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From the President...

Be part of the solution...(A quote from a well-known support group.)

It's that time of year when we start thinking about nominations for the new SCWTCA Board. It is also an ideal time to consider some guidelines, which are important when serving on the Board. This is my fifth and final year as a Board member. Having been a Director for two years, Vice President for two years and President for one year, I have learned from experience and board governance groups* that boards function most effectively when board members follow these guidelines:

1. Work together as a team. When not in agreement, try every avenue to arrive at a solution. Sometimes compromise is necessary.

2. Treat your colleagues with respect. Always give the other Board members the benefit of the doubt. We are all volunteers, donating our time and trying to do what's best for our breed and SCWTCA. When conflicts arise, the focus needs to be on the issues, not personal goals or agendas. It cannot be said often enough, courtesy goes a long way. Work together, not at odds.

3. Put organizational goals before personal goals. Our purpose is always the betterment of our dogs, the breed and the Club. Again, there is no room for individual pursuits at the expense of the greater good. We are here to serve our Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers in the best possible way.

4. Participate! If you are elected to the Board, work on the everyday mundane things with the same enthusiasm and diligence that you use to work on the more exciting and/or controversial issues. Once you have accepted a Board position, you have committed to participate. The Board needs your input.

5. Don't complain about it, do something. Complaints and pettiness get us nowhere. Look for answers and solutions, ways to improve the situation rather than pointing fingers.

6. Speak up when you have questions or disagree, but support the final decision of the Board. That is your duty as a Board member. Once an issue has been decided, whether you agree or disagree, support and defend it. As a Board, we may make mistakes, but we do so in good faith with the best interests of our dogs at heart.

7. Know the needs of the Club and the membership. Look for opportunities to introduce yourself to SCWTCA members. Ask for their ideas and suggestions. Be open. As quickly as possible, have the Board address rumors and misunderstandings. Be prepared to ask those with complaints to help find solutions.

8. Accept responsibility. Share in the work. Accept blame graciously and give credit to your colleagues.

9. Work with and communicate with the rest of the Board, officers and volunteers. Restrain egos and share ideas in a timely manner. Be an active, participating Board member. Don't just sit back, let the others do the work then take the credit or criticize their efforts.

10. Look beyond the obvious. Consider problems from a broad perspective. Focus on the best interests of our breed in general. Look for ways to draw on the expertise of our members.

* Giving testimony to the value of early detection and treatment for PLE/PLN, two beautiful champions were laid to rest between January 30 and February 2 of this year. Ch Kaylynn's August Moon was born on January 29, 1996, had an exemplary show career, was diagnosed at age eight and succumbed on January 22nd, 2004.

From the Editor...

With this March 2007 issue of Benchmarks comes a reprint of Anna Redlich's chapter on the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier from her Dogs of Ireland, published in 1949. Since this charming little book has been out of print for years and nigh impossible to obtain, I thought it might be a treat for all of you to have the opportunity to read about our breed as it was viewed some fifty-eight years ago. Her format covers origin and history, a list of early champions, breed type and temperament along with the breed's first "Standard of Points" considered the official standard by which the breed was judged in Ireland in those early days. Enjoy!

The announcement made in early February that an updated Open Registry had been posted on our website met with mixed emotions. The first update in two and a half years, it presents us with 87 additional dogs, which averages out to 2.5 dogs per month. Some breeders estimate, just off the top of their heads and without much thought, that they can count twenty five or thirty dogs that should be included and are not. One breeder suggested that there could be hundreds missing.

Does then, the Open Registry become still more notable for the dogs not listed than for those that are? The Open Registry remains incredibly skewed, its use as a breeding tool almost laughable were it not for its role in the looming annihilation of breed type. And this is no laughing matter. In truth, forsaking breed type for health is costing us the breed we have worked so hard to create.

Those responsible for the development of the Open Registry have stated from the beginning that it was never intended as a breeding tool but rather to prove that PLE/PLN was widespread. Some breeders maintain that we have learned nothing in the years since the Open Registry's inception and that it has been a waste of time. But we did prove what was intended, that the disease is widespread. We have learned that no pedigree is exempt. Dogs from other countries appear on the OR, as do dogs from pet stores. We have learned that out-crossing with another breed still yields affected dogs. So we have learned.

We have learned that our dogs must be tested every year until their death. We have learned that the UPCI ratio should be .3 or less for breeding stock and that perhaps it is safer to use older stud dogs than young ones. We have learned how to read our own lab reports better than many vets. And most important, we have learned how to manage the disease such that affected dogs live much longer lives*.

We have also learned, that for many, the Open Registry is and will continue to be used as a tool by which to determine breeding choices. Others seem to peruse it out of morbid curiosity. It has created breeders too lazy to research pedigrees and too quick to point fingers. Pedigrees of those who make the supreme effort to see that their affected dogs are listed are vilified, these breeders chastised for risky breeding programs while other breeders make little or no attempt to insure that their affected dogs are listed. Is it just too much trouble for them? Is it too expensive? Are they ethically challenged? What is it? Why so many missing dogs?

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11. Understand there is an altruistic part to being on the Board. Volunteer to help. We all need to be willing to help each other for the health and well being of our Wheaten.

12. Realize there is a large financial and time commitment. As a participating Board member, you will be dealing with the routine issues that make an organization run smoothly and the difficult problems that require additional thought and energy. Do not avoid or neglect your responsibility to help. SCWTCA Board members are expected to attend three meetings a year at various locations in the United States at their own expense. Between meetings additional work is completed by email, US mail and phone.

Over the past five years, I have learned a lot about the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America and its membership. It has been an honor to be on the Board. I have had the experience of working with many amazing Board and Club members and, as a result, friendships have developed and evolved. Thank you for this opportunity.

Helen J Moreland

*The Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals and The National Center for Non-Profit Boards.

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BETTER LATE THAN NOT AT ALL!

HONORING SCWTCA ROVING SWEEPSTAKES WINS, JUNE 27, 2006

Two issues have gone by with no pictures of the SCWTCA Roving Specialty Sweepstakes winners. Our deepest apologies! Here are the photos from these prestigious wins, by littermates, both bred and shown by Elena Landa. Long time breeder, Marjorie Shoemaker did the judging honors and Helen Moreland presented the trophies. The specialty was held in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association on Friday, June 23, 2006.

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2006 SCWTCA Roving Specialty Best In Sweepstakes winner was Doublon’s High Stakes Player, by Ch Lonestar’s Order of The Phoenix out of Ch Doublon’s Playing The Field, bred, owned and handled by Elena Landa. Judge is Marjorie Shoe-maker.

2006 SCWTCA Roving Specialty Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps was litter mate to the BIS puppy dog. She was Doublon’s Ultimate Player. Both were breeder/owner handled by Elena Landa. Presenter is Helen Moreland.
We have a genetic predisposition for two types of kidney disease in our Wheaten community, namely protein-losing nephropathy (PLN) and renal dysplasia (juvenile renal disease, JRD). Phenotypic expression can be mild to severe. Some individuals and families may be affected by both of the diseases. Based on the reporting of documented cases for the Open Registry, PLN is much more commonly seen. Please let us know if cases of PLN and/or JRD, if you haven’t already, not only for the Open Registry, but also for our DNA bank and future genetic studies.

**JRD:** The most severely affected animals with JRD usually die before 2 to 3 years of age, however mild cases may live much longer. The typical cases have clinical signs of renal failure due to decreased renal mass/reserve that affects the entire nephron (the functional unit of the kidney). In this scenario, dogs start to show increased thirst and make lots of watery urine (due to the loss of the ability to concentrate the urine to conserve body water) even before blood values of toxic waste substances (normally excreted by the kidney) become abnormally high. In other words, with decreased renal reserve, polypuria and polydypsia (PU/PD) with low urine specific gravity (USG) precedes azotemia (high BUN and serum creatinine values). There may be some proteinuria as well, and this may be confused with early PLN. As renal failure progresses, other signs of uremia can be seen, such as vomiting, decreased appetite, weight loss, anemia, bone loss, hypertension, etc. Ultrasound examination of the kidneys may show small, irregular, hypechoic kidneys with a thin cortex, dilated pelvis, and possibly cortical cysts. Histopathologic findings of a renal wedge biopsy (taken after 16 wks of age, when the kidney should be mature), shows abnormal architecture, maldevelopment/disorganization, with immature fetal glomeruli and fetal mesenchyme. Sometimes other changes of chronic renal disease are seen such as fibrosis, dilated tubules/cysts, and inflammation. Dogs with JRD may be predisposed to pyelonephritis (kidney infection). Many breeds have been found to have JRD, but since a concert of functioning genes probably are needed for normal maturation of the kidney, a variety of genetic abnormalities may cause this same phenotype. Thus, genetic markers found for one breed may or may not be usefully applied to another breed. Lhasa Apos and Shih Tzus, having a similar genetic evolution, may have their own genetic defect(s) causing JRD, while Wheatsens may have another. Geneticist Dr. Urs Giger at Penn (215-898-8830, penngen@vet.upenn.edu) is requesting DNA samples from Wheatsens with documented JRD.

**PLN:** Most dogs sick with PLN have been diagnosed between the ages of 4-8 yrs (mean 6.5 yrs), however, there is no age limit for diagnosis. The cause of their PLN appears to be an immune dysregulation with immune-mediated disease affecting the glomerulus of the kidney nephron. The tubules are OK in the beginning (that’s why they can still concentrate their urine), but eventually, the tubules and interstitium also suffer. Ultrasound of the kidneys may not be helpful. Histopathologically, immune-mediated glomerulonephritis and/or focal segmental glomerulosclerosis is predominant, sometimes with secondary interstitial inflammation. Amyloidosis (another cause of PLN) is rarely seen. Many but not all dogs have concurrent or past history of allergy, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and/or protein-losing enteropathy (PLE). Food allergies may play a role, but we do not know for sure what antigens may be involved in this immune complex disorder. Dogs with PLN usually do not have PU/PD or a low USG until late in the disease process. The earliest warning sign of PLN is protein in the urine (proteinuria), which is often occult. We recommend urine screening for all Wheatsens at least annually with the ERD (Heska) in-house test for microalbuminuria or screening with the urine protein/creatinine ratio (Up/c). Although many labs use 1.0 as their cut-off for normal Up/c, veterinary nephrologists now consider Up/c over 0.2 to be abnormal, especially in younger dogs. Borderline results need to be monitored closely for a trend. Since many things can cause proteinuria (eg, infection, some medications, hypertension, etc), interpretation of the findings must include evaluation of the individual case. Later stages of PLN usually include decreased serum albumin (unless masked by dehydration), and increased BUN and serum creatinine. Serum cholesterol is usually high, unless concurrent PLE exists. Clinical signs may include weight loss, thromboembolic events (eg, pulmonary embolus causing difficulty breathing, saddle thrombus causing difficulty walking), hypertension, edema/effusions, and eventually the other signs of renal failure (vomiting, decreased appetite, PU/PD, etc). Dogs with PLN were reported in 2000 to have a median survival of only 3 months, but they have been living much longer now with interventions such as diet changes, ACE inhibitors, low dose aspirin, antihypertensives, omega 3 fatty acid supplementation, etc. At Penn we are collecting DNA samples from dogs with PLE and/or PLN as well as DNA from geriatric dogs without these diseases (215-898-9288, merylitt@vet.upenn.edu).

Of course we are especially worried about genetic renal problems in our Wheatsens, but renal function may also be impaired by infections (eg, bacterial infections, leptospirosis, tick-borne infections), toxins (eg, antifreeze/ethylene glycol, grapes/raisins, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, aminoglycoside antibiotics), etc. Sometimes PU/PD and increased BUN and serum creatinine are due to another disease entirely (such as Addison’s disease, another predisposition in our breed) and not even due to kidney disease. Treatment, monitoring, prognosis, breeding decisions, and our DNA bank (matching up phenotypes/genes) depend on making an accurate diagnosis. Consultation with (or referral to) a veterinary specialist may be indicated. You can find one by going to www.acvim.org and clicking on “Find a specialist near you”.
was recently going through a stack of magazines trying to catch up on long overdue reading and came across an interesting article in the Canine Chronicle. The article, published in two parts, was titled Doing Battle with Mother Nature by Gay Dunlap. The article was particularly timely since a breeder friend and I were searching for "that perfect stud dog" for a bitch we co-own along with a novice owner. The article does not specifically address our breed but all purebred dogs, breed standards and the show ring in general. The article makes for an interesting read . . . agree or disagree . . . I think you'll find it thought provoking. The following is a reprint of the second article.

Cecily Skinner

In last month’s column I wrote of the conflict inherent in our battle with Mother Nature as we endeavor to maintain that which our forebears deemed to be the essence of our respective breeds. My basic premise was related to the theory that nature selects traits in a species that will ensure survival and allow that species to flourish. And that this concept of “Natural Selection” is often in direct opposition to our strivings for correct breed type. Whereas the dog traces back some thirty thousand years to its domestication from the grey wolf, the fifteen thousand or so years of putting our own spin on their make and shape is the equivalent of a nano second when compared to the millions of years of wolf phenotype behind them.

Wolves are longer through the loin with a lower center of balance, allowing for more efficient movement. This in turn provides greater energy and endurance for hunting thereby creating increased success of survival. Animals born with longer legs and shorter backs are not as efficient. They do not have the vitality to be alpha members of the pack and therefore their genes are not passed on. This results in continuity of genotype and provides for the necessary phenotype to flourish.

We have become the artificial stimulus in changing the original wolf phenotype. Our reasoning has nothing to do with survival, but is merely a whim. As a result, many of us are breeding for what nature would consider the weaker animal. Here is where Mother Nature steps in, insisting, if you will, that we return our dogs to their most advantageous make and shape for survival.

When Saint Bernard breeder, Stan Zielinski, wrote the piece entitled The Half-Legged Dog Disease, in which he decried the many low-on-leg Saints showing up in the ring, he said, “They have short legs and they can fly around the ring like German Shepherds.” The fancy in general seems of late to embrace a love affair with TRAD (the acronym for tremendous reach and drive), regardless of whether it is appropriate for a given breed. And this makes Mother Nature happy since it is in harmony with her view of how things should be…a longer backed, shorter legged dog that can cover more ground with less effort. The next thing we know, this is what wins groups. It soon becomes a vicious cycle. The dog wins groups and this is what others then aspire to own. They want a dog just like him. They, too, want to win groups. Everyone breeds to him and then what do we have?

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grind out as many champions as possible regardless of quality. Since they “keep what they get and show what they keep”, they are more than satisfied to watch their dogs flying around the ring, low on leg and long in back. What happened to the challenge of creating a near perfect specimen? The exhilaration of it is like an adrenaline rush that few of our current crop of breeders will ever know. They only know the short-lived thrill of the win. How sad that so many are willing to settle for mediocrity. How embarrassing for them. Little do they know that there are old timers who see them through pained eyes. Where is the passion for perfection? But wait! Is this perhaps not peculiar to the dog fancy at all but rather simply a collective sign of the times? Has it become part of the human condition?

How often do we come up against someone passionate about his job? Unhappily, not often. My gardener fancies himself a landscape designer. His work is, if you’ll pardon the vulgarity, half-assed at best. There is no attempt to be creative, no interest in increasing his knowledge of flora. When I asked him to help me create an herb garden, he said he knew nothing about herbs. He planted a lemon tree for me, which promptly began to loose its leaves. It could not have looked more pitiful. When I asked him to replace it he said he could not do this until it actually croaked. He offered no explanation as to what might be wrong with it. Then, I read somewhere that citrus trees respond to mild winter months by not leafing out. I made a mental note to offer my gardener a little continuing education. Lo and behold, some five months after planting, it has adorned itself with leaves. He is but one sorry example of the apathy and indifference so all pervading in this country of ours.

I posed a question in last month’s column that, on the surface at least, appeared somewhat rhetorical. “Where do we go from here?” There are still those who exude passion, are eager to be mentored and are intensely driven to know all there is to know. How do we learn to differentiate between those with passion and those without it? Last summer a co-breeder and I placed two male puppies, littermates, in show homes. The buyers were not badgered into showing, as is so often the case. They both came to us looking for a show dog. Both said all the right things and seemed sincere. In the months that passed, one owner allowed his dog to become so matted that it took a professional groomer six hours to de-mat it, sacrificing leg furnishings in the process. This dog has yet to enter the ring and perhaps never will. The other owner has traveled to a variety of shows, handles her dog herself, has developed a discerning eye and has learned to trim and present him to perfection. He has both his majors and a Best of Breed. She recently decided to work him in agility and he loves it. The owner of the first dog never phones me, never returns my calls and rarely responds to my emails, has no questions, nor does he send pictures (of course not!) The other, our success story, frequently sends pictures, emails me regularly, has lots of questions and is eager for advice. How rewarding it is to mentor someone with such intensity of purpose! There must be a way to become more astute, more perceptive in the process of unveiling those with the fervor and dedication to succeed. Success is not about winning. It’s about devoting one’s entire being to every aspect of the game.

Finally, what might we do to get group judges off this movement kick and get them to start judging each individual breed according to its standard? It might require perhaps overlooking dogs that have made a prior name for themselves in the group ring. It may mean a willingness to face possible condemnation, ridicule, or even the loss of judging assignments. It is not an easy situation to rectify. At the very least, it takes broad shoulders!
Now, That’s Using Your Head!

By Linda Lenck

Dixie is our seven-year-old Wheaten Terrier. When she was a puppy we would close
off a long carpeted hallway and roll a tennis ball down the hall for her. Dixie would run after it and we would cheer when she got it. Sometimes she would bring it back to us and we would really praise her. She didn't have much choice in this game as the hallway was closed off and the real fun was chasing the ball. I have found that training works well with few distractions.

My husband and I went outside and threw a Frisbee back and forth between us. Dixie was intrigued. Next we threw it low to the ground and she would run after it. After it landed she would pick it up and run around with it. Each time we would throw it a little higher and she would run after it and then wait for it to come down. The minute she went for it we cheered and made a big deal out of it. It wasn't long before she jumped up and caught it in the air, and the crowd went crazy. Well, the crowd of Bob and me cheered and applauded. Wheatens love to jump, so most of this came naturally, but the praise and cheers reinforced the behavior.

We saw a great toy in PetSmart. It is called a Soft Bite Floppy Disc. This didn't hurt our dog’s mouth, teeth or gums as the hard Frisbee did. As soon as Dixie sees my husband pick up the disc, she does her Wheaten whirls until we go outside for a session.

I am convinced that Dixie loves to show off. If a neighbor is out or someone passes by, she makes a more acrobatic catch. She brings joy to all the neighbors and gets great exercise too.

My secret to photographing Dixie in action is a digital camera that allows you to adjust the ISO setting. The higher the ISO setting the more detailed stop-action you'll get. A digital camera lets you take lots of photos and delete the ones that aren’t very good. Just click away and your wonderful Wheatens will delight you with some good photos. Second, Wheatens usually cooperate when they’ve had a good exercise session. Third, if you are taking a close up and want their ears to stand up, have someone jingle car keys behind you as you take the photo. This works all the time.

One day my husband bounced the tennis ball down the hallway and Dixie jumped up and caught it in the air. We were so surprised that we applauded and cheered. Dixie knew something special happened by the sounds we were making. We tried it again and she would try to catch the ball in the air. Warning...unless you have the control of a major league pitcher, occasionally the ball will hit the walls and slopberry tennis balls leave marks on the wall. The important lesson we learned is that Wheatens love to please and will train much better with positive reinforcement.
I. Origin and History.

The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier was the last of the terriers of Ireland to make his appearance on the show bench. “Last but not least,” vigorously assert the supporters of the breed and their conviction is shared by anyone who has been fortunate enough to procure a specimen of these attractive terriers.

Wheaten Terriers have been kept for generations on the farms of this country where they have been used for cattle work, for pursuing and destroying vermin and, like their next-of-kin the Kerry Blue and Irish terrier, have enjoyed a day’s shooting in the company of their master.

Besides being the ancestor of the Irish Terrier, who preceded him on the bench for nearly eighty years, the Wheaten Terrier is closely related to the Kerry Blue.

The tan still appearing in many Kerry Blue puppies be braced back to the Wheaten Terrier, and is it well to remember that before the Kerry Blue made his official appearance at shows this colouring was highly prized by fanciers of the breed. As a matter of fact, an odd wheaten coloured puppy still turned up in Blue litters of impeccable breeding a few years ago.

The origin of the Wheaten Terrier itself is wrapped in mystery. Some people maintain that this dog originates from the old English black-and-tan working terrier, the ancestor of the majority of our terrier breeds.

During the last century the Wheaten was fairly common in the Munster Counties and many typical specimens were to be found in Tipperary, Cork, Waterford, Limerick and Kerry. From people who have spent a lifetime in the South of Ireland and are intimately acquainted with the breed we also hear that no change in type has taken place during all these years.

Descriptions of this dog were few and far between in the nineteenth century, but once again Rawdon Lee throws some light on the history of another Irish breed by supplying information about the Wheaten Terrier of his time. Mr. W. C. Bennet of Dublin writing in Lee’s Modern Dogs about the Irish Terrier, remarks:

“My first recollection of the breed dates back some thirty years, to a brace of bitches owned by a relative residing in Parsonstown, who procured them from a trainer on the Curragh. They were high on the leg, somewhat open in coat, and wheaten in color, and this latter is, I have always considered, the proper shade for the jacket of an Irish
Terrier. Most of the earlier specimens exhibited were of his hue and the bright red now, or recently, so fashionable, being almost unknown."

He then proceeds to describe a number of Wheaten-coloured terriers, at the same time remarking that a strain of these dogs had been kept in one family for over thirty years.

Jowett, in his standard work on the Irish Terrier, mentions another stain of these dogs, “mostly wheatens” kept in County Cork.

There can be little doubt as to the close kinship between the Soft-Coated Wheaten and the Irish Terrier, but the later became a more valuable show dog and thus partly stole the limelight from the Wheaten.

It is surprising that for so long recognition has been refused to this old Irish terrier, at a time when numerous other breeds, some of them mixtures of somewhat obscure origin, were placed on the official lists of the many Kennel Clubs.

The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier owes a large debt of gratitude to Dr. G. J. Pierse and his untiring efforts in connection with its popularity. He instigated application after application to the kennel Club for recognition of the breed in the years 1934 and 1935; he founded the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club in 1934, and it was due to his perseverance that in August, 1937 the Wheaten Terrier was placed on the Irish Kennel Club’s official list of recognized breeds.

Wheaten Terriers are now allowed to compete at Field trials and have classes at shows held under the Rules of the Irish Kennel Club.

Many and lengthy were the discussions before a suitable name was found for this terrier but finally the prefix “Soft-Coated Wheaten” was chosen and the decision carried by a vote of thirteen to nine.

In 1943 three Champions already existed and Wheaten Terriers were now placed in the same position as other breeds, viz. to require for certification of pure breeding the signed statement of only one approved expert where formerly three had been required.

The breed increased rapidly in popularity. From nine Wheatens entered at the Irish Kennel Club Show in 1936 the number had risen to fifty-two at the same show eight years later. The ringside gave a hearty welcome to this terrier in whom many people recognized a long lost friend.

Dr. G. J. Pierse’s name is for ever connected with the Wheaten Terrier and many Irish Champions are owned by him. The two first Champions were Dr. Pierse’s Charlie Tim and Field Trial and Bench Ch. Kingdom Leader, the property of Mr. P. Blake. Kingdom Leader, bred by Mr. Sheehan, was eventually passed on to Mr. J. P. Thorpe, of Tullow, County Carlow.

Mrs. Delaney’s Ch. Vine Lad was bred by Mr. Mullane, Mrs. S. O’Donovan’s bitch, Blakestown Beauty, a daughter of Ch. Kingdom Leader, by Mr. J. B. Bourke, and Ch. Cheerful Charlie had Mr. Wolohan for his breeder. Mrs. Holmes of “Holmenocks”, Mr. M. Cosgrove and Mr. J. F. Leen also had great innings. Mr. P. Quigley, Mr. W. J. Flanagan, Mr. J. O’Reilly, Mrs. D. C. Long, Mr. P. J. Leahy, Mr. D. Kelleher, Mrs. J. M. Beirne, Mrs. O’Higgins and Major Smyth of Comber, Co. Down, have all bred, owned or brought out fine dogs.

In England Miss F. Barlow-Massicks, Dr. Murray, Mr. J. Davison and Mrs. A. K. Vardey have taken up the breed and Mrs. Lydia Vogel, of Springfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A. has imported a Wheaten Terrier, which, in due course, will lead to the establishment of the breed in the States.

This is the recorded start of the Wheaten Terrier, already bred in many parts of Ireland, showing how firmly this “blond” terrier has established himself in and outside the land of his origin.

Wheaten Terriers, used for centuries to hunt the otter and the badger in their native soil, invariably came out first when entered in any Field Trial held by the Working Terrier Association of Ireland. Wheatens scored top honours at the Championship Hunting Competitions of September, 1937, 1938 and 1939. At the Field Trials in June, 1938, two of these terriers qualified for the Certificate of Merit, an honour which none of the other competing terriers were able to attain. Placed first at many of the Badger Trials of the Association, the breed, since it was allowed to compete, has in fact won more certificates at these Trials than all strong terriers put together and has therefore proved the preeminence of the Wheaten as a sporting terrier. As a crowning success the Bench Champion Kingdom Leader won the title Field Trial Champion, the only terrier eligible for this honour for many years and only preceeded by two Kerry Blues.
I append the ever-growing list of Irish Champions awarded to Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers.

II. SOFT-COA TED WHEATEN TERRIER CHAMPIONSHIPS GAINED UNDER THE RULES OF THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB

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III. TYPE AND TEMPERAMENT

The Wheaten Terrier, so lovable and gentle with children, knows no fear and will fight the badger under the ground and the otter in the streams. He makes a good gundog for rough shooting and is easily trained for town or country life.

Accustomed to a hard life where only the fittest stand a chance of survival, the Wheaten Terrier is an easy dog to keep. He is not fussy about his food, totally indifferent to the hardships of the weather and not liable to skin disease. The bitches, used for generations to whelp without assistance, throw strong healthy puppies, and are easy on the vet’s bills.

Another advantage of the breed is that it needs no expert preparation before entering the show ring, trimming being prohibited, any the daily use of comb and brush combined with a wash before the show produces as attractive a show specimen as many of the tailored, starched, striped, plucked and shaved dogs, that finally look as if they had been designed by a cartoonist of the Stone Age.

Whilst the Wheaten Terrier’s skull must not be too wide between the ears, a narrow skull is equally undesirable as it should be large enough to contain a good-sized brain and afford a strong attachment for the muscles working the jaw. The foreface, from stop to the front of the nostril must not be longer than the skull in order to allow the dog to seize and carry his prey. The exaggeratedly long foreface so fashionable in the modern show terrier, is often regarded a drawback rather than an asset from the point of view of the working qualities of a sporting terrier. All carnivorous animals in their wild state have moderately short forefaces supplied by nature, thus providing a powerful jaw to grapple with their antagonist.

The Wheaten Terrier’s chest should be neither too wide nor too narrow, allowing for expansion of the lungs, so vital in a working terrier.

The ears are set on above the level of the skull, pointed slightly outwards and forwards, but not directed towards the eyes. Very small ears are not typical and they should by well covered with hair and adorned with a good fringe.

The outstanding feature of the Wheaten is his coat, which must be soft but not woolly, abundant, wavy, or in large loose curls and of a light wheaten colour. As previously mentioned, some puppies show dark markings, which, however, disappear in the course of a few months. Adult dogs are apt to have scattered hairs with red tips, with the correct colour underneath, but the general effect must be light wheaten. A puppy’s coat is harder and shorter than that of a fully grown dog, which is generally at its best when the Wheaten is two or three years old. Washing has no ill effects of the jacket of the Wheaten Terrier, who can be bathed whenever he is dirty and invariably before the show.

The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier’s appearance is that of a well-balanced sporting terrier, about 18” high with no exaggerated points, a dog, which, thanks to its promoters, appears in the ring as Nature has developed it, wisely ignoring the ever changing fads and fancies of some of the doggy folk of to-day.
The following standard of points, drawn up by Mr. J. D. Whitty, M.R.C.V.S. and Dr. G. J. Pierse represents the official standard of the breed.

IV. STANDARD OF POINTS OF THE SOFT-COADED WHEATEN TERRIER

Head: - Moderately long, skull flat, not too wide between the ears, defined stop, jaws strong and punishing, fore-face not longer than skull, hair abundant all over head and of same colour as on body, cheek bones not prominent. Head in general, powerful, while not being too coarse.

Teeth: - Large, and level, neither undershot nor overshot.

Nose: - Black, well developed.

Eyes: - Dark hazel, not too large, not prominent, well placed.

Ears: - Small, thin, held in front, covered with hair and with a fringe.

Neck: - Moderately long and strong, but not throaty.

Shoulders: - Sloping and fine, but muscular.

Chest: - Deep, ribs well sprung.

Body: - Compact and not too long, with powerful, short loins, thighs strong and muscular, hocks well let down.

Tail: - Well set, not too thick, covered with hair, carried gaily but not over the back. A curled tail objectionable.

Forelegs: - Perfectly straight, viewed from any angle, good bone and muscle.

Hind Legs: - Well developed, with powerful muscle, stifles bent, hocks turned neither in nor out.

Feet: - Small, not spreading. Toe-nails black.

Coat: - Abundant and soft, wavy or curly, but if curly, curls must be large and loose. Colour good, clear wheaten.

Appearance: - Hardy and active, giving also the idea of strength; movements graceful and lively, straight action fore and aft, not leggy nor too low to ground.

Weight: - Dogs approximately 35 lbs. Bitches somewhat less.

Disqualifying Points

(a) Any color save wheaten, except a few white hairs on chest.
(b) Overshot or undershot (sic).

Penalising Points

(1) Washed out wheaten colour.
(2) White hairs on chest.
(3) Too long foreface.
(4) Hard or wire coat.
(5) Absence of abundant coat on any part (sic).
(6) Presence of dew-claws on hind legs.

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

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ORION’S IRISH LIMERICK CDX, NA “RICKEY”

May 25, 1992 - September 22, 2006
Ch Bantry Bay Kairo X Ch Lontree Twinkle Star

Ricky was my first Wheaten. She looked like a puppy till the very end. She was a quiet/gentle little thing, one of the rare perfect dogs that never gets in trouble. We miss her. (Carol Crouch)

She was the sweetest Wheaten who ever lived!!
We’ll just miss her forever. (Betsy Geertson)

Owned by
Carol Hadnot Crouch and Betsy Geertson

CH. MCLAREN’S FANCY DANCING “PIPPA”

March 6, 1992 - May 18, 2006

Ch Legacy Moonlit Knight ROM X
Ch McLaren’s Tickled My Fancy CD

Like her grandmother before her, she was the center of my life. I miss her every day.

Owned by Sally and Dave Sotirovich

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CH MC LAREN’S REVENUE CUTTER
“BARNEY”

May 19, 1990 - July 6, 2006

Ch Lontree Five Star Generally
X
Can Am Ch Desert Sun's Abbey Chermar CD

For sixteen years Barney brought much love and warmth into our lives. He will be greatly missed forever.

Owned by Nori, Monica, Meredith and Lewis Elson

WOODLAND’S W.P. CALLINAN SECRET “WINSTON”

March 29, 1993
Ch Woodland's Cameo Centurion
X
Woodland’s Copper Cordon Bleu

Winston is still very attracted to young blondes and especially loves playing tag in the garden with his Great Granddaughter, Ch. Woodland's Rhapsody 'N Love. He's mischievous as ever, will grab a treat off the counter or steal any goodie left unattended which includes slipping his dinner dish off the table if left alone for a nano-second. He is owned and loved by Cynthia Stokvis, co-owned by his breeder, Kathy Eichman.

Winston, his brother Reilly and two sisters, Bailey and Fynn move a bit slower due to arthritis, but are still mischievous, ready for walks, car rides or a short game of chase around the yard. Unfortunately, another brother, Eliot, passed away in his sleep mid February, 2007.

Bailey, picking out treats at the Doggie Deli

Reilly, making "snow"
KINSALE’S ODIE “Odie”

March 7, 1992
Ch Sunshine’s Lad of Chermah
X
Ch Kinsale’s Ellsbeth Fainche

Odie, the ancient, Celtic relic of the Great Pacific NW has now made what was once a hobby, a career in sleeping. In order to keep our senior citizen awake, we occasionally dip him in snow. See photo. Happy birthday, Odie. You are our one and Odie.

Owned by Richard R. Fisher
&
Toni Vincent-Fisher

CH GALWAY SUNSHINE SHANADOO “Shana”

March 29, 1993
Ch Gleanngay Waggin Wheel
X
Ch Galway Butterfield Eight

Shana has been distinctly different than the other Wheats I have had. She's always been extremely laid back and easy going, but very dominant in a quiet way. With company, she’s the favored dog, because she’s not as “pushy” in her demands for affection, which results in getting more affection. With the other dogs, she’s makes it clear that she’s the boss, only when needed. Once, while she was being bred, the breeder told me that Shana gently put her head on the breeder’s shoulder during the tie. This is so typical of her sweetness. She loves her hugs, but likes her independence also. At age 14, she still meets me at the door, most days, wagging her tail and waiting for her hug. Shana was a wonderful mother of five litters. She’s had good health for her 14 years. She’s always had a piece of my heart and always will.

Bred by Ellen Amrein, Lauren and Jeffrey Hoffman, Owned by Ellen Amrein

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The Inaugural AKC Agility Invitational

By Lisa Sponsler

Five Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers were among the 451 dogs that competed in the first AKC Agility Invitational in Long Beach, California on December 2 and 3, 2006. The top five agility dogs of each breed were invited to this event (based on Double Q’s X 10 + MACH points earned from July 2005 – June 2006). The competition was also open to international agility competitors. Each country was allowed to send three dogs. The format for the competition was a standard and JWW course each day. After completing the four rounds over two days, the top dogs in each height ran in the finals.

Traveling to Long Beach was a challenge in itself for some Wheatens. Larry Dalan drove the 1900 miles with his dogs, Draco and Portia. Snow and ice in the mountains made for some treacherous driving. I was able to get a direct flight from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. I carried my Shih Tzu, Chili, on the plane and Cubby went with the luggage. Cubby has traveled far and wide by car and bus, but this was her first flight.

The trip must have taken a toll on Cubby. I’m not certain if she was tired or spooked, but her wheaten mood barometer (a.k.a. tail) was registering very low. Despite that, she ran clean in all four runs, but had time faults on the second day. She was actually faster the second day, but the AKC tightened the course times that day, so she was slightly over time. Portia started the weekend with a nice clean JWW run, but then decided she was better suited for entertaining. The crowd laughed and cheered for her Wheaten leaps and twirls.

Draco, the only Wheaten at the competition in the 20” jump height, ran well but had a few faults each run. Beth Sorenson’s Ripley was a bit sluggish. Both Cubby and Ripley may have been suffering from a case of “mommy handler syndrome.” Beth’s husband and adorable four-month-old son Benjamin led the Wheaten cheering section. John Unruh and Kyle looked great over the first few obstacles on their first run, but unfortunately they were whistled off the course for having collar tags. Poor John must have been heartbroken. They pulled it together the second day and had two clean runs. This will be a team to watch in the future.

Cubby was awarded a large medallion for High Scoring Wheaten Terrier. Thanks to SCWTCA for sponsoring this award. Chili, my Shih Tzu, had four speedy, clean runs, followed by a not-so-clean run in the finals. My suitcase was searched at the airport before my return flight. I suspect they were concerned when they noticed a huge metal object during luggage X-ray.

The first AKC Agility Invitational was a big success. Everyone enjoyed watching a variety of breeds. There were 128 different breeds represented. It’s not every day you get to see a Shar-Pei, Clumber Spaniel, French Bulldog, Sealyham Terrier, Saint Bernard and five Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers competing in agility. Highlights from the AKC Agility Invitational were broadcast on Animal Planet February 11, 15, and 18 at 8 pm.

Lisa’s “Cubby” with her medal!

Kylie

Ripley

Portia

Draco

Cubby

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Every other year, Gary Vlachos is invited to present the SCWT to prospective judges at this week long event.

In the morning, judges are given classroom instruction and in the afternoon everyone retires to the show-like grounds where they have an opportunity to actually judge the dogs. These candids give us a good idea of what goes on. Serious stuff but everyone has a great time!
Once again, our specialty headquarters will be the Sheraton Park Ridge in King of Prussia. Reservations can be made at 610 337-1800.

Our sincere appreciation must go to the committee chairs listed below who will be working hard over the next few months to make Montgomery happen for us. We can use you too! Won’t you please volunteer?

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RENAL DYSPLASIA IN SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIERS
10 years of experience with dogs along the Front Range of Colorado

Lori A. Wise, DVM, MS, Board certified in Internal Medicine

Renal dysplasia (RD) is defined as the abnormal differentiation of kidney tissue such that inappropriate or anomalous structures appear within the renal parenchyma. There is disorganization of renal architecture with abnormal tubulogenesis, abnormal glomerulogenesis, cyst formation, and immature nephronic (immature nephrons) and ductal structures (immature renal ducts). In the normal embryonic and fetal development, tubular development occurs from metanephric tissue and proceeds in concert with branching of the ureteral buds. Glomeruli form from blood capillaries that invaginate into, or are surrounded by, the terminal end of the tubular structures.

Renal dysplasia is presumed to be familial in the Lhaso Apso, Shih Tzu, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, and is suspected to be familial in the Alaskan Malamute, American Cocker Spaniel, Bedlington Terrier, Chow Chow, Golden Retriever, Keeshond, Miniature Schnauzer, Standard Poodle, and Weimaraner. Renal dysplasia was first described in related Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier (SCWT) dogs in the 1980s in Europe. It has been reported in both sexes, with affected dogs ranging in age from 1-30 months. In 1984, two articles were published in the Journal of Small Animal Practice regarding renal disease in Wheaten terriers. Nash, Kelly, and Gaskell from the University of Liverpool described 7 SCWTs with chronic renal disease. The oldest dog was 2.5 years of age, and the other six died between 1 and 15 months of age. Three of the dogs were in two litters of the same sire and dam. This pairing produced four litters during a 4 year period, with a total of 18 puppies weaned. Nine died before 3 years of age, though only 3/9 were studied. Eriksen and Grondalen from the Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine describe chronic renal failure in 5/10 dogs in two litters having the same parents. The dogs died or were euthanized between 7 and 30 months of age. Both the dam and sire were imported from Sweden.

Currently, RD is believed to be genetic, autosomal, and recessive. Dysplasia may be related to a primary error in renal maturation. It could also be a nonspecific response of the developing kidney to injury. The insult could be a circulating nephrotoxin, ischemia, or urinary obstruction, as documented in humans. In one report, puppies infected with canine herpesvirus had tubular and glomerular lesions consistent with dysplasia.

VertGen® has reportedly discovered a linked DNA marker to a required genetic determinant of renal dysplasia in three breeds, including SCWTs. They report that there is strong linkage between this marker and the defective gene such that about 95% of the definitely affected dogs in these breeds have one or two copies of an allele we have called M (standing for marker). At this marker locus, there is only one other allele called N (for normal). The population frequency of the M allele in the Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso and Wheaten Terrier is about thirty percent.

Clinical signs of RD can include increased water drinking and urination, dilute urine, decreased appetite, lack of vigor, weight loss or failure to gain weight, and vomiting. Kidney failure often manifests at less than one year of age.

Screening tests for RD include a biochemical profile, complete blood count, urinalysis, abdominal radiography and/or ultrasound, and wedge biopsy of the kidney. Serum creatinine and BUN will stay normal until less than 25% of renal function exists, so abnormal values are not a sensitive indicator of renal function.

Urine concentrating ability, which is not fully mature until puppies are 12 weeks of age, is often affected in puppies with RD. A dog with RD is unable to concentrate, or conserve urine, and may drink increased water in order to compensate for the loss. Urine with a specific gravity of greater than 1.035 is considered concentrated. Dogs with renal compromise often have a urine specific gravity between 1.010-1.015. Keep in mind that renal reserve has to drop below 33% before concentrating ability is lost, so a dog with mild RD may have normal concentrating ability. Proteinuria is not a prominent characteristic of RD.

On ultrasound, dysplastic kidneys are usually small but may appear larger if cysts are present. Echogenicity is usually increased and the distinction between the cortex and medulla is decreased. Normal renal size for a 5-9 kg dog is 3.2-5.2 cm, 5.0-6.7 cm for a 15-19 kg dog, and 5.2-8.0 cm for a 20-24 kg dog. The medulla has a hypoechoic round appearance, and the cortex surrounds the medulla. Between the medulla, slightly hyperechoic bands are seen. At the center, the renal pelvis is hyperechoic due to fat. The renal borders should be smooth.

Renal wedge biopsy is a sensitive way of determining whether renal dysplasia is present.

With RD, a biopsy will show decreased numbers of glomeruli, immature (fetal) glomeruli, and cystic glomerular atrophy. There may be segmental interstitial and periglomerular fibrosis. In the renal medulla, changes include atrophy, dilatation, basement membrane mineralization, interstitial fibrosis, and adenomatous proliferation of the collecting duct epithelium. Unfortunately biopsy is not without risk or expense. Needle biopsy can also be considered, but obtaining adequate numbers of glomeruli for examination is not as certain as with wedge biopsy.

Ultrasound results of Wheatens in the greater Denver area (1995-2005)

Our method of ultrasound is as follows: puppies are examined without sedation and in a standing position. The hair coat is not clipped as is standard with ultrasound, but wetted with alcohol. Ultrasound gel is liberally applied. Both the left and right kidney are imaged caudal to the last rib. Sagittal views of both kidneys are obtained using a 7.5 mg Hz transducer. The length of the kidney is measured and pictures are taken of both kidneys in a sagittal...
Abnormalities seen with RD include decreased renal size and abnormal architecture. The cortex is often thick and there is poor distinction between the cortex and medulla.

Over a ten year period, 528 SCWT dogs along the front range of Colorado had renal ultrasound performed. Most were puppies between 7-9 weeks of age. The oldest dog that was included was 4 years of age. Renal dysplasia was suspected in 16 puppies (3%). Most, but not all of these 16 puppies subsequently had renal histopathology done which confirmed RD. So far, none of the dogs classified as normal were later shown to have RD. Kidneys did not have normal architecture in an additional 13 dogs (2.5%). A total of 5.5% of all dogs that had ultrasound performed were classified as abnormal. Most of the dogs with abnormal architecture not consistent with the typical appearance of RD are alive at 2+ years of age and are clinically normal. Typically, a rim sign was seen, which is a hyperechoic, or bright line, at the corticomedullary junction. A rim sign is a nonspecific finding which indicates any insult to the kidney. There is no information in the literature to determine whether dogs with this change will have a normal life expectancy or not.

Questions that remain to be answered relative to RD in the SCWT include:
1. How sensitive/specific is renal ultrasound?
2. Are the questionable kidneys normal or abnormal? Could they be a variant of RD?
3. What is the true prevalence of RD in SCWTs?
4. Is RC a significant concern in the breed?
5. Should ultrasound continue to be used to screen puppies for RD?

Further research into this area should include wedge biopsy of any abnormal appearing kidneys. The tissues should ideally be sent to the same laboratory/pathologist who is experienced in diagnosing renal dysplasia.

Selected References:


Helpful Definitions:
Autosomal = describing any non-sex determining chromosome
Recessive = a trait is recessive when two copies of a disease-causing gene (one from each parent) are required to cause a specific problem.
Congenital = present at or existing from the time of birth
Familial = occurring in or affecting more members of a family that would be expected by chance. Some familial diseases are genetic and others are acquired.
Hereditary = genetically transmitted from parent to offspring.

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<td>Informative Family Study &amp; Establishment of DNA Bank (2002)</td>
<td>Study families of affected dogs and screen individuals annually to detect early signs of abnormalities; study changes, the clinical course of these diseases. Bank DNA for future genetic studies.</td>
<td>No new candidates needed at the present time.</td>
<td>Dr. Beth Verner <a href="mailto:bverner@ilstu.edu">bverner@ilstu.edu</a></td>
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<td>Colony Dog Studies “Longitudinal Clinical Study, Mode of Inheritance and Therapeutic Trial of Protein-Losing Enteropathy and Nephropathy” (1997)</td>
<td>Characterize the early clinical signs, progressive nature, and mode of inheritance of these diseases.</td>
<td>No new candidates needed.</td>
<td>Holly Craig <a href="mailto:culeannwheatens@cox.net">culeannwheatens@cox.net</a></td>
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<td>Wheatens affected with any protein-losing disease, IBD/food allergies, renal dysplasia or juvenile renal disease, and Addison's disease.</td>
<td>Carol Carlson <a href="mailto:kccarlson@comcast.net">kccarlson@comcast.net</a></td>
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**OTHER SPONSORED RESEARCH**

| Genetic susceptibility to hemangiosarcoma and transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) | Identify the genetic variants responsible for susceptibility to each disease. | Wheatens with a diagnosis of hemangiosarcoma or TCC plus DNA from Wheatens over the age of ten who have never had cancer | Helen Moreland hjmoreland@msn.com | If your dog meets one of the criteria, contact Dana Moser for sampling kit. Dana Moser Ostrander Lab Samples Manager mosherd@mail.nih.gov (301) 451-9390 | |

<p>| Investigation of Predictors of Outcome for Canine Mast Cell Tumors | Improve the accuracy of prediction by determining the importance of several cellular proteins in relation to the ability of the malignant mast cells (MC) to invade tissue and to metastasize to lymph nodes and to distant organs. | | Elizabeth M. Whitley, DVM, PhD Auburn University | For more information <a href="http://www.akcchf.org/research/grants/search/index.cfm?search=researcher&amp;display">http://www.akcchf.org/research/grants/search/index.cfm?search=researcher&amp;display</a> results=researcher=Whitley,%20DVM,%20PhD%20Elizabeth%20M. | American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Collie Health Foundation, Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Dog Writers’ Educational Trust, French Bulldog Club of America, Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Labrador Retriever Club, Papillon Club of America, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the U.S., Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America |</p>
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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 Wheats with protein wasting diseases.

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CH Kaylynn's Don't Fence Me In, CH Kaylynn's Pistol
Packin' Mama, CH Kaylynn's I Made The Wanted List,
& CH Marquee's A Fool And His Money
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NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
February 1, 2007

The Open Registry is a joint project of SCWTCA-sponsored research at NC State University, University of PA and the University of
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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
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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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Dolly
A Tribute

Ch Kairi’s Royal Doll
Ch Doubloon’s Quiet Man  x  Ch Amaden’s Penny Royal

3/10/96  -  2/10/06

Mary Anne Dallas bred this beautiful bitch and entrusted her care to our family. We knew right from the start that she was something very special not only in the show ring where she was awarded many great wins and was ranked the #1 Wheaten bitch in 1999, but more importantly, she was special in our hearts. She was a happy, steady Wheaten and showed herself gaily with an air of self-confidence.

Dolly was diagnosed last February with hemangiosarcoma of the liver and spleen, a very aggressive and fast growing cancer. The surgeons could only offer that we let her go peacefully.

Although we knew Dolly’s cause of death, we still felt it appropriate to submit her lab samples, test results and other records to Dr. Littman. After review of the data and necropsy, Dr. Littman placed Dolly on the Open Registry diagnosed with the onset of Protein Losing Nephropathy.

Dolly was asymptomatic until days before her death. We hope she will be remembered not just as a great show dog and a great producer, but also to serve as a reminder that we should never make assumptions about the health status of our Wheatens. Loved and appreciated by many, she will remain in our hearts forever.

Denise & David Lovelady
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A special THANK YOU for conditioning & handling to
Allison Sunderman
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“FLIRT” completed her championship in 3 outings nearly undefeated from the classes. She finished with 3 majors, 5 BOB, 2 BOS and a Group 1 Puppy, all before she was a year old...“flirting” with the judges all the way!

“FLIRT” is very special to me, as she goes back to my original “HoneyGlo” line, and my very first show dog from 1975.

Thank you Martha Rowland, her breeder and co-owner, for this stunning girl.

Helen Fraguela
7221 W Cypresshead Dr
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“MIKEY” finishes in style, going Best of Winners at Hatboro and Devon under Mrs Mareth Kipp and Mr Joe Walton

Mikey & Mary Alice...stars of Desperate Housewives

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Mikey is co-owned with Mathew & Laurel Thomas
2007 CANADIAN NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW
Friday, August 24, 2007
(Hosted by the Eastern Ontario Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club)

Held in conjunction with the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) Association Dog Show, Long Sault, Ontario

Judges:  Mr. Gary Vlachos: National Specialty,
Mrs. Beverly McDonald: Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes

Four all breed shows (Fri 24th, Sat 25th, Sun 26th, and Mon 27th)
Rideau Terrier Specialty (Sat 25th ) with judge Peggy Biesel-McIlwaine
6 sets of points available for Wheatens
International panel of judges at the all breed show
Renowned Canadian hospitality

The Specialty show site is known for its unsurpassed beauty. A series of islands in the St. Lawrence seaway that are connected by a quiet roadway all enclosed in a Provincial Park. This picture is the view from our specialty ring!

The Show Site Location Offers

• Camping on show grounds, as well as on the other islands in the park, with more grass, fields and open area than you could cover in a weekend!
• The City of Cornwall is within an easy 15 minute drive .
• Many hotels and motels most of which have lots of green space to offer.
• Many restaurants and shopping

Motel Information
The Eastern Ontario Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier club has reserved a block of rooms at two Cornwall Motels. Please reserve your room by July 23, 2007.

• Comfort Inn (613) 937-0111 - http://www.choicehotels.ca/hotels/hotel?hotel=CN581
  - Booking Reference # Wheaten - Main floor rooms - $89/day with a $20 fee per stay for pets
• Days Inn Motel (613) 937-3535 - http://www.daysinncornwall.com/index.htm
  - Booking Reference # EOSCWTC - 2nd floor rooms only - $88/day with $8/day for pets

After the Show
Take 3 days off to relax and rejuvenate and start all over again for 4 more days at the Cornwall District Kennel Club
Aug 31, Sept 1, 2, 3-Labor Day long weekend.

This Specialty Show is in the memory of Adelle Darling of Owendale Wheatens
A treasured foundation in Wheatens in Canada, she is sorely missed!

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The Essence of Type
by Cindy Vogels

Essence - “the intrinsic nature of something; the quality which determines something’s character” (Oxford University Press)

The essence of breed type can be defined as how the various parts of a dog come together with the requisite temperament to make a breed unique.

Part 2 - Head

In the last issue of Benchmarks, I wrote about the importance of understanding the essence of Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier breed type. That article addressed what I consider to be the most important aspect of the essence - silhouette. The next component I will discuss is head.

The Soft Coated Wheaten head is not very complicated or dependent upon nuance of detail. Yet lately, I find heads to be lacking in breed character. The standard is quite specific regarding head qualities, but ours is a coated breed, so the conscientious breeder must be sure that their dogs’ heads are correctly made, and not just giving the correct impression through clever grooming.

In profile, the head should be rectangular in shape and be in balance with the body. In this case, rectangular should be interpreted as considerably longer than deep. The original Irish standard called for the head to be "long." Therefore, it must never appear like a squarish box. Balance is an individual perception, but if a head appears too small for the body, it probably is. Rarely are overly large heads a problem.

Skull and muzzle should present the appearance of two equal rectangles. The width of the skull should not be as wide as the average span of a man’s hand from thumb to middle finger and should be rectangular not square but rather longer than wide. The muzzle should be the same length as the skull and taper only moderately caused by chiseling under the eyes. The two head planes (nose to stop and brow to occiput) should be parallel. Of late, I have seen many heads that fall short in this area. We are getting overly coarse and bumpy skulls that fall away causing broken head planes. Prominent zygomatic arches (bony protuberances on the sides of the head) have always been a problem, but now we are also seeing over-developed cheek muscles.

It is a combination of proper skull con-
struction, eye placement, ear size and placement, and nose that give the Wheaten its characteristic expression.

Ears are probably the single most distinguishing characteristic of a Wheaten head as they, more than anything else, structurally separate us from our Kerry Blue cousins. The standard describes them as being "small to medium" in size and "breaking level with the skull" “the inside edge of the ear lying next to the cheek and pointing to the continued on page 38
eyes should not be overlooked. The size and shape of the eyes are an indication of proper skull construction. They should be "medium in size...set fairly wide apart."

A large black nose is a hallmark of the breed and lends much to correct Wheaten expression. Because there is often no correlation between pigment and the tendency towards a winter nose (a normally black nose which has faded during the winter months), in assessing pigment, it is necessary to look at eye rims and overall skin hue. Dilute pigmentation should be avoided, but dogs with otherwise good pigment shouldn't be faulted for a winter nose.

Scottie breeder/ judge Jerry Roszman refers to the Terriers' teeth as their "toolbox." Back in the early days of our breed we struggled with undershot jaws and misplaced lower incisors. As the width and length of our muzzles improved, so did bites. Now, I'm seeing more short snipey muzzles and correspondingly, an alarming number of bad bites. This problem must be addressed by breeders. The bad bites are indicative of incorrect head conformation, and aside from being ascetically unattractive, can pose functional problems as well.

There are few distinctions that define Soft Coated Wheaten, separating them from their Irish cousins. Head characteristics are some of the most important, so they cannot be over-emphasized. The breed as a whole is falling short in proper head construction and breeders must take heed to remedy this situation.

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**The American Kennel Club** has announced the launch of the Full Litter Registration Application pilot program. Breeders now have the option to register an AKC® litter and individually register each puppy in the litter all at the same time using one easy application form. The full litter registration application offers breeders discounted litter and dog registration fees.

"With this new simplified process, breeders can register the entire litter in their name, select puppy names, and ensure accuracy of additional information like color, sex, and markings of each pup," said Assistant Vice President Registration / Customer Service David W. Roberts. "Breeders should find this very helpful in regards to record keeping, overseeing breeding stock and selling AKC-registered puppies to pet owners."

By combining the litter and individual registration applications, breeders not only help AKC fulfill its mission to preserve the integrity of its registry but create value to the new pet owner by offering them an AKC-registered purebred puppy. And new puppy owners still have the option of changing a puppy's name with the breeder's consent.

"Our core constituency asked us for a streamlined process when it comes to registering a whole litter of puppies. We are happy to reward fanciers in their role as breeders of AKC purebred dogs with this new full litter registration application," said President and CEO Dennis B. Sprung.

The full litter application form joins other AKC registration options with the breeder in mind such as online litter registration. By encouraging AKC registration, breeders help contribute to many important AKC initiatives such as donating towards canine health research, promoting responsible dog ownership and protecting the rights of dog owners.

The full litter application form is now available as a downloadable form on the AKC web site at: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/masterform.cfm. Breeders who use the full litter registration application can register litters for a flat $25 fee plus $12 per puppy. Discounts on pedigrees are also available. Currently, this registration option is only available via a paper application. The pilot program will be administered for approximately one year.

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