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From the President...

"If you don't like the weather, wait a minute."

......just about everyone in Texas

It seems about the time you are old enough to get set in your ways, you realize nothing ever stays the same.

I had some early clues to this. I started engineering school with a slide rule and finished with a pocket calculator. One of my part time jobs while in college involved putting data on to IBM punch cards. Anyone remember those? For a few years I used the punch cards as book marks, then they got stored with the eight track tapes.

Things just seem to keep changing and not just technical things. Fours years ago, my first year as President of SCWTC, we were notified we could not use the Holiday Inn as our headquarters hotel as it was being changed to a Crowne Plaza. We had some great people who spearheaded resolving this and we changed our headquarters hotel to a Sheraton. After a year’s absence, we changed back to our old hotel, now a new Crowne Plaza.

My annual year as President, we once again have to change our headquarter hotel and again we have some great people arranging this. I want to thank Barbara Zapf for all her negotiations with the new hotel.

The point is nothing ever stays the same.

When I was a kid, you could go to the shoe store, stick you feet in an X-ray machine and see your feet right through your shoes, pretty cool. Then they found out all that radiation might be bad for us, and for the shoe salesman.

Another complication in all this change is that some things change back.

Remember when butter was bad and margarine was good for you. What the devil is a transfatty acid anyway. Now Heather and I are back to real butter, fresh food like my grandmother used to cook, and we minimize the fast food.

Sometimes, our best thinkers change their minds. After all, we expect them to continue to think. What we were taught becomes outdated and we find we were going down the wrong road.

Remember when we were taught the dinosaurs died out because of an ice age? Now we’re fairly certain it was because of a giant meteor hitting off the Yucatan.

What does any of this have to do with SCWTC? A fair question.

When I became President of SCWTC four years ago it was my intention to talk about some things I felt we had not been covering in the past. I was highly motivated to do this due to the fact we had lost our first Wheaten, Daisy, to cancer and that

From the Editor...

Speaking of the Unspeakable

What happened in Sacramento that third weekend in April defies belief. It would seem to also defy discussion. Although I was not there, I am haunted by it, as are the many who stood witness to an incident that never should have happened. A four-month old puppy bitch was having her pasted ears taken down and, in the process, not only strangled to death but drowned in her own blood due to a ruptured carotid artery. She apparently was struggling on the table, obviously not happy about the process, and as a result was strung up too tightly in the noose. It happened during one of the now commonly held "Puppy Evaluation" parties. Some 30 to 40 breeder/exhibitors were there, most playing with the eight week-old puppies. Still, some were observing this horror story unfold but not one stepped forward to say, "Stop! The puppy is too strung up! What are you doing?" Someone did ask if she was breathing and the question went unanswered. In the background someone else questioned if she was alive...she was so very still. Another noticed her exceedingly long neck. She was so very still, her neck so long because she was already dead. For whatever reason, neither the person holding her nor the person cutting down her pasted ears took note.

It is not my intention to place blame. This has already been done, either by those directly involved, who blame themselves, or by others willing to sit in judgment. For the intimately involved, the pain must be excruciating. The picture, forever seared in their souls, will no doubt haunt them for the rest of their lives.

It is important that we all take a lesson from this tragic waste of a little life. As breeders, we have been charged with the obligation to keep our dogs from harm. Our primary focus must be to keep them safe, not just secure. We must remain steadfast as mentors for our puppy buyers, especially those who are new to the world of exhibiting and breeding. As guardians of this breed we have a responsibility to stand up and be counted when ever we see a potential for disaster. Many years ago at a dog show, one of our more audacious senior breeders boldly walked up to an exhibitor's grooming table and said, "You have your dog too strung up." She then, even more boldly, made it her responsibility to lower the noose. How many at the gathering in Sacramento are kicking themselves for being reactive rather than proactive? How many of us fall short in our responsibility as mentors?

I have had sleepless nights and cried buckets over this, as though she belonged to me. In so many ways she did...she belonged to us all. If nothing else we must carry this horror story with us as a hard lesson, learned too late for her but not for all the puppies to come. Never ever be afraid to speak up or take action when you sense a potential for danger. Never assume those with greater longevity know what they are doing. My own personal position on Puppy Evaluation Parties notwithstanding (and I really feel they have gone over the top, too many people, too much party, not enough valid evaluation), this is not an atmosphere conducive to such as pasting or taking down ears, cutting nails, scaling

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**From the President, continued**

experience caused us to refocus our perspective on health, for our Wheatens and for ourselves. Unfortunately, the opportunities to cover these other areas did not materialize as I had hoped.

We have since lost two other Wheatens to cancer. In fact, every dog Heather and I have had as a pet since we were married in 1971 has been lost to cancer.

Perhaps, we have taken good enough care of them that other diseases were avoided or treated quickly and effectively. I give Heather the credit for this. After all, each of them lived well past ten years old, except Rosie, who died at nine.

Our worry is that we did not refocus our perspective on health soon enough.

A major part of that is our exposure during Daisy's cancer treatment to the risks associated with vaccines.

Of course, this is an area where the current thinking regarding what, when and how many has gone through major changes over the past 10-12 years. However, the work on getting these changes accepted started more than 20 years ago. It takes time for the scientific community to agree on change.

We have the opportunity this Montgomery to hear from Dr. Ron Schultz of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Schultz is the leader in the field of vaccinations. His presentations count as continuing education for veterinarians. He is the guru and one of the primary leaders for change.

It will be an opportunity to learn the latest developments and the latest thinking regarding vaccinations. All the testing in the new program to prove the effectiveness of the rabies vaccine for at least seven years, will be done by Dr. Schultz in his lab at the University of Wisconsin.

It is an opportunity no one should miss. I doubt there is anything more important for the general health of your pets, than to be informed about vaccinations and to be able to communicate firmly and effectively to your vet and the vets of your puppy owners what vaccine protocol is acceptable and what is not. Sometimes, what we do for our pets is less important than what we do not do for them.

Perhaps one day soon, the card you get from your local vet reminding you that your pet needs their annual booster vaccines can be added to the storage box with the IBM punch cards and the eight track tapes.

Change is inevitable, let's get with the program. Make that, let's get with the new program.

**John Giles**

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**From the Editor, continued**

teeth, particularly on a puppy. One should have peace and quite- and be focused on the job at hand. Further, the act of overpowering a young pup, especially one being groomed to be a show dog is counterproductive, to say the least.

Many of us are familiar with horror stories, occurrences that could have been avoided had there been forewarning. With that in mind, be forewarned...Never string a dog up too tight in a grooming noose. Never leave a dog alone on a grooming table with or without its neck in a noose (the potential is always there for the dog to leap off the table and either strangle or run away).

Never keep collars on dogs in multiple dog situations (a collar draws interest and another dog will often want to chew on it). In one case, while the owner was away, a dog got his mouth caught in the collar of another dog, strangling it to death and, at the same time, freaking himself out because he could not extricate himself. They were joined for hours in that position. Never use a choke collar unless the dog is being walked or trained (choke collars can become twisted and get caught up on a variety of objects, including a chain link fence; a Wheaten was accidentally hung on the latter some years ago). This list of warnings could go on forever. I have chosen to limit it to germane circumstances. Generally speaking, in terms of keeping our dogs from harm's way we must think negatively; i.e., “What is the worst possible scenario in this situation? What is the worst thing that could happen?” Never forget to ask yourself that.

In closing, I offer my most heartfelt sympathy to all that remain haunted and in pain in the aftermath of this most horrific incident.

**Gay Dunlap**
To the Editor:...

The Endowment Board wants to clarify a statement in the President’s letter in the March issue of Benchmarks. John made the point “... currently there is no research project for our protein losing health problems.” There are three research projects that deal with PLE and PLN.

In fact, the SCWTCA Health Fund is supporting the “Geriatric Dog Study” (See December 2005 Benchmarks on page 29) being conducted by Dr. Meryl Littman at the University of Pennsylvania.


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MCKC 2006
CSI – MONTGOMERY COUNTY
UPDATE OF PLANS

THE SEARCH FOR THE BEST WHEATEN CONTINUES

PLANS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR MONTGOMERY 2006, BUT BE PREPARED
FOR SOME CHANGES, ALL OF WHICH WE THINK WILL BE FOR THE BETTER!

- **FACT** - WE HAVE A NEW HOTEL SITE – THE SHERATON PARK RIDGE, KING OF
  PRUSSIA PA. It is going to be very important that we are “good” guests and respect the facility.
  Out of necessity, the SCWTCA will be actively enforcing some reasonable rules to be sure we
  will be welcomed back. Our goal is to “police” ourselves so that the hotel will not receive any
  complaints about the behavior of our members or their dogs.

- **FACT** – “SWEEPS” WILL BE AT THE MCKC SHOW SITE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
  OCTOBER 7, 2006. The hotel cannot accommodate the “Sweeps,” and the MCKC has gra-
  ciously allowed the SCWTCA to have this event at the show site Saturday afternoon. This
  should really help everyone as they will already be set up for our NATIONAL SPECIALTY AT

- **FACT** - THERE WILL BE SEVERAL FUND-RAISERS THIS YEAR! IN ADDITION TO
  THE BIENNIAL SILENT AUCTION – WHICH IS ALWAYS SUSPENSEFUL AND A GREAT
  SUCCESS – There will be Wheaten flags available as mementos of what we know will be a
  wonderful weekend.

- **FACT** - THERE WILL BE UNIQUE TABLE DECORATIONS PROVIDED BY AMY HAVELY
  THAT WILL CERTAINLY BEFIT ALL THE GREAT WEEKEND EVENTS THAT ARE
  PLANNED.

- **FACT** - HOSPITALITY WILL BE UNDER THE FINE CARE AND TUTELAGE OF CAROL
  BURDGE – PHENOMENAL THINGS CAN BE EXPECTED.

- **FACT** - ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR MUFFINS AND COFFEE IN THE
  AM ON SATURDAY AND CATERED BOX LUNCHES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SO
  THAT THERE WILL BE NO STARVING SCWT FANCIERS. WE KNOW THE WHEATENS
  WILL BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF!

SO, START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!
RAFFLE!!!

This charming Art Deco vase will be raffled at Montgomery this October. It is being offered by SCWTCA and thewoofery.com of Los Angeles. Created for The Woofery by the artist Benedict, the vase is hand-fired ceramic with an acrylic patina, 15 1/2" tall by 12 1/2" wide and 4" deep. It weighs about 6 pounds and SCWTCA will arrange and pay for boxing and shipping.

Tickets will be available for $1 each or six for $5
They will be included in the MCKC Packet and will be for sale Montgomery weekend
See Kathy McIndoe for more information
CGC Test For Wheatens “CSI MONTGOMERY 2006”
AKC Canine Good Citizen Program
Suzanne Stone

All Wheaten owners are welcome to join me to take the CGC, AKC Canine Good Citizen Test, Saturday, October 7th, 2006 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA, at the same site as the Montgomery County Kennel Club Dog show. Follow directions to site. Pre-registration is required. Limit is 20 entries. DOGS should be at least 6 months of age.

Pre-entries must be received by September 20, 2006. Confirmation and Instructions will follow.

With our specialty theme this year of “CSI Montgomery”, take this irresistible opportunity to be examined by a CGC evaluator who is a fellow Wheaten partner in crime! Begin your investigation of Wheaten performance with the CGC and pursue your Wheaten’s paw prints to any of the wonderful venues your versatile Wheaten Terrier can participate in: obedience, rally, agility, herding, tracking, therapy dog or freestyle. The best scenario is that you and your Wheaten pass the test with undeniable evidence of good citizenship, get an official certificate of proof from the AKC while having a criminally fun time! The most incriminating thing that can happen is that you discover the evidence of what you and your Wheaten need to do more work on.

THIS IS NOT FORMAL OBEDIENCE! YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR DOG! YOU DO NOT NEED TO STRIVE FOR PERFECTION – JUST GOOD BEHAVIOR!

There are 10 parts to the CGC test. Here’s what you’ll need to work on to be ready:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger - Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with the handler, not touching the dog.
2. Sitting politely for petting – Evaluator pets dog, dog must show no shyness or resentment.
3. Appearance and grooming - Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears & each front foot.
4. Out for a walk - Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn, and stop.
5. Walking through a crowd – Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.
6. Sit and down on command/Staying in place – Handler shows dog can do sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20ft. line and returns immediately.
7. Coming when called – With dog still on 20 ft. line from Test 6, handlers walks out 10ft. and calls the dog.
8. Reaction to another dog – Two handlers and dogs approach, shake hands, exchange pleasantries, and move on. Dogs can show casual interest. (Dogs are each on left – on the outside of both handlers).
9. Reaction to distractions – Distractions are presented (dropped book, wheeling a dolly by and the like); dog may not panic or show aggression.
10. Supervised Separation – Handler goes out of sight for 3-minutes. Dog is held on a 6 ft. lead by someone other than the handler.
With some training and practice these 10 parts of the test are doable by WHEATENS! Give it a try! You'll be proud of your Wheaten who can get away with good behavior!

Any questions, feel free to contact me, Suzanne Stone, CGC Evaluator, e-mail address: SUZESTONE@aol.com, or call me at: 631-754-4586. I will send you a confirmation of your pre-entry. PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by SEPTEMBER 20, 2006. Confirmation & Instructions will follow: acceptable leashes and collars. Bringing one's own dog brush is optional.

Pre-Registration Form: Canine Good Citizen Test for Wheaten Terriers, Sat. Oct.7, 2006, 9am – 12 pm, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA. Follow directions to MCKC show site. I will send you directions if necessary. CGC test will take place outdoors this year.
CGC Evaluator: Suzanne Stone  Pre-entries must be received by 9/20/06.

You will be asked to sign the registration form at the test sight, agreeing to the following:
__ I will be responsible for my dog's health needs. These include:
• routine veterinary care including check-ups and vaccines
• adequate nutrition through proper diet, clean water at all times
• daily exercise and regular bathing and grooming.
__ I will be responsible for my dog's safety.
• I will properly control my dog by providing fencing where appropriate, not letting my dog run loose, and using a leash in public.
• I will ensure that my dog has some form of identification (which may include collar tags, tattoos, or microchip ID).
__ I will not allow my dog to infringe on the rights of others.
• I will not allow my dog to run loose in the neighborhood.
• I will not allow my dog to be a nuisance to others by barking while in the yard, in a hotel room, etc.
• I will pick up and properly dispose of my dog's waste in all public areas such as on the grounds of hotels, on sidewalks, parks, etc.
__ I will be responsible for my dog's quality of life.
• I understand that basic training is beneficial to all dogs.
• I will give my dog attention and playtime.
• I understand that owning a dog is a commitment in time and caring.

Please complete the following so that I can pre-enter it on the official registration form that gets sent to the AKC:

Is your dog spayed or neutered?  __ Yes  __ No
Does your dog have an AKC or ILP Number?  __ Yes  __ No
If “yes,” list number here: ________________________________

Owner’s Name ( ) Mr. ( )Mrs. ( )Ms ________________________________

Prefix First Mid. Init. Last

Street Address_________________________  City __________________ State Zip

Phone _____ - _____ - ______________________  E-Mail ________________________________

Dog’s Name ________________________________
(as you want it to appear on certificate – registered names will appear for registered dogs)

Dog’s Age ______________

Please enclose an entry fee of: $12.00 made out to SCWTCA, Inc. along with this form and send to: Suzanne Stone  28 Meade Drive  Centerport, NY 11721
For more information go to: http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm
Rally Round Our Wheatens
Leo Springer

Rally, introduced in 2005 by the American Kennel Club, is a sport providing a link from the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test to the Novice A Class of obedience trials. Rally utilizes a course designed by a Rally judge through which each Wheaten and handler perform exercises as described by posted signs at stations throughout the course. Once the judge commands “Forward,” the Wheaten and handler are expected to complete all of the stations without further instruction from the judge. The exercises include moving activities such as heeling, left and right turns, about turns, serpentines, spirals, jumps, and figure eights. Stationary exercises include halt, sit, and down. Three qualifying scores of 70 out of 100 earned under at least two different judges are required for a Rally title.

Rally with your Wheaten is fun, and fairly easy. If your Wheaten has earned a CGC, a Rally Novice title could be earned with very little practice, and that practice is for the handler—for the Wheaten it should be a slam dunk.

There are four levels of Rally titles. Rally Novice (RN) is the entry activity and consists of between 10 and 15 exercises selected from a list of 31, with no more than five stationary exercises. All handling is on leash. Rally Advanced (RA) is the next level and consists of 12 to 15 exercises selected from a list of 45 (including the above 31), with no more than seven stationary exercises. All exercises are performed off leash. Rally Excellent (RE) is the next level and consists of between 15 and 20 stations selected from a list of 49 exercises (including the above 45) with no more than seven stationary exercises. All exercises are performed off leash. Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) is the fourth and highest level, and is achieved by qualifying ten times in both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes at the same trial. Significantly expanded details of the above brief Rally regulations are contained in the AKC booklet “Obedience Regulations,” the contents of which are also available online at www.AKC.org.

In 2005, many Wheatens and their handlers were entered in Rally events held in conjunction with All-Breed Shows across the country. Following are listed those Wheatens achieving Rally titles:

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Hitting Yourself In The Head With A Hammer...  
*vs the thrill of earning a coveted Versality Title*

There must be as many reasons for training a dog in performance events, as there are breeds or personality types. Perhaps a person gets bored doing the same thing over and over in one event and feels the need to expand.

They say it takes a lot of hard work to earn a Versatility Title. Naw – not hard work. Hard work is balancing your checkbook or breaking a rock with a pickaxe. It does take patience and a lot of time. And a certain attitude: a giggle and a grin inside waiting to bubble out at any moment. Gotta have fun doing these things with a terrier. It ain’t easy. Got to enjoy being outside, hot or cold.

Whether one admits it or not, there has to be a fair amount of competitiveness within oneself. You may not care about beating others but you’ve got to want to do better and improve your own performance. Why else would you be there? That’s why it’s called competition.

And, at the end of the day, you’ve got to ask yourself, “Are you having fun? Did you enjoy yourself?” If the answer is no - stop hitting yourself in the head with the hammer. The pain will soon stop. Find something else to do. You’ll probably be better at it.

JoAnne Vogt  
Ch Gleanngay Keep the Faith VCD II

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While You Are Away…
Lodging Your Wheaten At A Pet Care Facility

Gwen Meyer

Recent postings to the Breeder’s List have made me want to explain a few things about lodging pets at pet care facilities. My husband and I own two pet care facilities and there are some things that anyone looking to have their pet vacation at a pet care facility should look for. One question brought up was, “Do dogs understand time like humans?” They do not. But a crucial, important key to your dog’s stay is that it gets out of its enclosure daily for some time of playtime, all the better if it is with a human. If you looked at the same four walls day in and day out, you would be bored too.

There are a few things that make a pet care facility a place where you should feel comfortable leaving your pet. Number one and most importantly is the staff. These are the people who are going to be caring for your pets and I’m not talking about the owners necessarily. I’m talking about the staff behind the scenes, the ones actually caring for your pets on a daily basis.

Do not be concerned with the size of a facility. As long as they have a well educated staff, proper amount of staff for the size of the facility and opportunities for activities for your pet that will be both mentally and physically stimulating, you are off to a good start. Sometimes larger facilities can offer more options for your pet than a smaller facility. We own one of each and we find this to be true. As a facility owner we want that pet to have a great time at our facility and we want to see them running to the door to come in. Do not feel bad about a long stay, your pet should be having a vacation too if it is a good facility.

There are some other things I believe you should know about any facility before leaving your pet. Always tour a facility. You should be able to visually see where your pet will be staying.

What does the facility do to continue the education of their staff?

What are the shot requirements?

When you are on your tour are there lots of doors you go through and/or fencing enclosures so that the security for your pet’s safety is good?

Do they have options for you to choose from as far as enclosure or room sizes?

Are the playtimes done alone or with other dogs?

Are they inspected by any governing body? Some states require pet care facilities to be licensed by a governing body that is going to inspect on a regular basis. A facility has to be run to a set standard. In Illinois we are licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and are inspected 2-4 times a year. These inspections are surprise visits by the inspector.

Are there drains in the floor to properly disinfect?

Can anything in the enclosure like bedding or bowls be completely disinfected daily? Is your pet going to be getting some type of health check daily and be physically touched? It is great if a facility says they give “personalized attention”. What does that consist of?

If the facility includes daily “playtime” with your dog’s stay, on your tour assess if the facility has enough area or areas to perform those “playtimes”.

While on the tour do you see other dogs getting those included services? It disturbs me sometimes when I see claims of what is INCLUDED in a stay when I know as a facility owner it is physically impossible with the amount of hours in a day to meet the claims of what they say your pet will receive.

A great tool you have as owners is the ABKA (American Boarding Kennel Association). You can find them on the internet at “http://www.abka.com/”. You will find a wealth of information for pet owners looking for a facility. It is also a great professional organization for facility owners in the pet care industry for educating their staff and keeping their facilities in accordance with certain standards and ethics that ABKA requires for membership. There are multiple ABKA member facilities in every state and several worldwide.

There are many wonderful facilities out there with well educated staff and owners who want your pet to have a great vacation while you are away. The most frequent person to care for a pet are friends, family or the neighbor but a professional pet care facility I believe is the better answer because of the level of care and education a staff can bring by being professionals in the industry. They are quicker to notice if a pet is ill and quicker at noticing changes in behavior. Furthermore, facility owners have great working relationships with the veterinarians in the area. Quick attention is given when a facility calls. They usually have great respect for the facility and their ability to accurately sense when a pet needs medical attention. I hope this helps anyone who is considering a pet care facility in the future. ♦
Celebrating Long Life

wheatens that shared their lives with us for 14 years or more

compiled by Toni Vincent

CH ARANBRIAR ANDORRA "MARMIE"
December 2, 1989 - March 29, 2006
Ch Bantry Bay Gleangay Kashmir
X
Ch Carrigan’s Aran Isle

It was good fortune that Marmie was my second Wheaten to live past the age of 16 (Ch. Rivendell Irish Valor “Jake” lived to be 16 ½) and her dam (Ch. Carrigan’s Aran Isle) lived past 15. Marmie was a dear sweet girl who had a special relationship with her friend and handler, Penny Belviso, who piloted her to RWB at MCKC in 1991. “Smarmy” as Penny called her wasn’t above playing a prank or two when she thought there were no observers . . . like standing on the dining room table or methodically unpotting house plants. She is dearly missed and will always be part of my heart.

Bred, owned and loved by Judith Pitman

LAKKAS DOXY DONAX “SIGGE”
April 19, 1990 - March 20, 2006
Ch Brosing’s Show and Dance Man
X
Ch Lakkas Adoxa

Dog Hero of the Year in 1995, because of his good work as a therapy dog in a home for old and demented people. This made him the most well-known representative of his breed in those days.

Owner Marianne Spetz, Malmö, Sweden

O’REH’S POLLY ATHENES, AM/CAN CD, CGC
October 5, 1991 – November 10, 2005
Ch Wavehill Man About Town
X
Ch O’Reh Teddi Bear Sunshine, Am Can CD, CGC
Owner Joyce Rienzo
Happy Birthday Seniors!

Compiled by Toni Vincent
(Wheatens 14 years of age and older)

CH LEGACY MAVERICK “KIEFFER”
May 22, 1992
Ch Gleanngay Waggin Wheel X Ch Wildflower Peach Blossom

Kieffer – a hard act to follow for any other Wheaten!

Owners: Jana Carraway, Jason Gretton
Breeders: Jon Caliri, Robert Hale, Janet Turner

CH MARQUEE’S TELL IT TO THE JUDGE CD HIT TDI CGC
“TUCKER”
March 8, 1992
Ch Carlinayer Flight Of Fancy X Ch Ballyhoo’s That’s Show Biz

At age 15+, Tucker doesn't hear a darn thing, doesn't see well, has arthritis, and sleeps a lot but he still has never met a meal that he doesn't love and still potties where he is supposed to go. What a guy! Tucker has three bulging discs in his neck and has been treated with acupuncture for the past seven years. He also has had his kidney points worked along with his neck. I don't know if that has helped but what the heck, they don't charge by the needle!

Owners Marcia Weisman and Richard & Sonya Urquhart

HIGHLAND’S YOUNG SIR ANGUS “ANGUS”
May 22, 1992
Erinmore’s Murphy II X Erinmore’s Miss Muffet

Slowed by arthritis, Angus still enjoys being Captain of the ‘fun police’ and any food that comes his way.

Owners Wendy and Willie Rueda

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Happy Birthday Seniors, continued

CH BENDACHT IRISH MIST “MISTY”
November 8, 1991
Ch Legacy Summers Gone ROM X Ch Bendacht Classic Lady

A wonderful girl, who no doubt loves the center of attention, sleeps in the center of the master bed at night and loves playing hide and seek under it. Misty wishes her littermate sisters, Turrence and Sofie, happy returns of the day!
Owner Bonney Snyder

SUMMERWIND RUFFLED HH “BAILIE”
May 8, 1992
Ch Harbour Hill Charley Brown
X
Ch Harbour Hill Ruffles’N Lace

Bailie came to us through Wheaten rescue in April 1997. Until last year, she worked with us at the Bowers Museum in the Exhibit Design Department. Bailie loved to take her lunch in the courtyard but was usually ready to go back to work before we were. Bailie was known to get up and take herself on tours of the building, asking security to open appropriate doors to get her to where she wanted to be--usually her office and occasionally after hours in the Gallery with Paul. Visitors were always surprised to see her strutting her stuff through the hallways. We often joked that the museum was Bailie’s true home. Bailie is retired now and spends her days on a lounge chair supervising our 19+ years old mixed breed Rufus and our 6 year old Kerry Blue, Tyan.
Owners Paul and Nancy Johnson

CH PITTERPAT’S NEVER DIE YOUNG “CARLY”
April 5, 1992
Ch Wildflower Stardust x Ch O’Sheehan’s Co-Star

I am a James Taylor fan and facing the early death of a dear sister, Carly’s name seemed suitable and brings all of us great joy. She plays like a pup, still even with very little hearing. I keep her stimulated with kids and visiting pups and dogs and great friends. Carly won big in the show world, being Billy’s 100th champion, she too brought home a Group 2 with other great wins, in the very early days. I was her handler, groomer and companion.
Owner Sheryl Beitch

CH NEW MOON SHINE “JT”
April 5, 1992
Ch Wildflower Stardust x Ch O’Sheehan’s Co-Star

JT was finished by his owner Fred Conte. JT aided Fred’s dear wife and my good friend, Arlene Conte during a challenging illness of ALS. We all miss Arlene, especially JT.
Owner Fred Conte

CH CASTLEBAR GOTTA DANCE “MOLLY”
February 10. 1002

Molly’s favorite activity is riding in a golf cart in Florida, where she also enjoys her days sitting and sleeping by the window with the sun streaming in. Her birthday treats were bananas and apples and a long golf cart ride.
Owner Myron & Susan Peck & Emily Holden
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
2006 SPECIALTY
Spring Training at WIGGLY FIELD

Each year, members of the SCWT Club of Northern California use their creative talents to top the theme from the previous year. This year was no different. The 2006 theme – ‘Spring Training at Wiggly Field’ was captured everywhere, from the trophy table and ring decorations to the Wiggly Field umpire uniform of our Sweepstakes judge, Genie Kline. Our Specialty judge, Edd Biven was delighted to learn that he too would receive a hand-painted wheaten baseball cap!

With a record entry of over 60 Wheatens, including 27 in Sweepstakes, the judges had their work cut out for them. Congratulations to all the winners! The club hopes that they enjoy their trophy art pieces, once again, the work of artist, Cathie Helf.

After the completion of judging, we all relaxed in the California sun, enjoying a late brunch and cake offered by the club at our show site. A few hours later, it was time for the raffle and dinner. The raffle, auction and silent auction were a great hit. Our auctioneer worked his magic, bringing raffle ticket purchases and bidding to great heights.

The weekend is always a great opportunity to renew and make new friendships, enjoy the weather, the competition and to admire beautiful Wheatens. SCWTNC would like to thank the attendees, exhibitors and judges, along with our club members, all of whom made this weekend such a great success! We hope to see you next year!

Pat Mullin

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Winners Dog, BOW, BOB & Best In Sweeps
Eureka Elevator Man
Ch Bonney Walkin Happy X Eureka Keepsake All That Jazz
Owned by Douglas Mylcraine
Bred by Owner and Shari Robinson

BOS - Ch Marquee's Trick or Treat
Ch Gleanngay Daring Display X Ch Marquee's Spell Caster, CD
Owned by Rose Rose, Richard and Sonya Urquhart
Bred by Richard and Sonya Urquhart
SCWTNC PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES CRITIQUE by Judge Genie Kline

It was an honor to be asked to judge the SCWTNC Puppy Sweepstakes. My thanks to all of the members for this. I had a lovely entry and I was put to task to chose the winners. I had to be really “picky” to select the winners as the entry was a fine representative of the breed. 

What do I look for: nothing over-done, moderate with good movement coming and going, good reach in front and extension behind. I look for a nice straight front with clean lines from neck to leg. Balance of head, neck and back with good angulation and upright tail set. (There was not one low tail set in the entry.) When judging puppies, (and the difference three months can make in the coat) the coat is one of the last things I judge. (One of the “picky” things) Ears are another thing (just puppies) that I do not pay a lot of attention to. Puppy ears and coat are in constant flux. (Ever place a puppy with a “bad” coat and year later could kick yourself because the coat was now lovely?) Over all there was lovely color, coats were pleasing to look at and there was very little over trimming. Ears are smaller. Most of the puppies had good control of their ears and used them well.

Dogs 6-9: (1 entry) “AndoverWild Rose Lava Quente” a great little fellow with a lot of potential.

Dogs 9-12 (9 entered, a very nice class) First: “Eureka Elevator Man” great movement, a clean square outline, good lay back of shoulder and terrier expression. He was well put together and looked as though he could cover ground. Over all, what I like to see in our breed. Second: “Marques Storm the Bastille” once again good movement but lacked the sureness of the first placement. He will make his owners proud. Third and Fourth: (this was a hard choice) Both were very worthy. Third place, “Harbour Hill Mike Delfino” was better coming and going and had a better reach in front than the fourth placement. Fourth: “Pitter Pat’s The Amazing Frederico” a sound dog with good outline.

Dogs 12-18 Jr’s: (2 entered) First: “Westridge High Adventure” a bit bigger than I would like, but sound movement and very compact. Second: “Landmark Three Piece Suit” sound but did not move as well as the first placement.

Bitches 6-9 (2 entered) First: “Kincora WalkinOn Sunshine” baby, but she walked on a lead (sorta) and let me put my hands on her. Second: “Andover Wildrose Time NA” give her time and she will think showing is fun.

Bitches 9-12 (10 entered, lovely to look at, took my breath away) First: “Desert Rose Bonney Sweet Sue” elegant bitch, sound of body, square outline, lovely head and straight front. She had a good bit of gray in her coat, but the new growth was clear. Second: “Keepsake Inverlochy Lochinear” longer backed, but with great reach in front and back. She was a pretty picture with clean lines. Third: “Harbor Hill Dirty Laundry” another sound bitch but lacked the angulation of the first and second placement. Fourth: “Eureka Pin-Up Girl” did not have as much rear extension as my other placements. A worthy bitch.


Best in Sweeps: “Eureka Elevator Man” it was his day, a tribute to our breed.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps: “Desert Rose Bonney Sweet Sue”, an elegant feminine bitch.

My congratulations to all of the entries. Thank you for showing me your lovely Wheaten Terriers.
More of SCWTCNC’s Specialty in Sacramento

No official report for the weekend was submitted to this publication. Below are pictures of three Award of Merit winners. The fourth, Ch Stratford Spice Girl, sire: Ch Bonney Midnight Spice Dreams, dam: Caillan Stratford Souix Spence, bred and owned by Molly O’Connel, was not available for a picture.

Ch Claddagh’s Star Studded Ceili - Award of Merit
Ch Starlight Dream Lover X Claddagh’s Granuaile O Malley
Owned by Viviana & Ron Hetherington
Bred by Karla and James Cohen

Ch Marquee’s Tricks of The Trade - Award Of Merit
Ch Gleanngay Daring Display X Marquee’s Spellcaster, CD
Owned by Marcia Weisman & Richard & Sonya Urquhart
Bred by Richard & Sonya Urquhart

Ch Vintage Green Beret Ballad - Award of Merit
Ch Soldiersong Fianna Boy X Ch Marquee’s Secret Vintage
Bred and Owned by Brian Ness & Michael Weiss
“Nadja” Dances “En Pointe”
To Her Championship
...presenting NEW Champion

CH SHENANIGAN PRIMA BALLERINA
CH CEILI’S SULTAN OF SWING AX AXJ X GLEANNAGAY RUBY SLIPPERS

BRED, OWNED, HANDLED BY LORI TOIVOLA
CO-OWNED BY BRUCE AND SUE PETERS
NADIA’S WINS INCLUDE TWO 4-POINT MAJORS
AND ONE 3-POINT MAJOR

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Carol Carlson

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN DOGS?

I have loved dogs ever since I can remember. My mother was also a dog lover, but my father didn't share our enthusiasm. At a very young age I began pestering my parents for a dog. They finally promised me that if my good friend's poodle ever had puppies again (her parents assured my parents that she would not) I could have a puppy. Well, when I was six or so, Zaney, their miniature poodle managed to get bred again by the local standard, Peppy. As promised, I got my puppy - a small standard, brown neurotic poodle named Christy. Suffice it to say, you should never get a puppy whose parents are named Zaney and Peppy.

HOW (AND WHEN) DID YOU GET STARTED IN WHEATENS?

Christy, the Poodle, didn't quite make it through my high school years, and when she died, I wanted another dog. My father had certain stipulations, so it was up to Mother and me to find a medium-sized dog who didn't shed. Our veterinarian suggested that we look in the NY Times. I found an ad for Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. After researching the breed a bit, right after Martin Luther King was shot in February, 1968, and amid race riots, Mother and I drove to West Simsbury, CT to Charlie and Eileen Arnold's and came home with Andover Antic of Sunset Hill.

We were very intrigued by our new puppy who was a shining star compared with our previous pet. Since the campaign for AKC recognition was in full swing, everyone was encouraged to “give your Wheaten a bath and show it.” So, armed with telephone instructions from Juanita Wurzbuerger (Lepreaun Wheatens), a recluse who had possibly attended a dog show once, and never having so much as attended one ourselves, Mother and I made our dog show debut at the Westbury KC. In its elegant heyday, we arrived with our ragamuffin Wheaten (just six months old and Irish coated), our grooming implements - consisting of a slicker brush and towel, and our obvious lack of knowledge. We were truly out of place. However, the famous Major Godsell judged miscellaneous that day and was extremely cordial, encouraging us to continue showing Maggie.

I was just finishing high school and went off to college. Meanwhile, Mother went on the road, showing Maggie throughout the mid-Atlantic and New England area. At two, Maggie was bred to Juan Wurzbuerger's Jakeen Arrah, but since Maggie was registered in my name, I was the breeder of record. Ch. Stephen Dedalus of Andover CD ROM came from that first litter - beginner's luck!

I met Gay (Sherman) Dunlap in 1970 when she acquired Innisfree's Annie Sullivan. I was in school in Boston and Gay lived in Williamstown, MA. What started out as a visit to see Sweeney-Annie puppies in 1972 became a close friendship, which continues to this day. Gay and I spent many weekends together on the road, and I practiced showing while helping her with her puppies.

I graduated from college in 1973 and spent a year teaching in Providence RI with Maggie as my house pet. In 1975 I followed my family's move to the Denver area and bought Raclee Express West O'Andover from Ruth Stein. He was my first show dog and I had a ball showing him, both in the Denver area and then in Texas after I married. "Ryan" was a great breed ambassador and a very special pet.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR KENNEL NAME “ANDOVER”?

We lived on Andover Road in Rockville Centre, NY.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING WHEATENS?

Maggie (Antic) had her first litter in 1970. My mother and I bred over 100 American champions. For a while, my kennel housed Kerrys, Welsh, Norfolk and Norwich. I chose to curtail my Terrier breeding when I became a judge, but the Andover prefix is going strong between Mother’s Wheatens and Welsh Terriers, and my occasional litters of other breeds (Pekingese, Brittanys and Greyhounds) - and of course - our annual foal crop of Morgan horses.

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?

Historically, there have been a few dogs who, to me, really epitomize breed type including: Briarlyn’s Dandelion, Shar-D’s Let the Games Begin, Brenmoor’s Shampoo, Kaylynn’s August Moon. These dogs were all moderate-sized, square dogs.

Of dogs presently being shown, special mention must be made of Caraway Celebrate Life. Although not quite the same style as the dogs above, “Kovu” is a stallion of a dog who represents the best of our breed.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST START JUDGING?

I never thought I wanted to judge until one day when I was stewarding for Dee Hutchinson. Everyone there (Dee, the exhibitors, and me) were having such a good time that I thought, “Gee, maybe I’d like to do this.” Of course it took me another few years to get around to applying, but I’ve never regretted the wait. Judging came as a natural progression in my “doggy” life and I enjoy it immensely.

I was approved for five Terrier breeds (Wheatens, Kerrys, Welsh, Norfolks and Norwich) in 1994.

WHAT BREEDS, BESIDES WHEATENS, DO YOU JUDGE?

I am approved for the Terrier group, 15 Sporting breeds, junior showmanship and Best in Show. My application for the balance of the Sporting group is in process.

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?

I would have to say that Wheatens in 1994 were in much better shape than they are now. We may have some better pieces now (ears, eye color, coat quality and color), but we have lost a lot of soundness, heads, bites, toplines/tailsets.

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?

The positive contributions I see are in coat quality, ear size and placement and eye color. On the negative side, I see poor fronts and rears, length of loin, heavy, coarse heads, bad bites, poor toplines and tailsets coming from the imports.

WHAT ENDEARING FEATURE DISTINGUISHES THE WHEATEN TO YOU FROM OTHER BREEDS?

The Wheaten’s merry personality and soft, single, waving coat distinguish it from other breeds.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE ASSIGNMENT?

On a breed level, my three Montgomery entries (2 Wheaten, 1 Norfolk). Honorable mention to my breed assignments at Westminster and the AKC Eukanuba show. On a group level, judging at Westminster. Honorable mention was my assignment in Australia where I had the pleasure of doing two shows in one day. At one, I awarded the Airedale bitch and at the other the Dandie Dinmont dog - both have had illustrious careers here. It is with great excitement that I anticipate judging the Bred-By-Exhibitor Group at the December 2006 Eukanuba show. And it will be my privilege to judge Best in Show at Montgomery County in October 2008.

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?
When judging in the group, every dog is judged against its breed standard, so it's a question of how good an example of the breed any entry is. In SCWeatens, I'm looking for a moderate-sized, square, balanced Terrier with soft, silky coat of clear Wheaten color. Ideally, it should be a good ground-coverer and hold it's outline when moving. Finally, it must exhibit that unique, merry temperament. I almost always spar dogs in the group and expect the Wheaten to stand its ground with steady confidence.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ERROR AN OWNER-HANDLER MAKES IN THE SHOW RING?

Probably the biggest error is not made in the ring; the owner handler often brings their dogs in the ring in less than optimum condition - both in body and coat. Dogs are often too skinny and lack muscle tone. Coats look like they've just been de-matted. Sometimes, the dogs are inadequately trained.

WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING A PROFESSIONAL HANDLER DOES THAT MAKES THEM MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THE SHOW RING?

They generally bring their dogs in the ring in good condition and well-trained.

AS A JUDGE, WHAT COULD YOU “NEVER” FORGIVE?

Poor temperament.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WHEATEN STORY?

When the roving national was in Denver in 1994, I decided to get Harry (Ch Andover Song N Dance Man) ready for the veterans class. He was past nine and hadn't been shown since he was four or so. I had only shown him one weekend when he was a puppy. To say that I became obsessed with the task would be putting it mildly. To add to the drama, we were showing horses in Santa Barbara that weekend, so I had to fly back to Denver to get Harry to the show and back to California immediately after the breed judging. David Merriam was judging and Harry won the veterans class - he may well have been the only entry. He was totally ignored throughout the breed judging, and I was devastated. I didn't expect to win, but I was heartbroken that he never got another look. However, rather than sucking my thumb over it for too long, I resolved to get him ready for Montgomery. The rest, as they say, is history. When Sandra Goose Allen put us at the front of the line, said “Take them around,” and pointed to us, it was probably the most special moment in my “doggy life” and just thinking about it can still bring me to tears.

HOW ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE WHEATEN BREED?

I serve as AKC delegate for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America. Since I consider exhibiting and judging a conflict, I no longer breed and exhibit Wheaten. However, I still get a lot of requests for referrals. And, in my roles as Vice President of the Canine Health Foundation and member of the AKC Delegates’ Health committee, I’m always a staunch Wheaten advocate. ♦

The “most special moment” in Cindy’s “doggy Life”? Harry winning BOB at Montgomery at 10 years of age from the Veteran Class under Sandra Goose Allen.
CH. Claddagh’s Star Studded Ceili
Award of Merit
Northern California Terrier Association
SCWTCNC Specialty 2006

“Ceili”
(CH. Starlight Dream Lover & Claddagh’s Granuaile OMalley)

The peanut gallery goes crazy. Ceili hits it out of the ballpark with an AOM at the SCWT Northern California Specialty.

Our sincere appreciation to Judge Edd Bivin for this recognition.

Thank you to the club for organizing “Wiggley Field”. It was a wonderful event.

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Special thanks to all the judges who recognized Lexi for her many lovely qualities:  
Mrs. Cindy Vogels, Sweepstakes Judge-Mrs. Bonney Snyder, Mrs. Loraine Boutwell,  
Mrs. Peggy Haas, Mr. Vincent T. Grosso ...to name a few!
Del Val’s Specialty
Bucks County PA, May 6 2006

Report by Cherie Turner Fogarty

Dog shows and Weather don’t get any better than this year’s Del Val Specialty. We had 3 days of warm and sunny weather. Friday’s show, Garden State All Terrier, was judged by Ric Chashoudian. His winners were: BOB: CH Caraway Celebrate Life, BOS, WB, BW: Aran Built A Betr Mousetrap, RWB: Wyndmere’s Ain’t Misbehavin’, WD: Coventry’s Private Detective, RWD: Diamonds by the Bunch.

After judging, a Wine & Cheese party hosted by Carole Clark and Cherie Turner Fogarty was attended by the Wheaten exhibitors and their friends. The day ended with Kovu winning a Group 3 under Ken McDermott.

Saturday, Bucks KC and the DelVal Specialty started off with more sunshine, coffee and a variety of breakfast goodies hosted by Jim and Erma Heckman.

Wheaten Breeder Dana Frady judged sweepstakes. Her winners were: Best In Sweepstakes: Banner Bada Bing, BOS: Islander’s Girl Talk.

Regular classes were judged by Wheaten Breeder Christine Erickson. Her winners were: BOB: CH Celebrate Life, BOS: CH Banner Leap of Faith, WD/BW: Diamonds By The Bunch, RWD: Amaden’s Playground Bully, WB/AOM: Aran Built a Betr Mousetrap, RWB: Trebol Labour of Love, AX, AXJ. Awards of Merit were: CH Dhowden American Dream, CH Stratford the World Revolves Around Me, Aran Built a Betr Mousetrap and CH GreenTree Fairy Tale Only Time Will Tell.

Wheaten owner Tom Neill lovingly made beautiful stained glass trophies. Each exhibitor received a Thank You bag holding goodies for both the owner and the dog. After the judging, the cooking team of Barry and Bonnie Ivler served lunch. The day was topped off with the raffling of an original watercolor by Marjorie Shoemaker, followed by our Chinese Auction. This year the auction contained items from Wheaten Artists across the country. We want to thank them for their contributions, which helped to make our auction successful. Those that stayed to the bitter end saw Shari Boyd skillfully guide Kovu, in tough competition, to a Group One.

Sunday dawned yet another beautiful sunny day for the Trenton show. Wheatens were judged by Ed Dalton. Ed’s choices were: BOB: CH Caraway Celebrate Life, BOS: CH GreenTree Gleannagay Feelings, WD, BW: Banner Bada Bing, RWD: Amaden’s Playground Bully, WB: Marymore Banner Gabriel’s Choice, RWB: Islander’s Girl Talk.

After judging, exhibitors and friends were treated to a lunch hosted by GreenTree Wheatens; Kevin and Bev McDonald, and once again our Wheaten was awarded a Group placement, this time a Group 2. It was a great weekend to celebrate the YEAR of the DOG with our Wheatens and our friends.

Del Val member, Keith Meyers, is credited for the all the photos herein contained.
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Best In Sweeps, Banner Bada Bing
Ch Paisley Forever Man x Ch Banner Speak Of The Devil
Owners John & Pam Mandeville & Robert & Joyce Pisani
Breeders John & Pam Mandeville & Marc & Meryl Strassler

BOS Sweepstakes, Islander’s Girl Talk
Ch Islander’s Kiss The Girls x Ch Amadeus Hot Gossip
Owner Lori Kromash
Breeders M & L Kromash & H & J Giles & E Holden

Winner’s Dog & BOW, Diamonds By The Bunch
Ch Islander’s Jamakin Me Krazy x Diamonds Special Delivery
Breeder/Owner Betty Ann Hillwig

Winners Bitch, & AOM, Aran Aran Built A Betr Mouse Trap
Ch Lissadell Cajun Comet x Ch Aran All About Me
Owner Shari Boyd Breeder: Mark Buskey & Shari Boyd
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Best of Breed & Group 1, Ch Caraway Celebrate Life
Ch Bonney Midnight Spice Dream x Ch Caraway Golden Moonshadow
Owner Beth Verner & Betty Chapman
Breeder Beth Verner & Betty Chapman & Gary Crawley

Best of Opposite Sex, Banner Leap of Faith
Ch Dundalk The Stroke Of Midnight x Ch Banner Devil In The Details
Owner John & Pam Mandeville
Breeder John & Pam Mandeville & Mike Kempinski & M Wasylikw

Award of Merit, Ch Stratford The World Revolves Around Me
Ch Bonney Walkin Happy x Ch Stratford Worth The ExSpence
Owner Meg Ryan & Molly O’Connell, Breeder Molly O’Connell

Award of Merit, Ch Greentree Fairy Tale Only Time Will Tell
Ch Honeylee’s Bye The Bye x Ch Greentree Fairy Tale Princess
Breeder/Owners Nancy Pedersen & Beverly & Kevin McDonald

The 4th AOM Award winner, Ch Dowden American Dream, Ch Frolic’s Squeeze Play x Ch Dhow den O’Daydream of Cardiff, Breeder/Owner C Denise Benedelewski was not available for pictures.
When we take on a dog we take on a responsibility, which involves the everyday care of our dogs in areas such as hygiene, coat and paws, nutrition, exercise and training.

Many dog owners invest considerable time in energising their dogs by obedience training, activity seeking, tracking and protection exercises at training grounds, out in the countryside or in the forest. These activities allow us to spend time with our dogs while also keeping them physically and mentally alert. Some of us show dogs where their appearance and breed attributes are judged. Perhaps we should also pay greater attention to assessing mobility to encourage the sort of care that can spare dogs unnecessary injuries in the future. A well-functioning dog has retained its natural elasticity and suppleness.

A dog with restricted mobility has short and stiff muscles. When a dog has shortened musculature or high muscle tone, pressure is exerted on the joints leading, in turn, to decreased mobility. This ‘strangles’ the blood vessels and impairs blood circulation. Muscles, joints, tendons and ligaments then receive insufficient nutrition and less oxygen. Reduced blood flow also means that lactic acid accumulated in the muscles is not naturally transported away. The lactic acid builds up along with other waste products leading to irritation of the pain receptors in the muscles. The dog experiences pain. Pain, in turn, causes further tension and reduces blood flow even more. A vicious circle arises and can persist for some time if it is not diagnosed or recognised and treated.

Both ourselves and our dogs can suffer from short and stiff muscles if we don’t take care of our physical condition. Another illness that might reduce our dog’s mobility is Arthrosis. It is usually composed of fibrous connective tissue and cartilage and is very common in older persons or dogs, especially affecting weight-bearing joints. Articular cartilage becomes soft, frayed and thinned. But also younger persons or dogs might develop Arthrosis due to genetic reasons, injuries or the combination of overweight and too little exercise. A common symptom of Arthrosis is stiffness and lameness. Studies on dogs have shown that regular massage and stretching over a long period can prevent and reduce the effects of Arthrosis and age related stiffness.

Warming up before activity has a preventative effect and stretching is most effective after the dog has used its muscles. The dog should have warmed up and exercised before you start to stretch the muscles and I recommend that you allow your dog to wind down after physical exertion. Let the dog walk for a while on the lead in the same way a racehorse runs an extra lap at half pace to round off the race. This helps to remove lactic acid and waste products. As with massage it is important that the dog is relaxed before you start this treatment.

Warming up can involve walking with the dog on the lead for 15 to 20 minutes before allowing it to run freely. In this way the muscles soften up and are ready for physical activity. Competitive or working dogs should warm up in a more goal-oriented way.

What follows is a checklist that might come in handy when warming up. First remember that the dog should have warmed up and exercised before starting a competition or an active session. I also strongly recommend that you allow your dog to wind down after a competition or an active session before any stretching activities.

- Let the dog trot for 2-3 minutes.
- Let the dog gallop for one minute.
- Then let the dog make some short explosive moves.
- Let the dog wind down a little by going back to trotting and then walking.

Warming up does not tire the dog but rather increases blood circulation and warm up the muscles ensuring that the joints are lubricated and more supple. The dog is now ready to perform.

After the warm up you could also easily test your dog’s mobility using the eight most common stretching techniques. You should be sensitive to your dog’s signals. The dog should not experience any discomfort. If it does, don’t hesitate to contact the vet.

Massage and stretching are an effective way to prevent muscle related problems and strain injuries and improve the quality of your dog’s life. Massage and stretching are a complement to daily exercise, obedience training and diet and build contact between you and your dog in a natural way. Massage is an enjoyable way of strengthening the bond with your family dog and your canine friend will love it.

After completing a competition or an active session let the dog wind down and then carefully do some stretching exercises.

“Hold the dog’s elbow with one hand, grasping the wrist with the other. Move the leg forward and upwards, stretching the elbow joint and the flexor muscles of the foreleg (shoulder joint)”
“Place one hand directly above the knee joint and the other hand on the lower part of the leg around the hock joint. Lift the leg upwards so that the knee is bent. Push gently upwards and backwards with the hand positioned above the knee joint.”

Massage relaxes the muscles and is an excellent way of letting your dog wind down after a long jogging or cycling session. And it is enjoyable! And when you come home reward the dog with massage and you will get a happy performing dog ready to take up challenges.

I now want to show you how easily you can preserve and increase mobility and reduce the risk of muscle related injuries. Here is an example of one of the basic massage techniques:

“The greater part of the pressure you exert should be applied with the flat of your hand although your thumb and fingers are also engaged in manipulation.”

Massage and stretching is an essential and a low cost investment in your dog’s health and improves the quality of your dog’s life.

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ENTRY DEADLINE OCTOBER 1
FOR PUREBRED ALLIANCE OF WRITERS JONES 
AND STONEHENGE AWARDS

Writers and other communicators who specialize in purebred dogs

Are invited to enter competition for the Purebred Alliance of Writers (PAW) Arthur Frederick Jones award to be presented at PAW’s Second Annual Meeting and Luncheon February 10, 2007, at Sardi’s Restaurant, New York City, the Saturday before the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Winners will be selected by a blue-ribbon panel of judges active in communications and knowledgeable in the sport of purebred dogs.

Judging criteria will include content, excellence in use of the English language, accuracy, knowledge of subject, thoroughness of research, and relevance to purebred dogs, the sport, and current issues of interest to the fancy.

Entries should educate and inform the fancy or the general public: The breeds, the great dogs, history and traditions, shows, events, programs, and people. Awards will be given for work published, aired, screened, or streamed from September 1, 2005-September 1, and 2006. The Arthur Frederick Jones Award is named in honor of the late editor of the American Kennel Gazette, now the AKC Gazette. Jones was known for his well-researched, lively writing on purebred dogs and issues of interest to the fancy. He began his career in 1924 as the very first dog writer employed by the New York Times, for which he wrote a Sunday dog column until he was hired the next year by the AKC as an editorial assistant for the Gazette. During a 44-year career with the Gazette, Jones rose to the position of Editor-In-Chief. A prolific writer, he will always be remembered for his in-depth kennel profiles written during dogdom’s golden era. Jones also worked for National Geographic, and Webster’s Dictionary assigned him the task of defining canine terminology - the vocabulary that we use today in writing about the sport of dogs.

The Stonehenge
PAW is also accepting nominations for The Stonehenge, a single award to be given to an extraordinary individual in recognition of a life’s work dedicated to dogdom. The recipient of The Stonehenge will be a man or woman who has given a leg up to a new generation in dogs; promoted the health and welfare of dogs through research or veterinary practice; educated the fancy or the public through writing, teaching, lecturing, or publishing; emphasized positive aspects of the sport through publication, lectures, research, or by rolling up his or her sleeves and lending a helping hand; raised the bar in a significant way through a breeding program, legislative activities, or in any other way setting a standard for others in our sport to follow. Members of PAW and the fancy are invited to submit nominations for The Stonehenge.

The award is named for eighteenth-century author Stonehenge (J. H. Walsh) the renowned forerunner of today’s purebred dog writers. Stonehenge excelled at writing about the dogs of his time, many of which developed into the breeds as we know them today.

In his book The Dog in Health and Disease (1873), Stonehenge writes: “Among the . . . writings on The Dog, it might be thought that the subject was exhausted, and that nothing remained to be done by the most careful observer of the habits and external forms of the varieties of this animal. But let any one seek for specific information upon several points connected with even generally recognized kinds, and he will soon be brought to confess that he is lost in doubt and uncertainty. For instance, where shall we find a sufficient description of the spaniels and terriers, or of the various retrievers for which such large sums are often given?” The more things change, the more they remain the same. Today’s writers on purebred dogs follow in Stonehenge’s footsteps, and honor his memory with this award.

The Arthur Frederick 
Jones Award

One award each will be presented for excellence in:

Book
Eligibility includes self-published works as well as books produced by publishing companies. Please submit three copies of the work.

Feature Article
Article about purebred dogs, the sport, or an issue of interest to the fancy will have been published in the purebred dog press or print media such as magazine, newspaper, specialty or all-breed publication, or club, academic, nonprofit, or corporate newsletter. Please submit three copies of the article.

Column
One column per entry on a topic relevant to purebred dogs. Column will have appeared in any of the print media mentioned above under “Feature Article.” Please submit three copies of each entry. continued on page 33
Editorial
Entry, which will have appeared in print or in online 'zine, must be persuasive, reasoned, based on fact, well-written and organized for maximum impact. Content must be timely and relevant to an issue of concern to the fancy. Please submit entry in triplicate or in pdf format.

Radio
Programming focusing on the sport will include interviews, news coverage, commentary, and reporting on breeds, shows, or events. Submissions in triplicate may be on CD or DVD.

Video
Entries featuring aspects of the sport may be breaking news, show or event coverage, documentary, interview, commentary, and programming relevant to breeds, shows, and events. Submissions in triplicate may be on CD or DVD, or, if appearing online, a link must be provided.

Motion Picture
Entry may be full-length feature, documentary, or short, and must educate and entertain on the subject of purebred dogs. Judging will be based on content, excellence of screenwriting, cinematography, acting (canine and human), and overall focus on an aspect of purebred dogs and the sport.

Internet
Three awards will be presented in this category. When entering, send link or address of your website, blog, or e-book in an email message to: kerrin@dogphoto.com. Mail entry form and check. Or you may send entry form as an attachment to your email message and send check by U.S. Mail.

- **Website:** To be judged on content, excellence of writing and illustration, originality, design, interactivity, and ease of use.
- **Blog:** To be judged on content and excellence of writing.

- **E-book:** To be judged on same criteria as Book in Print as well as design and ease of use.

Photography
One award will be presented for composition, color (or quality of b&w), clarity, and treatment of subject of a single photo, photo essay, poster, or calendar. Entries may be mailed or shipped, or submitted electronically.

Illustration
Illustration of a purebred dog(s) will be judged on excellence of technique, execution, composition, and appropriateness of material illustrated, such as article, book, promotional piece, poster, greeting card, etc. Please send or submit in pdf format.

Art
Painting, sculpture, pencil or pen drawing, original print, or other artistic medium depicting purebred dogs in portrait pose or participating in breed-specific activities, shows, or events. Technique, composition, design, and accuracy will be evaluated. Please send three photos of work with entry form and check or email in pdf format.

Showdog Ad Campaign
Entry must include no fewer than three and no more than six photos with text. Each entry will be submitted by mail (or other surface delivery) or in pdf format. Judging will take into consideration presentation of subject and other criteria listed in “Photography” section of these rules. Text must be crisp and attention-getting, with attention to correct spelling and grammar.

Junior Award
Writers between 12 and 16 may enter this category. Entrants may be paid (professional) or unpaid (amateur) for their writing, which will have appeared in club publications, mass media, dog-related magazines, or any other medium covering purebred dogs. Entries may be shipped, mailed, or emailed in pdf format.

All entries in each category must be about purebred dogs, the sport, or issues of interest to the fancy.

The Entry Form may be printed out from the PAW website: purebreadallianceofwriters.org

Entries must be sent in triplicate as photocopies, CDs, or DVDs, with the entry form and check. Or they may be sent electronically in pdf format, and the entry form either sent as an attachment or mailed with the check.

The fee for each entry is $20.

All PAW members and non-members are eligible to enter work on purebred dogs that has been published or produced between September 1, 2005 and September 1, 2006. Writers and other communicators may enter their own work or nominate and sponsor the work of another, with that person’s permission. Entry fee will be paid by the sponsor.

All mailed entries must be accompanied by entry forms and checks (unless entry form is e-mailed as an attachment with the entry in pdf format) and postmarked on or before October 1, 2006. All electronic entries must arrive by October 1, 2006, with entry forms and checks sent by that date. **In fairness to all, absolutely no exceptions will be allowed.**

Judging will be by a panel of purebred dog writers, editors, publishers, and experts active in the sport. No judge will be asked to evaluate a work in which he or she has had any part writing or producing. All entries should be sent to: Kerrin Winter Churchill PMB 128 8210 Macedonia Commons Blvd. #68 Macedonia, Ohio 44056 OR

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The Stonehenge

Members of Purebred Alliance of Writers (PAW) will vote on the five individuals receiving the most nominations based on a lifetime's dedication to dogdom and on these criteria: The recipient of The Stonehenge will be a man or woman who has given a leg up to a new generation in dogs; promoted the health and welfare of dogs through research or veterinary practice; educated the fancy or the public through writing, teaching, lecturing, or publishing; emphasized positive aspects of the sport through publication, lectures, research, or by rolling up his or her sleeves and lending a helping hand; raised the bar in a significant way through a breeding program, legislative activities, or in any other way setting a standard for others in our sport to follow.

Members of PAW and the fancy are invited to submit nominations for The Stonehenge.

The winner will be selected from the three finalists by a vote of the PAW Board of Directors. The winner of The Stonehenge will be notified at least three weeks before the February 10 PAW Meeting and Dinner so that he or she can make arrangements to attend.

All nominations for The Stonehenge shall be mailed with a check for $10, to:

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All nominations must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2007. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Dogaholics Anonymous

Good Afternoon. I AM a dogaholic. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of "Dogaholics Anonymous." Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you here. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and that you really don't need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a dogaholic, and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DA meeting for help.

DA is here to assist you. I have some questions to ask. If you answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place:

Can you say "Bitch" in public without blushing?
Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?
Do you have more than one car? One for you and one for the dogs?
Do you spend your vacations and holidays going to shows, specialties and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise?
If you do go overseas, is it to London in March to attend Crufts? (or Finland in June to attend the World Dog Show?)
Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?
Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans and freshly washed tennis shoes?
Is your interior decorator R.C. Steele?
Was your furniture and carpeting chosen to match your dogs?
Are your end tables really dog crates with tablecloths thrown over them?
Do you know the meaning of CD, CDX, UD, CGC, HI, WC, JH, MH, CH, BIS, AD, AX, TD, TDX and OTCH?
Is your mail primarily dog catalogs, dog magazines, and premium lists?
Do you get up before dawn to go to Training Classes, Dog Shows, Seminars? (but have trouble getting up for "work?")
If you do have dresses, do they all have pockets?
Do those pockets often contain freeze dried liver, Rollover or squeaky toys?
When you meet a new person do you always ask them what kind of dog they have and pity them if they don't have one?
Do you remember the name of their dog sooner than you remember their name?
Do you find non-dog people boring?

If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope.
If you answered YES to two, you are in serious trouble.
If you answered YES to three or more, you have come to the right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more YESes is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you, and know that your life will always be filled with good friends and good dogs and it will never be boring.

-- Author Unknown
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER HEALTH FUNDS

THE SCWTCA, INC. HEALTH FUND

The SCWTCA Health Fund raises money for Wheaten health projects through raffles and the sale of Wheaten owners manuals, gift items (jewelry, collectible dolls, snow globes, paperweights, etc.), and fecal API kits. These monies have funded two health surveys and our upcoming survey; all pathology reports, AKC/CHF sponsored research, the veterinary student who helps Dr. Littman with the Open Registry, and seminars for Education Day at Montgomery Specialty Weekend.

Currently, the SCWTCA Health Fund is sponsoring the Geriatric Dog Study being conducted by Meryl P. Littman V.M.D., D.A.C.V.I.M., Associate Professor of Medicine and Clinician Educator with Urs Giger, PD, Dr. med. vet., MS, and FVH, Chief of Section of Medical Genetics, Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor and Paula Henthorn, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medical Genetics, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and is funding prerequisite health testing for participants in the PLE Project at Texas A & M.

Current fund raising items can be found on the SCWTCA Website in the “Shopping” section at www.scsctca.org. For more information about the fund, contact Cecily Skinner, at tarascwt@aol.com.

SCWTCA ENDOWMENT FUND

The SCWTCA, Inc. set up a specialized fund, in 2000, for the purpose of supporting projects strictly devoted to Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier health. By unanimous vote, the Board of Directors created a separate nonprofit corporation named “The SCWT Endowment Fund.”

Effective November 5, 2004, the Endowment is a 501(c) 3 corporation and, as such, gives the Wheaten community the ability to make tax-free donations that will advance Wheaten health projects. Any type of asset may be donated, not only cash. For example, the donation may be appreciated stocks or bonds, proceeds from a will, or any other tangible item of value. Donations made to the Endowment Fund are regarded by the IRS as fully tax-deductible. All of the donations are used to support research into health-related issues of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. They will fund grants or provide matching funds for grants. All grants must be approved by the AKC/CHF and will be administered by the AKC/CHF. Past projects involved support for Dr. Shelly Vaden’s research on the Mode of Inheritance of PLE/PLN and the early diagnosis and treatment of PLE/PLN. Currently “The Informative Family Project” by Dr. Meryl Littman is being supported by the Endowment.

There are seven Board members, each appointed to serve a three-year term; two members are also members of the SCWTCA, Inc. Board. Officers are elected annually in October. Current Officers are: Carol Carlson, Chair; Wendy Beers, Vice-Chair; and Rosemary Berg, Secretary/Treasurer. Directors are Kenna Kachel, Genie Kline, Susan McGee, and Beth Verner.

(U.S. dollars) to SCWT Endowment Fund.

THE COLONY DOG FUND

In 1995, the AKC’s Canine Health Foundation approved Dr. Shelly Vaden’s proposal for a grant entitled “The Mode of Inheritance of PLE/PLN in SCWTs.” It was a matching grant and, therefore, SCWTCA would be responsible for raising $45,000 over a three-year period. The campaign to raise this money was announced at Montgomery 1995. In only a year and a half (by April 1996), we raised $45,000 for the SCWTCA’s Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at AKC/CHF.

The grant provided for the support of a Colony of Dogs at North Carolina State University (NCSU). A SCWTCA club member donated a pregnant Wheaten. This was the start of Dr. Vaden’s research for us. Later, in the fall of 1996, an affected Wheaten dog was bred to a Beagle (chosen because, at the time, there were no documented cases of kidney disease in that breed) and produced the Colony’s Wheagles. Later, there was a repeat breeding of Wheatens. Currently there are 11 dogs in the colony: 5 Wheatens and 6 Wheagles, including 3 affected Wheatens and 2 affected Wheagles.

In 1998, Dr. Vaden received a second grant to continue her studies. This was also a matching grant that SCWTCA funded at the 50% level. Her third grant, which was 100% ($37,500 a year) funded by the SCWTCA Endowment Fund and peer-reviewed and administered by the AKC/CHF.

Dr. Vaden has been able to continue dietary management studies, as well as Fecal API and MA testing in addition to her work on the Mode of Inheritance – this continued research is because of the Adopt a Colony Dog program supported by the Endowment Fund. Through the generous support of the Wheaten community adopting the dogs for $2,000/year each, the Mode Of Inheritance research continues. Currently, eleven dogs are sponsored by:

- Pacific NW Petun Supporters
- Janet Petros
- Carol Carlson & Janet Petros
- Wheaten-L members
- Sylvia & Bill Hamilton
- The SCWT of Southern California
- Marc Boyer & Michael LaMotte
- Joe Sheehan
- The SCWT Association of Canada
- Motor City SCWT Club
- The SCWT Greater Tampa Bay

For more information on the Wheatens and Wheagles, visit their website at http://www.colonydogs.org/

To learn how to “Adopt A Colony Dog,” contact kccarlson@comcast.net.
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**THE SCWT GENETIC RESEARCH FUND**

The mission of the AKC's Canine Health Foundation is to develop significant resources for basic and applied health programs, with emphasis on canine genetics, to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners.

The purpose of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Genetic Research Fund, in place at AKC/CHF, is to raise sufficient money to initiate a research project keyed to identifying the specific genes that cause the heritable conditions leading to *Protein Losing Enteropathy, Protein Losing Nephropathy*, and other deleterious familial conditions that affect our breed.

The research will be conducted at a facility selected by the coordinated efforts of AKC/CHF and the Board of Directors of the SCWTGFR, with special direction by Dr. Neil O'Sullivan (GRF board member, AKC/CHF liaison, and geneticist).

The SCWTGFR is a non-profit organization. All funds are placed with the AKC/CHF for the specific purpose stated above. Board members are Jackie Gottlieb, Dr. Neil O'Sullivan, Roni Andrews, David Ronsheim, Kathy Clark, and Barb Smith.

To make a donation to the SCWTGFR, visit http://www.scwtgfr.com/grf-firstpage.html and click on "FUND STATUS."◆

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**FREE 2005 Yearbook to Candid Photo Contest Winners**

Would you like to receive a FREE 2005 SCWT Yearbook? Submit your photos for the 2005 Yearbook Candid Photo Contest. Ten will be selected for publication in the yearbook and the photographers will each receive a free copy of the yearbook. Photos will be judged by a professional photographer, Greg Smith, who specializes in animal portraits. He is also a Wheaten owner. The name of the photographer will not be visible during judging.

The deadline is August 2, 2006.

A “hard” copy on photo quality paper is needed so that photos can be judged.

We cannot accept emailed photos or CD’s for the candid contest. (They are acceptable for the new titleholder sections as described in the recent mailing requesting a photo. They are not accepted for the candid contest.) Photos will be returned. Procedure:

1. Photos must include a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.
2. Label each photo with the photographer’s name and address for return. Do NOT write on the back of the photo with a ballpoint pen. Use a felt tip permanent marker (“Sharpie”- type) or use a previously completed label.
3. Up to five photos may be submitted by each photographer.
4. No photos are accepted from professional photographers.
5. Only two photos from the same photographer may be selected for publication. Photographers submitting more than one winning photo will receive only one yearbook.
6. Your photo will be returned after the contest if you have provided return information on the back of the photo.

After watching the judge select the winners for several years here are a few tips to help you “make the cut”.

1. Be sure the photo is in focus. Each year some otherwise attractive photos are rejected because they are blurred.
2. Turn off the “Date and Time” feature on your camera. That detracts from the subject of the photo.
3. Submit a photo in good condition. Creases or dents from ballpoint pens would show if published.

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DONATIONS BENEFITING THE SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER

PUBLIC INFORMATION FUND

Donations to public information go for education of prospective buyers and encourage people to purchase from a responsible breeder.

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- Newspaper ads in cities that have puppy mills or brokers advertising
- Club flyers that people request from the club
- Handouts for local clubs

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Contributions should be sent to Kenna Kachel, 29200 Southfield Rd, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Make check payable to SCWTCA, Inc. (U.S. Funds only)

DONORS TO SCWTCA RESCUE FUND

Rescue donations provide the finances to maintain the SCWTCA, Inc. Rescue Project.

- Veterinary examinations, inoculations, special diets, spaying and neutering
- Office expenses that include long distance phone calls, a computer phone line, and office and printing supplies.
- Preparation and printing of a rescue flyer for shelters

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DONORS TO SCWTCA HEALTH FUND

The SCWTCA Health Fund raises money for health through the sale of Wheaten articles (jewelry, collectable dolls, snow globes, paperweights, etc.), sale of owners manuals and fecal API kits, and raffles. The proceeds from these sales are used for health related projects, which have included two health surveys, pathology reports, AKC/CHF sponsored research, the veterinary student who helps Dr. Littman with the Open Registry, seminars for education day at Montgomery. Currently the SCWTCA Health Fund is sponsoring the Geriatric Dog Study being conducted by Dr. Meryl Littman with the support of Drs. Paula Henthorn and Urs Giger.

Current items include limited edition Wheaten dolls and heart shaped paperweights. Visit them at http://www.scwtca.org/health/dolls2005.asp. For more information, contact Cecily Skinner, at TARASCWT@aol.com

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The Board of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America and the Endowment Board thank the following for their generosity. Donations fund grants selected by the SCWT Endowment Fund Board or provide matching funds for grants approved by the American Kennel Club/Canine Health Foundation.

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Send contributions to Rosemary Berg, 37953 Center Ridge Dr., North Ridgeville, OH 44039-2821. Make checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment (U.S. Funds only). Visit our website at: http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/
DONATIONS BENEFITING THE SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER, continued

AKC-CHF SCWT GENETIC RESEARCH FUND DONATIONS

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

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.

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There are some exciting things going on behind the scenes that we hope to report on in the next issue. Thank you to all our donors, and those of you who have purchased raffle tickets and boutique items, and those who have participated in our silent auctions. Our fund is growing but we do need your continuing support. Check with your employer; they may have a matching funds program. 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 #11m Phoenix, AZ 85023-5082. Or, visit our web site www.scwtgrf.com to make an on line donation through PayPal.

NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
May 11, 2006

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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