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From the President...

SCWTCA Legislative alerts are designed to keep members aware of upcoming legislative proposals that affect us as owners and breeders. Our liaison for legislative issues, Roni Andrews, recently sent us a new tracking feature that is updated daily on all legislation of which AKC is aware: http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/index.cfm. Many thanks to Roni and all who use this information in the battle against unfavorable legislation.

In this message however, I want to focus on some proactive measures taken at the local/state level. It is my hope that this article is not much different from one that you could write about your own hometown kennel club. Recently I moved to North Carolina from Illinois. In the process, I left a small all-breed kennel club and joined the one here in NC. My observations about the differences are not intended to embarrass the former club, but it seems I joined a club that is doing a lot of things right.

Both clubs circulate information from the AKC and local groups when there are issues regarding breeding/owning canines coming before the local breeders. Both clubs participate in the AKC's Responsible Dog Owners day in September, promoting responsible dog ownership. Both hold local shows and encourage the community to attend and learn about the various breeds of dogs. However, this new club has gone beyond, exerting significant leadership in the community regarding responsible dog ownership as a proactive way of shaping public policies.

Here are five actions that have been important to the club's success:

1) The kennel club joined a statewide coalition of dog interest groups to monitor and respond to state legislative issues allowing for large, united-interest group pressure.

2) The kennel club became part of a local/county committee, joining with the various humane societies and governmental animal control organizations to hammer out local legislative ordinances. In the process, they also created Coalition for Animal Care and funded a mobile spay/neuter vehicle program. This mobile unit sets up in various portions of the community and offers free spay/neuter to those who could not otherwise afford the surgery. The animal control officer reported an immediate 16% drop in the number of euthanasia, attributed to this program. Even greater success is expected as the program becomes more established in the community culture.

3) The local Coalition and members of the kennel club engage in a reading program in the schools where dogs are brought in to sit with children having reading difficulties. The problem readers are shown to have greater improvement when they are allowed to sit and read with one of the visiting dogs. Members provide lessons about responsible dog ownership for the young children who then influence their parents and other family members.

4) The kennel club members and Coalition participate in a puppy rescue run once a month. Litters and individual puppies that would not be adopted locally because of the lack of demand are gathered across a multi-county area and then

From the Editor...

As most of you are aware, our standard has been revised to allow for undocked tails in the show ring. We have also changed the description of coat to reflect that it is not the "curly" coat to which we object but rather the "frizzy, kinky" coat.

Breeders and exhibitors may be called upon to field questions posed by those who consider this action to be pandering to the animal right's groups and/or feel our decision is not in the best interest of the fancy.

Reacting to a recent article in one of our dog publications (Showsight, April 2009) I posted the following on the (AKC) Judge's List. I hope it will provide you with valid and justifiable responses:

In the April issue of Showsight, Peggy Mickelson writes at length about the SCWT's standard change regarding tails. I must take issue with what she writes and those she quotes.

1) Discussions about allowing for natural tails have been on our agenda for quite some time. It was not spawned because of a single scenario (Devon 2008). Insinuating that we have given in to the Animal Right's groups is ridiculous and insulting.

2) The suggestion that this move could have been circumnavigated by adding a statement to our Illustrated Standard or amplification is ludicrous. Judges refer to standards, not to illustrated standards or to amplifications. Sad but true.

3) Kudos to the Fox Terrier breeder who spoke of Swedish breeders breeding for shorter tails. Gosh, what a novel idea, breeding for a desirable trait! We hope that breeders will also breed for a tail that does not curl over the back. In the meantime, our standard says "DOCKED PREFERRED." I believe our description of the undocked tail should effectively remove from consideration any dog with a curled tail.

4) The "Terrier judge of some repute" calls our decision nonsense because he/she has seen two Wheatens with undocked tails neither of which fit the new tail carriage requirement. Well, we have made it very easy now for judges to leave them out of the ribbons!

5) I would like to correct this "Terrier judge of some repute" who also said, "Leave it to the SCWT to monkey with the standard...did that once before when they changed the eye color from dark to brown." May I say that the eye has never been termed "dark." The original SCWT standard (Circa 1930s) called for the eye to be "Dark hazel." The first US standard (1973) called for the eye to be "Dark hazel or brown." In 1983 the description was changed to "Dark reddish brown or brown." This was done because we felt the term "hazel" was not well enough understood. Hazel in this context is the color of a hazelnut (reddish brown.)

5) To the "multi group" judge, who was willing to be identified, but was not: I would love to refute all of your dire warnings about how this change will affect every aspect of breed type. By way of refuting them, I could send pictures of Wheatens with natural tails that are compact with level top lines and flat croups. They also, in spite of your warnings, exhibit proper rear movement.

Gay Dunlap

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transported to a northeastern state. There a rescue group that has more good adoption homes than available puppies places them almost immediately. (Yes, all puppies are spayed/neutered and given their shots prior to adoption.) Over one hundred and forty local puppies have been saved this way in the past eighteen months.

5) The local kennel club provides scholarship monies for vet students. Because of its closeness to Fort Bragg, it also supports the war dog efforts by purchasing bulletproof vests for the canines.

Using a designated kennel club officer to report activities to the media, details of the above activities are published in the local papers, often as feature articles. Thus, the community is constantly reminded that these kennel club members, purebred dog breeders and owners, provide leadership and service as responsible dog owners.

Being proactive makes it much easier to find friends when misguided legislation hits city hall or the state capital!

Betty Chapman

To the Editor...

SCWTCA is supposed to be about the dogs - the dogs that own our hearts. One would hope that ugly politics would play no part in the operation and effectiveness of our Club. But, sadly, this is not the case. Politics and the pursuit of power are firmly entrenched in SCWTCA.

I have been a member of the SCWTCA Board for nearly six years and think it is important that all SCWTCA members understand how their Club operates.

SCWTCA operates in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the membership. The Bylaws spell out how the Directors and Officers are to be chosen, which is primarily accomplished by the Nominating Committee. The Bylaws instruct the Nominating Committee to consider geographical representation of the membership, therefore, providing for geographical diversity in the selection of the Board nominees where possible. As it has been written, it appears that every SCWTCA member should feel confident that at least some members of the Board represent their interests.

Unfortunately, while satisfying the written Bylaws, the operation is not necessarily in conformity with the spirit of the Bylaws. During my time on the Board, I have seen a practice develop that stifles difference of opinion among the Board members, perhaps even stifling freedom of speech. My first year on the Board, it came as quite a surprise to me that the Nominating Committee (normally the chair) interviews the current Board members about the other members. I maintained that I could work with anyone. However, it seems some other Board members have taken aim (either individually or perhaps in collusion) at Board members who do not agree with their views or whose presentation style differs from their own.

Isn’t that why we have a Board of nine? Isn’t the Board supposed to represent as many diverse points of view as possible? What if the person “taken out” is the Board member with the most experience “in” Wheaten and/or the person with the most leadership experience in dog clubs?

What if the Board member “taken out” is the one who represents your personal views?

I think that all members of SCWTCA need to consider whether the operation of SCWTCA meets the spirit of the Bylaws or whether its current operation entrusts too much power to a few people of like mind. Power, hmmm…. isn’t the Club supposed to be about the Wheatens?

As a result of the nasty politics, SCWTCA is losing some of the volunteers with the most to offer. You can’t “use and abuse” your volunteers and expect them to continue to serve. There are members/volunteers who have been “used and abused” that are giving up our wonderful breed and going to other breeds.

Please be a vigilant SCWTCA member and try to make sure that SCWTCA is about the Wheatens.

Kenna Kachel

PILOT ASSOCIATION STUDY OF PLE/PLN IN SCWTS
Drs. Paula Henthorn and Meryl Littman

Nearly one hundred DNA samples have been chosen for initial analysis in the Section of Medical Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. These samples included DNA from both “affected” and “normal control” dogs, and will be subjected to a new technology that assesses thousands of single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) simultaneously. SNP refers to the situation where two different nucleotides (the building blocks of DNA that come in four different flavors, referred to as A, C, G, and T) can be found at exactly the same position along a particular chromosome among individuals within the species of interest. Within a single mammalian species (such as dogs or humans), there are millions of SNPs, and geneticists use them to find the locations of genes that cause various traits, including diseases. If the location can be determined, then it becomes possible (for a species that has had its genome sequence determined) to 1) examine genes in that region as candidates for involvement in the disease process, 2) develop DNA-based genetic tests. While this sounds straightforward in theory, it can be difficult to execute, particularly for a disease that is complex, as is PLE/PLN. PLE/PLN does not appear to be simply inherited, and may be influenced by environmental factors, making it much more difficult to study. We refer to our initial study as a pilot study because, due to the complexity of the disease, we cannot accurately predict how many dogs are actually needed to have a strong chance of success. In studies of complex genetic diseases in humans, tens of thousands of individuals are studied.

Note: This is one of the studies for which the SCWTCA Endowment is raising money. The original pilot study is funded through the generosity of clients of Dr. Littman. Many of them are not Wheaten owners but have heard of her work with our dogs. Thanks to them for the $60,000 to pay for this genetic testing.
Ozzie’s First Bath!

Ozzie, 8 weeks, with 5 year-old Charlotte Weld …“Charley” to her friends and family!
PUPPY COLORS

by Marjorie Shoemaker .... as published in Terrier Type, Vol 16, July, 1977

In the past four years, I have come to realize the importance of color in puppies. The variation in color is infinite. The difference of color variations in different strains of Wheaten is of great import to all concerned. The value of knowing about color in Wheaten puppies is obvious. We all want to weed out the incorrect colors – reds, the grizzled or blues, the whites – and keep the desired clear Wheaten color. All of these points go into a general pool of knowledge that will help each breeder understand better what causes certain colors, as well as what puppy colors mature into the good clear colors.

I could not attempt to solve these problems in one small article. This problem is being researched by another dedicated breeder. I am only attempting to identify (and thus clarify) the colors we have all seen or heard about, in order to minimize the struggle we all seem to have in describing puppy colors. I have spent much money and time trying to pinpoint color of pups by mail or by phone. I hope by putting this “chart” in print, we can use this as a guide to help us describe the color in a word or at the most in a phrase.

I have decided to start with the light colors, and go to the dark colors, as trying to indicate the “good” colors versus “bad” colors would be difficult, since what might be good in some strains would be bad in other strains. I might also point out that when I refer to puppy colors here, I speak of puppies at least one day old (and thoroughly dried) to approximately 8 weeks old. After that point, the darker colors will often lighten dramatically, while the lighter colors will tend to hold their colors. Another point of consideration is nose color which should fill in by the time a pup is one week old. If it is not the correct black by this time, I have found that the pigmentation is not strong enough to be a producer of good pigment. Nails and eye rims should also be checked for pigmentation, as well, although I have found these will be a bit slower to darken in some lines.

WHITE OR CRÈME: These pups are just as they indicate – white or very pale yellow, sometimes with a bit of darker champagne color highlighted on shoulders and hips (similar to the pale yellow Labrador Retrievers). Nose usually butterfly (spotted with flesh color) or Dudley (solid flesh color). Eye rims light, lips, nails and even some of the footpads will be light – all of which by eight or nine weeks may darken. Breeders sell this as unbreedable pet stock.

BLOND OR WHEATEN is a color running from deep champagne to deep honey, and if their pigment is good within the first week, these may be fine, depending upon the particular line they come from. Some have black points on the coat, some do not, and it would seem that those with black points (mask, dark stripe down the back, sooty feet, dark ears) would be preferred, unless the pup was a deep enough honey. RED – described as the color of fruitwood or cherry. It is usually a very rich deep honey to the red of an Irish terrier. Again, check for pigmentation at one week, although this color with its richness and depth usually has good pigment. It is often a preferred color by some breeders, as it tends to hold color better at maturity.

SANDY OR BROWN – This color lacks the red-gold quality, often having a beige or brown tone. The color may vary from the color of a brown paper bag to the color of darkly stained oak, depending upon the amount of black tipping that may be found on the body coat. Often this color comes with the black points.

MAHOGANY – this is a deep, rich brown, with more red in it than the dark brown described above. Often comes with black tipping, always with black points. In some lines this color clears to a nice rich Wheaten color; in other lines, the black tipping comes back to haunt in the mature coat, giving the grizzled, dirty or blue cast that is to be avoided.

SEAL – is a very deep, rich and dark version of the brown. The black tipping seems to be predominant on the coat, but brown is underneath, visible when you part the coat to the skin. In certain lines, this will mature into a nice color. In other lines it may tend to mature with a grizzled or blue cast. In yet other lines, I have been told this color tends to be very light at maturity – lacking enough color to suit most people.

BLACK – the color of the Kerry Blue Terrier puppy – black through and through. To be sold as pets by Wheaten exhibitors and breeders. This will do nothing but turn blue at maturity.

CHOCOLATE POINTS are something that have cropped up in various lines. These are brown, red or mahogany pups with deep brown (chocolate or dark liver) mask, ears, feet, stripe, nose, lips and eye rims. This is caused by a double recessive for black, I am told, and will crop up occasionally – as will whites and blacks. Should be culled from the breedable/showable stock. On occasion you will have trouble locating a “chocolate point” if it doesn’t sport the usual mask, stripe, feet or ears. You will have to watch the nose and eye rims.

To sum this up, I think it important to say that, while the color may be somewhat categorized, the infinite variations and shades are not always so easy to distinguish. Breeders who hesitate to sell unbreedable stock are to be commended. Breeders who feel that all Wheaten puppies should be of show quality are to be encouraged. Breeders who are willing to spend the time and money to solve this problem are much to be commended. With the help of other breeders, we all seem to have in describing puppy colors. I have spent much money and time trying to pinpoint color of pups by mail or by phone. I hope by putting this “chart” in print, we can use this as a guide to help us describe the color in a word or at the most in a phrase. Continued on page 7.
ing make this difficult. I hope I have defined the colors enough to help pinpoint the general category a puppy would fall into. I can go one step further and say that the colors ranging from dark honey through mahogany are the most frequently seen colors, and are the best bets for proper adult color (again depending upon the line). The whites, blacks, chocolate points all seem to be recessives that will show themselves on occasion. I have seen both whites and blacks in the same litters; chocolate point and Viszla colored pups in the same litter. With this wide spectrum of color, we hope to narrow this spectrum to a smaller band from which we can consistently breed for the proper color.

A BREEDER'S LIFE

A Breeder is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! They give up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important show into this year's "vacation".

The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight. They disregard birth fluids and put mouth to mouth to save a gasping new-born, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeder’s lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.

A Breeder’s hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy’s wet nose.

A Breeder’s back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to show the next choice pup to a championship.

A Breeder’s shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they’re wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.

A Breeder’s arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeder’s ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.

A Breeder’s eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to their own dog’s faults, but they are ever so keen to the competition’s faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeder’s brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It’s so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bones, fine ears, and perfect heads...and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn’t turn out.

The Breeder’s heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting...and it’s always in the right place!

Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are BREEDERS!!

Author: Unknown
Always in Earnest "Ernie"
October 23, 1994 - December 10, 2008
Ch Gleanngay Waggin Wheel X Ch Grian Ivywood Katy Did It

There has never been a dog as sweet as our “Ernie-boy”. He loved everyone and it was even possible to see him smile. My husband and I got him when I was pregnant with our first of three daughters. His mischievous, playful spirit gave me good practice for being a mom. He was intrigued but never jealous when a new “sister” came home from the hospital and throughout the years he loved and was patient with each of our girls. Ernie's intelligence was easy to see in his eyes. He was as obedient as any Wheaten could possibly be, yet he would playfully test the limits and would make us laugh. My funniest memory of him is when we found him standing with all four paws on top of the dining room table eating the scraps off of everyone's plates after a holiday dinner. Ernie was extremely good-natured and loyal. Even in his last year when he couldn't walk so well and wasn't quite himself, he still always came to be with me when I sat down on the couch. I miss him dearly, but we are thankful that he had such a long and relatively healthy life.

Geri Greenberg

Candance Annie of Hawthorne “Annie”
November 10, 1994 - February 24, 2009
Ch Tain't Totally Amaden X Ch Candance Dressed For Success

We thought possibly our beloved Annie would make it to her 15th birthday but it was not to be, even though she kept fighting the severe arthritis, liked to eat and still do her favorite thing: take a walk.

After all our dogs: a Dachshund, Cocker, Basset, Great Dane, Airedale and finally, Annie, we realized we were partial to terriers and in particular, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. We loved them all but Annie was truly special in every respect and kept us constantly entertained. Our dogs were never for show but merely for our pleasure, “spoiling them rotten!”

A friend and neighbor of ours was fascinated by Annie and decided to get a Wheaten puppy as well, and in turn, the neighbor’s friend also decided on a Wheaten, so we had three in a two-block radius. They truly are a wonderful breed.

Annie had her special place, a 10” high ledge that stretched across the width of our family room windows where she could look out over “her yard,” watching the squirrels, cars, people walking past and, in particular, bark at the UPS and Waste Management trucks. Her ashes still rest on her special look out place. Annie certainly gave us, our children and grandchildren fourteen wonderful years and she is missed.

Owned by Barbara and Dale Miller

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

CH MEIRLEAC’S HEAVEN CAN WAIT, RN, CGC “BELINDA”

July 1, 1992 - January 6, 2009

Ch Winterwheat’s Place Your Bet X Ch Amaden’s Meirleac Oh Patti

In January, bleak and cold
With no relief in sight
Belinda spent her last day here
And took with her my light.

A part of me is missing now
I am no longer whole
How can you ever say good-bye
To one who shared your soul?

Heaven couldn’t wait this time
I had to let her go
I held her till her final breath
Because I loved her so.

My sorrow must be put aside
What’s best for her prevails
For her new life at Rainbow Bridge
And all that it entails.

Barnaby and D.J., too
Have met with her today
With all the other angel dogs
To guide her on her way

She now is free of aches and pains
She runs and romps and plays
Peace and comfort fill her nights
And laughter fills her days.

She’s acting silly once again
As Barnaby reports
She pounces on him playfully
She frolics, she cavorts.

She’ll wait for me at Rainbow Bridge
Where we will reunite
For when my earthly days are done
I’ll join her in that light.

She was my little Champion
At home or in a show
She rallied till the very end
With her special inner glow.

Her memory lives on in me
Although we are apart
A legacy of love and joy
Forever in my heart.

Owners: JoAnn and Patrick Neville

CRANAGH’S MOONLIT ROMANCE, CD, CGC “KIRA”

December 22, 1993 - April 20, 2009

Ch Legacy Moonlit Knight X Ch Cranagh’s Dancing Dilemma

Fifteen years go by in flash! Seeing the kids off to pre-school and then to college, hard to believe. Kira loved riding in the car, playing in the snow, eating popcorn and watching the world go by. She will be missed terribly by not only her immediate family, but human aunts, uncles and grandma, too. She was an inspiration to some to get Wheatens of their own. Special thanks to Loretta and Peggy Schneegas for letting us take home a puppy!

Owned and loved by Ray, Chris, Alex and Jess Szalko
to our wheatens,
14 years and older!

compiled by toni vincent

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**EARLCROFT'S OWN  "MCGEE"**

June 5, 1995

Holmenocks Happy Hooker  X  Briankeen Sorcha

As the first dog either of us has ever had, McGee has enriched our lives more than we could have imagined. Being true to the Wheaten character, his clown-like antics, exuberance and joy have taught us so much. Over the last year he has lost most of his sight and has mellowed but every once in a while his 'puppiness' pops up letting us know that our wonderful McGee is still there under that beautiful coat.

Toba and Arnie Shapiro

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**CH DUIDREAM MINDSCAPE GALLERY  "GALLERY"**

May 2, 1995

Ch Legacy In Shining Armor ROM X Ch Winterwheat Bonbon Duidream ROM

There are a couple of things you need to know up front to understand this story:

1. In the winter we keep a sweater on Gallery, the super Wheaten.
2. We raise parrots who take turns freely roaming the house and they get along well with the dogs.
3. Our house has a very open floor plan, you could almost roller skate in a big circle by going from room to room.
4. And we have multiple smoke alarms in many of the rooms.

So I am sitting downstairs reading the paper when I hear a fire alarm go off upstairs - BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

I immediately throw down the paper and run upstairs to find which alarm is going off.

I make a left turn and run into the first room - BEEP BEEP BEEP's from some OTHER room.
I run from this room into the next room - BEEP BEEP BEEP's in some OTHER room.
I run into the next room - BEEP BEEP BEEP's in some OTHER room.
I complete the circle by running into the final room - BEEP BEEP BEEP's in some OTHER room.
I stand exhausted in the doorway of room four staring out into the central area, confounded by not being able to find the alarm that is going off.

Suddenly Gallery walks slowly out of the room on my left toward the doorway of the room on my right. Sitting on her back is one of our parrots. The parrot says "Gangway! BEEP!-BEEP!-BEEP!"

Rick Poston

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to our seniors, 14 years or older, continued...

AMADEN’S ASHLEY  “ASHLEY”

May 8, 1995

Holmenocks Happy Hooker X Ch Amaden Bendacht Goldilock

Oh, what can I say about my wheatie, my sweetie, my Ashley--Ashley, can you help me? (“Now Daddy, don’t go overboard when talking about me!, woof, woof woof!”) She has been my BEST friend and companion, through the good and the bad, from the day I got her from her breeder, Emily Holden, on July 8, 1995 at the tender age of 9 weeks! Although she tends to sleep a lot of the time, Ashley still has those puppy moments; i.e., exuberant jolts of high energy (“Oh, Daddy! Puppy moments!? Woof!”) She is very vocal upon hearing external sounds, be it people talking loudly, other dogs barking or thunder/lightning (“Daddy, I don’t like that loud thunder. It scares me! But, what are all those other sounds? I want to be a part of the action, woof, woof”!) Everyone who meets Ashley instantly falls in love with her! She is somewhat shy and quiet when outside but wags her tail enthusiastically when meeting people, other dogs, and even cats! Other than signs of arthritis, cataracts, itching and scratching from seasonal allergies and being just a tad overweight, Ashley is in very good health for a 14 year old Wheaten, pursuant to her last vet appointment just a few days prior to this writing. Treats. I’ll let Ashley speak about that, (“Daddy, I like those “FROSTY PAWS” you give me on Sunday nights best! I do miss those beef and cheese flavored “Pooch Pops” you gave me every Saturday night, woof, woof!”) Sorry Ashley, it appears they stopped making the “Pooch Pops.” One last thing that makes Ashley an extra special and unique Wheaten lady is all her barks are in Gaelic as her father came all the way from Ireland! Well, Ash, that’s all I can think of saying! Is there anything else you want to add? ("No, daddy. You did good! Woof, woof, woof!")

Richard S Sogg (Daddy!)

CH WATERFORD JUST A SECOND, CDX OA OAJ CGC  “SHOOTER”

June 30, 1993

Ch Waterford Second Time Around X Ch Westridge Just Waterford

Shooter acts her age when it’s convenient, like whenever she’s asked to do something that wasn’t her idea. It’s hard for an old dog to hear commands after all, and she likes to move at her own pace. But when a chance comes up to patrol the yard and bark at the neighbor dog through the fence, she’s quite spry. If she hears you coming (with strangely sensitive ears...) it’s back to the old dog—“couldn’t possibly have been me up on my hind legs barking my head off.” She’s still an active member of the family, and if her terrier ways get indulged a bit more than the younger dogs, she’s earned it.

Owner by Beth Sorenson & Marjorie Shoemaker

CH DUIDDREAM NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR  “FRAZIER”

May 2, 1995

Ch Legacy In Shining Armor ROM X Ch Winterwheat Bonbon Duidream ROM

Frazier’s our 50 - 50 dog. He came to live with us when he was three years old and his favorite things are going for a walk twice a day and chewing bones...forget the toys! Our first Wheaten was a momma’s boy, but not our Frazier. When we come home he runs to greet each of us, running to Mom, then Dad and back again. James and I stand across the room from each other and Frazier runs to give each of us kisses and then starts all over again with great enthusiasm as only a Wheaten can. Frazier loves to explore his backyard, chasing squirrels, raccoons and those black & white looking kitties that have sprayed him several times. We all know the skunk remedy by heart. Frazier is a fourteen year old happy, healthy, loving best friend and the best 50 - 50 dog ever!

Jeanene & James Smith

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to our seniors, 14 years or older, continued...

CH DUIDREAM LANDSCAPE ARTIST  "avery"
&
CH DUIDREAM GREAT ESCAPER  "CAPER"

May 2, 1995

Ch Legacy In shining Armor ROM X Ch Winterwheat Bonbon Duidream ROM

I told his breeder he should be "Avery Landscape Artist," as he pulled up all my flowers, roots, stems, leaves, and produced dirt clumps, which were wet, and carefully scattered all around the living area, and very proud of his work...he considered it a MONET.

Another time, out of sheer boredom, I found him in the hallway outside the bathroom with sheets (a full roll) of toilet paper all pulled apart. I called him RUFF RADER, making sure the roll had 250 sheets and that they were 2 ply. The hallway was a total mess and when he saw me, he left his job as a "consumer advocate" to find something else that needed to be "saved" and like all consumer advocates, left me with the clean up.

On our walks we always passed a McDonalds. It was October and they had a Happy Meals of the Month Special and Av found a "happy meal box" which I thought was empty and he refused to give it up. So we walked down Mesa’s main street and as he held onto that box for dear life with his teeth, people in their cars were pointing at him. It was only when I got home I realized that the box was full of chicken nuggets, fries, and a drink. Of course he wanted to help himself. He thought he won the lottery!

Avery is owned by Alice Polo Mann

Caper still has his special ways to make me crazy! When Bonnie O'Conner (Caper’s breeder) visits he always gets to sleep with her. They go to bed at 10:00 p.m. and get up around 8:00 a.m. And I am usually the one who has to go in and awaken them. Now you wonder why that makes me crazy? Because Caper won’t EVER sleep past 4:30 a.m. with me. Every day at 4:30 he WOOFs to go outside and then he comes back inside to stand by my bed and WOOF, WOOF, WOOF until I get up and give him his breakfast at 5:00. There is no persuading him otherwise. By then, of course, all the other dogs are awake and want to go out and then THEY want to eat. At this point I’m wide awake with no hope of going back to sleep. When I check on Caper, he has returned to bed following his breakfast and is sleeping soundly.

Caper is owned by Lee Martin

CH SANDCASTLES O YE’ OF LITTLE  "FAITH"

February 9, 1994

Ch Wildflower Gold Dust X Ch Sandcastles Honor Bound

Faith was my first Wheaten and first show dog. She has been my constant companion for 15 years and she is the reason why I fell in love with this breed. We have learned a lot together over the years and I treasure every moment that she is with me. She is very happy and healthy, although a bit slow and cranky at times. Everyone in the house knows that Faith is still the boss. She is very quick to correct any dog invading what she considers her space, and no space is off limits!

Owner: Amy Havely
CH AMADEN’S BACK TO THE FUTURE "JENNY"

May 6, 1995

Ch Amaden’s Meant To Be ROM X Maroc Liquor

Jenny came to Canada to live after we received a phone call from Emily saying she had this precious puppy looking for a home. Precious she still is, but many other adjectives have been used to describe her over the past 14 years.

This household has been kept on its toes ever since Jenny became part of our family. Jenny was slow to mature both mentally and physically. Consequently, the puppy years went on and on and on! She has been known to decorate with toilet paper both new and old, remove all of the markers from the flower garden, pick the peas and eat the carrots from the garden and either go over or under every fence in order to visit neighboring households. To Jenny, “Life is a bowl of cherries.”

Jenny excelled at being a mother. When I tried to wean her pups at well over 5 weeks of age, during the night, she succeeded in getting out of her crate, up a flight of stairs and back into the whelping box with sides 2 feet high to greet me with a smile in the morning. Jenny’s litters averaged 5 puppies until we bred her at the age of 8 years when she presented us with 10 puppies, her change-of-life litter.

Showing Jenny was fun. She loved the shows and hotel life. Because of her Irish coat, points often eluded us but she matured beautifully and at the age of 6 years, over a period of 4 months, attained her Canadian Championship with Group Placements. Jenny was the first owner-handled “Irish coated” Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to obtain her championship in Canada.

I thank God for each and every morning that I can say “Good Morning, Jenny!”

Owners: Priscilla Tims, Emily Holden, Anne Holahan

A PET’S TEN COMMANDMENTS........

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.

2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.

3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.

4. Don’t be angry with me for long and don’t lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.

5. Talk to me. Even if I don’t understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.

7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.

8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I’m not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.

9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You, too, will grow old.

10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can’t bear to watch. Don’t make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.
Breeder’s Symposium Schedule for 2009
Presented by the American Kennel Club and
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April 4, 2009: Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA
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NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
April 11, 2009

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

Members of the Open Registry agree to forward pedigrees and medical data for all Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers they own, have owned or bred who may be affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison's Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease to the SCWT Open Registry, c/o Dr. Littman. For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://www.scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20080309.pdf

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Groucho and Gabby

What makes a great brood bitch?

I recently asked some long time breeders. Their answers were similar: she produces quality puppies, free whelps and is a good mother. In total they’ve produced hundreds of litters, but each felt they had had only one or two “great” brood bitches.

I asked because after Gabby’s recent litter, a few folks referred to her as a great brood bitch we’re lucky to have. Gabby is a terrific brood bitch. She has had litters of 9 and 8. She whelps naturally, trouble free and reasonably quickly.

She is a great mom, caring well for her puppies without hovering. She knows whether a squeak requires investigation…or just a yelp for the 458th meal that hour.

She rebounds impressively from whelping, eating well and tolerating the change in her routine. Her first litter produced two fast finishers; the second litter is only weeks’ old.

And yes, we’re very lucky to have her. Besides her value in the whelping box, she’s a neat dog. Her soundness, mind and body, is a credit to her pedigree and her breeder, who raises a good puppy. Thanks, Mary!

But is Gabby great? I agree with those long time breeders about “great.” So the jury is out on Gabby; we’ll only know in retrospect, when we see what she’s produced.

What struck me in thinking about this is the impact technology has had on breeding dogs. What’s a “great producer” in this new world?

Those who think we don’t need “newfangled” technology for breeding or whelping…or in their heart of hearts can’t bring themselves to spend the money…can skip the rest of this column. See you in the September issue.

Back in the days of big kennels virtually none of us remember, a bitch was delivered to the stud dog who determined when to service her, with multi-breedings the norm. That is not today’s reality. Our breed has rightly embraced chilled and frozen semen to expand breeding programs to include dogs from across the country and across the seas. There is no question this spurs using reproduction timing, a necessity; to quote my husband, “in for a penny, in for a pound.”

If you think you haven’t had “luck” with technology, read on. I remember what another breeder said to me once, “You make your own luck.”

John and I mix the old and the new in technology and breeding. If at all possible, we breed a bitch naturally the first time. We want to avoid C-sections; we learned our lesson after a bitch and one of her two daughters required emergency C-sections. We avoid surgical insemination for a bitch’s early litters.

Still, we believe we owe it to our dogs and our breeding program to embrace technology.

In another context Jana Carraway quoted Groucho Marx, reminding me of my initial reaction: “Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read.” In the right hands, technology turns the light on.

We do ovulation timing. We don’t use our regular vet, whom we love dearly and followed to a new practice we despise. He does progesterone timing and has many breeder clients; nearly 12 years ago, his skills produced our beloved Brio. But we learned something when we lived elsewhere: it’s not about drawing blood, running a test and looking for a magic number. The “vets all the breeders around here use” weren’t very successful with Brio, who missed and had a litter of three bred naturally by proven sires.

Now we drive over two hours each way to Dr. Melissa Goodman, whose entire practice is reproduction. We draw blood for progesterone testing every day. She watches the trend and when progesterone rises, runs an LH assay to confirm the surge, the critical measure pinpointing ovulation and the eventual whelping date.

Forget a “magic number.” Brio’s litters of 0 and 3? Bred late in her cycle, her third litter produced 6 …and her daughters had 7 each. Gabby, with her 17 puppies in two litters, was bred on day 7 both times.

We weren’t “lucky” with those litters. We spent the time and the money to get it right. For us, every single litter is too important.

We use WhelpWise, a service providing uterine and fetal heart rate remote monitoring. Likely you’ve heard of WhelpWise and maybe heard things making you think it’s not necessary.

We first used WhelpWise out of curiosity. Another Wheaten breeder had used them and found it invaluable…if stressful for her, although not her bitch. Our vet had no experience with WhelpWise but was intrigued.

X-rays led us to expect 6 puppies. The bitch had read the textbook. Puppies 1-4 came quickly. Number 5 was slower but monitoring reassured us all was well. Number 6 soon followed. Man, was this easy! Maybe we didn’t really need to spend this money.

“Do you want to check for additional puppies?” Karen asked us. “Why not?” was our giddy, confident response. It wasn’t costing continued on page 24
Of course no one else was home; the dam had calmly settled in with her pups.

Thwacka, thwacka, thwacka. Fetal heartbeat number 7. Nine hours later, Franny the Rotten arrived. Because of WhelpWise on the other end of the phone, we avoided a C-section and knew we had a viable puppy just taking her own sweet time. Eleven months later, Franny was BW at Morris & Essex during MCKC weekend and went onto become a multiple group placer.

Maybe we didn’t need WhelpWise but we became believers that night. Next time out, a bitch was in uterine inertia, and WhelpWise insured we saved the entire litter.

Get the calculator out: with those two experiences, we could use WhelpWise for 25 more litters and break even.

Perhaps you believe you and your vet know more than enough to always get puppies out alive and well. I’m not going to argue with you, just ask you to think about something.

How many litters have you whelped? How about your vet…and I mean whelped, not delivered by C-section?

WhelpWise has monitored over 20,000 litters.

If you’ve been in dogs for 50 years and had 400 litters each year, you’re more experienced than WhelpWise.

Back to great brood bitches. How does technology impact the conception and whelping part of the great brood bitch equation?

Got me. Is a bitch out of the running if she would likely have small litters or misses without someone getting the timing right? Does sophisticated monitoring of a bitch in labor represent so much human intervention one questions whether she is a “free whelper?”

I don’t know the answer. But I’m not about to find out by giving up on the success I believe technology makes possible.

Groucho would understand. ✷

 Montgomery 2009

It’s hard to think of Montgomery when we’re just starting the summer, but October will be here before we know it. Just as variety is the spice of life, we’ve made a few changes to the Montgomery schedule many of which were designed in response to suggestions made by the membership.

This year the Montgomery mailer will be in the form of postcard, which will have all the pertinent information for the weekend. The Premium for Sweeps, Obedience and Rally will be included. Also tucked inside the mailer you will find our new Order Form designed to simplify the ordering process. You will now be able to write One Check to order just about everything you will need for the weekend. What a timesaver!

Of course the entire mailer with detailed information about the weekend will be available on line at www.scwtca.org

The rate at the Park Ridge is the same as last year, plus they are including a full buffet breakfast for the price of your room! Rooms are booking fast, so if you have not made your reservation please do so today by calling (888) 627-8264. Please mention that you are with SCWTCA to get this special rate. Please avoid overbooking.

We’ve eliminated Thursday night hospitality to allow people to take advantage of the Ask the Breeder symposium. During this event, breeders Sue Goldberg (Shandalee) and Molly O’Connell (Stratford) will share their knowledge and answer any questions on a wide range of topics. Questions will be taken from the floor or you may submit questions in advance to Cherie Fogarty, frolicdogs@verizon.net.

The all-important DNA clinic will also take place on Thursday afternoon. More information on this will be available shortly.

There is no need to miss a show in order to attend this year’s Education Seminar. Our own Breeder/ Judge, Gary Vlachos, will be conducting an instructive, interactive grooming workshop on Saturday afternoon. The workshop will be held on the showground immediately following Sweeps. What a wonderful opportunity to work on those final details to fine tune your Wheaten before the big day on Sunday!

Montgomery County Kennel Club is offering a new class this year. The Amateur-Owner-Handler class will be for dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class.

The Sunday Night Post Show hospitality, which was so popular last year, is being generously subsidized by the Club in order to keep the cost to you at a very reasonable $10. What a wonderful way to close out this special weekend! The chairs of this event have some fun in store for all who attend. The lovely artwork created by Jody Sylvester will be the centerpiece of a very special limited Silent Auction that will be on display on Friday night with the final bidding to take place on Sunday at the conclusion of the hospitality buffet.

Make your plans today and bring your appetite for fun. It’s going to be a delicious week! .... Now We’re Cookin!
Weight Weight, Don’t Tell Me...

Yes, we not only have to watch our own weight, we also have to watch our Wheaten’s weight! We want our dogs to live long, healthy lives and to do so we need to help them keep their weight down in the middle and senior years. “The overall toll of life events is cumulative” (Dr. Susan Thorpe-Vargas). Excess weight in the middle years can strain the systems the dog relies upon in the senior and geriatric years.

Excess weight puts stress on the joints and back, leading to degenerative joint disease (arthritis) and intervertebral disc disease (“slipped disc”). Excess weight also puts added stress on the cardiovascular system. For dogs with neck or lumbar issues going into the middle years, excess weight only adds stress and strain to already stressed systems.

Track your Wheaten’s weight at each vet visit. Since we perform annual health testing on our Wheatens, we automatically get a yearly weight. Use the hands-on test for weight assessment: you should be able to feel the ribs, but not count them.

To keep your Wheaten in good weight in the middle and senior years, continue routine exercise and outings and either cut back on the amount of food and treats or switch to a senior diet or “lite” diet. Most commercially available dog food lines have a senior version in addition to other versions. Personally, I do not like switching food and therefore prefer to decrease the amount of food or add “filler” or fiber for an overweight dog. Common foods added as fiber are carrots, green beans and broccoli. Add a small amount to each meal to give the dog the same volume of food, fewer calories. Gay Dunlap also recommends organic rice cakes as a fiber source, filling with few calories. If cheese is used for training, try low fat cheese or smaller pieces. When training, remember to reduce the days’ food to account for the added calories of training treats. If all else fails, increase your Wheaten’s exercise, which usually means increasing our exercise! An extra couple of walks a week with our Wheatens can be rewarding for us as well, physically and mentally.

That said, somewhere between senior and geriatric years, dogs transition from stable weight to losing weight. I think of this as part of the transition from senior to geriatric. From my records, my dogs’ weights peaked at 12 years of age and slowly dropped with each subsequent vet visit. Significant or dramatic weight loss at any age should be aggressively investigated, but especially so in the senior to geriatric years. Rapid weight loss usually signals a health or system issue. Gradual weight loss is typical in the very old and you may find yourself trying to keep weight on your Wheaten in the geriatric years. Keeping a geriatric dog in good weight provides a buffer or resource should the dog experience a health event (surgery, for example) that results in weight loss. Geriatric dogs are less likely to regain weight, once it’s lost. Next article, we’ll talk about strategies to keep our geriatric dogs eating, including feeding by hand.

On another note, our dear Stella visited her vet for her 15 ½ birthday. Her vet reminded us of two important health notes for senior and geriatric doggies:

1. Increase the frequency of check-ups to twice yearly and run at least a mini-panel and urinary analysis between full annual senior panels. Early detection and treatment is even more important in this age group.
2. Old dogs are more susceptible to the adverse affects of internal and external parasites. Continue to have fecal samples checked on the senior and geriatric dogs, especially if they are not on heartworm preventative.

Remember, “The overall toll of life events is cumulative”. Excess weight in the middle years can strain the systems the dog relies upon in the senior and geriatric years. Help your Wheaten age well by keeping his or her weight at nominal during the middle years.

Quote from The Senior Dog Project: “In the 1970’s, dogs generally lived 7 or 8 years. Now, a dog might be looking at 10 to 15 years of life. (Source: American Veterinary Hospital Association).”

If you would like to submit an article, senior/geriatric care tips, or senior stories to Wheaten Golden Years, please contact Jana Carraway, templarscwt@comcast.net.
Ch Lovesong’s Dance To The Beat

Ch Lovesong’s Little Drummer Boy X Ch Lovesong’s Dance Track

Had fun “on the road” but there’s nothing like my home sweet home!

Nona Mansfield
Lovesong
Lovesong...

"Kelly"

"Topper"

You can do it if you try......

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Longmont, Colorado
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“GRANDMA’S ATTIC”   ...   Care of the Older Wheaten Breeder/Owner

Jackie Gottlieb (in consultation with Elaine Nerrie)

"Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be." So much for the wisdom of poets. It doesn’t ring true for the older Wheaten owner, coping with the physical demands of a multi-dog household, still involved in dog related activities. “That is what keeps you young” (quoting my naive young friends). I love them and refrain from mentioning the negatives. What do I say to the frisky 4 month-old tugging on the leash. (Were they always so strong at that age?) Or the 40 pound 15 year-old who can no longer jump up on the grooming table, or stand more than 45 minutes to be groomed?

Here we are, seniors, and still in love with our dogs and the sport. Recent Breeder’s List posts have carried excellent discussions on the care of elderly canines. Dare I mention that a few of us are older, and challenged by the physical demands of our canine hobby? Well, you, dear reader, may still be in your prime, but with a little luck you will one day be "one of us".

If possible, begin early to prepare for this next phase of life. Teach every puppy to lie on its side for grooming. Put babies on leash at 6 weeks of age, before they reach the rebellious stage. Never let a dog mat!!! It’s the dematting that destroys you. Needless to say, I learned all of this the hard way. A trick I haven’t tried is to put a dog on his back to have his nails done. My informant says he will lie there and wave his paws at you.

There are several tools to make life easier. Most valuable is a live-in housekeeper who loves dogs, and waits impatiently for the next litter. Think about planning for a separate apartment when you plan your next home. Dealing with the present and reality, try to simplify your housekeeping. A brilliant man I knew a long time ago built a completely washable house…floors, furniture, all could be cleaned with a hose, and there were drains installed in every room! Seriously, a few well-placed gates will keep your furry friends in more restricted and more easily-policed areas. Wheatens need exercise. Arthritic joints and inclement weather often interfere with the best planned walks. Parallel, indoor/outdoor runs are the perfect answer. The dogs have more fun, running up and down, interacting with each other, keeping muscles firm. No slouching around the house for these busy guys, and tails are always up! I’m still hankering for one of those adjustable tables. I’d cut the legs down on my 40 year-old one, but my helper is tall. Friend Pat has a swivel on her table that I also envy. There are doggy ramps available in the catalogs, to get Rover into the tub. These are advertised to facilitate loading a dog into a high profile vehicle. Bob Nerrie has trained Rookie to jump up on a chair, and then proceed into the tub. Of course, if we all succeeded in breeding our dogs to the size our standard calls for, this chore would be easier on back and shoulders.

There is one resource unavailable to me, but highly desirable. That is neighbors with children who love dogs. Kids can get up and down so easily, create games, and just love pets. Keep your cookie jar full, and (of course with lots of supervision), let your friends and neighbors enjoy your dogs. You are enriching their lives. I’ve also found that middle-aged dogs rehome well and bring joy to folks who otherwise might not have the opportunity to live with a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Elaine Nerrie has found the fingerless gloves that my better-accoutered gym friends use very helpful when scissoring. There probably are lots of similar items in the catalogs of companies who deal with products for the handicapped. Let us know of your finds.

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE BEST SCISSORS. YOU DESERVE THEM. Keep them sharpened. You will be amazed at how much faster and easier the job is when the equipment is up to the task.

Ok, that deals with every day life with dogs. How about exhibiting or at least attending shows. Amazingly, running around the ring with a dog on lead is a lot easier than ordinary walking. The dog is a balance point. You have to forget any notions of dignity, especially since you most likely will be taking a puppy in. You will have to carefully evaluate the show site. Is there reserved grooming?…Boy Scouts to help unload? If this is an outdoor show in Arizona, you have to find someone who will give you space under his or her tent. Otherwise, it is unworkable. Some indoor venues are more-user friendly than others. Hopefully, you will be familiar with the venue and will be able to make a wise decision. The new soft, portable crates are a big help. Make sure to buy one that is easy to operate…mine is impossible, and I take it set up. I’ve found my antique McKee crates so useful. They are crate and grooming table in one. It is with great nostalgia that I remember the Foley boys, the grooming tents and the resulting camaraderie showing on the East Coast in those early days. Living in Colorado, most shows were and still are indoors and easily accessed. A great opportunity to learn about other breeds, watching groups, and feeling part of the great universe of the sport. Most important, forget your former independence, and let your younger friends help. Dog people are warm and generous, appreciative of the years of devotion, the "staying power." Don’t curl up and stay home...come to the dog show, even if only to “hold” a dog for someone else. It is rejuvenating! ✤
April showers bring May flowers. But the rain did not dampen the spirits of either Wheaten or exhibitor on Friday April 10 as they prepared to put their best paw forward at the indoor Sacramento California Cal Expo facility. In keeping with the theme of Faerie Tales Can Come True, the ring decorations and hand-painted Cathie Helf trophies were an inspiration.

Ann Leigh of Starlight Wheatens judged a sweepstakes entry of 14. Presented from the 12 to 18 month Puppy Bitch class, Bonny Vintage Super Tuesday took top honors winning Best in Sweepstakes (Sire: Ch Vintage Green Beret Ballad and dam: Ch Bendacht Bonny Bedazzled) and later Puppy Sweepstakes Group 1! The bitch was presented by Brian Ness, bred by Bonny Snyder and Michael DeCarlo and owned by Bonny Snyder, Brian Ness and Mike Weiss.

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes, from the 6 to 9 month puppy dog class, was Inverlochy’s Hamish (Sire: Ch Harbour Hill Mike Delfino and dam: Ch Keepsake Inverlochy Lochlinear). The dog was presented by Trudie Forbes, bred by Trudie Forbes, Pat Mullin and Shari Robinson and owned by Trudie Forbes.

The regular classes were judged by renowned Cairn breeder and judge Lydia Coleman Hutchinson who evaluated an entry of 45 Wheatens: 12-20 (8–5). Best in Specialty went to Ch Doubloon’s Ultimate Player (Sire: Ch Lonestar’s Order Of The Phoenix and dam: Ch Doubloon’s Playing The Field. The bitch is owner/breeder/handled by Elena Landa. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch Stratford Top Brass (Sire: Ch Stratford Top Priority and dam Ch Stratford Spice Girl), owned by Meg Ryan and Molly O’Connell and bred by Molly O’Connell and Monica Lamontagne (No photo available).

What better reason for a party?

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners went to Premier’s Hells Angel (Sire: Ch Bonney Nip & Tuckit and dam: Ch Orion N Marquee Talkin Trade) who is owned by Mike Selleck and bred by owner with Sonya and Richard Urquhart. Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Winners Bitch littermate Premiere’s The Devil is a Woman.

Winners Dog was awarded to Westridge Salute to Thurow (Sire: Ch Harbour Hill Mike Delfino and dam: Ch Westridge Sassy Sara), bred by Ilze Barron and owned by Ursula Thurow. Reserve Winners Dog went to Inverlochy’s Hamish (Sire: Ch Harbour Hill Mike Delfino and dam: Ch Keepsake Inverlochy Lochlinear). The dog was presented by Trudie Forbes, bred by Trudie Forbes, Pat Mullin and Shari Robinson and owned by Trudie Forbes.

An Award of Merit went to Ch Baroque Top Shelf Hurrikane (Sire: Ch Stratford Top Priority and dam: Ch Marquee’s Birthday Toast) who was breeder/owner/handled by Christy Weagant and co-bred with Sonya and Richard Urquhart. Ch Serendipity’s Talk of the Town (Sire: Ch Orion’s Ya Talkin To Me and dam: Ch Marquee’s Music Of The Night) also received an AOM. This bitch is owned by Dick and Camille Taylor and bred by Robert Vassar and Nanci Manceau. Also in the ribbons, receiving an AOM was Ch Hullabaloo The Rookie TD (Sire: Ch Paisley Forever Man and dam: Ch who was shown by owner Bob Nerrie and bred by Elaine Nerrie and James Marzolino.

The weekend was not entirely dominated by showing although there were three more days of supported entries. There was still ample opportunity to greet old friends and meet new ones at the evening hospitality featuring the club’s star chef, Susan Solsby! Dinner, raffle and silent auction were once again a great success.

It was a great weekend! SCWTCNC would like to thank all who attended and exhibited. We would like to also thank all the Club members who contributed

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It was my pleasure to judge the Wheatens at SCWTCNC April 10, and I thank the club for choosing me. My “history” with Wheatens goes back to the early days of the breed in this country since I judged the first sanctioned B Match for the parent club. Therefore I have watched the trends in the breed with interest. Like all breeds, yours has had its ups and downs. I respect the fact that Wheaten breeders have shown their concern for health issues and tried to deal with them in a positive way, but that has impacted the conformation development of the breed.

My remarks are of a general nature. On the positive side, I found the great majority of the dogs shown had good coats with good color. Many of the coats had lovely natural wave to them, and for the most part the dogs were shown in proper length of coat. I spoke to those exhibitors who had trimmed their dogs’ coats too tight and encouraged them to let the coat grow out. There is nothing more attractive than seeing a Wheaten stride out with a flowing, wavy coat.

The eyes were all of proper color which is a big improvement over the early days. I commend the breeders for correcting this unattractive fault. Most bites were good or at least acceptable, but there still is the problem of dropped center lower incisors. Fortunately, that problem does not usually affect the bite. Another area which seems to be improving is feet. Wheatens have been notorious for having flat, splayed feet, but I am seeing some improvement in that department. I suppose because the feet are covered with long hair that it is something that slips past more often that it should, but to my way of thinking a dog that does not stand on sound feet is not a sound animal.

The quality in bitches was definitely higher than in dogs at this specialty. Movement is still a big problem, and I would say that is your biggest challenge as breeders. My last remarks concern temperament. I like to give the dogs an opportunity to interact with each other in the ring, and the positive way that Wheatens greet each other nowadays is very pleasing. For the most part, they stand up on their own like true terriers—a big improvement from the early days. Congratulations!

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Sweepstakes Judge Critique...Ann Leigh

Thank you for inviting me to judge your sweepstakes. It was an honor and a privilege. I had a lovely entry of beautiful puppies.

6 - 9 Puppy Dog.
1st #43 Inverlochy’s Hamish. Beautiful well-balanced puppy, lovely head, dark eye, good bite, good length of neck, layback, good topline and tail set. Very pretty coat and color, very nice movement.

2nd #45 Lochlinear Finnegan Inverlochy. Lovely puppy, not quite as good as 43. Pretty coat, nice head, and good dark eye. Good bite. Very nice side gait.


9 - 12 month Puppy Dog.
1st #9 Marquee N Gemstone’s Tax Man. Very pretty puppy, lovely coat, nice dark eye, good head. Did not carry his tail on the move. Nice side gait. Will do better on another day.
12 - 18 month Puppy Dog.
1st #14  Mackanme Beary Special Of Bodasca. Very nice, well moving dog, lovely coat, head and neck with good lay back, topline and tailset. Pretty coat, not as much color at this time.

9 - 12 month Puppy Bitch.
1st #42  Bonney Apple Of My Eye. Lovely little bitch, nice dark eye, good bite. Pretty head. Well balanced. Moved well. Coat color clearing, will be a pretty color.

2nd #20  Avalon Mocuishle's Legacy. Very pretty, well moving elegant bitch. Lovely head, dark eye, good bite, good topline and tailset. A little bigger in this class.

3rd #14  Lontree Golden Gard. A very pretty puppy. Would have liked to do more for her. Beautiful coat, lovely head, dark eye, good bite. Very tentative on the move, will do better when she gains confidence.

12 - 18 month Puppy Bitch.

2nd #10  Hion Naughty Or Nice. Lovely bitch. Did not move as well as 56. Very pretty, nice head, good bite, dark eye good topline and tailset, lovely coat.

3rd #24  Waverleyglen INVERLOCHY'S HAMISH came from the 6 to 9 month puppy dog class to win BOS IN SWEEPS. He was shown by his owner, Trudie Forbes and was bred by her along with her sister, Pat Mullin, and Shari Robinson.

Inverlochy Cardu. Pretty little bitch, lovely coat, nice head, dark eye, good layback. Nice topline and tailset. Pretty coat. Did not move as well as 1st and 2nd.

4th #36  Brelans Moonlight Magic. Pretty bitch, lighter in color at this time. Would like to see more head. Nice dark eye, good bite. Good topline and tailset. Moved nicely.

Best in Sweeps #56. Bonney Vintage Super Tuesday - Lovely, feminine, balanced, never let down. Lovely expression. Shown to perfection by one of her owners. A joy to watch. She went on to win the Sweepstakes Group.


The Legend of the Starfish

A vacationing businessman was walking along a beach when he saw a young boy.

Along the shore were many starfish that had been washed up by the tide and were sure to die before the tide returned.

The boy walked slowly along the shore and occasionally reached down and tossed the beached starfish back into the ocean.

The businessman, hoping to teach the boy a little lesson in common sense, walked up to the boy and said, "I have been watching what you are doing, son. You have a good heart, and I know you mean well, but do you realize how many beaches there are around here and how many starfish are dying on every beach every day. Surely such an industrious and kind-hearted boy such as yourself could find something better to do with your time. Do you really think that what you are doing is going to make a difference?"

The boy looked up at the man, and then he looked down at a starfish by his feet. He picked up the starfish, and as he gently tossed it back into the ocean, he said, "It makes a difference to that one".

-Author Unknown
Most of us are aware of the agenda and frightening activities of such organizations as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animal (PETA), The Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) and other extremist animal rights organizations. Some people, however, are not aware that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is also an animal rights, rather than animal welfare, group.

What is an animal welfare organization? An animal welfare organization, for example, the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), works toward humane care of all animals, defending the right of people to own, responsibly breed, participate in animal-related sports, and helps maintain all animals in a clean, healthy environment.

What is an animal rights organization? An animal rights organization has as its ultimate goal the extinction of all domestic animals. These organizations, to various degrees, attempt to influence the public, the government and business to assist in ending domestic animal ownership through bans on breeding, guardianship rather than ownership of pets, mandatory spay/neuter laws, a totally vegan lifestyle, and other methods of eliminating domestic animals from the world. Their means range from subtle (HSUS) to outrageous (PETA) to violent (ARC, ALF).

**HSUS - DANGER**

Do you know that HSUS is not a humane society and, in fact, does not operate a single ongoing, year-round animal shelter anywhere in the country?

Do you know that HSUS is not connected to any valid humane society or rescue organization?

Do you know HSUS opposes pet ownership and prefers pet guardianship? Do you know why? Because if your rights as an animal owner are removed, so are all your rights under the law. Ownership in the law, is of the highest legal nature, and, as a concept, usually means the ultimate control over the item owned. It also usually refers to having the control legally over such item (property) and also the right to use it for as long as is allowed in the law, and in many instances, to bring a lawsuit where the owner's rights are affected. Guardianship does NOT necessarily mean any of the same things, which is why animal rights prefer it to "owner."

Do you know HSUS is currently trying to outlaw the use (import, export, transport, breeding) or movement in interstate commerce of any non-native species via HR669 in Congress by using the Lacey Act?

Do you know that HSUS, through its enormous financial resources (donated by caring animal owners who are misled by its rhetoric), has the ear of legislators on a worldwide level?

**GUARDIAN VS OWNER**

HSUS and other AR organizations have an agenda - the agenda is to chip away at the ownership of animals until we miss the fact that the WORDS USED FOR OWNERSHIP have been eliminated. Then the next thing you know—HSUS has eliminated the ownership of animals. No transfers, no selling, no bartering, no trading, etc. This has already been attempted through HSUS anti-pet laws wherein a dog with cropped ears could not be transferred/owned by a rescue because the rescue did not have the documents proving how the ears were done.

It would be easier to make “owning” something next to impossible, or exorbitantly too expensive or far too much red tape, than to outright say "you can't own that"—-which is Animal Rights done the HSUS way—as can be seen by the multitude of 180 anti-pet laws HSUS is pushing just this year.

**MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER**

Do you know HSUS stated: “Only by implementing widespread sterilization programs, only by spaying and neutering all pets, will we get a handle on this problem.”

Do you know HSUS states, with respect to responsible breeders: “Each time you place one of your pet’s puppies or kittens in a loving home, there is one fewer potential home for another animal.”

I freely grant that Wayne Pacelle and other staff members at HSUS have learned to hide their true opinions behind a caring facade; however, their purpose clearly remains the same.

Here are statements made by staff and former staff of HSUS:

“I don't have a hands-on fondness for animals...To this day I don't feel bonded to any non-human animal. I like them and I pet them and I'm kind to them, but there's no special bond between me and other animals.” Wayne Pacelle quoted in Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 251.
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When asked if he envisioned a future without pets, he said, “If I had my personal view, perhaps that might take hold. In fact, I don’t want to see another dog or cat born.” Wayne Pacelle quoted in Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 266.

“My goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture.” JP Goodwin, employed at the Humane Society of the US, formerly at Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, as quoted on AR-Views, an animal rights Internet discussion group in 1996.

While animal rights proponents portray themselves as animal welfare advocates, the facts suggest otherwise. The animal rights movement seeks a world where animals and people no longer benefit from interaction with one another. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) says in its statement on companion animals, “All other than human animals would be free of human interference, and dogs and cats would be part of the ecological scheme.” Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) said, “We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding. We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding. One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding.” Wayne Pacelle, Senior VP of Humane Society of the US, formerly of Friends of Animals and Fund for Animals, Animal People, May, 1993. It is hard to imagine a philosophy more hostile than this one to the welfare of domesticated animals.

I could continue this theme and fill this issue with nothing save facts and warnings about HSUS and yet another issue with PETA or ARC, or ARF or the many other AR organizations that are working, rather successfully, to end the existence of domestic animals. I image, however, if you are part of SCWTCAdiscuss, the scwtbreeders list or Wheaten-L you have heard more about legislation and AR than you ever wished to hear. Believe me I would like nothing better than to report good humane animal legislation to you.

If you will help us, we can see a future when that might come true.

What can you do? First and foremost please do not contribute to HSUS, PETA or any other animal rights organization. The dollars donated to those organizations are spent trying to end your right to own and enjoy your dog. For a list of those organizations please visit http://www.naiaonline.org/

Contribute your spare dollars to AKC Canine Legislation Department or NAIA.

Obtain and read a copy of The Hijacking of the Humane Movement, by Patti Strand (AKC board member, founder of NAIA, breeder/exhibitor). Take action! The following appears on the NAIA website:

But it’s not enough to say “Stop!” We have to back up our resolve with action. So...
• Get involved in local education efforts through obedience and all-breed clubs to bring the message of responsible dog training, ownership, and use to the public;
• Get educated about animal rights campaigns so you can separate the wheat from the chaff;
• Join and support local and state coalitions to provide a united front to protect the rights of dog owners and the welfare of dogs;
• Write letters to the editor and press releases about club events and programs;
• Set aside personal likes and dislikes to answer letters, editorials, and articles that condemn breeding, racing, hunting, and other dog-related activities as cruel;
• Get to know local and state legislators and their aides so you have a front row seat and the ear of at least one lawmaker when anti-breed, anti-breeding, and pro-animal rights laws are proposed;
• Always be positive when contacting the press, the public, and government agencies and boards. If you are addressing a problem, suggest a solution and ask that dog clubs be included in implementation. If you are refuting distortions or untruths, do so with facts, not emotion.
• Attend hearings, circulate petitions, stuff envelopes for candidates, work at education booths, and, above all, don’t go away.

Nighty nite!  

photo of Cera by Steve Bell
Taffy's Story as told by her owner, Andy Germann

Taffy, my beautiful Wheaten Terrier, came to me when I lived in Southern California. Taffy’s dad is Ch Gleenegay Spin City and her mom is Ch Marymore’s I Believe In Santa. Two years ago we moved to Waco, Texas where we now involve ourselves in Pet Therapy of all sorts.

Serving as an RN for over thirty years, I have witnessed many patients weep, with their condition often deteriorating, when they were hospitalized and could not see their pet. In those days no one had thought of “pet therapy” and it would probably not have been accepted, even if someone had. It had long been a dream of mine to own a pet that could function in this manner.

Waco is such a dog-friendly town...very positive and inviting. So Taffy and I joined an active local group in the community called “AngelPaws.” I really felt Taffy would be a good therapy dog...she knows me through and through and at times seems to read me like a book. It is almost as though she knows my next move! She has always been so sweet and eager to please so I thought, let’s just test her and see. Now, all I have to say is “You are going to work today!” I get her vest out and she runs to the door. She even starts to cry when we pull up to a familiar location, that is how much she loves her job!

Taffy and I go to Providence Hospital, the Veteran’s Hospital, nursing homes, a family abuse center, elementary schools and then to a high school where these photos were taken. This summer we will be taking part in a reading program at the public library where kids read to the dogs. If the kids read well, they are allowed to give a treat or pet the dog!

Taffy’s hours vary during the week. However, we do go to the VA Hospital every Tuesday and every other Wednesday we go to the High School Life Skills class. Fridays we go to the Elementary School’s Life Skills class and on the first Saturday of each month we visit the Family Abuse Center. I try not to work her everyday so she usually puts in anywhere from 2 to 4 hours per week. Our visits are generally an hour or less.

When Taffy was tested everyone was surprised to see a terrier be so calm. She is amazing, taking treats ever so gently from children. With some patients at the VA hospital, she senses that she does not want them to pet her and so I let her tell me with whom she feels comfortable. She has visited the blind unit there, as well as the nursing home unit and recently a psychologist invited us into her group therapy room...amazing results there. Taffy is also being considered for the Delta Society testing program to serve as the “neutral dog” in their testing process. This is quite special to use a terrier because the “neutral dog” must be totally non-reactive to the dogs being tested.

In the two classroom photos, the difference in this child’s body language is obvious. With me, Mandy is almost scowling, hands down and gripping. When Taffy is brought into the picture, Mandy looks directly at Taffy, begins to smile and raises her hands as if clapping. In a classroom like this, it is these “baby steps” that eventually make a huge impact and speak volumes about what a therapy dog can do.
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The SCWTCA Endowment takes this opportunity to share with you the five exciting Wheaten genetic projects currently underway. We raised money for many years waiting for projects like these to come along. Wheaten owners have donated funds to rid our breed of diseases that affect our dogs, and they have courageously and unselfishly provided samples of their dogs’ blood and tissues to aide in research. Collecting samples was a difficult task, but our work is not done—now, we must raise funds to process these samples.


* National Institutes of Health: Lifetime Health Study of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier (2008). Dr. Heidi Parker, Staff Scientist, Ostrander Canine Genomics Lab.

* University of Missouri: Canine Phenome Project (2007) — 991 DNA samples have been collected from Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers from all over the U.S. for future Wheaton-related research projects. Dr. Gary Johnson, University of Missouri, Columbia.


* North Carolina State University: Longitudinal Clinical Study, Mode of Inheritance & Therapeutic Trial of Protein-Losing Enteropathy and Nephropathy (‘Colony Dog Studies’) (1997). Dr. Shelly Vaden, NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Wheaten 911 - Nancy to the Rescue!

by Susan Jacobsen

Most of us know that Nancy Butler is our SCWTCA rescue chair, but how many of us know how rescue works? First, let's review the information and forms that are in the Rescue section of the SCWTCA website.

Rescue Contacts- Local club rescue contact persons are listed here as well as Nancy Butler. Nancy should be contacted only if you live in a part of the country without a local rescue person. All of these people do a great job and deserve our thanks! Rescue Contacts is also where you will find the various rescue forms to print out. These forms include:

Adoption Application Form and Adoption Agreement Form- The Adoption Application Form is for those interested in having a rescue Wheaten become a part of their family. Those wishing to adopt often have to wait several months for a dog that fits their criteria and is located near enough to become available. When the right match is found between dog and adoption applicant, the Adoption Agreement is signed. SCWTCA Rescue remains responsible for the dog for its lifetime, should the adopting family have to relinquish the dog.

Foster Home Application- It is not a requirement to be a member of SCWTCA to be a foster home. Good foster homes are needed. If this is something you would be interested in doing, print and fill out this form and send it to Nancy.

Transfer Agreement- This is the form which is signed by the owner of the dog being relinquished to SCWTCA Rescue.

Rescue FAQs and Rescue Guidelines- FAQs provide answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to rescue. Guidelines list the policies of the SCWTCA regarding rescue. It might be a good idea to take a minute to familiarize yourself with this information.

Is it a Wheaten?- This page helps shelters and others who need to identify a dog as a Wheaten or a Wheaten mix for rescue purposes.

When you read over the application forms, you will see by the questions asked that every step of rescue is done with full disclosure for the best interest of all people and dogs.

Where do rescue dogs come from? Most commonly, the dog's owner contacts Rescue. Veterinarians will call when a Wheaten or Wheaten-looking dog is abandoned at their clinic. In these cases, Southern California's rescue group works in tandem with Nancy but also functions as its own entity. Recently this success story was shared with Benchmarks by SCWTSC rescue chair, Bonney Snyder and her “gofer” Anna Marzolin. Finley was a dog with special needs. A barker from the word go, his first home was a scene from hell, with a barking dog...wild animals, pet bunnies, the house under construction with workmen in and out constantly. The owner said he was out of control, the dog obviously the victim of his own circumstances. After investing a tidy sum for a trainer, Sou Cal Rescue placed Finley with a couple who then broke up. The husband moved into an apartment with Finley and left him there while he went to work. Finley barked unceasingly. Neighbors not happy. The husband was heartbroken and sobbing at the thought of loosing him. But there was no choice. More training ensued while the dog lived in a boarding kennel for a few weeks. It took three tries to find Finley his forever home, but find it they did. Finley has been in his forever home for over a year now. His owners, Jeanne and Jim, admit that they have come from “not so sure”, to “we love this guy.” They say, “He has definitely adopted us and gives us lots of love, too.” These pictures tell the story...and it has a very happy ending. See photos of Finley and his forever family on the following page.

In fact, Nancy estimates that 1/3 of her time is spent on education.
the vet will usually spay/neuter and do all vet care at a reduced rate, if SCWTCA Rescue places the dog. Dogs come from shelters. Although not all shelters deal with breed rescue, many do and will contact Nancy.

Nancy goes online to Petfinder every other day. She either follows up on these lost dogs herself, or refers to local breed rescue. The Wheaten clubs in Southern California, Northern California, Colorado and Florida take care of all of the rescue needs in their areas. In 2008, SCWTCA Rescue placed 45 dogs, the Southern California club placed 32, the Northern California club placed 6, and the clubs in Florida placed 24, for a total of 107. Good job California and Florida!

For various reasons Nancy can't accept every dog. Even good dogs get turned away when there aren't enough foster homes or enough SCWTCA members who are willing or able to assist. However, some dogs can't be accepted due to temperament issues. Some issues can be worked with, such as food aggression. Sometimes, as in the case of a known biter, euthanasia is recommended.

SCWTCA Rescue does accept puppy mill puppies and adult dogs if they have a viable temperament, even if there are some health issues. However, SCWTCA will not pay to obtain the dogs. The rationale for this is that if puppy mill operators receive money for their dogs, they will continue to breed. One of the primary reasons for the existence of SCWTCA Rescue is to provide assistance for Wheatens who do not come from reputable breeders and have the need for rehoming.

Foster homes- Almost every time a Wheaten is taken into rescue, it is fostered for about ten days to two weeks. Periodically, a dog may require long-term fostering. This provides an opportunity to assess any issues the dog may have. Rarely, a dog is allowed to go straight to their permanent home. Nancy just had a case like this. The relinquished dog only had one issue, serious skin allergies. After talking to the dog's vet and groomer, as well as the new owners, Nancy decided that the dog could skip being fostered.

Fees- The SCWTCA believes that no dog should be free. The fees charged are based on a sliding scale. Under 1 year: $400, 1-4 years: $350, 4-7 years: $300, and over 7 years: determined on individual basis. The cost of a crate and shipping costs are assumed by the new owner, if these expenses are necessary. SCWTCA Rescue depends on these fees to continue to operate. Adoption fees and private donations are the only sources of income for Rescue.

Rescue finances- The SCWTCA pays for all veterinarian care. This includes heartworm testing, ova and parasites, spay/neuter, immunizations, urine and blood work, and any other test or procedure that the individual dog may need. SCWTCA also pays for a trainer consult, if needed. Nancy works with a trainer in Arizona, Sharon Witherspoon. Sharon is known for her use of positive reinforcement methods. Telephone and e-mail consults between Sharon and people having issues with their dogs have resulted in several Wheatens being able to stay in their homes.

The SCWTCA Rescue chair is a volunteer position. Nancy is not compensated for her time. SCWTCA provides an extra phone line in her home and covers office expenses.

Breeder Assist- This is a service that Rescue provides that many are not aware of. If a breeder has a dog they would like placed, Nancy will assist with the placement. The breeder is responsible for any vet bills that may occur, and SCWTCA Rescue receives the regular placement fee for this service. It can be helpful to a breeder to not have to search for a suitable home themselves. This service can also benefit those who are waiting to adopt a Wheaten by reducing wait time.

Suggestions- Nancy is open to ideas and suggestions that might help SCWTCA Rescue work more efficiently or effectively. Your input is welcome and appreciated. Kudos to Nancy and to all who work to give every Wheaten a loving, safe environment. Contact Nancy Butler, PO Box 385, Velarde, NM 87582-0385, (505) 852-0305, nbtrigo@cybermesa.com
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“Roxie” going WB and BOW to finish with a 4 point major from the Puppy Class at the Del Val Specialty, May 2005

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Special thanks to
Shari Boyd-Carusi
and congrats to Max’s dad,
Best Veteran,
“Tipper” Stack
This year I celebrate my fortieth year of active participation in the sport of dogs. That might sound like an eternity to some, like a pittance to others. To me, it signifies that I’ve chosen the life that I love, and I still love my choice.

I think I was very fortunate as a young person entering the sport back in 1969. I met, associated with and learned from some very dedicated people who shared their knowledge and experience with me. They were vastly different people in many ways. Some had been born into the sport, some came to it after a successful career in another field and others dabbled in the sport for years as hobby breeders or simply owners of purebred dogs. They each had their own story to tell, their own perspective on the sport and their chosen breed. They had their own likes, dislikes and opinions on dogs they bred, people they knew, judges, shows and all the other myriad ingredients that make up the dog world. As different as they were, they all shared one common sentiment, one overriding principle from which they never varied. They all had a deep and unwavering respect for the sport.

This was not simply a respect for the past or for some individual who had helped them somewhere along the way. This was a respect for the sport as a whole; its past, present and most importantly, its future. The quotation “Primum non nocere,” or “First, not to harm,” comes to mind. These people were ingrained with the principle that is probably the most important precept taught to medical students; “given an existing problem, it may be better to do nothing than to do something that risks causing more harm than good.” These people may have been unduly wronged or were made aware of some other injustice that today would become fodder for gossip mills and the general condemnation of all those involved. Instead of sounding the alarm and responding as though they were guests on Jerry Springer, they endured. This is not to say they let things pass unnoticed or without comment. They discussed these things privately and with a degree of gravity too often missing in today’s world. They understood that to announce the issue to the world would not only hurt those directly involved but would harm the sport as a whole. Their respect for the sport was such that they would not harm its reputation in order to attack an individual.

I think that a number of factors fostered this circumstances attitude. Like a good recipe, each ingredient played an important part and contributed to the success of the meal. The main ingredient was, perhaps, the character of the individuals themselves. These were people who would not gossip publicly about others, because they understood that to do so made them no better that those who were the subject of such gossip. They understood that when you get down in the mud with someone else, no matter the result, you both come out dirty.

These people had spent years learning the fine points of their breed or breeds. Not one or two years; they’d spent decades. They had spent years listening, not talking. Breed experts or knowledgeable dog people were well known and respected as such. A win under such a judge was likely to bring several more wins, as the expertise and integrity of these individuals was beyond question. So education and its dissemination played a very important role.

Perspective played a major part in these individuals’ ability to thrive in the sport. They knew tomorrow was another day and that sometimes a good loss is far more valuable than a win. If they lost, they simply lost. The world wasn’t going to end, they still had the same dog at the end of the lead when they walked out of the class that they had going in. Sometimes losing in good competition was just as good as winning. Others seeing a good dog, shown well and enjoying himself as he walks out of a ring unrecognized might well feel the dog deserved a win and jump on his bandwagon. After all, we might appreciate a winner, but everyone loves a loser. And because they knew that there were other shows next week, these people didn’t rant about one loss. Today was part of the journey, not the destination.

So, what’s my point? Simply this; to become a person of respect, you have to have respect for others. If you live by the sword, you die by the sword. In my many years in dogs, win, lose or get the tar beaten out of me, I never refused to congratulate the winner. It might have hurt to lose, but it didn’t hurt to congratulate the winner. That was what I’d been taught to do.

I’ve always thought that in dogs we survive on the opinions of others regarding our dogs, but we survive on their opinions of us, as well. Oh, sure, I know it’s all about the dogs and putting up the best one. But I can tell you this, that as a Judge, every time you walk into a ring you don’t find a perfect dog looking back at you. They all have faults. And Judging, my dear Watson, is a subjective exercise. Remember, this is not about your opinion of your dog, it’s about the Judge’s. Many times there is no clear winner, so it’s probably best that the Judge doesn’t have a really bad opinion of you going in. Yes, if you clearly have the best dog in the ring, even though you may have backed over the Judge’s cat with your car, your dog should win. But if there’s not a clear winner and the win could go any of several ways, it’d probably be better if you hadn’t called the Judge a bloomin’ so-and-so on the message board. That’s not politics, folks, that’s human nature.

So, my message is this. Spend each and every day learning about dogs. Not just your own breed, but learn about all dogs. What you learn about a Greyhound can help you learn about your Bichon. Listen to others. Once you have spent years and years and years listening, then you can venture an opinion. By then, if you’ve learned about dogs, you’ve earned a right to have an opinion. Until then, be quiet and continue to listen. If you have a problem with someone, deal with it privately. Don’t do your laundry in public. And if you have any self-respect, then demonstrate that by showing respect for others. Forty years from now, someone will appreciate it.

Respect . . . by Mark E Threlfall
from UKC’s publication, Bloodlines
Mark is Executive VP of the United Kennel Club

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Friday morning at the Garden State All Terrier Club Show the exhibitors gathered under grey skies and generally damp weather. Garden State All Terrier Club is a supported entry for Del Val and the winners each received a beautiful Armetale Plate. Our judge for the day was William Potter. There was an entry of 45.

Winners Dog for the day was Greentree Hurricane Run owned by Joe & Kathy Herzberg and Bev & Kevin McDonald. Reserve Winners Dog was Greentree Sheelin Rocket Man owned by JoAnn & Mike McCoy. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners went to Stratford All The World’s A Stage owned by Meg Ryan, Molly O’Connell and Richard Hodges. Reserve Winners Bitch and Best Puppy was Greentree Sunday Silence, owned by Diane & Jacob Horst and Bev & Kevin McDonald. Best of Breed went to Elena Landa and her bitch, Ch Doubloon’s Ultimate Player. Best of Opposite sex was Ch Stratford Top Brass owned by Meg Ryan and Molly O’Connell.

Sweeps started the day with judge GEORGE JEFFTLES presiding over an entry of 25 beautiful puppies. Best in Sweepstakes went to 6-9 month puppy dog, Greentree Sheelin Rocket Man owned by JoAnn & Mike McCoy. Best of Opposite Sex came out of the 6-9 month puppy bitch class, awarded to Greentree Trinity Par Ti Favor owned by Shelly & Ray Serafin and Bev & Kevin McDonald.

Regular Classes followed with an entry of 54, expertly judged by KATHLEEN FERRIS. Her choices for the day were:

Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to Shandalee Rocket Science owned by Nancee Bailey & Sue Goldberg, while Reserve Winners Dog was awarded to Greentree Trinity Par Ti Favor owned by Shelly & Ray Serafin and Bev & Kevin McDonald.

Winners Bitch was Diamond’s Breakfast At Tiffany’s owned and handled by Betty Ann Hillwig. Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Frolic Freya Of Fenris owned by Emily Skoglund.

Bright and early Saturday morning, everyone again gathered for the Del Val Specialty show held in conjunction with Bucks County KC. Once again it wasn’t a great day for a trip “Down The Shore” but with all the beautiful trophies, it sure felt like a beautiful seaside day. Luckily, the rain held off. The exhibitors were treated to coffee, bagels and other morning goodies provided by club members Barry & Bonnie Ivler.

Best in Sweepstakes went to GREENTREE TRINITY PAR TI FAVOR (Sire: Ch Greentree Skellig’s Samba Par Ti; dam: Greentree Key To My Heart), breeder owned by M & R Serafin and K & B McDonald.

Winners Bitch was Diamond’s Breakfast At Tiffany’s owned and handled by Betty Ann Hillwig. Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Frolic Freya Of Fenris owned by Emily Skoglund.

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and Cheryl Turner Fogarty. Best of Breed once again was Ch Doubloon’s Ultimate Player owned and handled by Elena Landa. Best Opposite Sex went to Ch Dhowden American Dream owned by Denise Bendelewski.

**AWARD OF MERIT to CH DOWDEN AMERICAN DREAM.** (Ch Dhowden All The World’s A Stage X CH Dhowden American Dream)  He was bred by Denise Bendelewski and is owned by Elena Landa.

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**AWARD OF MERIT to CH BANNER SHOUT (Ch Edge-wood Dream Catcher X Ch Marymore’s Banner Gabriel’s Choice).** She was bred by John & Pam Mandeville and is owned by the Mandevilles.

**SHANDALEE ROCKET SCIENCE was WINNERS DOG and BEST OF WINNERS.** Sire: Ch Kildimo Boys Of Blue Hill; dam: Ch Shandlee Rocketfire. Bred by Sue and Harvey Goldberg, he is owned by Sue and Nancee Bailey.

**AWARD OF MERIT to GREENTREE KEEPSAKE TOBASCO CAT.** (Ch Greentree Skilleg’s Samba Par Ti X Greentree Preakness Clover) He was bred by B & K McDonald and owned by the McDonalds and Shari Robinson.

**WINNERS BITCH went to DIAMONDS BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY’S, bred and owned by Betty Ann Hillwig. Sire: Ch Greentree Fairy Tale Only Time Will Tell; dam: Ch Diamonds Magic Moments.**

Awards of Merit went to: Ch Greentree Keepsake Tobasco Cat owned by Shari Robinson and Kevin & Bev McDonald; Ch Dhowden American Dream owned by Denise Bendelewski; Ch Banner Shout owned by John & Pam Mandeville; Ch Stratford Top Brass owned by Meg Ryan & Molly O’Connell.

After judging and pictures everyone gathered for our afternoon hospitality. A wonderful array of salads and desserts was enjoyed along with our “Down the Shore” theme food consisting of Hot Dogs, Ribs and all the fixins. A big thank you to Barry Ivler for preparing and cooking the food once again. After lunch our Chinese Auction, Silent Auction and Raffle were held. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone for their support.

Wendy Neill and all her committee people and helpers deserve kudos for the effort they made to make our specialty a huge success once again. Congratulations and thanks, Wendy, for all your hard work.

The weather on Sunday was rainy, but it did not deter any of the forty entries for the day. Our judge at the Trenton Kennel Club show was Dr John Shelton.

Winners Dog went to Frolic’s If The Shoes Fit owned by Cherie Turner Fogarty. Reserve Winners Dog was Greentree Sheelin Rocket Man owned by JoAnn & Mike McCoy. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners was Wilobets Angel In My Pocket owned by Jeffrey Bratton, and Reserve Winners Bitch went to Stratford All The Worlds A Stage owned by Meg Ryan, Molly O’Connell & Richard Hodges. Best of Breed for the third time this weekend was Ch Doubloon’s Ultimate Player owned by Elena Landa. Best of Opposite Sex was Ch Dhowden American Dreams owned by Denise Bendelewski.

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After judging, all the exhibitors enjoyed a luncheon hosted by Bev and Kevin McDonald. Although the weather did not fully cooperate with us everyone still enjoyed Del Val’s Down the Shore Weekend…Again a special thanks to all those who made it possible.

Photos by Gerry Meyers (www.framephoto.com) Presenter in photos is Del Val club president, Cherie Turner Fogarty.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG was GREEN TREE SHEELIN ROCKET MAN, also Best in Sweeps winner on the day.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH was FROLIC FREYA OF FENRIS, by Ch Hion The Graduate out of Ch Frolic Prescott Of Waterford. She was bred and is owned by E & T Skoglund & Cheryl Turner Fogarty. Presenter is Carole Clarke.

BEST OF BREED all three days was Elena Landa’s bitch special, CH DOUBLOON’S ULTIMATE PLAYER, sired by Ch Lonestar’s Order Of The Phoenix out of Ch Doubloon’s Playing The Field. As always, she was breeder/owner handled.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX for two of the three shows was CH DHOWDEN AMERICAN DREAM, sired by Ch Frolic’s Squeeze Play out of Ch Dhowden C’Dar Dreams Of Cardiff. He is breeder owned by Denise Bendelewski.
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