Louis, MO  
Judge, Regular Classes  TBA  
Sweepstakes  Karen Martin  

June 23  SCWTCA, Roving, Great Western, CA  
Judge, Regular Classes  Peggy McIlwaine  
Sweepstakes  Marjorie Shoemaker  

June 24  SCWTCSC, Great Western, CA  
Judge, Regular Classes  Gary Vlachos  
Sweepstakes  Ann Leigh  

August 18  GDSCWTC, Denver, CO  
Judge, Regular Classes  David Merriam  
Sweepstakes  Joan Anselm  

Let’s all celebrate and support these exciting events by being there!
**SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

Sunday, October 9, 2005

JUDGE: Mrs. Cindy Vogels

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Winners Dog/AOM: TREBOL LABOUR LEADER. 09-01-03. By Ch Geragold Orla Finlandia - Ch Trebol Take It From The Top. Owner: Elizabeth Bell & Guillermo Rueda. Breeder: G Getz & Guillermo Rueda.


SCWTCA SWEEPSTAKES, KING OF PRUSSIA
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2005

JUDGE: Mrs. Sue Little

Best Of Opposite Sex to Best In Sweeps: KAYLYNN’S PISTOL PACKIN MAMA. 02/12/05. By Ch Trebol Top Billing – Ch Reyem’s Abrie Cadabrie. Bitch. Owner Kay L Baird & Gwen M Meyer.

2005 SWEEPSTAKES COMMENTARY
Sue Little

It was an honor to be asked to judge the 2005 SCWTCA, Inc. National Sweepstakes, and I appreciated having the opportunity. My heartfelt thanks go to the many people who entered and showed their puppies to me. When the judging program arrived in my mail the week before the show, I have to say I was amazed and excited to see a total entry of 88!

My goal, with each dog in each class, was to judge the whole dog without putting particular emphasis on any one feature. I was looking for dogs with balanced outlines, who held those outlines as they went around the ring. Overall, I found good eye color and nice coats; however, I think we need to work on movement coming and going.

I was very pleased with my final line-up of class winners that competed for Best in Sweepstakes. I had a number of different directions that I could have gone with my selections for Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex. My choice for Best in Sweepstakes was Desertrose Bonney Mans Dream, from the 12-15 month dog class. He went around the ring with effortless reach and drive. He had an elegant outline with lots of neck and a short back, and he held his beautiful outline on the go around. My choice for Best of Opposite Sex was Kaylynn’s Pistol Packin Mama, from the 6-9 month bitch class. She had beautiful side gait, and she moved very well coming and going. She also held her lovely outline as she went around the ring.

I thoroughly enjoyed judging the 2005 Sweepstakes, and I thank you all for sharing your dogs and your time with me that Saturday.
HIGHEST SCORING DOG IN REGULAR CLASSES &
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE IN OB & UA/UB


**QUALIFIERS**

Novice A Class
**SANDDOLLARS CHRISTMAS MELODY AX OAJ.** 11-22-00. By Ch Sanddollars Sky King - Ch Winterwheat Sweet Dreams. Owner: Mary Wright. Breeder: Walter & Barbara Bates. Score: **170.0**


Open B Class:


Utility A Class:

Utility B Class:


Veterans Class:
Happy Holidays from the Colony Dogs!!!

We wish you much happiness and big wet kisses throughout the New Year!

We’d love some gifts — medium-sized unflavored Nylabones, hypoallergenic shampoo, and oatmeal-based creme rinse — these are our favorite things!

photos by Tonya, ad by Roxanna, paid for by Toni
The Open Registry is a joint project of SCWTCA-sponsored research at NC State University, University of PA and the University of Guelph (Canada). Its purpose is to publish information on confirmed cases of genetic diseases in Wheatens and to maintain health and genetic records for SCWTCA-sponsored research. Dr. Meryl Littman at Penn maintains the Registry at the request of SCWTCA.

Members of the Open Registry agree to forward pedigrees and medical data for all Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers they own, have owned or bred who may be affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease to the SCWT Open Registry, c/o Dr. Littman. For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://www.scwtca.org/scwtopenregistry.html. If you would like to receive complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

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Daimen Upton

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, ‘Wow, you’re right! I never would’ve thought of that!’ - Dave Barry
SCWTSC Fun Day

Marrilee Ford

Last year we had to cancel our Fun Day due to all the rain we were having. This year we are back to the true Southern California mode of endless sunshine and we happily gathered at Woodley Park in Encino on October 23, 2005 for fun in the sun with our many Wheatens. The day was coordinated by club member M.J Carr and with help as co-chair from Beverly Streicher.

We started with a wonderful morning hospitality coordinated by Debbie Bloom. This led us to the game ring coordinated by Karla Baer Cohen and her husband Jim and aided by Viviana and Ron Hetherington. The biggest male nose was won by Grady and handler Bob and the female was a tie between Hoola Girl and handler Mardel Croft, and Anabell handled by Sandra Lightner. The youngest puppy was Monte owned by Joice and the oldest was Malley owned by Karla and Jim Cohen. The longest tail contest was won by Dickens and owner, Stephen in the male category, and Baylie and owner Robert Held in the female. Shortest tail went to Corky owned by Rick and Lori Spillane in the male category and Sadie owned by Shoshana Maler in the female class. The “Hole in the Wall Gang” race was won by Maddie owned by Merrillee Ford. We also played Musical Hoops and a relay race consisted of who could dress their dog the fastest and run the course between putting a shirt on your dog at one end and undies at the other. This won the prize for the most hysterical to watch.

CGC testing was done under the watchful eyes of Lori Spillane and Karin Norris. This year saw the largest turn out of Wheatens. All were well behaved and ready to try the test.

Qualifiers were:

Linda Galleghe Ch. Gallagher’s Uptown Girl SCWT 9 yrs
Viviana Hetherington Ceili SCWT 2.5 yrs.
Joyce Waddell Grand Cru Champagne Casis SCWT 9 mos. 
Suzette Yunek Bentley Charles SCWT 1.5 yrs 
Ann Mulally Loki SCWT 11 mos. 
Joanne Pazdera Ch. Gallagher’s Sweet Dreams SCWT 2 yrs. 
Susan Mares Ch. Gallagher’s Dream Dancer SCWT 2 yrs. 
Pam Hamlin Chloë SCWT 6 yrs. 
Pam Hamlin Breezy SCWT 2 yrs. 
Dan Parker Jackson Brownie SCWT 6 yrs. 
Ron Hetherington RJ GSD 2 yr, 10 mos. 
Rick Spillane Corky SCWT 15 mos. 
Charles Kushner Zero SCWT 2 yrs. 
Jeanine Flavell Maisie SCWT 9.5 yrs. 
Shoshona Maler Sadie SCWT 1 yr, 10 mos. 

The costume parade saw many clever and amusing costumes. The Dorothy and her companions to Oz were all there, along with a turtle, devil, char woman, and too many others to mentions. Then we had our Rescue Parade showing several Wheatens and their new families.

When the games ended we all enjoyed a wonderful barbeque of tri-tip and chicken along with salads, beans, and garlic bread. This was followed by our White Elephant Auction which made a tidy profit for the club.

Also on hand was a dog masseuse to take the kinks out of Wheaten and owner alike. We also offered non invasive teeth cleaning for the dogs. Always a favorite with the humans more than the dogs.

Following the meeting we held our October club meeting. This event is the most favorite day for many of our club members and it is always wonderful to see so many happy Wheaten and human faces that are smiling from ear to ear all day long.

“A well-trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you will not enjoy it.” —Helen Thompson
AKC-CHF SCWT GENETIC RESEARCH FUND DONATIONS

The SCWT Genetic Research Fund, in cooperation of AKC-CHF, will sponsor genetic research into the canine genome specifically aimed at identifying the genes responsible for the transference of PLE/PLN. This information will make it possible for the development of testing protocols to identify Wheatens with protein wasting diseases.

The Board of the SCWT Genetic Research Project, and Wheaten owners everywhere, wish to thank the following for their generous donations to the fund.

In Memory of:                 In Honor of:
Pam & Bob Tinnelly      Caraway News (Scoop)
John Whitters & Karen Kukucha          Emma
Sue & Bruce Peters
Carol Schaltz
Dana Sumner
Karen Burton
Ann B. Mygatt
Victoria Kremer
Meg Ryan
Jackie Gottlieb
David Ronsheim
Anonymous Donor

The gifts were very generous this quarter and we will meet our goal for Phase II and move into Phase III in the next few weeks. The board would also like to thank all who have participated in our raffles and purchased items at our various show boutiques. Happy holidays to all.

We currently have new raffle items on our web site www.scwtgrf.com, Drawings will be held at MCKC and at the Sun Country Terrier Specialty in Phoenix, Az.

To join our effort with a tax deductible donation, make your checks payable to AKC-CHF SCWT Genetic Research Fund and mail to: David Ronsheim, Project Financial Officer, 14837 N. 25th Drive #11, Phoenix, AZ 85023-5082. Or, visit our web site www.scwtgrf.com to make an online donation through PayPal.
Your donation can take the Genetic Research Fund Over the top of the second phase!

$20,000 $18,584

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2005 UPDATE ON GERIATRIC DOG STUDY
MORE OLD DOGS SOUGHT FOR DNA SAMPLES
Anna Marzolino, amarzolino@aol.com
and Kathy McIndoe, paisleyspring@qwest.net

We are looking for Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers over the age of 13 years (lowered from 14) and in relatively good health so that we may bank their DNA for future genetic studies. Your dog is valuable to Wheaten research, and your willingness to participate in this project is greatly appreciated. Of course, the older the dog, the better.

The DNA bank will be a critical tool for future research. Should a gene marker for protein-losing disease be found, the ability to test it against DNA from Wheatens determined to be unaffected throughout their lives will be an important step to confirm the marker.

If you would like to participate in this project, read the following letter from Dr. Littman.

For those who have already sent their dogs’ samples to Dr. Littman, and would like to be recognized along with your dog for this major contribution, please send the following to Leo Springer at leospring@aol.com for inclusion on the honor roll in Benchmarks.

Dog’s name and call name (sex)
Sire and dam
Owner’s name
Date of birth
Date of death

Since the results of the necropsy are confidential between the owner and Dr. Littman, they will not be published. The purpose of compiling this list is to recognize the participants, thank their owners and by so doing encourage others to participate when the time comes for their “oldster” to depart.

Sale of Wheaten health articles helps to fund this project. If you would like to make a contribution for the project, make your check payable to Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and send it to Dr. Littman at the address at the end of her letter. You can make the donation in honor of or memory of a dog or person. Be sure to designate that the contribution is to go for the Geriatric Dog Project. Your gift will be recognized in Bellwether, Penn’s quarterly publication.

If you have a philosophical reason that wouldn’t allow for internal organs (kidneys, intestines) to be harvested after death for histopathology and you have current normal blood and urine test results, you should call
either Dr. Littman or Anna Marzolino to discuss your dog’s qualifications. It is possible that DNA could be harvested either from blood or, if after death, an external source of DNA such as a toe or an ear flap (or skin about 2”x2”). This would be a “less than perfect case” but still helpful for the DNA bank. Each of these cases would have to be looked at on an individual basis.

GERIATRIC DOG PROJECT

Dear Wheaten Owner,

Thank you so much for participating in this important project to help our Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. As you know we are looking for Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers that are over the age of 13 years and are in relatively good health so that we may bank their DNA for future genetic studies. Your dog is invaluable to Wheaten research and your willingness to participate in this project is greatly appreciated.

The following five items are what we will need from you, your vet and your Wheaten:

1. DNA Sample: This sample should be stored in your or your vet’s freezer prior to shipping. The blood sample can be taken while the dog is still living. The sample consists of 15 cc (around one tablespoon) put into purple top (EDTA) tubes. It should be sent frozen with ice packs inside a Styrofoam container by FedEx overnight delivery. If the animal should die prior to the blood sample being taken, then one kidney or the spleen can be frozen (saved in a Ziploc bag in the freezer) and sent in the same manner. A call should be made to Dr. Littman to ensure that she is available to receive frozen samples. Also, see #4 below for other tissue samples to be sent after death.

2. Medical Records: A copy of the dog’s medical records and screening test results, including current CBC, Chemistry Profile, Urinalysis, Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio test results within a year or so. If Fecal API and/or MA testing were done, we’d like to see copies of those results as well. If you would like to participate but do not want the expense of paying for all of these tests, then your vet can save serum (separated from blood cells) and urine in red top tubes, freeze, and FedEx them with the DNA sample to Dr. Littman. We cannot do CBC tests on stored samples, but we can do the chemistry profile and urine tests). A call should be made to Dr. Littman to ensure that she is available to receive frozen samples. We may eventually decide to run the tests here, in which case you will receive a copy of the results.

3. 4 or 5 Generation Pedigree

4. When Your Dog Dies: At the time of death, tissue samples for
histopathologic examination, including one kidney and a one inch ring of small intestine stored in formalin at room temperature. This sample should not be frozen and it should be sent by regular mail and not with the FedEx package. This means that the dog’s body should ideally not be frozen prior to the necropsy being performed in order for these samples to be most helpful. However, if the dog’s remains were inadvertently frozen, your vet can still harvest the DNA sample (see #1 above). The formalin samples can also be sent, but a notation should be made that the body had been frozen prior to taking the samples.

5. Contact Information: In case we have questions, we’d like contact information for you and your vet.

Because you may need assistance at odd hours, the SCWTCA Health Committee members who are available to assist you are Anna Marzolino and Kathy McIndoe. Anna’s home telephone number is 714-538-3512, her cell number is 714-726-0544 and email address is amarzolino@aol.com; Kathy, 602-992-4316 and email address is paisleyspring@qwest.net Please feel free to contact her if you need assistance at any hour. If you cannot reach Anna or Kathy, you can contact one of the health coordinators, George Jeitles, GGJvet@ATT.com or Cecily Skinner, TARASCWT@aol.com.

It would be a good idea to have this information on file with your vet. We understand how difficult it is to make these arrangements about your loved one and if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call us. Again, thank you so much for participating in this study and best wishes for the continued health of our dear ones.

Sincerely,
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Honor roll of geriatric dogs

CH Amaden’s Zack the Director - “Zack” (male)
CH Amaden’s Leading Man ROM x Am Can CH Doubloon’s Spun Gold TD
    Owned by Pam Peckham

Lady Abigail of Eire “Abby” (female)
CH Krisaire’s Triple Crown of York “Robert” x Darzar’s Cricket “Cricket”
    Owned by Cecily & Ken Skinner

CH Carlinayer A Little Wiser ROM “Hemingway” (male)
CH Carlinayer’s Stardust Image x CH Carlinayer Razberry Sherbert
    Owned by Anna Marzolino
    DOB: 8/18/1989/DOD: 8/20/04

CH Carrigan’s Sea Star “Shelly” (female)
CH Wildflower Star Dust ROM x Wildway’s Carrigan Dream ROM
    Owned by Nancy B Butler

Can.CH Cashel’s Bushmill’s Gold BIS “Wexford” (male)
    CH Gleanngay Medicine Man “Mac” x
    Can.CH Holweit’s Ddoubl’Llious “Brenna”
    Owned by Jan & Grig Cook
    DOB: 7/1/1990/DOD: N/A*

Cashel’s Champagne Cara “Cara” (female)
    CH Gleanngay Medicine Man “Mac” x
    Can.CH Holweit’s Ddoubl’Llious “Brenna”
    Owned by Bill & Elaine Trant
    DOB: 7/1/1990/DOD: N/A*

Can.CH Cashel’s Diamonds ‘R Forever “PJ”
    CH Gleanngay Holliday ROM “Doc” x
    Can.Am.CH Cashel’s For Your Eyes only “Chelsea”
    Owned by Jon Whitters & Karen Kukucha
    DOB: 7/9/1990/DOD: N/A*
Can.Am.CH Cashel’s For Your Eyes Only “Chelsea” (female)
   Am.Can. CH Dubloon’s Winter Wood “Woody” x
   Can. CH Holweit’s Ddoubl’Lliosis “Brenna”
   Owned by John & Penny Rogers; George & Joan Pitman

Cashel’s Semillon Sweeney “Brody” (male)
   CH Gleanngay Medicine Man “Mac” x
   Can.CH Holweit’s Ddoubl’Lliosis “Brenna”
   Owned by Ian & Liz Shepherd
   DOB: 7/1/1990/DOD: N/A*

Can.Am.CH Cashel’s Spymaster “Walker” (male)
   CH Gleanngay Holliday ROM “Doc” x
   Can.Am.CH Cashel’s For Your Eyes Only “Chelsea”
   Owned by John & Penny Rogers; Bill & Elaine Trant

CH Doubloon’s Master Of Illusion “Sir” (male)
   CH Andover Song N Dance Man ROM “Harry” x CH Doubloon’s Illusion
   Owned by Cindy Vogels & Jackie Gottlieb & Elana Landa

CH Gallagher’s Irish Lace-Exidor “Maggie May” (female)
   CH Farrle Sweet William “Farrle” x CH Briarlyn Irish Blessing “Bess”.
   Owned by Linda & Al Gallagher

Can/Am CH Holweit’s Rock L Wellish “Rockette” (female)
   CH Holweit’s Forget Me Not x CH Holweit’s Canadian Sunset
   Owned by Cheryl Wagner
   DOB: 12/3/90/DOD: 5/24/05

Geragold Tekiri “Kiri” (female)
   Ir CH Newkilber Don Corleone x Ir CH Newkilber Autumn Sonata
   Owned by Gerard Thompson & Dr Neil O’Sullivan

CH Gleanngay Starlight “ Stella”
   CH Gleanngay Wildflower Stardust ROM “Billy” x
   Gleanngay Juniper Berry “Juney”
   Owned by Aileen Cantwell & Gay Dunlap
   DOB: 11/2/89/DOD: NA*
Ch Legacy Moonshine Lullabye “Whiskey” (female)
   CH Wildflower Gold Dust ROM “Riley” x
   Waterford Georgia Brown ROM “Georgie”
   Owned by Jon Caliri & Robert Hale & Janet Turner
   DOB: 7/17/1989/DOD:

CH Legacy Summer’s Gone, ROM, “Daniel” (male)
CH Carrigan’s Triumph ROM x CH Wildflower Peach Blossom ROM
   Owed by Miriam Kahan, Jon Caliri and Bob Hale
   DOB: 7/17/87/DOD: 10/8/02

CH Lissadell Amy’s Deadwood Gold “Amy” (female)
   CH Greentree Holliday O’Roses ROM x
   CH Lissadell Puttin On The Ritz “Ritzie”
   Owned by Caroline Goldberg & Joanne Sterbenz
   DOB: 7/28/1985/DOD:

CH Mil Mear’s Golden Goose “Wilbur” (male)
CH Bhan-Or Roadrunner x CH Morrigan Mil Mear ROM
   Owned by Monica Muth & Gary & Mary Majeskie

CH Paisley After Midnight, ROM “Jack” (male)
   CH Legacy Moonlit Knight, ROM “Lance” x
   CH Wildflower China Doll “Barbie”
   Owned by Kathleen & Evelyn McIndoe

CH Paisley Temptation Eyes, “Veronica” (female)
   CH Wildflower Gold Dust, ROM “Riley” x
   CH Barryglen Paisley Spring, ROM “Spring”
   Owned by Kathleen, Margaret, & Mary Evelyn McIndoe

Shandalee Satin Doll, CDCookie” (female)
   CH Wildflower Stardust, ROM”Billy” x
   CH Shandalee Write On, Lacey! “Lacey”
   Owned by John & Pam Mandeville & Sue Goldberg
   DOB: 11/12/1988/DOD: 2/10/2005

Springsong High Society “Louis” (male)
CH Bantry Bay Kairo ROM “Kairo” x CH Springsong Lazy River “Shannon”
   Owned by Roxanna & Leo Springer
CH Springsong Lazy River “Shannon” (female)
CH Wildflower Stardust ROM “Billy” x CH Dounam’s Dun Laoghaire “Paska”
Owned by Roxanna & Leo Springer
DOB: 1/7/1987/DOD: 9/12/2003

Starlight Megan “Megan” (female)
CH Gleanngay Medicine Man “Mac” x Ballyhoo Starlight Express ROM
Owned by Remy & John Rockford & Ann Leigh

CH Wildflower China Doll “Barbie” (female)
CH Wildflower Stardust, ROM “Billy” x Waterford Wildflower “Valerie”
Owned by Kathleen & Evelyn McIndoe

*owners have committed to sending samples when dog dies.
INTERVIEW WITH BREEDER-JUDGE SUE GOLDBERG
Carol Carlson

When did you first become interested in dogs? As far back as I can remember, I had always wanted a dog. I grew up in a garden apartment with no dogs allowed, and having a dog was all I ever wanted. In fact, Harvey offered to buy me a puppy for my Sweet Sixteen (yes, we do go back that far—actually, even farther than that), but the thought of having to give it up if the landlord found out was worse than not having a dog at all. So, shortly after we got married, he bought me my first dog, a well-bred black mini Poodle sired by a dog from the famous Piperscroft kennel.

How (and when) did you get started in Wheatens? I first heard of Soft Coated Wheaten around 1966 but could find no information about the breed back then. In 1968, we had moved from NJ to Roslyn, Long Island and while in the vet’s office with our Poodle, a woman walked in with this shaggy fluff of a dog and I fell head over heels in love. I asked her all the silly questions about her bitch that people have since asked me about the breed and went home and said to Harvey, “You’ve got to see this dog!” The bitch turned out to be the future dam of Ch. Abby’s Postage Dhu of Waterford. I spent the next 3 years researching the breed, joined the SCWTC of Metro NY before I even had a Wheaten, attended the first Metro match show, visited various breeders on Long Island, which was the hotbed of Wheatendom at the time, and went to point shows where I studied the dogs of Carol Carlson, Jackie Gottlieb, Emily Holden, Barbara Miller, Gay Sherman, Marjorie Shoemaker, Audrey Weintraub and others now long gone.

Ch. Shandalee’s Waterford Sheila (left) with Marjorie Shoemaker and Ch. Shandalee’s Eric the Red with Emily Holden, 3 month old littermates from the first Harrigan x Kerri litter going Best Puppy and BOS under judge Grace Brewin at the first SCWTCA “A” match, 1974. Gay Sherman (Dunlap) in center. Behind Emily sits the late Ray Potter.
Remember that those were the days of the “trimmers” vs. the “non-trimmers”; the former pointing the breed toward the Terrier Group, and the latter, seeking to retain the natural look of the breed, aiming us toward Non-Sporting. The Miscellaneous Class judges often commented that Wheatens were presented like two different breeds. The Terrier faction—trust me, these WERE factions back then—mostly resided in Pennsylvania, trimmed the coats, and docked the tails as long as Kerry Blues, while the Non-Sporting advocates trimmed only the bottom of the feet and the back of the tails and docked them almost as short as a sheepdog. Grooming aside, you could easily tell on which side of the Delaware River a Wheaten had been born by the length of its tail! On Long Island, where “trimmers” were regarded on a par with ax murderers, the breed was billed as a mini sheepdog; the word “terrier” was never used. They were just “Soft-Coated Wheatens.” I had no idea we were getting, nor with two small sons would we have considered, a TERRIER!

We saw Audrey Weintraub’s first litter at age 3 weeks, and wanted pick bitch. Audrey had already decided, however, that she was keeping Ainlee for herself, so we gave her a deposit and waited for an entire year till her next litter. It was like waiting for a baby! We were delighted that the sire of the next litter was to be this stunningly-coated, happy, silly, unproven young dog that Harvey and I idolized and followed around like groupies, named “Sweeney” (future Ch. Stephen Dedalus of Andover) owned by Jackie. Finally, in 1971, we brought home our prize, Legenderry’s Iollann the Fair (“Kerri”). Kerri was the 745th Wheatens born in this country, a sweet, short-backed, plush-coated, masked,
red mini-sheepdog puppy with incredible layback of shoulder and a medium-brown eye. Since everyone was pushing toward AKC recognition, we had to promise to breed and to show and even try obedience. Harvey thought it would be something that would keep me busy for a year.

What is the significance of your kennel name “SHANDALEE”? Shandalee is the name of a lake in upstate NY near where I spent many summers as a child. I had always loved the sound of the name, and I just modified the spelling to my liking.

How long have you been breeding Wheatens? Finding a suitable mate for Kerri, then the #1 Owner-Handled Miscellaneous bitch (now there’s a title) and considered royalty as she was pick daughter of Sweeney first litter, became a project for Jackie and me. Keep in mind that we were all just beginners in the sport. The pioneers mentioned above had only gotten into Wheatens a couple of years before I did. It wasn’t as though any of us were true ‘dog-people’ with depth of experience showing or breeding other breeds and then turned to Wheatens. For the most part, we were just eager, energetic, enthusiastic PTA Moms with a new cause, who somehow knew that we were at the helm of something special. We had discovered this wonderful family dog of a relatively unknown breed and we were navigating uncharted waters, shepherding it through AKC recognition and beyond, whatever that meant, and wanted to do it right. Who knew from ‘campaigning a Special’, ‘inbreeding co-efficients’ and the like? We were focused on just getting out of the Miscellaneous class!

So, up and down the east coast we went in Jackie’s big blue Cadillac, armed with the purple mimeographed SCWTCA list of all Wheatens born in the U.S., searching for Kerri’s perfect mate under kitchen tables. With Audrey’s input, we decided on Harrigan of Hopping Brook, a racier dog with more neck, a dark eye and silky coat. Kerri’s first litter was born in 1974, out of which came the Shoemaker’s Ch. Shandalee’s Waterford Sheila and Emily Holden’s Ch. Shandalee’s Eric the Red. Kerri was a true princess who felt it was beneath her to perform for the show ring and was shy 2 or 3 points of her Championship. She found her real calling in the whelping box. She was Earth Mother, produced a total of 13 Champions, 11 of which were sired by Harrigan’s litter brother, Hogan of Hopping Brook, who we were lucky enough to acquire in 1976 and became the foundation sire of our line. Hogan was an elegant, aristocratic dog with a silky, honey-colored coat and better bone and topline than Harrigan, though both brothers could have used cleaner backskulls and better tailsets. This Kerri x Hogan combination clicked, producing square, typey dogs with the most beautiful silky, flowing coats. Kerri got her R.O.M in 1982; Hogan earned his in 1985, siring a number of Champions with our second foundation bitch and first Champion, an Ainlee daughter also by Sweeney, a beautifully balanced, silky-coated bitch with beautiful Wheaten color, lovely blend of neck, a dead level topline and bang-up tailset who loved the ring and lived up to her name, Ch. Legenderry Shandalee Sho-Off (“Windy”). All the Shandalee Wheatens descend from these three dogs.

What Wheaten, past or present (not bred or owned by you) comes closest
to your interpretation of the breed standard? Why does this Wheaten appeal to you? There have been several over the years that came close, but if I had to choose one, it has to be Shari Boyd-Carusi’s Ch. Shar-D’s Let the Games Begin. A wonderful ambassador for the breed, Brett typified the Standard: moderate without ever being ordinary, proper expression, lovely head, beautiful outline, nice size, correct coat, sound movement, and a happy, fun-loving personality.

When did you first start judging? I judged match shows starting in the late 1980’s and several regional Specialty Sweepstakes in the early 1990’s and was approved to judge Wheaten’s in 1995.

What breeds beside Wheatens, do you judge? I’m now approved for all Terrier breeds and the Terrier group; plus Chesapeake Bay, Curly-Coated, Flat-Coated, Golden and Labrador Retrievers; American Water, Clumber, Cocker, English Cocker, English Springer, Field, Sussex, and Welsh Springer Spaniels, Junior Showmanship and Best in Show. I’m provisional for Brittanys; Pointers; German Shorthaired Pointers; English, Gordon and Irish Setters; Vizslas; and Weimaraners.

As a judge, can you look back to the first BOB you awarded and the most recent one and measure the differences between then and now? My first assignment was a small show in Connecticut and I believe I awarded BOB to a very typey class bitch, moderate in size, feminine, with a lovely neckset, beautiful coat, and pleasing side gait. At a recent show in southern California, I had a lovely Specials class and awarded BOB to a moderate, balanced, feminine bitch, with proper expression, lovely coat, very nice breed type and smooth, efficient movement. In this instance, little difference between the two. It’s great when we judges find the type we’re seeking in our ring; otherwise we try to come as close as possible with the exhibits we have before us.

How would you assess the contribution made by imports from different countries in the last 10 years? What attributes did they bring with them and what has the impact been. Certainly the imports have broadened our gene pool. From a health standpoint, it is too soon yet to determine whether they have had a positive or negative effect. From a conformation standpoint, it has been a long and bumpy road. Only recently do we see consistent improvements in heads, toplines, tailsets, substance, bone, and temperament. Coatwise, a good Irish coat with silky soft waves and a beautiful sheen has always been easy to appreciate. I saw many of them 35+ years ago. The mistake, in my opinion, made by those here who imported breeding stock in the last 10 years, was putting in the ring dogs who may have had a role in a breeding program but lacked the qualities necessary for the show ring. The smart breeders were those who bred to the imports and selected for the ring those dogs that were truly competitive. Now, the most obvious contribution of these imports is in the improved coat quality of the American x European offspring. The coats are silky, shiny, and flowing, as opposed to the dull plush coats that have almost become the norm.

What “endearing” feature distinguishes the Wheaten to you from other breeds? The Wheaten personality is what drew me to the breed initially and still holds my heart. Way back when we first encountered this breed, we were seeking
the ideal family dog: shaggy (hah!), friendly, outgoing and good with children. Long after they retire from the show ring, these dogs have to live as pets in a family setting. The happy, silly, kissy, loves-everybody attitude coupled with the sense of entitlement these guys have is hard to beat. The second feature is the coat: soft, silky, flowing ... and non-shedding!!!

**What was your most memorable judging assignment?** Judging the Roving National at Great Western in 2004. Not only was it an honor to be selected for this assignment and to draw an entry of 116, but an even greater honor was the depth of quality of the entry and the fact that, for the most part, the exhibitors knew what type of Wheaten to bring me. As a judge, you hope that your choices are clear, consistent, and easily understood by the exhibitors. I was delighted that there were so many lovely exhibits that were ‘just my style’.

My second most memorable assignment was the 20th Anniversary of the SCWTC of Canada in 1998. I was honored to be invited to go north of the border to judge this important milestone.

**Do you also judge the Terrier Group?** If so, what attributes should a Wheaten have to receive a Group placement? And conversely, what one or two things keeps a Wheaten from receiving a Group Placement? I do judge the Terrier Group. Serious fanciers have long recognized that there are “breed dogs” and there are “group dogs”, and in some breeds, Wheatens among them, there is often a marked difference between the two.

Picture the Terrier group: the highly stylized outlines of the Airedale and Wire Fox, the long head of the Scottie, the daredevil attitude of the Irish, and so on. In a “group dog”, particularly in the Terrier Group, exaggeration and flash command attention. A longer head, a darker eye, a longer neck, a shorter back, a more perfectly scissored coat, possibly a bit more size and a tad more assertiveness will make a Wheaten more competitive in the group, even though that more extreme dog may not typify the breed standard. In our breed, moderation is key to type, as is a dog that stands his ground when sparred but doesn’t initiate trouble. Therefore, the moderate Wheaten – and that does not mean “plain” or “ordinary” — who’s not picking a fight with the dog behind him just doesn’t stand out unless the judge has a well-developed understanding of what makes a Wheaten a Wheaten. It’s the rare and exceptional dog that can truly be both a “breed dog” and a “group dog”.

**What is the biggest error an owner-handler makes in the show ring?** Fussing with the dog. Terriers should be encouraged to stand on their own, the handler there only to hold up the other end of the lead. Handlers who constantly adjust the legs, or try to bait a dog who’s making a beautiful picture staring at the next ring, or continuously rub a tail that’s already at twelve o’clock are ruining the impression. Just let the dog be!

The second biggest mistake made in the ring is not keeping up with the dog on the move. The handler needs to adjust his/her speed to what’s best for the dog, taking long even strides, not running. Both dog and handler must be physically fit; often owner-handlers hold the dog back and it costs them the win.

**What is the most significant thing a professional handler does that
makes them more successful in the show ring? The daily on-going conditioning of the dog is what gives professional handlers the edge, sometimes even with an inferior dog. This includes proper diet, exercise, training and of course, working the coat every single day. This is not rocket science, and the great owner-handlers—and we do have some--understand there are no shortcuts. Proper weight, good muscle tone, a shiny, healthy coat instead of a coat that was de-matted the night before, are all part of the total package.

As a judge, what could you “never” forgive? I’d have a hard time rewarding a shy or fearful Wheaten. Give me a silly, exuberant dog any day – with time and training they’ll settle down. With some leniency to puppies and inexperienced youngsters, a Wheaten with its tail tucked and ears flattened is so atypical as to be basically out of contention.

What is your favorite Wheaten story? In 1972, Maureen Holmes visited the U.S. and spoke to a group of us about the breed. In Ireland, Wheatens had been recognized since 1939. I raised my hand and asked Mrs. Holmes how many Wheatens there were over there. She thought for a very long time and then answered, “Oh, there must be 50 – and 14 of them are in my kennel.” Here in America we were now some 800 strong and AKC remained unconvinced that we were as yet a viable breed.

How are you involved in the Wheaten breed? My involvement over the years has been both broad and deep. At the local club level, I was deeply involved with the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Metropolitan New York, serving in every Board position but Treasurer. I was President from 1978-1980 when Metro held the first local point Specialty ever and chaired many of Metro’s very popular Grooming Symposia and Breeders’ Seminars. I’ve taught Wheaten grooming at Intergroom, the international grooming competition as well as at several private grooming schools. I am also a charter member of the Garden State All-Terrier Club, one of the first Group clubs to be recognized by the AKC.

For the National club, I served on numerous committees over the years including the original Code of Ethics Committee, was a contributing author to the original Owner’s Manual, initiated and chaired the Public Information Committee and served for seven years on the Standard Revision Committee.

Although we’ve bred only once a year or every other year and never had more than two brood bitches at a time, we’ve produced over sixty Champions, mostly owner-handled. Our most recent is “Roxie”, Ch. Shandalee Rocketfire, who finished, entirely from the Puppy class, at the Del Val Specialty with a 4 point major over 36 bitches. Sired by Ch. Bryr Rose Degas, Roxie oozes breed type with an outline to die for, a gorgeous silky, honey color, effortless stride, and attitude plus. She represents 7 generations of the best of Shandalee breeding and traces back through her dam, Ch. Shandalee Fire Dancer (“Perri”) to our Kerri, Hogan and Windy. From this litter of 5, three of her littermates are also nearly finished.

As a judge, my commitment to the breed is renewed every time I step into the ring. Ever mindful of how our Standard Revision Committee agonized over every phrase, every word, every comma in the Standard, I feel a tremendous re-
sponsibility to be bound by that description. The decisions judges make in their placements play a pivotal role in determining the future of a breed. The days of searching for a stud dog under pet owners’ kitchen tables are long gone. Now, most people breed to the dogs that are winning, and judges must always remember that they are evaluating breeding stock, keeping the function of the breed and the Standard as the template.

On a broader scale, I have been a Delegate to the American Kennel Club since 1988 and am an active member of the Dog Show Rules Committee, championing the tightening of the criteria for eligibility in the Bred By Exhibitor Class. I have served on the Delegates’ Eligibility Committee and am currently an alternate to the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors.

On a personal note, I take a great deal of pride in having mentored some wonderful Wheaten people along the way. Several of them are still involved in the breed and have made valuable contributions. Pam Mandeville, who made our Ch. Shandalee Star-Spangled Banner (a Hogan x Kerri daughter) the foundation bitch of her Banner Wheatens, owner-handled our Ch. Shandalee Glory Bound to her championship, and with her husband, John, took a most reluctant almost-champion (21 points, shy one major) Shandalee Satin Doll (“Cookie”) and put a C.D. on her at age 11. Pam was a recent regular contributor to Benchmarks and is an active member of our Health Committee.

Naomi Waxman’s Ch. Shandalee Stormy Weather led to a 16 year love affair with Shandalee Shining Star, dam of our well-known Ch. Shandalee Star-Stud ded (“Mikey”). Mikey was campaigned to #4 Wheaten and was the sire and grandsire of multiple group placing offspring, and great-great grandsire of Naomi’s soon to be-champion Shandalee Star Saffire (Roxie’s littersister).

Pam and Bob Tinnelly started their Wheaten infatuation with Ch. Shandalee Hot to Trot (“Farley”) and Ch. Shandalee Smart Alec (“Alfie”). Bob has personally piloted our Shandalee Firecracker (“Biscuit”, another Roxie littersister) to one point shy of finishing as of this writing. Pam and Bob have become sought after ring stewards and worked diligently for SCWTCA as Trial and Sweepstakes Secretary at this past Montgomery.

Suzanne Stone, proud owner of Ch. Shandalee Daredevil, has put more and varied titles on “Jeter” than any Shandalee Wheaten. The two have become active in obedience, agility, herding, and therapy dog activities. Suzanne is an accomplished animal portrait artist and has done some incredible Wheaten art in varied media. She has chaired the Canine Good Citizen portion of Montgomery 2004 and 2005.

Lastly, our involvement in Wheatens, has led us to some amazing friendships that in many cases have far outgrown and often outlived the original dog connection. It certainly has impacted my life in ways I could never have dreamed of 37 years ago. As I write this, I recall the advice my wise father, with my dog involvement in mind, once gave a friend of ours whose son was begging for a puppy: “If your child wants a dog, get him a dog. Otherwise, he’ll spend the rest of his life overcompensating!”
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SCWTCA
National Specialty
Winners Dog & AOM
Handled by: Kent & Gwen Meyer
Breeder-Judge
Mrs. Cindy Vogels

TRÉBOL LABOUR LEADER
Am. & Can. Ch. Geragold Orla Finlandia x Am. Ch. Trébol Take It From The Top

“JACK”
WILLIE & WENDY RUEDA
WASHINGTON, DC

ELIZABETH BELL
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CH. TRÉBOL TOP BILLING

Int D SF L Ch. Wheaten Rebel's Walk on Top  x  Ch. Trébol Whisk Off the Gloves

NEW CH. EDGEWOOD BUGABOO BAMBOO

WB/BOW - MCKC
Dam. Ch. Andover Kachina Doll
Breeder/Owner: Carl McGill

NEW CH. KAYLYNN’S I MADE THE WANTED LIST

WD - HATBORO KC
Dam. Ch. Reyem Abrie Cadabrie
Breeders/Owners: Kay Baird & Gwen Meyer  Co-owners Nora & Johann Lindvall

KAYLYNN’S PISTOL PACKIN’ MAMA

BOS - SCWTCA SWEETSTAKES, & RWB HATBORO KC
Dam. Ch. Reyem Abrie Cadabrie
Breeders/Owners: Kay Baird & Gwen Meyer
I always found it thrilling to exhibit dogs at Montgomery, but I think that judging there is even more exciting. It’s truly a high honor to be given the responsibility of sorting out the best dogs in a breed. Since Soft Coated Wheatens were my original breed, and also the breed in which I have the most experience (and history), judging the national is especially meaningful to me.

Since I judge the breed quite a bit around the country, I think breeders are beginning to understand my preferences, and are being more selective in what they choose to show to me. I’m looking for a moderate, square upstanding terrier. Wheatens should be well-boned without being coarse and elegant without being weedy or racy. The structure of the Wheaten is basic, and overall soundness is paramount. Heads should be powerful, but in proportion to the dog, never overly broad in skull or snipey in muzzle. Since the eye is merely indicated, it’s more the small to medium ears (properly set), along with the characteristic large, black nose, which give the Wheaten its characteristic expression. A soft, silky, waving jacket tops off the visual necessities while a merry, confident demeanor is uniquely Wheaten.

Puppy Dogs, 6-9  (8 entries, 1 absent)
First: Donegal Finding Neverland won on the basis of his overall balance and sound structure.
Second: Kaylynn’s I Made the Wanted List. Very stylish pup. His movement was still quite immature.
Third: Heirloom Back on Track: A little larger dog.
Fourth: Kaylynn’s Don’t Fence Me In: (brother to #2) - Also very stylish. I’d like a little more of him.

Puppy Dogs, 9-12 (9 entries, 2 absent) Note: #181 is a 9-12 bitch
First: Pinhomes Seamus Walnut. Nice, moderate, balanced dog. Would have benefited from having his ears glued.
Second: Mil Mear Geragold How Far: Stylish pup. Didn’t use his front as well as dog #1.
Third: Marymores Gift Wrapped: A bit long. Lovely rear, but front assembly rather upright and forward.
Fourth: Shar-D’s Gent’lmn At Hart: Nicely balanced, moderate pup. A little unsure of himself so didn’t show to his best advantage. More gray in the coat than I like.

Dogs, 12-18 months (9 entered, 1 absent)
First: Lontree Desert Star. Very nice size, shape and make. Could be a little cleaner in the skull. Had small ears but they could have been carried better.
Second: Desertrose Bonney Mans Dream. A lovely dog who might have won
the class had he not sidewinded repeatedly. Outstanding coat, but could use a little more length of leg and cleaner skull.
Third: Conroy Irish Warrior: Nice square dog. Could use a bit more angle front and rear.
Fourth: Wheatnbrook’s Legend of Dublin: Balanced dog, but didn’t use himself well on the day.

Dogs, Bred by Exhibitor (10 entered, 1 absent)
First: Lechaun’s Glenamon Happy Days: Lovely dog, nicely balanced with good angles both ends. A little more stylish trim and more pizzazz would help him.
Second: Starlight Crusin’ Topanga: Very nice type. Beautiful head. Dropped off a bit at the tail and didn’t have the reach and drive of the first place dog.
Third: Stratford Top Priority: Might well have won the class had he not become obstinate about being examined. A wonderful package who did not disappoint on the go. A bit crisp in coat and overdone in skull.
Fourth: Greentree Skellig’s Samba Par Ti: Lovely coat. A bit long cast. Could use smaller ear

Open Dogs (8 entered, 1 absent)
Second: Ballymena Quinn of Zeus. Pleasing, but didn’t have the balance of the first place dog.
Third: Lakeshore’s Murph the Surf. Nice shape and make. Dropped off a bit at the tail and is a little heavy in skull.
Fourth: Templars Grand Master. Glorious Irish coat. A little long cast. Didn’t use himself well on the day.

Winners Dog: The Open Dog was winners. He won on the basis of his super balance, his beautiful coat and his ability to hold his outline moving around the ring.
Reserve Winners Dog. 12-18 dog won on the basis of his balance and showmanship on the day. He was pressed by the quality Bred-By dog who just didn’t want to show himself to his best advantage on the day.

Puppy Bitches, 6-9 months (11 entered, 2 absent)
First: Kaylynn’s Pistol Packin Mama. Wonderful package. Proper size, although she was one of the smaller entries. Plenty of bone, making her an ideal shape and make. Uses every bit of herself.
Second: Donegal Million Dollar Baby. Littermate to the first place 6-9 puppy dog. A bit sizey, but workmanlike.
Third: Caraway Going For Baroque. Needs a little more ring experience. Hopefully, she’ll come up on leg a bit.
Fourth; Candance New Spin on It. Gorgeous coat.
Puppy Bitches, 9-12 months (9 entered, 1 absent)
First: Pinehomes Mrs Pecan Can. Nicely balanced bitch of the proper size, shape and make. Four good legs. Her coat not her fortune.
Second: Mil Mear Reluctant Daughter. A nice little package. Could use a bit more angulation at both ends, but used what she has well.
Third: Bryr Rose Petal Pusher. Pretty coat. A bit long and could use a smaller ear. She was in season, which might account for her lackluster attitude.
Fourth: O’Conals Dream Dancer. Also a bit long. Questionable coat color.

Bitches 12-18 months (18 entered, 2 absent) It’s interesting to note the popularity of this class. It’s been a great addition to dog shows.
First: Clanheath Clovers N’ Bloom. Just right shape and make and very proud of herself. Four good legs with lovely reach and drive. I’d prefer a little less coat.
Third: Greentree Skelling’s Jendu Taboo. Darling package. Not as good on her legs as the first and second place bitches.

Bitches, Bred by Exhibitor (13 entered, 2 absent)
First: Edgewood Bugaboo Bamboo. Wonderful size and outline which held on the move. Rather light in color right now, but adequate.
Second: Bryr Rose Les Trois Saules. Beautiful coat. Not as good on her legs as the first place bitch.
Third: Banner Leap of Faith. Again, a beautiful coat. A bit rangier than the first two bitches.
Fourth: Lechaun’s Day After Tuesday. Similar to the third place bitch.

American Bred Bitches (6 entered, 1 absent) - a very nice class
First: Shandalee Firecracker. A bit bigger than I’d like, but a nice, compact, well-made bitch. A trimming error created the illusion of a low tailset, which was fine upon examination.
Second: Banner Light of Day. Another nice bitch, but even bigger than #1. Both #1 and #2 had lovely coats.
Fourth: Kaler Pennywhistle’s Empress. A bit longer than the first three and not as good on her legs.

Open Bitches (19 entered, 5 absent) - ended up with four very nice bitches
First: Greentree Clover Ginger Rose. Nice, workmanlike bitch. Wish she had a different ear carriage. A little linty in coat.
Second: Glenamon Absolutely Rosie. I preferred her outline to #1, but she didn’t use herself as well and wouldn’t use her ears at all. Also, a little linty in coat.

Third: Michaleen’s Star O’Kerry Morn. A bit longer cast and also didn’t use herself well. The nicest coat of the four.


Winner’s Bitch
I made the contest between the Bred-By bitch and the 6-9 puppy. The puppy decided that she’d had enough of being examined, so the lovely, smoothly made, Bred-By bitch got the nod.

Reserve Winners bitch went to the 12-18 month class winner. I would have trimmed her differently, but she’s a lovely, balanced bitch who put on a good show.

Veteran Dogs (2 entered, none absent) - both dogs seemed to enjoy being back in the ring.

First: Ch. Bonney Midnight Spice Dream.
Second: Ch. Gleanngay Derring-Do OA NAJ

Veteran Bitches (4 entered, one absent)

First: Ballymena’s Trilogy. Nice bitch. A tad long, but she uses herself well. I’d prefer a bit more stop; used her ears well.


Third: Ch. Geragold Lady Lavery. Also nice. A bit hesitant on the day.

Best of Breed: (39 (18-21) entered 3 absent) No problems finding quality in this group.

Best of Breed: Ch Caraway Celebrate Life. I’ve watched this dog mature from an exciting promising prospect into what I would consider a “great one.” He’s got it all - style, soundness, and impeccable temperament with all the breed specific requisites: coat, head, expression beautiful typical coat. He’s presented and shown to perfection.

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Stratford Spice Girl. A balanced, sound bitch with just the right proportions - feminine but substantial. Four good legs which she uses well.

Best of Winners to the first-rate class bitch.
Awards of merit:

Ch Reyem No Squatin on My Spurs. A wonderful package. Just the right shape and make. An ideal size. Puts on a great show, but sometimes gets a little too happy with his legs.

Ch. Grian Annie O’Klee. I watched this bitch mature along with her owner/exhibitor. She’ll make a wonderful foundation bitch as she’s sound and femininely pretty.

Trebol Labour Leader. A great ambassador for the “Irish” coat.

I’d also like to make special mention of:

Ch. Windisle Medoc - A very impressive young dog. One to watch in the future. Also making the final cut: Ch. Marquee’s Trick Question (d) and Ch. Gallagher’s Diamond Girl (b) and Ch. Claddagh’s Star Studded Celli.

While I had no problem finding quality exhibits to award, I would say that, overall, the entry was not as pleasing as the last time I judged Wheatens at Montgomery County in 1998. I found the class bitches were better than the class dogs, while the dog specials were superior to the bitch specials. Size seems to have stabilized pretty well; nearly every entry was within the size standard, although I think I had more outsized bitches than dogs. Shape and make was overall very pleasing. Toplines and tailsets have improved greatly. While eye color was excellent, I think we’ve lost a lot in head properties. Many of the heads were heavier in skull and shorter in muzzle, and it’s still a challenge to find ears of the proper size, set and carriage. Many dogs had perfectly acceptable ears which had not been glued properly, so they pointed out rather than down, detracting from expression. One shock was the number of bad bites I encountered through the day. Fellow Terrier breeder/judge Jerry Roszman refers to teeth as “a Terrier’s toolbox.” While I’ve never considered myself a “tooth fairy,” I judged far too many dogs that had functionally bad bites. This problem needs immediate attention from breeders. Many exhibits were pleasing stacked, but a disappointment on the go. I think it’s time to work on movement as few entries were sound coming, going and around. While I’m not a stickler for the up and back, there were far too many exhibits that crossed front and rear. While still a mixed bag, coats generally fell in to the acceptable range. Color remains an issue with too many exhibits sporting too much gray. Presentation has come a long way and was generally pleasing. Temperament was excellent. I am a firm believer in sparring Wheatens, and I think the entry overall stood the test well.

To my stewards, Sue Little, Ann Leigh, Pam Donahue and in particular, Rosie Berg - I can’t thank you enough. You made an almost impossible ring workable! To you, the exhibitors, my gratitude for your faith in me, and your wonderful, sportsmanlike attitudes. Soft Coated Wheatens and their owners are a special group and I’m proud to be a part of it.
SCWTCA Award Winners for 2004

The following awards were given out at the 2004 Montgomery County specialty

**Andover Challenge Trophy (Best of Breed)**
- Caraway Celebrate Life,
  owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman

**Bryan E. McNamara Memorial Trophy**
(*owner of 1st place bitch in Bred by Exhibitor Class*)
- Dana L. Sumner & Hank Loring for Lechaun’s Just A Whisper

The following awards were given out at the Annual Meeting in October 2005:

**Best in Specialty Show Breeder Award**
- MCKC–Beth Verner & Betty Chapman for Caraway Celebrate Life

**Everett Keller Memorial Trophy**
(*Breeder of Winners Bitch at Montgomery County KC*)
- Dana L. Sumner & Hank Loring for Lechaun’s Just A Whisper

**Mary Ann Dallas Award**
(*Breeder of Best of Winners at Montgomery County KC*)
- Caraway Celebrate Life,
  owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman

**Maureen Holmes Memorial Trophy**
(*Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes*)
- Beth Verner & Betty Chapman for Caraway Circle of Life

**Ch. Abby’s Postage Dhu O’Waterford “Casey” Award**
(*Wheaten who defeats the most Wheatens by going Best of Breed in 2004*)
- Ch. Ellora Bastion,
  owned by Neil O’Sullivan & Gerard Thompson
Ch. Amaden Trophy (Wheaten bitch who defeats the most Wheatens by going Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex in 2004)

- Ch. Doubloon’s Playing The Field, owned by Elena Landa

Best in Show Award

- Ch. Doubloon’s Playing The Field, owned by Elena Landa
  - September 25, 2004 Richland Kennel Club
  - September 26, 2004 Richland Kennel Club

Junior Showmanship

- Mary Payton Noah

Obedience Dog of the Year Award

- Ch. Gleanngay Keep the Faith CDX, TD, NA, NAJ, owned by Gay Dunlap & Joanne & Chester Vogt

Versatility Awards

Versatility Dog Master Award

- Ch. Azlough Turn to Gold, CDX, TDX, OA, AXJ, owned by Cindy Jansen

Versatility Dog Excellent Award

- Ch. Azlough Turn to Gold, CDX, TDX, OA, AXJ, owned by Cindy Jansen
- Ch. MACH Ceili’s Calypso, CDX, MX, MXJ, owned by Elizabeth Sorenson

Versatility Dog Award

- Ch. Brenmoor’s People Will Talk OA, NAJ, OAP, NAJP, owned by Betsy Geertson & Gary Vlachos
- Ch. Caraway Top of the Key CD, owned by Kelly Kletz, Beth Verner & Betty Chapman
- Grian Werth’s Padraig CD, OA, NAJ, owned by Joan & Larry Werth
- Ch. Hollywood’s Dagwood Bumstead CD, owned by Cynthia Hollis French

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• Ch. Mil Mear’s Kaleidoscope, CD,
  owned by Monica & Bruce Kipp
• Ch. Winterwheats O'Malley O’My OAJ,
  owned by Cherie & Stephen Burch & Bette Eckstrom

Ch. Gleanngay Holliday “Doc” Award (Top Wheaten sire, if breeder owned)
• Ch. Aranbriar Adonis ROM,
  owned by Judith Pitman

Register of Merit (ROM)
(Sires with at least 15 champion get & dams with at least 8 champion get)
• Ch. Andover Dear Prudence,
  owned by Jacqueline Gottlieb
• Ch. Dundalk The Stroke of Midnight,
  owned by Carol Burdge & Doug Munn
• Ch. Harbour Hill Czarina,
  owned by Susan & Steve Sakauye & Alla Bezkrovny
• Ch. Marquee’s Act Two,
  owned by Sonya & Richard Urquhart
• Ch. Wheaten Rebel’s Odessa File,
  owned by Neil O’Sullivan & Gerard Thompson
The 2005 MCKC SCWTCA Education Seminar was held October 7, 2005 at the King of Prussia Hotel. The topic was Puppy Socialization, Evaluation and Placement. The presenter was Eileen Bohn, of Minnesota. She is the Director of Programs and co-founder of Helping Paws Inc., an organization that trains service dogs for individuals with physical disabilities. During the last 25 years Eileen has titled dogs in obedience, tracking & conformation, taught obedience classes and co-developed a dog training program for “at risk teens”. At Helping Paws, she has instituted a program to breed dogs with appropriate temperaments for service work. She has “puppy tested” numerous breeds of dogs over the past 20 years with Wheatens being the most frequently tested. Eileen lives with 8 Golden Retrievers and is a member of GRCA, GTCGRC and APDT.

Eileen started the seminar with an overview of the history of puppy aptitude evaluation. It is interesting to note that the basis of the evaluation we do today can be traced back to the work of Dr. Pfaffenerberger who evaluated dogs during World War 2 for service work in the war. She then discussed the early socialization and stimulation of puppies through the stages of their growth and development. There were many helpful suggestions of things that breeders can do to promote the early learning of puppies.

The next part of the seminar was about the initial contact with potential buyers of puppies. Eileen discussed the use of a questionnaire and the questions that the breeder can ask to obtain the type of information needed to make a successful decision on whether or not to place a puppy with the person wanting a puppy and the type of puppy that would best fit with their family and lifestyle.

Then it was on to the fun part of the seminar. Eileen discussed the preparation for puppy testing and evaluation such as; who should test the puppies, location of the test, age of puppies and equipment to use. The people attending the seminar were then able to watch as Eileen conducted the test with two seven week old Smooth Fox Terrier puppies. She discussed the individual tests and the score she was giving each puppy and why.

A video of a litter of seven week old SCWT puppies was then shown and the audience was asked to score the puppy. After the video there was a discussion of the families who wanted a puppy and which puppy the audience would place with these families.
There was such good interaction between Eileen and the audience that time ran out before all the planned information could be discussed. From the feedback that was received from many of the participants they enjoyed the seminar and left with information that will help them with testing and placing future litters of puppies.

Eileen Bohn and Helen Moreland requested input from the members of SCWTCA for the seminar through an online questionnaire. The respondents were to answer the questions in the article below. This was a general survey, not a research data collection tool. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions - just personal preferences. These are the original questions followed by a summary of the responses that were received.

Question 1. What socialization experiences do you provide for your puppies and at what ages?
- Separating puppies, one at a time, for special attention with you.
- Visitors to sit with and hold pups. Does this include children and under what conditions?
- Special experiential opportunities, such as; different floorings, boxes to climb or crawl in, tunnels, make noises next to pups, standing on grooming table, bathing, grooming, examination, roll over, walking on leash, staying in own crate, other. (Please list and at what age)

Summary of Responses about Socialization experiences provided for puppies:
All respondents stated that they provided individual attention to their puppies. The age at which this occurs varied from birth to 2 to 3 weeks. A variety of adult visitors were allowed at much earlier time than children. Closely supervised child contact was usually after 4 weeks of age.

All of the experiential opportunities, such as different floorings, boxes to climb or crawl in, tunnels, make noises next to pups, were used by the respondents. Extra experiences were provided by things such as a variety of toys, crates, jungle jims, slides and going outside. One response mentioned that food was given at the time of loud noises so the puppy associated the noise with something good.

Responses regarding general grooming such as nail clipping started at 2 weeks of age with introduction to the grooming table and more grooming at around 4 weeks. The most grooming occurred at the time of evaluation of the puppies. The first bath tended to occur at around 6 weeks and before going to new home. Comments on examination varied
from constant to 4 to 6 weeks with the majority stating 4, 5 or 6 weeks.

Most common answer for walking on leash and staying in own crate was at 7 weeks.

Question 2. What do you do at your initial contact with a prospective buyer to determine if this is someone you want to sell to? What questions do you ask? What are your primary concerns? Do you ask for references? If so, who? Other.

Summary of Responses about Contact with Prospective Buyers:
The majority of initial contacts were by telephone or email. Telephone contact is where the breeder offered information about the SCWT, their care requirements and health issues. This is also when most breeders determined if they would continue contact with the person inquiring about a puppy. The respondents listed a number of questions that they asked (listed below) to determine if the SCWT was the breed most suited to the person/s looking for a puppy and if they would be able to provide the type of home that would meet the needs of a SCWT (i.e. fenced yard, time to spend with dog, willingness to do training, grooming, health testing, etc.). These conversations also lead to future meeting/s with the prospective buyer and their family. Personal visits were used to observe how the potential owners interacted with the breeder’s adult dogs and to continue the process of deciding if they would place a puppy with them.

Question 3. Do you use a potential buyer questionnaire? Yes No (If so, please email a copy with this please.)

Summary of Responses about Buyer Questionnaire:
38% of respondents use a potential buyer questionnaire. One respondent stated they were not comfortable a questionnaire would provide them with a good understanding of the prospective buyer and a questionnaire was not worth it when follow up calls and visits would be done. Another takes notes after each visit and uses them instead.

Question 4. Do you do puppy testing and/or evaluation (and at what age)? Yes No
-What puppy testing tool do you use? (Name) Who does the puppy testing and interprets the values for you? Who helps you make decisions regarding pets vs. show? At what week/s do you evaluate for structure? Other:

Summary of Responses about Puppy Testing and/or Evaluation:
57% of respondents stated that they used some form of puppy testing with 71% stating that they used their own method of testing. The
majority also used people who the puppies had not seen before to help with testing and they most often used the same people for consistency in the method of testing.

When evaluating for show vs. pet puppies 57% stated that they made the decisions themselves. The other 43% stated that they consulted with other people such as, a professional handler, judge friends and other wheaten breeders. The majority stated they made the final decision.

The time of evaluation for structure varied from one response stating that at 6 weeks they took an initial look at all the puppies and decided which puppies did not have what they were looking for in a show potential puppy. Final evaluation of the show potential puppies usually took place between 7 and 9 weeks of age.

Question 5. How do you match puppy buyers to their puppies? Let them choose, puppy aptitude testing, new owners’ meeting, new owners’ questionnaires, children’s’ ages, “Gut” feeling other.

Summary of Responses about Matching Buyers to Puppies:
Letting the puppy buyer choose their puppy was not an option for all respondents. However, one response stated that if there were 2 puppies that were equal they might let the buyer choose between those 2 puppies. Most used a combination of puppy testing and observation to see what the puppies needs will be, the impression the breeder had of the type of home the new owners would provide, the questionnaire responses and ages of children in the family. Most use contracts, some give limited registrations, most mention requiring spay-neuter on pets and co-own show potential dogs.

Question 6. How do you get your new puppy owners off to a great start?
- Give educational/preparatory material (and when) Please list.
- Demonstrate helpful techniques to new owners (and when) Please list.
- Provide supplies Please list.
- Other:

Summary of Responses about Getting new owners off to a great start:
This question elicited a long list of items some breeders provide to the new owners. All respondents provide the new owner with a variety of written material and recommendations of what books to read. The breeders wrote some material provided. Puppy health records, sire and dam health records, pedigrees, contracts and registrations, some basic grooming supplies, and a supply of the food the puppy was being fed
were also included. Equipment lists and recommendations on the best place to purchase the items was also material commonly supplied. One respondent provides the majority of the equipment needed with the cost of this equipment being included in the price of the puppy.

Question 7. What follow up and ongoing support do you offer once the puppies are placed?

Summary of Responses about Follow up and ongoing support:
All respondents stated that they made telephone calls to the new owners. Some within 72 hours and at varying intervals after that, emails, birthday and Christmas cards are also a way of keeping touch. The emphasis seems to be that the breeder is there for ongoing support for the life of the dog.

Free grooming sessions offer an opportunity to discuss how things are going and how the dog is doing. The number of free haircuts varies between breeders and is dependent on whether the dog was placed as a pet or show potential.

Question 8. What other opportunities, services, and so forth, do you offer?

Summary of Responses about Opportunities, Services Offered:
As in question 7, grooming, teaching coat maintenance and general care were frequent responses to services offered. Boarding, training and showing the dog were also mentioned.

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America
Obedience Qualifiers
Thursday, October 6, 2005 - Kimberton, PA

Highest SCWT in Trial:

Qualifiers
Novice B Class:
CH ACACIA’S SOME LIKE IT HOT NA 0AJ. 08-06-02. By Ch Wheaten Rebel’s Odessa File - Ch Acacia’s Aisling. Owner: Betsy Geertson & Guillermo Rueda. Breeder: Barbara Smith & Ann Smith. Score: 180.5

Open B Class:
As whelpings go, it couldn’t have been easier, if a little harrowing. The first-time mother literally popped out ten puppies, one after another, while she circled the whelping box and ignored any strategies meant to settle her down.

Although she did settle down at last, she still entered and exited the box over one of the high sides like a vaulter for the first day and we lost one of the newborns when its mother came down on it; a necropsy showed no abnormalities aside from the trauma. All of the remaining puppies grew and thrived, and took everything in stride like their bold and energetic mother. They went off to their new families and began their wonderful new lives.

Ellie Wong, who had owned two male Wheatens over the years, took a lovely bitch as a show and obedience prospect, naming her Kelsie. Over the next six years, Kelsie proved that we were right in recognizing her potential—she was a fabulous performance dog. At barely six months, she went to a herding clinic sponsored by the SCWTC of Northern California and did a jaw-dropping job of herding sheep, scoring one for the herding dog gene. Kelsie has competed in conformation, obedience, agility and rally and is frequently listed as one of the top Wheatens in performance competition by the national ranking systems. She has even starred as Sandy in a production of “Annie.” Ellie is enormously proud of her and she and Kelsie have always had an admiring gallery of supporters wherever they went, including regular shopping trips through Nordstrom’s and Bloomingdale’s.
Ellie is a great owner and always took Kelsie in for routine blood and urine workups. I had been concerned when Kelsie was five that her protein/creatinine ratio was higher—1.9—than I had seen in any of our other dogs, enough to ask Dr. Littman about it after she spoke at Montgomery. She reassured me that it was not a reading that should concern us. Her protein/creatinine ratio had been elevated earlier that year when her diet was changed; it had lowered again with a return to the original diet. We did continue to test Kelsie that year and saw her numbers change only a minimal amount, from 1.6 to 1.4 to 1.9. Today, we would be much more concerned with these results than we were only six years ago.

At six years, one of Kelsie’s littermates became ill suddenly and was diagnosed with PLN and Addison’s, dying within a month. As soon as the diagnosis was made, all of the litter’s individual owners were contacted and asked to test their own dogs immediately. Only Kelsie and one litterbrother showed any indication of unusual findings, but the re-testing showed that her ratio had risen to 3.37 in just a few months.

Kelsie was put on a regimen of 5 mg. Enalapril twice daily for her elevated blood pressure and checked for blood and urine results every six months. She was spayed as soon as her blood pressure had been regulated and recovered without incident. An ultrasound of Kelsie’s kidneys showed both were smooth and symmetrical, her diet wasn’t changed from the lamb, wheat and rice diet she had been raised on, with training treats, vitamins, cottage cheese and egg added, but any new foods or treats were prohibited. Within four months, the protein/creatinine ratio was down to 2.1 and later as low as 1.7.

After two years, Kelsie’s diet has been changed to a prescription kibble, Eukanuba Early Stages, which she genuinely enjoys. This is supplemented with K-Zyme powdered vitamin with digestive enzymes, selenium with vitamin E (which we give to all of our older and performance dogs), and calcium. The Enalapril dosage has been increased to 7.5 mg., plus one baby aspirin and 15 mg. of thyroid medication. Her protein/creatinine ratio remains at 2.1

Her test results have remained good, and the only real bump in the road came this year at age eleven when she became anemic. It was decided to remove her spleen and a suspected tumor, and she snapped back so quickly that she was in competition again little more than five weeks later when she earned her MXJ in agility. Yes, “J” stands for “Jumpers.” No tumor was found
and her tests have returned to Kelsie’s normal numbers, her full energy and health restored.

Kelsie continues to compete in performance events full-tilt. Her AKC titles include Canine Good Citizen, Companion Dog, Companion Dog Excellent, Utility Dog, Novice Agility, Open Agility, Excellent Agility, Master Agility Excellent, Novice Agility Jumpers, Open Agility Jumpers and Excellent Agility Jumpers, with a Versatility Award from SCWTCA. Her NADAC titles include Novice Regular Agility, Open Regular Agility, Novice Jumpers and Open Jumpers. Kelsie is also a certified Therapy Dog. Best of all, taaa-daaa: Kelsie retrieves the newspaper!

Ellie works seamlessly with Kelsie, incorporating obedience commands and behaviors into everyday activities so that dog and handler are continually polishing their skills. What might be stressful for some dogs is Kelsie’s meat and potatoes—she could be the perfect definition of a happy working terrier

Over the intervening years, the litterbrother has been diagnosed with protein loss. As he began to show increased lack of energy, the owner, a nurse, elected to euthanize him rather than prolong his decline. The other littermates are not showing any suspicious test results and continue in good health. Their sire is still living and also in good health, but the dam died from cancer while she was living in Mexico with her owner. She showed no evidence of protein losing, Addison’s or kidney problems in the testing done before her death, but we were unable to get necropsy results.

Kelsie was eleven years old this summer, when she earned her Utility and Master Agility Excellent titles. She often travels with Ellie and her husband, Ira, in their motorhome and spends time with doggy relatives when the Wongs are off on more exotic trips.

Ellie is a consistent and careful owner. She has been diligent in health testing, diet and medication for Kelsie, and her care has obviously been rewarded. Kelsie’s coat is shiny, glorious and abundant, her weight perfect, her eyes are clear and full of intelligence, and no trespassing deer is safe in her backyard. She isn’t treated like a delicate flower or as if she were a sick dog, which, to observe her, she is not. We can’t discount the activity level in Kelsie’s life as one of the greatest factors in her continuing well-being, and it looks as if she will live out a full and busy life. She is a beautiful, vibrant Wheaten who has been able to outrun a tragedy.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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2005 Winner of the Maureen Holmes Trophy

10” Sterling Silver Revere Bowl
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Wheaten Qualifiers
Sponsored by Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America
Tuesday, October 4, 2005 - Kimberton, PA

Standard Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
Novice A (16 inches)
1st: ELLILEEEAH CREATURES OF SEA SKY, E Dix

Open (16 inches)
3rd: CH ACACIA’S SOME LIKE IT HOT NA OAJ, B Geertson/G Rueda

Excellent B (16 inches)
4th: BALLYBAE BANSHEE’S LIMERICK CDX AX AXJ, H Gore/W Gore
WAYLAND’S BAILEY CD MX AXJ, D Shew
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P Peckham/L Nelson
KOBY’S LIL’ IRISH GIRL MX MXJ, S Kobylinski/B Kobylinski

Excellent B (20 inches)
3rd: SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan
Jumpers with Weaves Classes: B Drabek, Judge
JWW Novice B (16 inches)
1st: PIPER’S IRISH JIG NA, A Bradley
2nd: HEIRLOOM WISH UPON A STAR, P Chevalier/R Bergman

JWW Excellent A (16 inches)
2nd: CH HEIRLOOM TRULY IRRESISTIBLE OA OAJ, J Unruh/ P Chevalier/R Bergman

JWW Excellent B (16 inches)
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P Peckham/L Nelson
CH EDGEWOOD’S PRIME MINISTER MX MXJ, L Tappin/C Cavalier

Preferred Standard Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
Novice Preferred (12 inches)
1st: SKIBBEREEN KELSEY KILBALYOWN VCD2 NJP, A Fisher/A Hettig

Preferred Jumpers with Weaves: B Drabek, Judge
JWW Novice Preferred (12 inches)
1st: CH BRENMOOR’S PRIMADONNA CD AX MXJ, B Geertson

Sponsored by Airedale Terrier Club of America
Wednesday, October 5, 2005 - Kimberton, PA

Standard Class: B Drabek, Judge
Novice B (16 inches)
3rd: STAR OF THE BELLBOTTOM BLUES OAJ, R Crowell/D Daniel/A Crowel

Novice B (20 inches)
1st: STAR OF THE IRISH MIST NAP NAJ NJP, R Crowel/D Daniel/A Crowel
Excellent A (16 inches)
1st: CH HEIRLOOM TRULY IRRESISTIBLE OA OAJ, J Unruh/P Chevalier/R Bergman

Excellent B (16 inches)
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P Peckham/L Nelson
KOBY’S LIL’ IRISH GIRL MX MXJ, S Kobylinski/B Kobylinski

Excellent B (20 inches)
3rd: SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan

Jumpers with Weaves: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
JWW Novice B (16 inches)
2nd: HEIRLOOM WISH UPON A STAR, P Chevalier/R Bergman

JWW Open (16 inches)
1st: MAGGIE MAE XI RN NA NAJ, R Stoudt/R Stoudt
2nd: STAR OF THE BELLBOTTOM BLUES OAJ, R Crowell/D Daniel/A Crowel

JWW Excellent B (16 inches)
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P Peckham/L Nelson
CEILI’S HOT TEMPER LEAPS CDX MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan/B Sorenson
BALLYBAE BANSHEE’S LIMERICK CDX AX AXJ, H Gore/W Gore

JWW Excellent B (20 inches)
3rd: KOBY’S WIN THEM OVER AX MXJ, S Kobylinski/B Kobylinski
4th: CH AZLOUGH TURN ON THE CHARM RN AX MXJ, S McGee/R Azerolo/E Azerolo
KING BISCUIT PLAYS THE BLUES AX AXJ, D Bradley
Preferred Standard Classes: B Drabek, Judge
Novice Preferred (12 inches)
2nd: SKIBBEREEN KELSEY KILBALYOWN VCD2 NJP, A Fisher/A Hettig

Preferred Jumpers with Weaves Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
JWW Novice Preferred (12 inches)
CH SHENANIGAN JUMP N JEHOSOPHAT CD NA OAJ, S Peters/B Peters

Sponsored by Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Thursday, October 6, 2005 - Kimberton, PA

Standard Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
Novice B (16 inches):
2nd; STAR OF THE BELLBOTTOM BLUES NA OAJ, R Crowell/D Daniel/A Crowel

Novice B (20 inches)
1st: STAR OF THE IRISH MIST NAP NAJ NJP, R Crowel/D Daniel/A Crowel

Excellent B (16 inches)
KOBY’S LIL’ IRISH GIRL MX MXJ, S Kobylinski/B Kobylinski
WAYLAND’S BAILEY CD MX AXJ, D Shew

Excellent B (20 inches)
SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan

Jumpers with Weaves Classes: B Drabek, Judge
JWW Novice A (20 inches)
1st: HEIRLOOM T&T’S TIGE IN A SHOe, P Chevalier/R Bergman/J Tucker/A Tesnow

JWW Open (16 inches)
3rd: PIPER’S IRISH JIG NA NAJ, A Bradley
JWW Open (20 inches)
2nd: STAR OF THE IRISH MIST NAP NAJ NJP, R Crowel/D Daniel/A Crowel

JWW Excellent A (16 inches)
1st: CH HEIRLOOM TRULY IRRESISTIBLE OA OAJ, J Unruh/P Chevalier/R Bergman

JWW Excellent B (16 inches)
CEILI’S HOT TEMPER LEAPS CDX MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan/B Sorenson

JWW Excellent B (20 inches)
3rd: KOBY’S WIN THEM OVER AX MXJ, S Kobylinski/B Kobylinski
SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan

Preferred Standard Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
Novice Preferred (12 inches)
3rd: CH SHENANIGAN JUMP N JEHOSOPHAT CD NA OAJ, S Peters/B Peters

Sponsored by United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
Friday, October 7, 2005 - Kimberton, PA

Standard Classes: B Drabek, Judge
Novice B (16 inches)
2nd: STAR OF THE BELLBOTTOM BLUES NA OAJ, R Crowell/D Daniel/A Crowel

Novice B (20 inches)
2nd: STAR OF THE IRISH MIST NA NAP OAJ NJP, R Crowel/D Daniel/A Crowel
Excellent B (16 inches)
KOBY’S LIL’ IRISH GIRL MX MXJ, S Kobylniski/B Kobylniski
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P
Peckham/L Nelson
CH EDGEWOOD’S PRIME MINISTER MX MXJ, L Tappin/C
Cavalier

Excellent B (20 inches)
KING BISCUIT PLAYS THE BLUES AX AXJ, D Bradley
SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan

Jumpers with Weaves Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
JWW Open (20 inches)
1st: STAR OF THE IRISH MIST NA NAP OAJ NJP, R Crowel/D
Daniel/A Crowel

JWW Excellent B (16 inches)
CH CARRICK IN THE NICK OF TIME MX MXJ, W Nelson/P
Peckham/L Nelson
WAYLAND’S BAILEY CD MX AXJ, D Shew

JWW Excellent B (20 inches)
4th: SOLAS DRACO VCD2 MX MXJ, L Dalan/L Dalan

Preferred Standard Classes: B Drabek, Judge
Novice Preferred (12 inches)
1st: CH BRENMOOR’S PRIMADONNA CD AX MXJ, B Geert-son

Preferred Jumpers with Weaves Classes: Mrs. C S Tilly, Judge
JWW Open Preferred (12 inches)
3rd: SKIBBEREEN KELSEY KILBALYOWN VCD2 NAP NJP, A
Fisher/A Hettig
GI Lab Research
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The GI Lab
The Gastrointestinal Laboratory (GI Lab) at Texas A&M University is a large laboratory dedicated to gastroenterology (diseases of the digestive system) in animals (mainly small animals).

The GI Lab consists of a veterinary diagnostic lab and a research lab:

Diagnostic Service lab:
- Specialized on diagnosis of gastrointestinal disease
- Tests that are performed include TLI, cobalamin, folate, CRP, Alpha,-PI and others

Research lab:
- Development of new tests and therapies
- Basic research (finding causes for gastrointestinal disorders etc.)
- Collaboration with other researchers
- Presentation of research at annual veterinary meetings (ACVIM (USA), ECVIM (Europe), Comparative Gastroenterological Society meeting)
- Finding new ideas through attending human gastroenterology conferences (e.g. Digestive Disease Week)

Current project
The newest project we are working on involves a new drug, which has been developed by human medicine researchers. Now we want to see if it works in dogs with GI disease.

Title: “Effect of a new compound on gastrointestinal permeability in dogs with clinical and subclinical gastrointestinal disease”

Background of this study:
The intestines have several important functions. First, and most obvious, is the uptake of nutrients from food. But another very important role is providing a barrier against “unwanted” and potentially harmful molecules and bacteria that can be present in the gut. This barrier is formed by the intestinal wall. The inner “lining”, the mucosa (the layer that faces the inside of the intestine), regulates what the body absorbs/takes up.

One important term in this context is permeability. Permeability describes the extent of what the mucosa allows to pass through. An increase in
permeability, as we describe it, means that larger molecules/particles are able to enter the intestinal wall and therefore the body. To a certain extent this is normal and happens in all of us daily, as our intestine deals with the food that enters the GI tract. But if this mechanism gets out of control we talk about increased intestinal permeability.

Increased intestinal permeability can have the following effects:

- It can cause uptake of substances that should not enter the body
- It can cause hypersensitivity/allergic reactions and inflammation
- It can trigger disease processes
  - This has been found to be the case in Diabetes mellitus and Celiac Disease; possible others?

The trial drug has shown efficacy in rats:

A study in diabetic-prone rats showed that there was a reduction of intestinal permeability when the rats were treated with the drug. In addition, the researchers saw a 70% decrease in onset of diabetes.

**Aim of this study**

We would like to investigate whether increased intestinal permeability could play a role in intestinal disease in SCWT and other dogs with chronic GI disease and whether the new drug may help prevent this.

Therefore our central question is: Does this drug work in dogs? In order to determine this, we need to enroll dogs with GI disease and perform a treatment trial with the drug.

**Study**

First, we need to identify eligible dogs, i.e. **SCWT with GI disease, but without PLN**. If a SCWT is suspected (or known) to have GI disease, we will screen the dog with our GI Lab tests to determine if intestinal disease is present. SCWT with PLN are not eligible to enroll at this time. The reason for this is that we need to be able to clearly define disease in the animals we enroll. If a dog suffers from two different disease processes, it gets very hard to determine which belongs to which. One example would be measurement of serum total protein and albumin – if a dog has both PLE and PLN, we have no way of knowing whether low protein concentrations are due to the gut or the kidneys. Thus we will not be able to correlate our findings to these parameters.

**Screening**

For the screening procedure we need one blood sample and three fecal samples from each dog. If GI disease is present, the dog can be enrolled in the study. Remember, PLN is an exclusion criterion.
If the TJ's are not functioning properly due to damage from intestinal disease, “gaps” between the cells can occur and we see an increase in permeability. This means that more of the large sugar will be able to enter the blood stream, which we will then be able to measure.
Trial study

The actual study will cover a total of three months (95 days). During this time, we will do a total of three permeability tests and fecal collection periods (details below).

This is an outline of what will be done at what time:

- **Day 1** – Health check done by your veterinarian
- **Days 2-4** – Collection of 3 fecal samples
- **Day 5** – 1st Sugar permeability test
- **Days 6-95** – Dogs receive capsule with the drug 2x/day before feeding
- **Days 12-14** – Collection of 3 fecal samples
- **Day 15** – 2nd Sugar permeability test
- **Days 92-94** – Collection of 3 fecal samples
- **Day 95** – 3rd Sugar permeability test

Fecal collection

Fecal samples should be collected from three consecutive bowel movements. We will provide special collection tubes and instructions on how to use them. Briefly, the tubes contain a spoon, which will be filled with fecal material. After collection, the sample should be frozen immediately and kept frozen until the samples are shipped to our lab.

Intestinal permeability and sugar permeability test

The sugar permeability test is based on measurement of sugar probes in blood samples. We use sugars of different size (one large, one small), which will be mixed with water and given orally to the dog.

In a dog with healthy intestines, the connections between the individual cells, called tight junctions (TJ), are intact and prevent large molecules from passing through. Therefore, in a healthy dog, more of the small sugar will be taken up by the intestine and only a small amount of the large sugar will enter the body, and therefore the blood.
This is an outline of the sugar permeability test:

- Dogs need to be fasting for 15 hours. The easiest will probably be to do that overnight.
- In the morning after the dog has been fasting, your dog’s veterinarian will draw one baseline blood sample.
- Then the sugar solution will be given orally.
- Further blood samples will be taken at 30, 60, 90 and 120 minutes after the dog received the sugar solution.
- The whole procedure will take approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Drug
- The drug reduces intestinal permeability by closing gaps between the cells.
- Toxicity studies in rats and dogs have not found any toxic effects (they used up to 1000 mg/kg (we are giving only 1 mg/dog))

Outlook
If the drug works...
...it may be a potential treatment for dogs affected by GI disease
...we could gain essential information about disease processes
...we could base further studies on these results
With similar sentiments last year, we are blessed to offer the same this year.

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Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life “Kovu”

Two-Time National Specialty Winner selected from outstanding entries by highly regarded breeder-judges:
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Multiple All-Breed Best in Show Winner #1 SCWT All Systems

With such an outstanding start to his career, the future appears bright. We are most grateful for this opportunity and look forward to Celebrating Life As Kovu’s specials career unfolds.

Tremendous thanks to all the breeders, exhibitors, handlers, judges and friends who are as excited about Kovu as we are.

We greatly appreciate your support.

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Congratulations, Sweet Morgie, on your Register of Merit recognition.

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“Flip it over, Morgie”
2005 was a year to remember...

**CH Banner Speak of the Devil**
Morgen retired after a great specials career, culminating in BOS at Westminster, the AKC/Eukanuba show and the DelVal specialty, and then produced her first litter out of CH Paisley Forever Man.

**CH Banner Better Days**
Ollie was the first of Addie’s (CH Banner Devil in the Details) litter out of CH Dundalk The Stroke of Midnight, ROM to finish, doing it in 7 shows with 5 straight majors and becoming a group placer...all before 10 months of age.

**CH Banner Leap of Faith**
**Banner Light of Day**

**Ollie’s Sisters...winning from the Bred By class**
Franny leapt to her CH with multiple BOBs over group-placing specials and majors at supported entries, including the Morris & Essex show over MCKC weekend.
Lula is lighting up the ring on the way to her championship. With both majors, she’s just a few points away from finishing.

*Always Owner-Breeder-Handled*

*Thanks to Lori Kromash for the great ringside cands of the sisters!"
...a year to never forget...

Shandalee Satin Doll, CD, CGC

11/12/88 - 2/10/05
Geriatric Wheatens Study member &
Great-great granddam of the Banner
Wheatens now in the ring

CH Caraway Banner News

6/14/00 - 7/25/05
Group placer and DelVal AOM 2002
Bred & co-owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman

...and a year to look forward.

Morgen's puppies... "The Sopranos"

Marymore Banner Gabriel's Choice
Bred & Co-owned by Mary Peltier

Banner Wheatens  X  Owners, breeders, handlers John & Pam Mandeville  X  conbriq@patmedia.net  X  732.846 .5866
First I would like to thank all of you for having me come to Halifax. What a beautiful part of the world….it was just a great time. Thanks to my chaperones Carol and Jack Carroll for taking such good care of me and to Linda Martin and all of her hardworking members of the Atlantic Region.

It was a lovely entry of Wheatens. I was pleased with the overall balance, size, eye color and size of ears. There was a diversity of type, with typical American dogs and some of the Euro dogs. I found both to be equally pleasing.

Junior Puppy Male and Winners Dog. #1 Jonaire’s Grab N the Glitz: Exelled in shoulder layback and length of upper arm. Nice rectangular head with good ears and parallel planes. Nice coat and color. Also in very good weight.

12-18 Male: #1 Lookinglass Barnum and Bailey. Had very nice movement and a pleasing head, ears and eyes. The coat was in need of some work. Handled by a Junior Handler who did an excellent job.

Canadian Bred Male: #1 Pinehome’s Seamus Walnut. This puppy did not want to use himself and was a little shy. However, he had a beautiful tail set and rear angles, moved well (when he moved). Also, beautiful coat and color.

Open Male and Reserve Winners Dog: #1 Wheatworth’s Peter Pan. Had a beautiful outline and held it when moving. Eye was a little liter than I prefer. He was low in weight under a very nice coat. As he matures and gains substance, he will be a very nice dog.

Junior Puppy Female: #1 Dunfrae’s Dream Maker. This youngster had a beautiful shoulder with good length of upper arm. This resulted in effortless movement on the go round.

Senior Puppy Female and Best Puppy: #1 Pinehome’s Mrs. Pecan Can. Beautiful outline with a good shoulder and maintained topline line while moving around the ring. She was a bit of a problem to go over, but during Best Puppy competition pulled herself together for a well deserved win.

12-18 Month Female: #1 Windisle Lafite. She won a very difficult and close class. She excelled in head, shoulders and ears. She had a very confident attitude and looked you in the eye. A real show dog.
Bred By Exhibitor Female and Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: #1 Holweits Sparkling Diamond. This bitch had a beautiful outline and tail set. She was in proper weight and moved easily around the ring. She also had a wonderful shoulder and upperarm. She used herself all of the time. Another excellent show dog.

Open Female and Reserve Winners Bitch: #1 Greentree Gleanngay Feelings. Lovely outline and in good weight. Very nice coat and free moving. Nice head, ears and eyes.

Veterans Female: #1 Ch. Amadens Back to the Future. At 10 years old, this bitch still moved freely. She had wonderful ears on a very nice head. Her coat was in very good shape. She has been treated with love.

#2 Ch. Shanli Keepsake Pussi Galore. At 12 years she had kept her girlish figure and lovely coat. Very nice outline. Handled by an excellent Junior Handler.

The Veteran class moved me to tears……it is always to wonderful to see our old ones…they started us in the breed and we need to treasure them.

BOB: #56 Am/Can Ch. Keepsake Eureka Bourbon St. This boy was in wonderful condition and weight. His coat and color was very nice and he was not overtrimmed. He had a lovely outline, movement and shoulder. Very nice head and “ass”. A standup showdog, owner handled.

BOS: #61 Ch. Dunfrae’s Miras Classy Lady. And “classy” she was. A very nice outline, movement and head and ears. She was also in good weight and condition.

AOM’s
#57 Am/Can Ch. Wicklow Jonaire Kataxin E-Mail. A handsome male with good reach & drive and attitude. Nice head piece with good ears.

#62 Ch. Waverleglens Tabletop Dancer. A lovely girl, with proper coat, color and a very pleasing headpiece. Good weight and a sound mover.

Altered Bitch: #1 Windyflats Cara Kanani. A lovely abundant coat with very nice color. She was happy to be there and moved out very nicely.

Brace:(Oh what brave people you are.) #1 Lookinglass All about Abigail and Ch. Lookinglass Lil Orphan Annie. Not only did they look alike but they moved together. Very nice…thank you.
Brood Bitch: #1 Ch. Lookinglass Abracadabbie. The purpose of this class is to see how the get have improved over the dam. Both of her get had improved in head and length of back and outline. Breeding in the right direction.

Again, one word about condition. Under those lovely coats a lot of time you find underweight conditions. You don’t want to feel those ribs or vertebrae… please go over your dogs yourself and see what your dogs condition is. This is a hidden fault (at least to the spectators), but proper condition is very important.

Again thank you all for such a nice time and for the lovely jewel box and necklace. I had a great time and am glad to have made new friends and seen some old ones.

Bless our Wheatens and all of you.

Candy

Best Of Breed at the Canadian National Specialty, owner handled by Shari Robinson, was Am/Can Ch. Keepsake Eureka Bourbon
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