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I have served on the Board of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. for nine of the last twelve years. The past four have been as President. This is my last President’s Letter and I want to take the opportunity to talk a little about the people involved in our club.

Serving on the Board and, in particular, as President, enables you to see how many great people we have in our breed.

First of all, I want to recognize that the club simply would not run without all the people working on the various committees. So many things in our club just seem to happen automatically. It appears this way because we have so many extremely competent people giving their time and talents to the club. Some of these people I have only met via e-mail or on the telephone. Some never come to Montgomery. Still the product of their work is everywhere and the club would not be the quality organization it is without them.

I have not taken enough time to recognize and thank these people and want to do that now, for all of us.

Without a doubt, the best part of serving on the Board has been the people with whom I have had the privilege to work. Serving on the Board has enabled me, not only to meet, but to get to know very well, people from widely differing areas.

Each new Board on which I served, gave me the opportunity to meet someone new or get to know a casual acquaintance much better. I believe the Club has benefited from their service. I know my life is richer for their friendship.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. is a long way from being the largest of the Parent Clubs in the AKC. However, because of our people, it is near the top in quality and dedication. Of course, it looks after the best breed.

John Giles

And the good news is that our Board of Directors seems to have taken to heart membership's long-standing pleas that greater depth of information be forthcoming. Years of grumbling about SCWTCAs Board functioning Sub Rosa just may have paid off. Many were elated over the in-depth reporting of the June Board Meeting in the most recent issue of Wavelengths.

Last October's town meeting, held Montgomery weekend, was perhaps the initial instrument that helped to stem the tide. It has long been thought that the constituency deserved to be informed of the voting record of its board members, that SCWTCAs members are justified in expecting the right to hold board members individually accountable for their actions. Some speculation exists that suggestions made by the recent By Laws Committee may have been taken to heart as the Board puts forward a new face.

Certainly the Board sat up and listened when membership feedback indicated heavy interest in CHIC participation. The Board has set the wheels in motion for CHIC member status.

Finally, mention must be made of Wavelength's new easy-to-read format. Hooray... good job, Board!

There are mixed emotions regarding our Montgomery theme for 2006. Many of us, myself included, have never seen the TV series, CSI. Many of those who have find the show dark and sinister. One member voiced the opinion that the theme is inappropriate since it deals basically with death and autopsies. I have no doubt that the choice was well-intentioned and it is not my aim to cast aspersions on our show chairman.

I realize the committee is creating a tongue-in-cheek aura around the theme. Still, try as I might to comment favorably here, I can't. In the future, the Board, who has the final say on such things, might want to opt for themes on the lighter side!

Gay Dunlap
A few years ago, Leo Springer provided us with a compilation of books dealing with genetics and related subjects. For those of you in search of the best on this often-confusing subject, we offer it in this issue of Benchmarks, not necessarily in order of importance…

1. **Chance In The House Of Fate, A Natural History of Heredity**, by Jennifer Ackerman, Published by Houghton Mifflin in 2001.
   In the past few years, a startling new message has emerged about our biology. Scientists have discovered that all living things from yeast to humans are run by similar genes and proteins, which have passed down nearly intact for hundreds of millions of years. Review: “is about the biggest biology story of the last ten years: the discovery of remarkable family resemblances that unite every living thing in the tree of life, at the level of our genes.” “Is a poet's embrace of the biological world, written with grace and intelligence.”

   How the genetic gods figure in our development—not just our metabolism and physiology, but even our emotional disposition, personality, ethical leanings, and indeed religiosity.
   Review: “A splendid account of a subject that affects us all: the breathtaking increase in understanding of human genetics and the insight it provides into human evolution.”

   Every 225 million years Earth completes one revolution around our Galaxy. Calamitous events occur that cause the extinction of life. Single cell microbes, however, survive. This book tells how.
   Review: “In a most entertaining style, it is a remarkable journey into the remote reaches of life's long history. Well researched. Riveting. A delightful read.” “It will fascinate the general reader and astrobiologists alike”.

   Shows us that life is both a complicated piece of chemical machinery that decodes genomes and a process that builds that machinery.

   Review: “If you can't learn Mendelian genetics from this text, I guess you never will” “It puts textbooks to shame” “It's not only educational, it's funny too.”

   Gould offers a surprising and nuanced study of the complex relationship between our two great ways of knowing: science and the humanities, twin realms of knowledge that have been divided against each other for far too long, and shows why the common assumption of an inescapable conflict between science and the humanities (including religion) is false.
   Review: “The late paleontologist is in full and eloquent posthumous voice as he laments a false dichotomy that has pitted science against the humanities. He urges a consilience of equal regard. Gould, who lived and died exemplifying that sort of consilience, clearly has the last word.”

   This is truly Gould's most personal work to date. How fitting that this final collection should be his most revealing and, in content, the one that reflects most clearly the complexity, breadth of knowledge, and optimism that characterize Gould himself. He succeeds in reinforcing his underlying and constant theme from the series' commencement thirty years ago, the study of our own scientific, intellectual, and emotional evolution, bringing reader and author alike to what can only be described as a brilliantly written and very natural conclusion.

   Review: “Bacteria and baseball. Few authors besides Gould could write convincingly about both.” “A tour de force of scientific reasoning, one that puts evolution in an astonishing new light.”
In this collection of essays, Gould consciously and unconventionally formulates a humanistic natural history, a consideration of how humans have learned to study and understand nature, rather than a history of nature itself.
Review: "Gould's immense respect for nature's biodiversity, combined with the humbling recognition that all life on earth shares an astonishing range of detailed biochemical similarities, renders these remarkable essays both entertaining and inspirational."

We will never fully understand living things if we continue to think of genes, organisms, and environments as separate entities.

11 It Ain't Necessarily So, The Dream of the Human Genome and other Illusions, by Richard Lewontin,
Published by New York Review of Books in 2000
Sharp criticisms of overreaching scientific claims with lucid explanations of the exact state of current scientific knowledge--what we know, and what we don't know.
Review: "Lewontin is simply the smartest man I have ever met." - Stephen Jay Gould

How do species originate/form?
Review: "Novel, mind-spinning ideas abound throughout. If it doesn't stimulate new direction of thought in evolutionary biology, I can't imagine what will."

13 Abraham Lincoln's DNA, and Other Adventures in Genetics, by Philip R Reilly Published by Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Press in 2000.
The book consists of 24 essays, four under each of six subjects that cover an impressive range of genetic topics, all currently of headline-making importance.
Review: "The technical complexity of genetics, one of the obstacles to public understanding, is a veil that can be penetrated by good writing: for example, by interesting stories about people and practical uses of genetics."

14 Life Itself, Exploring the Realm of the Living Cell, by Boyce Rensberger, Published by Oxford University Press in 1996.
Takes readers to the front line of cell research.

15 The Cooperative Gene, How Mendel's Demon Explains the Evolution of Complex Beings, by Matt Ridley,
Published by Free Press in 2001.
How complex large life forms came to exist.
Review: "Fiendishly clever, witty, and original. "A rare knack of being right."

By picking one newly discovered gene from each of the 23 human chromosomes and telling its story, Ridley recounts the history of our species and its ancestors from the dawn of life to the brink of future medicine.
Review: "With riveting anecdotes, clever analogies and compelling writing, Ridley makes the human genome come alive for us. "An altogether spellbinding read."

How often have you asked where did I come from? Each of us carries a message from our ancestors in every cell of our body.
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BEYOND THE SEQUENCED CANINE GENOME

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The next generation of research now that the canine genome has been sequenced promises discoveries of disease-causing genes, opportunities to reduce disease frequency and formulate better treatments, and major contributions to research of human diseases. “Sequencing the dog genome means we have determined the 2.4 billion letters that make up the blueprint for how a dog is formed and functions,” says Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, Ph.D., co-director of the Genome Sequencing and Analysis Program at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

“We know what the genes are and how they relate to genes in the human genome. For the first time, the whole book of the dog genome is laid out, with the pages numbered and the paragraphs in order. This is essential for geneticists trying to find the genes responsible for diseases.”

The results of the canine genome sequencing were featured on the December 8, 2005, cover of Nature. The article detailed the generation of a high-quality draft genome sequence of the domestic dog, and the production of a dense map of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) across breeds.

The Domestic Dog
A female Boxer named “Tasha” was selected to be sequenced partly because some Boxers are highly inbred, meaning that traits are inherited within extremely narrow limits. To produce the best genome sequence, it was important to choose a breed with little variation in traits, and thus few polymorphisms. With its unique breeding history, the domestic dog provides an unparalleled opportunity to explore the genetic basis of disease susceptibility, morphological variation and behavioral traits.1 “The history of the domestic dog traces back about 30,000 years to its original domestication from the gray wolf in East Asia,” Lindblad-Toh says. “Dogs evolved from a mutually beneficial relationship with humans through sharing living space and food sources.”

Breeds developed in recent centuries provide diverse traits and greater morphological diversity than within the rest of the dog family. “Humans have selectively bred dogs that excel at work such as herding, hunting and tracking, and by doing so have created breeds rich in behaviors that both mimic human behaviors and support humans’ needs,” says Lindblad-Toh. “Dogs have also been bred for desired physical characteristics such as size, skull shape, coat color and texture, producing breeds with closely delineated morphologies.”

As a result of stringent breeding programs and periodic population bottlenecks, many of the approximately 400 modern dog breeds also show a high prevalence of specific diseases, such as cancers, blindness, heart disease, cataracts, epilepsy, hip dysplasia, and deafness.1 Modern dog breeds are the product of at least two population bottlenecks. The first bottleneck was associated with dogs’ domestication from wolves around 10,000 generations ago, and the second resulted from intensive selection to create specific breeds from 50 to 100 generations ago.1

Most of these canine diseases also occur in humans, and the clinical signs are often similar. The high prevalence of specific diseases within certain breeds suggests that a limited number of genes underlie each disease, making them more tractable in dogs than in humans. Thus, canine population history leaves a distinct signature on patterns of genetic variation that can be applied both within and across breeds and in humans.

A High-Quality Draft Genome
A genome is an organism’s complete set of DNA. About 2.4 million base pairs (letters such as A, C, G or T) make up the DNA contained within a dog’s 78 chromosomes. Within the DNA are the genes that control development, growth, functioning and aging. “Each part of the dog genome was sequenced 7.5 times using a whole genome shotgun (WGS) strategy, a technique in which many millions of pieces representing the entire genome is sequenced at once,” explains Lindblad-Toh. “This helped to minimize gaps and increase accuracy.”

The draft genome sequence, covering about 99 percent of all chromosomes, or 99 percent of the dog genome, was produced. This genome sequence provides detailed gene structure information that will enable a better understanding of the likely consequence of mutations. The completeness of the sequenced genome has important implications for dog genetic studies. For one thing, the sequenced genome proved that mapping disease genes in dog breeds with a high incidence, where a genetic risk factor makes the dog more than fivefold likely to get a particular disease, could be done using DNA from 100 to 200 affecteds and from 100 to 200 unaffected controls within the breed, Lindblad-Toh notes. Fully penetrant autosomal recessive traits would require only a few dozen affecteds and unaffecteds. Once a region predisposing to disease within one breed has been identified, several breeds within the same phenotype continued on page 8
can be used to pinpoint the actual disease gene. “This means that efforts to find genes in one breed are likely to benefit multiple breeds,” she says. “It is now clear that breed studies of unrelated affected and healthy dogs offer specific advantages in studying both monogenic and polygenic disease,” says Lindblad-Toh. “First, they use dogs whose owners are bringing them for care and do not require sampling of families with large numbers of affected individuals. These studies should be highly informative because dog breeds have retained substantial genetic diversity.”

### A Dense Map of SNPs

Once the draft of the dog genome was completed, the next step was to process the information encoded in the roughly 2.4 billion nucleotides. Contained in the nucleotides are blueprints for proteins, the regulatory elements that control proper expression of genes, the structural elements that govern chromosome function, and records of evolutionary history. “We sought to determine whether the striking haplotype structure in the Boxer genome is representative of most dog breeds,” Lindblad-Toh says. “A haplotype, which represents a set of single SNPs found to be statistically significant, can provide valuable information to investigate the genetics behind common disease.”

Chromosomes come in different flavors, with roughly every 1,000th letter being different between chromosomes. The majority of these differences are SNPs (single letter changes, such as A or C in a particular spot). Some are the actual mutations, but the majority can just be used as markers to identify the chromosome flavor carrying a mutation.

Human DNA has only short-range linkage disequilibrium, meaning that more than 30,000 evenly spaced SNPs must be examined when searching for a specific but unknown gene. “Dogs will require a much lower density of SNPs than comparable human studies because the long-range linkage disequilibrium within breeds extends approximately 50-fold further than in humans,” she says. The geneticists randomly selected about 6 percent of the genome and examined the linkage disequilibrium in specific regions and compared them to small amounts of sequence from 224 dogs consisting of 20 dogs from 10 breeds and one dog from 24 additional breeds. The breeds represent diverse histories with varying population size and bottleneck severity.

For example, the Basenji, an ancient breed from Africa, has a small breeding population in this country that descended from dogs imported in the 1930s and ‘40s. Using this information, the geneticists produced a dense map of SNPs across breeds. “By aligning the Poodle sequence, and nine other breeds, to the Boxer, we found that the SNPs and therefore also disease mutation that occur in one breed is likely to occur in other breeds as well,” says Lindblad-Toh. “We have analyzed these data to study genome structure, gene evolution, haplotype structure, and phylogenetics of the dog.”

“The Broad Institute has developed a mapping array containing about 20,000 SNPs that should prove an excellent tool for mapping disease genes. The tool makes it possible for genomewide studies to identify genes responsible for disease and behavioral traits with important consequences for humans and companion animal health.”

### Comparative Genomics

Comparative genomics promise one of the most powerful approaches for unlocking secrets of the dog genome and for finding the genetic mutations responsible for a disease in dogs and in humans. “Genome comparison, using many different mammalian genomes, can reveal the unknown and even unexpected biological functions by providing information about the records of evolutionary changes that have occurred over millions of years,” Lindblad-Toh says.

“Comparative analysis across mammals can find genes and other functional elements in the genome. Potential benefits include insights into disease mechanisms and the possibility of clinical trials in disease-affected dogs and their ability to accelerate new therapeutics that would improve health in dogs and humans.” Researchers in many areas are collecting samples searching for genes that cause diseases such as lymphoma, epilepsy, osteosarcoma, and even behavioral disorders and personality traits. “Genes have been identified...”

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and most have a corresponding gene in other mammalian genomes,” Lindblad-Toh says. “A disease identified in one species can be studied in other mammals, where it is likely to cause similar disease.

“Collecting samples is the hardest part,” says Lindblad-Toh. “But once we find the genes, we will know what dogs are at risk. Then, breeders will be able to identify them early and treat them better. Eventually there will be better treatments, including treatments tailored for individual dogs based on their genetic lesions.”

The important role that the canine genome will have in advancing understanding about diseases in dogs and humans is certain. “The dog is a testament to the power of breeding programs to select naturally occurring genetic variants with the ability to shape morphology, physiology and behavior,” Lindblad-Toh says. “It is this information that is key to our understanding.”


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### Purina Partners with AKC Canine Health Foundation & SCWTCA

By Susan McGee

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The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America is one of 154 Parent Clubs participating in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. Members of Purina Pro Club whose national parent club participates in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program may earn funding for canine health studies, education and rescue efforts that will benefit their breed. The funds are equally distributed between the AKC Canine Health Foundation and SCWTCA.

If you feed Purina dog food, please consider joining the Program. If you are already a Purina Pro Club Member, please participate in the Program by declaring for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program and submitting the weight circles. If you feed Pro Plan and are NOT a member of Pro Club all you need to do is: 1) Join the Purina Pro Club; 2) Declare for SCWTCA; and 3) Submit weight circles from the bag of participating Purina brand dog foods.

As of April 30, 2006, SCWTCA had 54 members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. Between January 1, 2006 and April 30, 2006, 7 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of $75.69 accumulated for the 2006 program. Thank you! Final 2006 payout to SCWTCA and the Canine Health Foundation will be made in February 2007.

If you would like to join Pro Club and participate in PCPP call toll-free at 1-877-776-2582 (CST 7am-5pm, Mon.–Fri.) or apply on line: http://www.purinaproclub.com/. Current Pro Club members can simply notify the Pro Club by phone or email, and tell them that they want to participate in the PPCP program.

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### Endowment Board for 2006-07

The Endowment Board held its annual election of Board members in July to fill two vacancies:

- Wendy Beers has decided she will not continue as a director but will work as a veterinary consultant to the Endowment.
- With one year left of her three-year term, Genie Kline resigned to manage her 100-year-old Mother’s care and continue supporting her husband, Bob, who is still recouping from his cancer surgery.

The Board thanks Wendy and Genie for their service to the Wheaten Endowment and wishes them well with their personal, professional and Wheaten activities.

On behalf of the Endowment Board, I am pleased to announce we have elected two new directors who have long Wheaten breed/health experience.

**Ronnie Copland, Class of 2007**

Ronnie will fill the unexpired term of Genie Kline. Ronnie bought her first Wheaten in 1983 as an obedience dog. Ronnie showed him in conformation and he finished in November 1984, going on to become the Number 8 Wheaten in 1985, all owner-handled. Since breeding her first litter in 1988, Ronnie has bred 27 champions.

A SCWTCA member for over 20 years and 2004 recipient of the Jan Linscheid Award, Ronnie edits the Membership Directory and has published the MCKC Mailer since 1993. She has chaired the Silent Auction and a White Elephant Sale for the Montgomery specialty. Ronnie keeps the master membership list so that the website can be updated monthly.

Ronnie is a member of the SCWTCA health committee. Because the health of our Wheatens is so important to her, she volunteered her dogs as the third informative family for the PLN/PLE study being done at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Anna Marzolino, Class of 2009

Growing up on an Arkansas dairy farm, Anna is a long time animal lover. After graduating with a degree in Graphic Arts and Art Education, she entered the banking world working in consumer lending and credit card management for over 15 years.

Anna and her husband, Jim, got their first Wheaten shortly after they married in 1992. Gabriel Rangel quickly finished Maddie, CH Ashford TeaPot Dome, and her special career included a Specialty BOB. Maddie had three litters and produced 5 Champions to kick off Anna’s breeding program, which continues with her progeny. In the meantime, Jim and Anna had their first son, Anthony followed by twins, Marina and Patrick.

Breeding dogs and Wheaten health became intertwined for Anna. Her commitment to Wheaten health preceded her SCWTCA membership; she worked with former Health Chair, Janet Petros, who urged her to join SCWTSCC and the National Club. Anna worked with Janet and Wendy Beers to develop the Health Tracker tool. Anna now co-chairs SCWTCA’s Geriatric and DNA Committees and serves on the Health Publications Committee.

Both Anna and Ronnie are encouraged by the Phenome taking place at the University of Missouri and hope that in the near future we have some definitive answers regarding Wheaten health.

The Endowment Board will elect officers at their October meeting. For more information, visit the Wheaten Endowment website at http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/ or contact the Endowment at twaggin@alltel.net

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**NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS**

August 8, 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 Wheaten 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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Drawing will be at Montgomery 2006.
The curtain rose on a perfect scene...gently rolling hills, white fluffy clouds, big shady trees, green grass and blue skies. The stars of our production appeared on cue, coiffed and groomed to perfection. The weekend promised drama, adventure, laughter and mystery and the audience was not disappointed!

June 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th marked the days for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California’s annual Specialty and this year’s National Roving Specialty held in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association.

Set designers, Joan and Carolyn, created our own Wheaten “pupparazzi”, klieg lights, 1920’s style marquee and costumed placement Wheaten. Popcorn, hot dogs and candy were handed out during intermission.

Thursday, June 22nd was an Educational Seminar given by Dr. Neil O’Sullivan and sponsored by SCWTCA, SCWTSCSC and SCWTGRF and also the Great Western Terrier Association, Annual “All Terrier Futurity Competition.”

Friday, June 23rd was the Roving Specialty directed by Cecily Skinner and Karla Baer Cohen. Sweepstakes was judged by Marjorie Shoemaker and breed by Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine.

Saturday, June 24th was the SCWTSCSC Specialty. Sweepstakes was judged by Ann Leigh and the breed by Gary Vlachos. Michael La Motte and Marc Boyer were the directors for that show.

Sunday, June 25th was the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills judged by Kenneth Kaufman. Merrillee Ford directed both Sunday and Monday’s shows.

Monday, June 26th was the Long Beach Kennel Club judged by Thora P. Brown

Although we didn’t know exactly how the plot would unravel, we did always know it would have a happy ending full of blue ribbons and smiles.

Karla Baer Cohen, Roving Co-Chair

Parade of Veterans at SCWTCA Roving SpecialtyBottom row, left to right: Linda Fussel, Beth Sorenson, Joan Johnson, Cecily Skinner, Rose Clime and Linda Gallagher. Top row, left to right: Karla Cohen, Richard Urquhart, Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, Sheryl Beitch and Pat Rutherford. The dogs range in age from 7 years to 14 years. Sheryl Beitch’s Ch Pitterpat’s Never Die Young (Ch Wildflower Stardust x Ch O’Sheehan’s Co-Star) is the oldest at 14, attesting to the validity of her name!

SCWTCA Roving Specialty BOB winner, was Ch Caraway Celebrate Life, breeder owned by Beth Verner, Betty Chapman and shown by Shari Boyd Carus. Trophy presenter was Helen Moreland, SCWT-CA Vice President. Judge was Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine.
SCWTCA Roving Specialty Critique.....
Great Western, Friday, June 23, Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

It is always an honor to be invited to judge a specialty and to judge a national is the ultimate honor. Thank you to all members of the SCWCA for bestowing upon me this great assignment. Thanks also for an impressive entry. Many thanks to all the workers and my ring stewards who made the show run so smoothly. I had a wonderful time.

Although the weather was a bit warm it wasn’t unbearable. It was so nice to have the sun shining and not having to deal with the rain or mud that I have had to judge in recently. And, although our ring was less than ideal it did have one huge advantage. The uneven terrain made everyone move cautiously and at the right speed. I didn’t have to say “slow down” nearly as much as usual.

I knew I was in for a pleasant day immediately when my 6-9 months puppy dogs entered the ring. My first and second place puppies were extremely impressive and promising youngsters. Kincora Worry Du Jour had the advantage in movement on this day and I took him to RWD. Both these youngsters hold a lot of promise. My Winners Dog, Westridge High Adventure, caught my eye as he walked into the ring. After examination he did not disappoint me. He is a moderate, well-balanced, square dog with a solid topline, good body, lovely coat and he possessed the much desired rectangular head with a lovely dark eye. He moved with ease and with great confidence. It was a pleasure awarding him winners dog.

My Winners Bitch class was exciting. I cut simply because of their lack of maturity. My Best of Breed dog, Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life, is aptly named; he does seem to enjoy life. The weather did not

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sour his attitude or confidence. I have seen this dog before and he gets better each time I see him. He has a lovely coat in a Wheaton: proper square outline, moderate with no exaggerations, rectangular head, dark eyes, strong level topline and correct tail set. My Veteran Dog, Ch. Lissadell Dot Com, did not show his age and I was pleased to award him an AOM. He owned the ring and he was letting all the other males know his presence. My other two AOM winners were: Ch. Vintage Green Beret Ballad and Ch. Reyem No Squatin on My Spurs.

and correct square outline. He is a solid dog with strong level topline and tail that is well set on. He is correctly angled on both ends with no one feature exaggerated. This all contributes to his graceful correct movement.

My choice for Best Opposite was probably my most difficult decision on the day. The two bitches in the running were so close and after hearing they were littermates I understand why. My eventual winner, Ch. Doubloon Aglough Watercolor, had the advantage over her sister, Ch. Doubloon’s Finger Painting, on this day in side gait. Watercolor’s gait was a little freer and easier than her sister’s. Both are lovely bitches. My Winners Bitch was also in contention for BOS.

My Award of Merit winners were also impressive. Finger Painting I already mentioned. The three males I awarded all possessed those characteristics I look for by many exhibits that had short thick heads and others with the objectionable yellow eyes. Both are features I haven’t encountered in the breed in some time.

I don’t remember having one bad bite, which was especially pleasing in such a large entry. All in all, with all that the SCW has suffered over the past several years I commend all the breeders who have painstakingly taken the necessary means to correct those issues and seem to be back on track in such quick order. Well done!

Again, thank you for a lovely assignment. Wheatens are a breed that have been very dear and near to me and I was humbled to have been invited to judge your roving national. SCW people are always fun and sportsmanlike. They are amiable just like their breed. I had a great time!
SCWTCSC Sweepstakes Critique.....
Great Western, Saturday, June 24, Judge Ann Leigh

6 – 9 month Puppy dog 4 entries.
1 #7. Doubloon’s High Stakes Player. Beautifully presented, well moving, pretty coat, out moved #2
2 #5. Kincora Worry Du Jour. Close call between 1 and 2. Lovely coat, good moving, slightly larger than #1
3 #15. Atas Avenue of The Stars. Pretty dog, coat needs to mature. Not as well moving as 1 and 2.
4 #9. Soldiersong Michael Collins. Pretty Irish coat, needs time to mature. Movement not as good as 1, 2, & 3.

9-12 month Puppy dog 2 entries.
2 #19. Marquee’s Storm the Bastille. Slightly larger dog than #1, pretty coat. Did not behave too well on the move.

12 – 18 month Puppy dog 8 entries.
1 #37. Eureka Elevator Man. Stunning little dog, glorious coat and color. Lovely dark eye, square outline.
2 #35. Duidream Quicktime. Pretty coat, nice moving, close contender to #1. Did not behave as well as #1.
3 #27. Pitterpat’s The Amazing Frederico. Slightly larger dog, pretty coat, did not move as well as 1 and 2.
4 #39. Edgewood Dream Catcher. Beautiful coat, lovely expression did not move as well as 1 and 2.
   Wonderful quality in this class.

6 – 9 Month Puppy bitch 2 entries.
2 #10. Farallon’s Amazing Grace Needs better coat, needs to mature. Has the makings of a lovely bitch.

9 – 12 Month Puppy bitch 2 entries.
1 #36. Paisley American Girl. Pretty little girl, nice head, good moving, needs better coat.
2 #28. Culean One Hot Minute. A little larger bitch, very pretty coat, not as well moving as #1. Very nice look.

12 – 18 Month Puppy bitch 7 entries.
2 #18. Eringlo Boomerang. Close contender to #1. Very pretty, bite not as good as #1 lovely coat.
3 #52. Harbour Hill Perfect Housewife. Very pretty, all the right parts, did not behave well.
4 #34. Harbour Hill At Wisteria Lane. Pretty coat, lovely bitch, did not move as well as 1, 2 and 3.
   Best in Sweepstakes.

Best Opposite in Sweepstakes.
#14. Doubloon’s Ultimate Player. Lovely upstanding, feminine little bitch, beautifully presented.

I would have taken both dogs home, given the chance!

Thank you to the SCWTCSC for the honor and privilege to judge their Sweepstakes.

Thank you for the beautiful crystal jug, which I shall treasure.

Ann Leigh

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Editors note: Unfortunately, missing this issue's August 15th deadline were the judge's critiques from Friday's sweepstakes and Saturday's judge of the regular classes. Also missing the deadline were photos of Friday's sweep winners and Saturday's winners in sweeps and regular classes. Look for them in the December issue.

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Flossing tereth on Saturday's Winner Dog! Dana Frady and Carissa Hutchins doing the job.
FROM OUR IRISH PAST...

An interesting bit of breed history here for the sharing, from Bruce Sussman, former SCWT breeder, now well known for his quality Glen of Imaal Terriers.

The following was written by an old timer, Frank Fallon, who bred Glen of Imaals and owned Fearless Dan, one of the founding sires of the breed when it was revived in the ‘30s. Fallon, former secretary of the Irish Glen of Imaal Club, a post Maureen Holmes once held, wrote it to his colleagues in the Dutch Glen club.

“In the early days, Glens and Wheaten Terriers often came in the same litter. In the late thirties Maureen Holmes registered the long legged ones as Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and Dan O’Donoghue registered the short legged ones as Glen of Imaal Terriers. Fearless Dan’s sire was a dog called Tinahely Lad, part old Irish Terrier, part Staffordshire Bull. His dam was a long-legged Wheaten bitch, part Kerry Blue, part White Bull Terrier. Tinahely Lad was a long low powerfully built dog with a short, hard red coat. The bitch also produced several litters of Wheaten Terriers, depending on which sire was used...A dog could be registered on inspection by a member of the Irish Kennel Club if they conformed to the standard...” 1

Dan O’Donoghue was the ‘Danny Boy’ of the Irish Field columns that Roberta Vesley quoted in her first book, The Complete Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Sussman was able to identify him for her and she acknowledged that in her revised edition. Harry O’Donoghue, the AKC judge, is a relative.

Regarding the letter from Ireland, it was published some two years ago in a small Dutch book about Glens by Susanne Bagaya and Jean Beets.

1 Editor’s note: Based upon personal observations when I visited Ireland’s Wheaten breeders in the mid seventies, I do not doubt this in the slightest. One of these fine days I will resurrect my old slides from that trip and present them for all to see.
I think it’s human nature to label. Labels help us organize. Some label more than others! When we see a group of dogs with similar characteristics, or a pattern of dogs being produced from a particular kennel, for the sake of organization and communication we attach a label.

Now, these labels can mean many things to many people. It all depends on the mind-set of the messenger and that of the listener. If I say Irish type to a group of five people I’d bet I’d conjure up five different images in those minds. The imager may perceive those images positively, negatively, or neutrally, depending upon how that person perceives and interprets THE STANDARD. I would also bet that while I have five different images, they would more than likely share some major characteristics… thus the label!

In the old days before globalization and the shipping of semen, chilled, frozen, etc., it was not uncommon to hear the terms Midwest type, California style, East Coast type. We all had a basic understanding of what this meant. More leg, less leg, more stylized… these groups were determined by geography, dominant stud dogs in those areas, as well as dominant breeders. Meeting at local shows and having local clubs also contributed to exchanging ideas about the breed and THE STANDARD, and in many cases formed a consensus among breeders in those areas as to what the Wheaten should look like according to THE STANDARD.

We even have labeled Wheaten types and linked them to breeders! How often have we heard “that looks like a Glenngay dog, a Paisley dog, or that is definitely a Brenmoor type”? If we do our jobs as breeders, our dogs should project a consistent vision of the breed as we interpret THE STANDARD.

As judges we may occasionally (although I try not to put it in print form) refer to a type when describing one or more dogs. It is part of our human nature and learning process to do this. It does not, however, keep us from seeing that dog and their characteristics in relationship to THE STANDARD. As Roni Andrews of Soldiersong Wheaten has said: “Each dog should stand on its own merit judged to the standard of the country in which it is being shown. Place of birth of the dog, or either of its parents have nothing to do with judging.” This is true and I think for the most part this happens. When it doesn’t… well there are good judges and bad, just as there are good breeders and bad.

I am reminded of when I judged the Swedish Terrier Kennel Club’s 100 year Jubilee Show. My initial invitation was to judge the entire assignment. When I received my contract, I was to judge bitches and then to adjudicate inter-sex with another judge who was brought in to judge dogs. His name was Nick Hammond, and he is from Ireland. I, of course, am an American (a little less so than most, according to our president!). When I inquired with the show secretary as to what was up she said they were afraid of overdrawing, so in a proactive mode they decided to split the breed beforehand. Methinks that was not the entire truth however. Methinks there was pressure from breeders who thought I didn’t have the ability to judge their Irish type Wheats within the context of the FCI Standard. How sad for them to judge me from their own points of reference. How sad for them or anyone else of a similar ilk to exist in that type of a vacuum.

The winner that day was a bitch of various bloodlines combining the best traits of those types bringing her closest in both Nick’s and my opinion to THE STANDARD. The exhibitor of the best dog that day had, as she adamantly pointed out, a “pure Irish” dog and should not have lost to that “mixed” breed bitch. She was quite ugly about it. I think she needs to revisit the standard and read it with the same zeal that she reads pedigrees. Both Nick and I were in complete agreement as to which Wheaten was the best that day. Think of it, an Irish judge and an American judge coming to agreement because we read the same STANDARD!

To isolate yourself as a breeder or judge is to limit your potential. One must recognize one’s weaknesses as well as one’s strengths. Globalization is a good thing for our breed. As has been pointed out, there are a number of successful dogs on both sides of the pond that are products of the combinations of those types.

So pardon me if I occasionally slip and make a reference to type. Old habits die hard! Just remember it is just a label that helps us organize our thoughts, as we continue our quest to breed and reward the best SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER according to THE STANDARD. We may have many types but it is still ONE BREED! ◆

On Specialty day, seventeen puppies and junior dogs competed in Sweepstakes classes with Karen Martin, a local Great Dane breeder and sporting breed handler, judging the classes. This year's sweeps class placements in each class received a 6" Nylabone Wishbone. The Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite received hand painted glass cookie jars with a Wheaten design on them. The cookie jars were painted by club member Lyn Dalan.

Thirty dogs and bitches then competed in the Regular classes that were judged by Anne Katona. Pewter trophies were given for first through fourth place class winners and for Winner's Dog, Reserve Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, Reserve Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed. Purina also donated trophies for some placements.

Mr. Robert Hutton and Mrs. Patricia V Trotter rounded out the weekend breed judging. The Club provided prizes for Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, Best of Breed, and Best of Opposite Sex, Ealing's Drunken Irishman, bred by Dennis & Cindy Shea. Owned by breeders and Jean Mennes. By Ch Meirlea's Jigger of Gin X Ch Saddlebrook Enigma Jig I'm Fancy. Opposite Sex winners for the weekend companion shows.

Best In Sweeps, Mierlea's Steal A Kiss, Breeder/Owner: Ronnie Copland. Ch Meirlea's Family Jewels X Meirlea's Fruit of the Womb. The weather was almost perfect for the weekend, with the best day being Specialty day. The St. Louis Club provided cold drinks and hot coffee along with snacks and goodies provided by various members of the Club. On Friday, a special treat of "liver" sno-cones was provided for the dogs, compliments of Club members Pat & Jack Williams who own a sno-cone stand in the St. Louis area. A few more appetizing human sno-cone flavors were also available for those humans who needed a refreshing snack.

Also available on Friday was a full line of boutique items including T-Shirts, note pads, note cards and wooden yard signs with various Wheaten sayings all available for purchase.

The Specialty dinner was changed to Saturday night this year and was moved to a new location at the Hawthorne Inn in Union, MO. The dinner was incredible and the banquet room proved to be a perfect setting for the evening activities! The same location has already been reserved for next year.

The hotly contested Silent Auction was run by Susan McGee and Bonnie Kanter at the dinner. This year's items were as good, if not better, than those in the past. Some of the items auctioned off included a stained glass of a Wheaten, a hand-painted Wheaten toy...
box, jewelry, cross-stitched Wheaten, and many more items too numerous to mention.

**Best Opposite Sex.** Ch Doubloon Azlough Watercolor, Bred by Elena Landa. Owned by breeder and Elaine Azerolo. Ch Bryr Rose Dagas X Ch Doubleoons Choc O Latte Twist.

The raffle was also conducted at the dinner with Pat Williams and Cindy Jansen managing the raffle activities. Over $700 was taken in for the raffle that is donated in its entirety to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Endowment Fund for Wheaten Health.

Our weekend was full of fun, friends and competition. We thank everyone who came to participate and for all the wonderful club members and friends who contributed their time and talents to make the show weekend truly special!

Cindy Shea, Co-Chairman

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**Winners Bitch.** Mil Mear Reluctant Daughter, Breeder Monica Kipp & Neil O'Sullivan, Owner Monica & Emily Kipp. Ch Ellora Bastian X Ch Geragold Tobar Einne.

**Reserve Winners Dog.** Eringlo Gin N’ Tonic, Breeder Dennis & Cindy Shea, Owned by breeders and Cheri Betuttman. Litter mate to BOS.

**Winners Dog & BOW.** Jendu Fleur De Lis, Bred and Owned by Dana Frady. Ch Honeylee By My Fair Whind X Gleannagay Mille Fleur.


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**The Use of Health Databases and Selective Breeding**

**A Guide For Dog and Cat Breeders and Owners**

5th Edition 2006

OFA recently published an 84 page booklet on this subject. The booklet is available, free of charge from OFA. Here are the highlights:

Hip dysplasia (HD), literally defined as an abnormal development of the hip joint, was first reported in dogs in 1935.

Hip dysplasia is currently accepted to be an inherited disease caused by the interaction of many genes (polygenic). In animals that are genetically predisposed there are unknown complex interactions of genes with the environment that bring about the degree of phenotypic expression (mild, moderate, or severe hip dysplasia) of these genes within an individual.

At this time, selectively breeding for normal hips is the only means to reduce the genetic frequency of HD.

The following breeding selection criteria have been demonstrated to more rapidly and effectively reduce the frequency of undesirable traits:

1. Breed only normal dog to normal dog. The percentage of dysplastic progeny increased as the sire’s and dam’s phenotypic hip ratings decreased from excellent through dysplastic.

2. Breed normal dogs that come from normal parents and grandparents.

3. Breed normal dogs that have more than 75% normal siblings.

4. Select a dog that has a record of producing a higher than breed average percentage of normal progeny.

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Kathy Eichman, OFA Chairperson
Woodland Wheatens

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I just finished hanging pictures of my Wheatens herding sheep! A few months ago I had no idea they were even capable of herding. Now I have pictures and certificates to prove it. How did this happen? In late winter of 2006, Wendy Neill mentioned they were taking their Wheatens for a herding experience. I asked her about it and she sent me the flyer from the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Club (DelVal), sponsors of the event. I signed up late and was put on a waiting list. A month or so later I received word that we were entered! I knew nothing about herding, had never seen a dog herding in person but I was excited about it.

While March and the first week of April had been very dry in eastern Pennsylvania; the day before the Herding event a storm hit along with much-needed precipitation. I started my drive for Raspberry Hill sheep farm, in southeastern Pennsylvania, in a snowstorm! My route through the Pocono Mountains was scary, and after passing five or six cars that had skidded off the road, I felt much safer at the slow pace of 40 MPH. Consequently I was late arriving and missed the morning’s activities.

After lunch another group of dogs were to be tested. Their owners wore Wheaten cutouts, showing the dog’s number, held by a ribbon and worn around their neck as is seen in some of the pictures. I went to watch, taking my dogs, one at a time, since limited exposure to sheep in advance of the test is good. Neither one of them had ever seen a sheep before that day. Since then, I have learned it is possible to prepare your dog by watching sheep from at least ten feet away. If the dogs become interested, praise them and then stop. You don’t want them to become overexcited. If the dog isn’t interested, play with it briefly near the sheep, to provide a good first experience around sheep.

The conditions that day, April 8, 2006, were miserable! The pen where the dogs worked the sheep was covered with about 5–6 inches of mud and sheep droppings. The only way to save oneself from being stuck in the mud was to keep moving. The sleet and rain began to abate at 1 PM. It was so thrilling to watch the Wheatens. 21 of them participating, that most people didn’t care about the weather, at least I didn’t. I was amazed to see the dogs actually moving the sheep. When first starting out, the dogs often looked as though they didn’t know what they were doing but suddenly instinct would kick in and they began herding. It was awe-inspiring seeing them do what they were originally bred to do in Ireland. Participants included Bonnie & Barry Ivler, who were in charge of the day. They provided snacks, hot coffee and an inadvertent lesson in the importance of exercising your dog before his turn. Other participants were Bev and Kevin McDonald, Evelyn Fabricant, Sandra and Roderick Ives, Sarah and Bill Morehouse, Gerald and Kirsten Stack, Janet Cusick, Carole Clark, Ellen Klinzing, Janet Nicoll, Bob Johnston (our photographer), JoAnn and Michael McCoy, Jacque Andras, and me.

After watching several dogs it was my turn to take one of my dogs into the pen with the mud and sheep. I chose to take my younger dog, Panda, first. Well, Panda and I went to the pen, which was approximately 50 feet square. We were told to walk around outside a little bit, and then to go in. One corner nearest the fence around the big field was the high point in the pen and the only place not under water. One of the comments Carolyn Wilki (the farm owner/Tester) wrote on Panda’s sheet was “knows how to find the high ground.” Carolyn told me to start walking around and try to drive the sheep continued on page 22
ahead of me; Panda was on her lead reluctantly walking in the mud. After a few minutes, Carolyn told me to drop the lead and keep walking so I did. Panda headed for the “dry” corner but I called and she came back. All of a sudden, she became interested in the sheep and began moving them. She seemed to be getting the idea. I have since learned that sheep have a “flight zone” and the less power they perceive a dog to have the closer they will allow the dog to be before they move. Panda was pretty close. If you watch the heads and ears of the sheep you can tell when they are going to move. When the heads turn away from the dog and their ears go back, they are going to move. Soon we were told our turn was over and Panda had actually worked for nine of the fifteen minutes allowed.

Soon it was Teddi’s chance. She was allowed in the pen right away. I started herding the sheep and she followed along on lead. She was not as concerned about the mud and seemed to get the idea a little faster than Panda. She drove the sheep around the pen.

At one point the sheep were in a corner and began to charge her or challenge her. She stopped them in their tracks, making me so proud of my 11-year-old dog. Luckily, Wheatens use the loose-eyed, upright style of herding leaving the body relatively clean and legs very muddy. Border Collies use a strong-eyed crouch, which would have dirtied the entire dog. Teddi was only in the pen seven minutes, so I guess her instinct kicked in fast.

What a day! The pictures Bob took of me show a big grin on my face. I was very happy with my dogs without even knowing the results.

Finally, the last dog had her turn. The previous week she finished in the conformation ring. She had no intention of walking in that mud and managed to remain the only clean dog in the place, thus maintaining her dignity.

When every dog had its turn, Carolyn filled out the evaluation forms. They included categories such as Control, Interest, Movement of Stock, Temperament, Power, Balance /Distance to Control Stock, Responsiveness to Direction /Control, Approach, Eye, Bark, and Wearing. Wearing? Most of the other categories I could figure out but Wearing? I recently the person, this is known as tending a flock. Lori Kromash had made certificates for the dogs that passed and when I saw there were two for me, one for each dog, it brought tears to my eyes. I was so proud of them because they did it all by themselves.

Sure, I was there with them but I didn’t know enough to be of any help.

Their heritage as all around farm dogs kicked in and they herded sheep. All but two of the Wheatens entered that day earned a certificate for Herding Instinct. 19 of 21 dogs demonstrated that their instinct was still intact.

Any owner can test his Wheaten’s herding instincts and if the dog doesn’t pass you can retest. If they do pass there are two general levels for herding, test level is for relatively inexperienced dogs, and trial level is for dogs more experienced in working with stock. Wheatens cannot participate in AKC Herding events but can participate in American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) events as multi-function dogs. There are AHBA Testers all over the country and they hold tests periodically. There will be a weekend of tests in September in New London PA and we’d love to see you there!
Celebrating Long Life

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

compiled by toni vincent

CH. CARLINAYER’S LADY FERGIE CD
“FERGIE”
October 7, 1987 - September 22, 2003
Ch Carlinayer’s Pecos Bill x Ch Gleanngay Mirror Mirror ROM

Fergie was one of the featured dogs in a Benchmarks article on the first five wheatens to join the Geriatric Study. She had two litters and 6 of her 11 offspring became champions. She was a sturdy, funny little character. She was sound sensitive so that some hearing loss in later life helped during sports stadium fireworks and thunderstorms.

Owned by Sheila O’Connell

SWEET CALAMITY CHLOE, CD, CGC
“CHLOE”
November 17, 1989 - July 8 2006
Ch Shar-D’s Headliner O’ Andover x Ch Harvest’s Golden Topaz

Chloe was the most wonderful Wheaten and followed me everywhere from the day that I brought her home (I went to get her from Dee and Shari Boyd in an ice storm!). She was a frequent visitor to my first grade classroom and we used her to teach everything from vowel and consonant sounds to how to approach a dog properly. We even dressed her like a pig once for a “Pig Day” celebration. She took everything in stride with her even temperament. All the children in my school knew who Chloe was. She was one of a kind. Her sister Molly and I are heartbroken and she is greatly missed.

Owned by Helen Knopf

CH HARBOUR HILL FERRARI PALM RUN
“FRANKIE”
March 30, 1991 - December 30, 2005
Ch Bantry Bay Kairo
x
Ch Harbour Hill Firecracker

Frankie helped run a small business, greeting clients and making friends everywhere and he never met anyone he didn’t like. He allowed himself to be bossed around by a tiny ten pound terror—a Peke named “Misty” and he leaped atop the safety of the bed or sofa when she was having a bad hair day. He was always the perfect gentleman and his owner’s best friend for many, many years.

Adieu, Frankie.

Owned by Mary Bassell
Celebrating Long Life, continued

CH GLEANNGAY STARLIGHT
“STELLA”
November 2, 1989 - March 27, 2006
Ch Wildflower Stardust ROM x Ch Gleenngay Juniper Berry

In 1994 Gay Dunlap steered Stella my way. I was beginning an early retirement, and Stella was ready for hers, as well. Her arrival opened a very special chapter of my life. Stella brought her boundless joy and endless enthusiasm. She always wanted to be a part of the action and created wonderful memories along the way. Stella’s most significant gift was her supply of limitless love.

In the months following Stella’s sweet 16th birthday her health began to deteriorate. For the next four months we were rarely apart. Each new day was a blessing, bringing a share of bright moments along with the bittersweet.

I miss Stella dreadfully. For me, she will be forever young, living on in her own little corner of my heart.

Owned by Aileen Cantwell

GOLDENSTAR’S CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
“MOUSSE AKA MOU MOU OR MOU”
April 18, 1992 – July 16, 2006

Ch Goldenstar’s Flying Ace x
Ch Goldenstar’s Sunshine Sassi

Mou Mou adopted us 4 years ago at the age of 10. When on the balcony he protected us from the mailman, big trucks, and any “woofers” that would pass on the street. His bark was worse than his bite. Out walking, he was as friendly as all Wheatens can be. He loved the car so much that just the mention of the word “auto” (he was French!) got him jumping and running around waiting to go. There were times when he wouldn’t want to get out when we got home and we would leave him there to sleep.

Even as his health deteriorated (arthritis in the legs, poor eyesight and hearing) he would still try to jump and give the Wheaten greetin’ when we came through the door. We spoiled him rotten and gave him a good retirement. In return he gave us unconditional love and joy for 4 years. He will be sorely missed and will remain in our hearts forever. We now look at every rainbow with a smile.

Owners Debbie Rosenzveig and Christiane Piché, Montreal, QC
BRIANKEEN SORCHA "SARAH"
July 9, 1991
Briankeen Cairde Beag X Briankeen Roisin

Sarah initially lived in Ireland with her breeder, Joe O’Brien, and was imported to North America when she was two years of age. She made the transfer with ease. She was a wonderful brood bitch and has left us with a legacy of lovely offspring, including a litter of 7 pups from an AI breeding with Gleanngay Holliday (frozen semen) in 1996, many years after “Doc” was gone.

Sarah has always been a very confident bitch. She managed to stay “top dog” without ever showing any signs of aggression, just the occasional barely-audible growl and a steady look at any puppy that became too unruly. Even at 15 years of age, she is still able to command respect from her 4-month-old great granddaughter who lives with her.

She exudes charm and a sense of humor. She has the ability to communicate her thoughts by using body language, such as rolling her eyes and crossing her legs. She has often had us in stitches of laughter, particularly when she initiates new dog beds by rooting them into the shape she desires. She loves to eat and, to this day, she looks forward to mealtime and does not waste a second in cleaning out the dish to the very last morsel of food. We love her crossed feet, a favorite position!

Owners Jolijne Ubbink, Anne Holahan and Emily Holden
Breeder Joseph O’Brien Waterford, Ireland

SUNDIALS HONEY SMACKS “LIGHTNING”
July 16, 1991
Ch Windsong Cadenza (Katy) x Ch Harbour Hill Fire Starter (Ian)

Lightning was our first dog and has been a faithful family friend for 15 years. He was always the “elder statesman” and didn’t like to get involved with puppy nonsense but preferred to sit at my feet while I would read. He still loves to go walking but shorter and slower now that he is an old guy. He still loves to have his beard scratched.

Owner Dr Cindy Bowers

CH STARLIGHT SEAMUS M’DARLIN “SEAMUS”
August 13, 1992
Ch Legacy Summers Gone ROM x Ch Ballyhoo Starlight Express

I don’t have a photo of him. Seamus, a little hearing challenged, is one happy boy who still runs around like a young dog. He is the light of his owners’ eyes and they cherish every day they have had with him. Ann Leigh and Everett Keller bred him.

Owners Bonney Snyder and Russ Landis
and long-lived litter mates...

CH CARLINAYER LDY’S BANTRY BOYO “REGGIE”  
April 14, 1992 
Ch Carlinayer's Man O'Gaeshill x Ch Carlinayer's Lady Fergie CD

Reggie no longer spends time floating around a swimming pool on a styrofoam pad, but he enjoys escorting his mistress in air-conditioned cars. Most of his days are spent snoozing and moving slowly around.

Owners Harriett Kantor and Sheila O'Connell

CH CARLINAYER LDY’S MURRAY BIAG  
“MURRAY”  
April 14, 1992 
Ch Carlinayer’s Man O’Gaeshill x Ch Carlinayer’s Lady Fergie CD

Murray is getting stiff and slips a bit on hardwood floors. He still tries to counter surf for interesting snacks. Yes, he's the one whose story was published in several bulletins a couple of years ago. As a senior, he fell in love with Gorgonzola cheese and kept searching for it. He grabbed a pound bag of 15 bean soup mix, punched holes in it, and spun and spun around the kitchen spewing beans everywhere. He then drank water, soaked his beard, lay on the beans and went outside with many attached. Beans sprouted all over the lawn.

Owner Sheila O'Connell

CH CARLINAYER LDY’S IRISH ROSE “ROSIE”  
April 14, 1992 
Ch Carlinayer’s Man O’Gaeshill x Ch Carlinayer’s Lady Fergie CD

Rosie, named for Portland, OR, City of Roses, is slowing down. She still loves the Oregon beaches, but no longer wildly chases seagulls or tussles with washed-up giant kelp.

Owners Michele Gardner and Sheila O'Connell

LARNOOK GLEANGAY ICE MAID “GEMMA”  
June 8, 1991  
Am Ch Gleangay Medicine Man x Aust Ch Larnook Calamity Jane

Gemma was our introduction to Wheaten ownership 14 years ago. Although her breeder warned us that she was quite naughty, she has been the perfect lady since moving in. Never destructive, very laid back, a perfect ambassador for the breed. Although her sight and hearing are fading, she is still always first at the door for a walk when the leads are rattled and always first to finish her dinner. Arthritis has slowed her down, so that she spends most of her time sleeping on the couch, sharing it with her 4 yr grandson Figgy, and 18 mo Diva. When she was younger, Gemma competed in both the conformation and obedience rings, and has also tried agility, tracking, and herding cattle, but she excels best at being Queen of our hearts.

Owners Angela Hervey-Tennyson & Peter Westcott, Victoria, Australia
Abby, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Retriever

Dave Alexander, Nepean, Ontario, Canada

No, this is not an article about some kind of a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Golden Retriever mix. It is about a SCWT that thinks it’s a retriever.

Abby is a two-year old SCWT whose registered name is Timtara’s Lady of the Lake bred by Priscilla Tims. Who would have known when we named her that she would be nuts about swimming?

SCWTs vary widely in their love for water on a scale of 0-10. Abby just happens to be an 11.

Abby started swimming last year before we bought our canoe. Her swimming “style” could only be described as frantic. Her butt end seems to have no floatation, so she is relatively perpendicular in the water. She looked like she was climbing a ladder trying to escape a fire, but she did enjoy it, as strange as it looked. When we bought the canoe, we bought her a personal floatation device (PFD). It wraps under her and around her chest and most importantly has two handles that allow us to lift her back in the canoe if she should tumble out. This hasn’t happened, so far. The PFD holds her relatively level in the water and now she swims great.

Abby has an Irish coat rather than the American coat. Our previous SCWT, Maggie, had an American coat which, being thicker and standing off the body more, could be a challenge for grooming, definitely made worse if she was damp or wet, as she didn’t dry quickly. Fortunately for us Maggie didn’t really care for swimming. She would only paddle up to her tummy. She could swim, as she had fallen out our sailboat’s dinghy a couple of times, but she didn’t voluntarily participate. Abby, on the other hand, loves the water and swims 3 or 4 times a day. Her coat dries quickly and is of a silky nature, therefore it doesn’t mat as much and combs out easily. We generally don’t comb her out until after she has dried from her last swim of the day.

These are the members of the Lac Rond Retriever Club. Left to right there is Abby, Doogie, the Golden Retriever and head trainer, and Holly the freckle faced human retriever. Holly is my granddaughter and Doogie is my daughter’s family dog.

From the sequence on the right, you can see Abby’s diving form. There is a 20” freeboard on our dock, from which she launches upwards in a nice arc, so she can make quite a splash

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when she hits. I can't imagine what she thought the first time she did this, as she had never really been completely underwater before.

Now the synchronized swimming has started. The dogs are focused, as unusual as that is for a Wheaten, awaiting the next stick toss. Abby will do this stick retrieval stuff for about 30 minutes. It's great; she is "dog tired" when done and sleeps for a few hours and then she's ready to go again. It certainly gives her something to do that she enjoys; it tires her out and doesn't give her time to find something to do on her own, which is likely to be something one might not like.

I thoroughly recommend introducing your dog to swimming if they seem at all inclined. It is a hoot. Be gentle and make it positive. Abby puts a lot of stock into how the first experience of a new thing goes. If it goes badly, she may not try again. Take it from someone who has to carry her down our back stairs to the basement. Every other flight of stairs in the world is fine, just not our basement stairs. In her mind, there is no treat worth attempting those stairs.

Well, here goes Abby, out to save another stick. She doesn't understand why, if the sticks can't swim, they keep jumping back in!
THE DEATH OF A REDHEAD

PHIL DUNCAN, LAKE FOREST, IL

It was a quiet morning in Lake Forest, Illinois. A town not accustomed to crimes of passion. It’s a town where people close their doors but don’t necessarily lock them. It was a little after 7AM when the body was discovered.

Raggedy Ann Bocek lived in a room on the second floor. She always could be found on top the couch in the company of several friends. Her door was usually closed. Not locked. This morning the door was slightly ajar. Like Raggedy, her friends on the couch were stuffed, too. Soft plush creatures. They had been roughed up several times by a local boy named Bentley Duncan. But he had always let them go without inflicting too much harm. He’d slobber on them. Bite their arms. Tug on their clothing. But this morning was different. Perhaps Bentley had a rough night. Perhaps it was something Raggedy said to him. Perhaps he just snapped.

She was abducted from her room, dragged kicking and screaming down a long flight of stairs to the dining room. That’s where thing went horribly wrong. It wasn’t hard for investigators to figure out who did it. In these sorts of crimes, it’s always a relative. Bentley wasn’t a blood relative of Raggedy, but they were all adopted by the same parents, Phil and Judi Duncan, and they all lived under the same roof. Maybe that was the problem. Too much closeness.

Of course there was a trial. Very emotional testimony was given. The age of the victim, 52, was particularly tragic. A long time family member, she was worth a great deal of money. But it wasn’t money the killer was after. It was the thrill of the kill. Everyone in the small bedroom community of Lake Forest was amazed because when the trial was over…Bentley walked. The jury let him off. Not one day served. He expressed no remorse. In the months that followed he killed again. Not with the same ferocity. Not as frequently.

Suspect, Bentley Duncan, at scene of the crime.

Victim suffered severe lacerations and trauma to the head.

But he still has the urge.

That’s what still troubles Lake Forest and anyone who values a plush toy or doll who is soft and cuddly. You never know when, in an instant, it can all come to a tragic end.

Crime scene, the murder of Raggedy Ann Bocek with evidence left at the scene.

Jailed, accused Bentley Duncan awaits trial.
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OFA Mating Probability Table
Based on 444,451 progeny in the OFA Hip database with known sire and dam hip scores

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T = total number of progeny; N = number and percent of normal progeny; D = the number and percent dysplastic progeny.
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