Night called out - but then they came as she tossed and turned – all she wanted was to sleep but they stared at her hard to get her attention – they knew she knew they were there.

Their Expectations – food, play and to go for a walk – all she wanted was to sleep.

We all knew who was going to win – she was a sucker for a pretty face.

Margaret Foxmoore

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So, what's new? I would like to thank all the Board of Directors and volunteers who have given their time and energy unselfishly to SCWTCA. The old saying, “It takes a village...” certainly applies if progress is to be realized.

It was a big year for Performance. Thanks to the effort of several members, our Wheaten were approved by AKC for Herding Events. This was a landmark moment for the breed and hopefully will attract a lot of participation.

New awards were approved by the Board this year to acknowledge more exhibitors. The Judy Shortino Tracking Award is now offered and the Harry Blair Award has been reworded to honor our performance dogs. The Wheaten Ambassador Award offered by Dorice and Mark Stancher will recognize dogs that have performed outstanding community service. Conformation had a new award approved, too. Gary Vlachos and Bill Behan offer the Brenmoor Award honoring the Best Bred By Exhibitor at our National Specialties. And the Supported Entries sponsored by SCWTCA to regional clubs has been well received.

In the Health arena, we were honored when Dr Meryl Littman addressed a large crowd at Great Western concerning advances in her research. She mentioned that there could be “big news” coming in the near future! Two additional research projects were approved for Wheaten participation this year: the IBD research project funded through AKC/CHF and SCWTCA, and the Addison’s Study at UC Davis. Thanks to Dr Neil O’Sullivan for his work with the latter. The Health Committee worked hard to meet our funding obligation to the Colony Dogs Project. Thanks to all who made the raffle successful.

MCKC holds new surprises this year. The Dolce Hotel and ring location will be new and hopefully will be well received. Thursday’s dessert and coffee following the Evening Education sounds like fun and Cherie Fogarty has announced that the ’06 Yearbook will be available for purchase.

Last and most important is communication with the membership and services offered. Efforts have been made by the Board to improve these areas. “Board Bytes” informs the membership of Board business; personalized welcome notes are now sent to all new members; a survey has been developed to get membership input on the National Specialty and complete financial disclosure of all club activities is shared with the membership three times per year. To increase participation in selecting the recipient of the AKC Sportsmanship Award, a form was included in the June mailing for nominations. Thanks for the great response!

New and improved services include the Membership Application Process, now accessed and available for completion online. Also, members can now honor their pet or loved one through Memorials. The first Memorial Scrapbook will be displayed at MCKC. Thanks to Robyn Alexander and her volunteers for ringside reporting of regional specialty results and immediate posting on the web. This has been a big hit!

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Gay Dunlap
So, there are lots of “new” things happening and the Board will continue to serve our members to the best of our ability. Your thoughts and opinions are welcome.

Celebrate the Breed. Celebrate the Friendships!

Jinx Moore

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A privilege of old age, I take this opportunity to provide my “take” on the glories of the Southern California weekend. The site, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, is the most beautiful imaginable. Green grass, verdant foliage, soothing ocean breezes, and the blue sky were a perfect backdrop for the “secret garden” created by the incredibly gifted members of SCWTSCC. Superb food, and the usual warmth of welcome made for a perfect three-day escape from our day-to-day lives. Added to this was the wonderful and hope-filled presentation by Dr. Meryl Littman, giving us a peek into a very constructive approach to the future of Wheaten health research.

To all these pleasure, add something else: one of the most beautiful entries I’ve seen in years. There were so many on-size, typey, sound dogs presented, and justly rewarded by our judges. It was most gratifying to see so many Wheats exemplifying our Breed Standard from ringside and in the ring. As you would expect in a large entry, there was variety in quality, but what was so special was to see a preponderance of square dogs, nice coats, beautiful gait on the go-around, and much improvement on the down and back. Hopefully, smaller ears will come next.

This is not a discussion of “cosmetics.” Every one of our valued breed characteristics is intrinsic to function. A compact body with a short loin and adequate rib cage provides the “strong back” and is the outward manifestation of the ability to do a job…in this case, to guard the boundaries of small farms. The effortless movement, facilitated by tight, small feet, and low hocks for quick turns, plus proper shoulder layback for reach and to balance a strong rear, make possible smooth economical movement. No wasted energy here. Most Wheats will never see a farm, but the role of the breeder and exhibitor is to bring these characteristics to perfection. The silky coat is the hallmark of the breed. A clean smooth head completes the picture of a sound HAPPY animal.

And happy they were. Steadier temperament (or better training) have added so much to our ring. The atmosphere in the set-up area was just as happy. Exhibitors were enjoying themselves and their friends, new and old as they happily brushed and combed. I never heard a complaint or a regret!

Each year I’m amazed by the talent and industry of the members of the Southern California club. Equanimity and lots of smiles, they take it all in stride. My long drive home provided an opportunity to savor the memories. I wish I could bottle it. Thank you all for providing this opportunity to be our best.

( Editor’s note: Bill McFadden proves that chivalry is not dead! He hopped into the sweepstakes ring on Sunday, coming to Jackie’s rescue when the laces of her ankle brace opened and she stood, as she says, “in a sea of laces!”)
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER IN 2010
OF THE MAUREEN HOLMES TROPHY,
awarded to the Canadian-bred Wheaten placing highest
at the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada Specialty.

CH. KEEPSAKE TIMTARA SPICY SECRET
(CanAmCh. Greentree Keepsake Tobasco Cat x Ch. Keepsake Lastingimage’s Encore)

'Ashley' won BISpecialty & Best Canadian Bred
under breeder-judge Sue Goldberg (Shandalee Wheatens),
& Best Puppy Sweepstakes under judge Linda Hough.

'Ashley' is shown by Linda Thompson, owned by Priscilla Tims & Shari Robinson.
A donation to the AKC/CHF was made by Emily Holden & Carol Carlson in the name of Ashley & her owners.
Wouldn’t you like to know? After reading articles by Dorothy Macdonald in the February issue of The AKC Gazette entitled “Lord of the Ring”, and “So What About Consistent Judging” by Richard Beauchamp in Dogs in Review, I decided to write about the many thoughts running through a judge’s head while in the ring. As exhibitors we need to examine the judge’s ring ahead of time, noticing the movement pattern used, what the judge looks for on the table and how the judge applies “forgiveness.” Forgiveness? What is that? There is no perfect dog. So, while judging, what characteristics does the judge choose as most important and what characteristics does he forgive? Most judges can forgive a characteristic like a slightly gay tail that could be corrected in one generation. Most cannot forgive improper structure that may take four or five generations to correct and significantly impacts breed type.

At this point the judge’s knowledge of how the breed thinks, acts, moves and looks (breed type) comes into play. As exhibitors we need to observe the judge’s ring ahead of time, noticing the movement pattern used, what the judge looks for on the table and how the judge applies “forgiveness.” Forgiveness? What is that? There is no perfect dog. So, while judging, what characteristics does the judge choose as most important and what characteristics does he forgive? Most judges can forgive a characteristic like a slightly gay tail that could be corrected in one generation. Most cannot forgive improper structure that may take four or five generations to correct and significantly impacts breed type.

Two minutes is the amount of time an experienced judge is allowed to examine and move a dog. At a stand-alone specialty with no other judges scheduled the judge is allowed close to three minutes. It goes by quickly. Provisional judges are strictly observed by AKC Representatives as to how efficiently they use their time. This knowledge has a significant influence on you as an exhibitor. You must show the judge what he wants to see during a short amount of time. Is he looking for expression? Does he or she prefer that dogs move on a loose lead? The ringside observing you did prior to entering the ring helps you show your dog to the best advantage over the competition.

Some judges are less impatient with new exhibitors or those exhibitors not following directions specifically. Pay attention to your surroundings at all times. Is the judge walking down the line? Are you ready to move your dog again? Is the judge able to see your dog’s profile during a spar? Do you need to be ready to return to the ring for Reserve? Were you pulled out and prepared to return again when a divided class comes back in? These behaviors help you understand what a judge is thinking about and be ready to accommodate the situation.

Awards of Merit have changed Best of Breed judging during the past decade. Judges need to be aware of how many AOM ribbons are allowed at a specialty depending on the entry. Pulling out enough exhibitors so that no one is left alone in the ring without a ribbon is a challenge. It is best if the judge pulls out more than enough dogs in order to appear non-discriminatory.

This point reminds us that judges are human. They make mistakes. They like being greeted and respected just as we all do. As exhibitors we would hope that judges are courteous to our dogs, us, and enjoy their assignments. Even a little humor in the ring helps lighten everyone’s nerves right down the lead to the fur creatures. I sincerely hope that this article helped remind us that we need to understand and enjoy all aspects of our sport. After all we might be judging a match, sweepstakes or even the regular classes at some time or another and we need to have a better understanding of what goes on in a judge’s head. ☺

Editor’s note: Barbara Casey is a well-respected Scottie breeder and judged SCWT Sweeps at Great Western’s Terrier Show on June 27 ‘10.
A rumor is often viewed as “an unverified account or explanation of events circulating from person to person and pertaining to an object, event, or issue in public concern.” (Source: Wikipedia).

There is a great deal of betrayal and often embarrassment from this type of situation. Some of you in the club have had conversations with me about rumors, gossip, and sportsmanship. Let me confess too that I have surely ‘gossiped’ (I call it concern!) in my time for sure… I readily admit it. However, lately I have become more sensitive to this topic, because some club members have (1) questioned me if “certain things are true” about someone or something and/or (2) confided in me that they feel they are not in the clique (whoever and whatever this clique is?), and/or (3) been the brunt of a tale (no pun intended) or story about them that they found offensive.

Having been involved in such a situation where hurtful gossip was spread, I realize that how we choose to handle the circumstances can make all the difference. If you have felt like this, here are some tips to handling it ‘emotionally’ such that it does not exhaust your whole mental health which some of us (this writer included) has let it do.

Hold your head high. Defending your reputation won't solve the problems of hurtful gossip. It will only draw attention to the rumors being spread.

Wait for the tide to pass. People who gossip, will find someone to always talk about. Your situation will long be forgotten when someone or something new arises to be gossiped about.

Set an example. It’s hard to spread hurtful gossip about someone when the person being talked about does not behave in the manner that is being rumored. Behave and live as good as you can and the idle hurtful gossip will pass faster.

Rise above gossip. Don’t allow idle gossip to define who you are. The rumors may hurt, but the rumors are not who you really are.

Let it go. If you have already asked the gossipers to stop blabbing about you or others and they are still at it, move on and let it go.

Prevent gossip by paying attention to what you do and say around others. Tell your secrets only to trusted friends to be sure that no one is spreading your business around town.

These topics (gossip, rumors) also relate to good sportsmanship. Poor losers emit a plethora of unpleasant feelings and can poison the atmosphere for others. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but it is so much more constructive if we can discuss disagreements with mutual respect that promotes understanding of the full picture and leads to a resolution of problems.

P.S. The writer of this blurb will admit to talking about other dogs and people, too, so I am not by any means a Pollyanna. However, let’s all remember to do it in the confines of private places (not outside the ring for example) and with those whom we trust. ✭
The Return Of The Coneheads

The year was 1988. An entity, alien by all accounts, began to rear its ugly head (pun intended) in the Wheaten ring. Capitalizing as all predators do on weaknesses, this alien recognized our need to win by whatever means, and the notion that moderate and balanced can only be improved upon by adding more. Met with resistance by most breeder/exhibitors who had worked hard on the development of the Breed in the States, this alien found a foothold in the Wheaten ring via a few handlers. Either through lack of knowledge as to the nuances of this new terrier breed, or armed with the knowledge that they knew better than we as to how the Wheaten should be presented, they became willing conduits through which this alien could spread it’s "CONE HEAD" mantra!

I know all of this to be true! Many a visit to a show I would take scissors in hand to visit my Special with his handler, only to find an alien cone head atop his head! UGH! YUK! GASP! Where’s his Wheaten expression? Why does it look as though his ears are growing out of the middle of his head? Scissors in hand, off it came! Not without some resistance from his handler, with explanations of "this is what is winning in the ring, yadda, yadda, yadda". But I will say, my handler respected my wishes as the breeder and acquiesced to them. Eventually, we breeders won out and drove that alien and its notion of cone heads on Wheats out of our breed ring! Forever banished, or so we thought, to the outer reaches of the Dogdom Solar System!

The year is 2010. Could it be? Is this now aged breeder of Wheatens seeing the return of a nemesis he once faced years ago? Does he have the strength and will to battle this alien once again? Perhaps with the help of his fellow breeders this alien cone head invasion can be vanquished from our ring for all of eternity!

My first sighting was this spring in the Baltimore/D.C. region. It was a lone entry in the "specials" ring. My second sighting of the cone head incursion took place in the Sacramento area. A smattering of cone heads through all of the classes. My third and most worrisome encounter happened in the "land of the stars". Here it seems our alien is gaining a foothold and is raising its ugly cone head for all to see!

We need join together to stop this scourge from spreading! Scissors in hand, with a clear knowledge and appreciation of the moderately long, brick-like head of equal lengths, with EARS BREAKING LEVEL WITH TOP OF SKULL we must venture forth to the grooming tables and stop this alien in it’s tracks! We did it before. I know we can do it again!

This alien alert was submitted by: Gary Vlachos

Editor’s note: For the uninformed, “The Coneheads” was a SNL sketch which originated in 1977 about an alien family who came to earth from another planet. Their last name was Clorhone, which they themselves Anglicized to “Conehead.” They had tall, sharply pointed, cone-shaped heads. It starred two of SNL’s best – Dan Aykroyd and Jane Curtin.
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All champion points from BBE Class
Ch Raelyn Midnight Surprize – Breeder: Lynn Cone

**FIRST SCWT GRAND CHAMPION**
GCH Ch Gleannagay Legend Of The Grail
Owner: Sally Leonard, Breeder: Gay Dunlap
St Louis Specialty Report
Friday, June 4, 2010
SCWTC of Greater St Louis
by Cindy Shea, Show Co-Chair

Our Specialty show this year was again held at the beautiful Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO.

We had seven entries in Sweepstakes classes with Laura King judging. We awarded 1st – 4th place in each class a cooler bag with a Wheaten design. The Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps received an embroidered Wheaten tote bag. Best in Sweeps went to SEANACY’S WALK THE LINE, bred and owned by Louise Bishoff & Carl McGill. Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes was CELA BAREFOOT ON A BEACH, bred by Michele Lomax & Maggie Snow and owned by Michele Lomax.

Eighteen dogs and bitches then competed in the regular classes, judged by Mr. Michael Daugherty. Pewter trophies were given for first through fourth place class winners and for Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed. Purina also donated trophies for many of the placements.

Best of Breed was awarded to CH DOUBLOON’S SALT OF THE EARTH, bred, owned and handled by Elena Landa.

Best of Opposite Sex went to CH CANDANCE DAZED AND CONFUSED, bred by Candace Little and owned by Candace Little & Louise Bishoff.

Select Dog was CH GLEANNGAY LEGEND OF THE GRAIL, bred by Gay Dunlap and owned by Sally Leonard. It was later announced that he became the very first Wheaten Grand Champion on this day.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners was ROSHEEN ACACIA GO FOR BROKE, bred and owned by Melissa Lopez & Barb Smith.

Winners Bitch went to REDHILL’S GEORGIA ON MY MIND, bred by Carol Burdge & Barbara Zapf and owned by Barbara Zapf.

Reserve Winners Dog was DUNDALK PUT ME IN COACH, bred by Carol Burdge & Barbara Zapf and owned by Carol Burdge.

Reserve Winners Bitch went to WHINDANCER’S WILD BY DESIGN, bred and owned by Susan Ratliffe & Art Miller.

After breed judging the club hosted a delicious lunch including beef brisket and a selection of salads and desserts. The raffle and silent auction were held at the show site during lunch. Raffle proceeds were once again donated to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Endowment Fund for Wheaten Health.

The Club also provided trophies for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winner’s Dog, & Winner’s Bitch for the remaining shows on the weekend. This year’s prizes were embroidered caps.

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

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A Dog’s Bill of Rights
By Emily Holden

1. I have the right to expect some time from you each day. By this I mean my own time, not interrupted by the phone or humans.

2. I live my whole life for you and I need some special time to know that you care about me. My whole day revolves around waiting for you to pay attention to me. Reading to me is good, scratching and petting is better, but I need to hear your voice.

3. I have the right to clean food bowls and water containers that are washed and filled at least twice a day. I need water at ALL times. Fuzzy water is not acceptable.

4. I need quality food and medical attention.

5. My bedding needs to be clean and changed often since my feet sweat and I do tend to walk in bad things. After all, I am a dog. I prefer cotton bedding because it doesn’t break or otherwise damage my coat.

6. I need training so that you don’t stick me into a box every time your friends come to visit. Don’t punish me by sticking me in a box. I need guidance and correction based on love, understanding and compassion, rather than abuse.

7. I need lots of exercise. I am an animal and need to be running and playing. I need to be silly and to do crazy things sometimes.

8. I need lots of fresh air, grass and play toys.

9. I have the right to be considered one of the family while remembering that I am a dog and not a child substitute.

10. I have the right to live and to die with dignity. I have the right to expect to die in your arms. Remember that I never once said “I can’t handle it” when you cried into my coat because you were unhappy. I can handle anything if you are there!
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ANDOVER SOLISTA

Best In Sweeps, SCWTCA Roving Specialty
Judge Willie Rueda

“Lista” was also Reserve Winners Bitch, Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
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Our theme this year was based on the children's book, The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The story promotes friendship, determination and perseverance—the very essence of a terrier.

Our goal was to give a peek into the mystery and beauty that lay behind a secret garden gate.

Cultivating something and watching it grow is such a miracle. It doesn't really matter what it is—a friendship, an event, a garden or a Wheaten—each one is a life changing, unique experience. We each have within us the seeds of a better self, just waiting for the opportunity to sprout.

Each year when organizing our specialty, our club focuses on the past, present and the future. The past is the foundation of our breed. We celebrate the people and Wheatens that created history so many years ago. The present is the joy of the moment, your bundle of fur, a ribbon, friendship at the show site. But most importantly we look to the future. We look behind the secret garden gate. The future is sweepstakes, competition, rescue volunteers and health cures. The future is in our hands. We must cultivate it.

We would like to thank all those who tended our Secret Garden this year:

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Thank you for joining us or helping us—it was a wonderful, joyous three day celebration of Wheatens.

Merrilee Ford & Karla Baer Cohen – Specialty Co-Chairs

SCWTCA Roving Sweepstakes Judge's Critique
Willie Rueda

It is hard to believe that this was my first trip to Southern California. It was especially sweet to have made it to judge the 2010 National Roving Specialty. Thank you for this honor.

My plane touched down three hours late on Friday. I took a walk to the empty show grounds to see the Wheaten ring and prepare for the following day. It was incredible to experience the Southern California Club's Enchanted Garden in the setting sun—well-adorned like most, but populated by a beautiful field of large-scale flowers crafted by club members and complemented by a handsome line up of artful papier maché Wheatens. I was excited to see next day's entry of 9 dogs and 15 bitches.

I had resolved to judge on virtues and hoped to find alert, balanced Wheatens of proper size and outline well suited for their original purpose. Many exhibits in this regard were available to work with in my placements. There were a few instances where a scared or nervous puppy might have risen higher in my estimation on another day.

I was happy to see an abundance of moderately long Wheaten heads punctuated by good-sized ears carried appropriate to our standard. There were two or three down-faced exhibits and I would caution breeders to remain attentive to head planes and lengths. There is always room to minimize prominence of zygomatic arches, add fill to muzzles and width to lower jaws, but I was impressed that almost without exception there were scissor bites with straight, large white teeth. Pigment is a concern that needs some vigilance on our part and while I only found a few eyes that were lighter than called for, there were many eyes without black rimming.

One point to breeders from my observations on the day is that fronts were generally not up to par. While many were able to make it around the ring and present themselves well, it was common to find shoulders that were either placed too far forward on the body or too straight in angle without proper blend of Thoracic vertebrae. Thus...
presented a strong line up that primed me for the day. Thoughts: 1. Mackanme Bradberry High Flyer - Won with his pleasing outline, nice head and expression; he out-showed his competition. 2. Brelan Knight Magic – Sound dog of good Wheaten type; was a little flat on the day. 3. Wild Rose We Have Lift-Off – Did not have the fine points of the other dogs. He will need time to grow some coat.

9-12 month puppy dogs were a little reluctant in the ring and did not present themselves to their potential perhaps exaggerated by their reaction to commotion outside the ring.

1. Pitterpat Borney Two’s Company – A nice overall package in need of better details. He pulled himself together after a nervous start.
2. Hion Look No Further – Good size dog who used his legs well. He could use better balance of neck length. Presented a rise in topline on the move.

12-18 Junior Dog class had two absent entries and provided the day’s Best of Opposite Sex
1. Lochlinear Gleanngay Quickasawink – I was happy to see this exhibit enter the ring. Proper size and square in outline, he uses his legs well. Could be improved in tail set.
2. Pitterpat’s Working On A Dream – A bigger dog with some exaggeration, I found him atypical for the day’s entry.

6-9 month puppy bitches gave me an entry of six quality girls and I initially had a hard time sorting placements. In the end, I was able to stay true to my priorities and reward some very nice puppies.
2. Brelan Timely Magic – Attractive, similar in type to her brother, but could be squarer.
3. Starlight Rose Parade – Feminine, and perhaps not so confident. I would have liked better expression for her.
4. Haldane My One And Only – A pretty bitch with a good attitude and positive full tail. Good to go over but needed a little more leg for this class.

Likewise, my Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps winner, Lochlinear Gleanngay Quickasawink, had a great showing for his handler and entered the 12-18 month Junior Dog class ring watchful, happy and ready to go. He shows us that moderation is not a dirty word. Properly sized and SQUARE in outline even on the move, he kept my attention with his pretty head and alert expression. He did not let down.

It was a pleasure to see the dogs presented to me and again I thank the exhibitors who took the time to thoughtfully present their exhibits.

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What a glorious day. A wonderful and picturesque setting, ideal weather, terrific ring stewards, friendly exhibitors and quality dogs, it doesn't get any better than that for this self-proclaimed terrier snob. My ideal judging assignment is a specialty, especially when it is a terrier specialty. Thank you to all SCWTCA members who voted for me and to all the exhibitors for their lovely entry. Special thanks to all the committee members who organized such a flawless show and to my ring stewards, Wilma and Lynne for their great organization and help to keep things running so smoothly. I couldn't have done it without all the fabulous help.

Wheatens are near and dear to me. I was not a breeder, but there were certainly times I felt like one. I can't even count how many Wheatens passed through my kennel doors throughout my years as a handler. I have seen the breed go through many ups and downs. I must commend all Wheaten breeders for your diligence. You took the bull by the horns with the health issues, endured some very low years, but it is evident all your hard work is starting to pay off and on Saturday I saw a very positive sign that the breed is on the way back up. Well done!

It is always nice when your very first class has an entry or two that you can be satisfied taking all the way to winners. Such was my 6-9 puppy dog class. Both my first and second place bitches in the 6-9 month class, Andyhumma Eureka Stereotype respectively, were very close for top honors. Both had the proper moderate balance, square outline, rectangular clean head with nicely sized ears properly placed. Their presentation was greatly appreciated. It wasn't until the last show moved him to Reserve Winners.

My first and second dogs, Dundalk Put Me In Coach and Dempsy's Legacy. I liked this dog as well; his move at a more reasonable speed he settled down and had the free graceful gait that is required. He is well made in the front with a nice handfull between his front legs and the forechest that too many breeds are sadly lacking. Too many exhibitors force their terriers to move too fast which is really a big disadvantage as they struggle to keep up. Fast does not mean that they are covering ground efficiently. Third went to, Bendacht Pursuit of Happiness, (loved that movie) another lovely sized and balanced Wheaten. He had nicely placed ears of correct size. He was a little wound up which affected his movement on this day. Fourth went to, Ltd. Edition Redhill Garden Of Good & Evil.

Bred By dog class had an entry of 5. When a puppy is entered in Bred By it usually is at a disadvantage, but on this day, Mackanme Bradberry High Flyer, took top honors. He was a moderate pup that I recognized as a minor puppy, but he won this class with his excellent movement, medium size with good balance and square outline. He was strong in topline with a correct head and lovely eye. My #2, Bonney Five Guns and a Rose, was also a nicely balanced dog with a lovely head and coat. He too moved well and was edging on the larger side of medium, although still within the proper range. #3, Lochnine Glenangay Quickkasawink, was another dog of proper balance with a good head, correct ear and lovely coat. With a little more maturity I am sure his front will tighten up and this is what gave the advantage to Five Guns and a Rose. #4, Pitter Pat's Working On A Dream, was a lovely balanced dog that lacked the confidence in the ring on this day. He had a nice coat and with time I am sure he will gain his terrier attitude.

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My 9-12 puppy dog class had an entry of two moderate youngsters as well. Again both puppies were of the correct square outline and proper balance. My #1, Hion Look No Further, had a strong level topline and a lovely head; he moved well, and with more confidence I feel he will show us his true potential. He had a lovely coat properly presented. My #2 dog, Pitterpat Bonney Two's Company, was also a youngster with potential. His coat needs a little work and I'd prefer not quite so high an ear set.

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dovery Solista and Bradberry's Smackanmehighsocietyreese respectively, were equal in most aspects with the advantage going to Solista in head. They both were well balanced, square with correct coat and strong level toplines. Third went to lovely coated and headed Lissadell Born to Tweet. Fourth went to, Bonney Follow that Star, again a lovely medium-sized bitch with strong topline.

There were six entres in the 9-12 puppy bitch class. First went to, Atas's Femme Fatale a lovely balanced bitch with a gorgeous coat. She was square with a nice reach of neck, long and clean head and moved well. Femme Fatale was my eventual RWB winner. Second, Hion She Looks Aleurin, made an impression on the go around with a very free and easy gait. She was properly balanced with good proportions, rectangular head and a very correct coat. Third, Hion Just One Look, was very much the same as her litter sister, Aleurin. In fact in my notes I had written ditto to my second place bitch. Fourth, Gemstones Play'n Games, was a moderate bitch with proper balance and proportions and a classic head and expression.

My Open bitch class was a group of twelve. My first place bitch, Trigo's Relantago was a lovely coated bitch, having the gentle waves the standard calls for. She has a good length of head, strong topline and good body. She was good on the move, down and back as well as on the go around. Although she was just a bit off square she was very deserving of this class. Second went to Serendipity's Mama Mia (loved that show), a nicely balanced bitch with good coat and nice flat back skull. She was in good body. Third went to Lontree Desert Sunflower, another nicely balanced bitch with nice head, topline and tailset. On the move she had a little too much lift which could be party attitude. Fourth was awarded to Destiny Reach for the Stars, a bitch with the proper square outline, balance and moderate size. She moved with ease around the ring. There are positive signs that her coat will be better with a little more conditioning.

The 12-18 month bitch class had an entry of three well-balanced bitches, all of moderate size. I was pleased with all their heads, having plenty of length, clean and flat back skulls. My first place bitch, Derryhumma Eureka Panama Hattie, had the advantage in topline and moved with ease on the side. Second went to Bendacht Desire and third to Bendacht Autumn Splendor.

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My Winners class was outstanding. It gave me great joy to stand back and look at them all. Winners bitch came from the Bred By class and my Reserve Winner was from the 9-12 Month class.

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erate dog that was in impeccable condition. His trim enhanced his beautiful gentle waves. He is square in outline with strong level topline and good tailset. He has well laid-back shoulders and a nice handful of forechest and plenty of body. He moved around the ring with great ease. Close in the running for breed was my select dog, Ch Doubloon's Salt of the Earth, who also moved well and had many of the same qualities as the breed dog. The breed dog had the advantage in coat and that was my final decision. It is nice when it can come down to just one or two qualities. The other AOM dogs were close in the running as well, all I'd be thrilled to have in my ring at another time. Best Opposite went to Ch Melanedes Fun Fun Fun, a lovely sound bitch. She moved extremely well. She has a lovely rectangular head, square outline, strong topline and showed extremely well. There were others

that challenged her but her strong confident attitude put her over the others on this day.

As I mentioned I am very pleased to see some real quality in the SCW ring again. It has been a tough struggle and all breeders/exhibitors are to be commended for their dedication and determination. I think in many ways the breed has improved in areas, in particular, coat and overall balance. I did not have many that I would say were extreme. I was pleasantly surprised with the majority in my ring maintaining the moderation the standard calls for. There is still room for improvement, such as heads, but from what I saw I think you are all on the right road.

Again thank you for the honor of judging your roving and best of luck to all of you in the future.

SCWTCSC Friday Specialty Critique
June 25
Judge Kathleen Ferris

I would like to thank the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California for inviting me to judge this wonderful event. This breed happens to be one that I am truly fond of. It was a breed that I enjoyed showing and now am delighted to judge. Many times when you tell other judges that you are going to be doing a Wheaten Specialty they roll their eyes as if to say, “poor you.” However, I tell them that I am often pleased to find depth of quality in my classes, which sometimes is sadly lacking in some of the other breeds. This for me is what makes it so much fun…when I can look down my winners class line and think to myself that I have a solid group of animals that merit recognition as being good examples of their breed.

Rather than go into detail of each of my winners, I would like to provide an overview as to why they ended up my top choices at the end of the day. Rather than go into detail of each of my winners, I would like to provide an overview as to why they ended up my top choices at the end of the day.

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Compact bodies with proper rectangular heads. Coats that flowed as they moved and as my hand passed through it. Clean movement down and back and solid toplines on the go around. Overall balanced in their features and size. They all had strong attitudes as well. When I got to my specials class I was happy to see a number of possible contenders. In the end my choice for Best of Breed was pushed by my BOS bitch and Select dog. Much of the same can be said for those two specimens. It was truly pleasure to have such lovely animals to choose from.

So on the whole I was pleased to see consistency of size and shape. There was no question as to what breed I was judging. I was very happy to see the typically upbeat attitudes that so personify the breed, which endeared them to me so long ago. The shrinking violets seem to be disappearing. I was happy that a good majority of the specimens shown had proper coats and color. This has definitely improved in the breed over the past few years.

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But this admonishment is not exclusive to Wheatens.

The last thought I will offer is to all the breeders, not the people on the end of the lead, but the people that bring them into the world in the whelping box. The people that decide which pups will carry on their lines. I am sad to report that I was disappointed by the showing in my Bred By classes. When judging a specialty, I am always looking forward to those classes the most. I believe it should be the upon physical examination. A balanced dog with a clean head with good planes and ears well set on. Neck fit smoothly into the shoulders and the topline was strong and level with little loin that finished into a proper tail set. Good free movement, clean front with well-angulated rear giving a free flowing gait. This picture was completed with a lovely proper flowing coat of appropriate color and texture. I have to give a nod to the condition he was presented in as well. In the final pass he stood out there showing that wonderful up attitude that only those that have lived with Wheatens can know and appreciate and that made it easy for me to put him to the front of the line.

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There were many fine qualities in the overall entry: proper wheaten puppy color, preferred square outline, moderate size, correct coat texture and spunky attitudes. Only one entry in twenty-five was overly trimmed.

So at the end of the day I had a marvelous time. I found some wonderful exhibits that I think will carry this breed onward and upward. I enjoyed my day spent with the Wheaten’s in their “secret garden.”

SCWTSC Sunday Sweepstakes Critique
June 27
Judge Barbara Casey

A typical Long Beach morning was the background for the Soft Coated Wheaten Sweepstakes at Great Western Terrier Association on June 27: a marine layer on the water, cool air, and happy, lively people. This setting was perfect for “happy, steady Wheatens to show themselves gaily,” which they did.

I would like to thank the Soft Coated Wheaten Club of Southern California for this assignment. I was honored and excited to judge the puppies. My special thanks to President, Miriam Kahan, and Show Co-Chairs, Karla Cohen, & Merrilee Ford and all the members that have been the backbone of SCWT Club of Southern California for years. Their hearts and their passion are with the breed and the people that love them. I appreciate all their talent and hard work. I also want to thank Wilma Johnson and Lynne Aguirre for their efficiency as ring stewards. They kept the awards coming and my ring running smoothly.

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6-9 mos. dogs – The entry of three was moderate, spunky and of correct type. My winner was square with adequate neck length that moved well in profile.

9-12 mos. dogs – My winner had a profuse puppy coat of dark Wheaten color. He was unsure in attitude during the class, but rallied during Best in Sweeps.

12-18 mos. dogs – Winning male, number 23, sported a flowing coat, preferred square outline and a happy temperament.

6-9 mos. bitches – The entry of five had good coats, short hocks and were of nice size. My first and second in the class both had excellent reach and drive. I chose the larger puppy girl, as my second pup was too full of herself to present a consistent picture.

9-12 mos. bitches – Again, this group sported proper coats and color, good side gait and outgoing personalities. Number 44, my winner, caught my eye the second she entered the ring. Her terrier attitude appeared as if a Badger were no match. 
12-18 mos. bitches – This class demonstrated consistent Wheaten type. My winner had a moderately long head for a puppy and good expression.

Best Opposite in Sweeps – The male from the 12-18 class was my choice based on characteristics mentioned above as well as correct breed size. Love that coat!

Best in Sweepstakes – The girl that caught my eye in the 9-12 class was an easy winner here. She went on to be Winner’s Bitch and AOM on the day. What validation! As mentioned, I thoroughly enjoyed myself as your Sweepstakes judge! I like to give puppies “do-overs” and allow for “wiggle worms.” After all, they are young, often are first-timers in the ring, and we all want them to have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to the club for the unique Scottie memory board I received as a judge’s gift. I appreciate all the Soft Coated Wheaten breeders, their grooming, ring presentation and positive reception. See you next year!

My thanks and gratitude to each and every exhibitor and committee member for making this a most personally rewarding and enriching experience. The hospitality was greatly appreciated, the exhibitors were generous to each other and also to me, and the entire presentation was first class.

Individual critiques of my winners follow:
Best of Breed: CH VINTAGE SEALED AND DELIVERED
This dog caught my eye the minute he moved around the ring, and he never lost it. He moved and carried himself as though he owned the ring - without having to say so. Correct size, beautiful silhouette, square with a good coat, a stallion of a dog without being overdone. Beautiful rectangular head, correct ear shape, dark eye, large nose, with superb neck to shoulders to topline transition. Tail set spot on, and moved like a dream. His was a truly confident presence.

Best of Opposite sex: CH MARQUEE’S TAX EXCHANGE

Queen Mary Events Park is one of the most beautiful show sights in the country, and this day was no exception, with great weather, bright blue skies, and a bit of a breeze from time to time. The early morning was overcast and very comfortable for the Wheatens, and we had plenty of tenting for shade in the ring when the sun graced us. This was my second time to have the honor of judging a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Specialty at Great Western, and it was especially gratifying for several reasons. This time correct size was more prevalent, as was the proper square silhouette. There was also greater depth of quality in the classes.

I consider the Wheaten to be a “cousin” to my breed, not because he is anything like my Staffordshire Bull Terriers, but because we shared the ring back in the early 70’s as Miscellaneous Class exhibits. From that time to today, I have admired and respected your breed, and consider myself fortunate to have many friends within the Wheaten community.

Judging assignments often present a new learning experience, and this was the case for me today. I learned that the Wheaten is truly sensitive to bright, direct sunlight. Therefore, the tenting was greatly appreciated, and, as much as possible, I minimized movement patterns in the sun.

Overall, the quality was greater in the bitches than in the dogs. This is always appreciated by breeders because, as my mentor many years ago taught me, a good stud dog is worth his weight in gold, but a good brood bitch is worth her weight in platinum!

I have no problem with trimming an exhibit to enhance the outline. However, there were quite a few over-trimmed exhibits, to the extent that an otherwise respectable coat (by the feel) appeared open/cottony, and had no natural flow or movement. There were a few undershot bites, some heads could have been larger to balance the body, and a short neck appeared here and there. Also, as is the case with so many of our terrier breeds today, there were several exhibits with poor fronts, and quite a few with poor rears, either or both of which inhibit proper movement. HOWEVER, the overall quality of the Wheatens on the day was STELLAR in many ways… size, silhouette, head type, and attitude. On a final note, my Specials class was spectacular, and it was a thrill to have so many Wheatens in the ring that exhibited exemplary quality. With only five Awards of Merit available, several worthy Champions were unfortunately left out of the ribbons.

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Lovely bitch, right size, magnificent proper coat, warm wheaten color - Square with best coat of the day, and also with superb neck to shoulders to topline transition. Rectangular head with good eye and large nose; moved beautifully.

**Winners Dog and Best of Winners:**

**DUNDALK PUT ME IN COACH** From the Open Class

Absolutely correct size, square in profile, lovely rectangular head, well set-on ears and used them well. Good coat, moved well. Did not put a foot wrong and ask for the win the entire time. Overall a beautiful dog, and very similar in attitude to my Best of Breed. (Finished his Championship today)

**Reserve Winners Dog:**

**BRELAN KNIGHT MAGIC** From the 6-9 mo. Puppy Class

Has all the makings of a truly great one. Lovely head, right size, square, moved correctly, used himself well. He promises to be a big winner as he grows up. (Editor’s note: pictured on page 18)

**Winners Bitch:**

**SALTNSEA WEAVING MAGIC** From the 9-12 mo. Puppy Class

A truly "take-your-breath-away" exhibit, beautiful puppy, perfectly square, great coat for her age, lovely head, neck blends well into her shoulders, and has as good a tailset as anything else in the ring. All she lacks at this moment is maturity, and she’ll surely achieve that. In every other way, I cannot fault her, she is exquisite.

**Reserve Winners Bitch:**

**TRALEE BAY’S HIGHER THAN A KITE!** From the BBE Class. Light-colored bitch, moved correctly. Very nice coat, square, proper silhouette, good head and good tailset.

**Select Dog:** **CH STARLIGHT MASTER OF THE GAME**

**Select Bitch:** **CH AISLING CLADDAGH U2 CAN BE LIKE ME**

**AOM’s**

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**CH DOUBLOON’S SALT OF THE EARTH**

**SALTNSEA WEAVING MAGIC**
Want To Support Our Colony Dogs?
Of course you do...Why?...because of all they have done for us!

Artist, Margaret Foxmoore, living with the PLE/PLN diagnoses of, Maisy, one of her two beloved Wheaten Terriers, has reached out to help in many ways. One way is the creation of this painting, representing the five remaining Colony Dogs, supported by the love and care of so many Wheaten people, and those involved with the Colony Dog Study. Other allegorical expressions are the forget-me-nots symbolizing the Colony Dogs that have crossed over, the lady bug symbolizing luck and hope, flying on the wings of the birds.

The artist is making available 50 prints to be sold during the Wheaten Boutique & Art Fair or at the Colony Dog’s Booth $20 each – all proceeds going to support the Colony Dogs

Donations to the Colony Dogs can be made at any time via check or Paypal*. Go to the donation page on the Colony Dog website: www.colonydogs.org/
*when using Paypal go to http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/endowmentform.html

Thank you for any support you can offer!
MEET A FEW OF OUR STARS

“ROCKY”
RWD... MONTGOMERY 2009
CH. MOONSTRUCK MILLION DOLLAR BABY
BRED BY: HELEN FRAGUELA, BEV & KEVIN MCDONALD
OWNED BY: HELEN FRAGUELA, GAIL JOHNSTON, BEV MCDONALD

“MCGILL”
CH. MOONSTRUCK FAIREST OF THEM ALL
BRED BY: HELEN FRAGUELA, MARTHA ROWLAND
OWNED BY: HELEN FRAGUELA, GAIL & GEOFF JOHNSTON

“RICKY”
Top 10 SCWT, our 1st GRAND CH
BOB... GARDEN STATE TERRIER 2010
GCH. GREENTREE MOONSTRUCK MOMBO MAN
BRED BY: HELEN FRAGUELA, BEV & KEVIN MCDONALD
OWNED BY: BEV & KEVIN MCDONALD

Gail & Geoff Johnston
Bev & Kevin McDonald
Helen Fraguela
Gemstone and Marquee

These sisters have something to sing about!

CH Gemstone’s All That Glitters
CH Lontree Desert Star x CH Gemstone Marquee Cut
“Millie”

CH Marquee’s Tax Exchange
CH Harbour Hill Mike Delfino x CH Gemstone Marquee Cut
“Bama”

2010 SCWTCNC Specialty BOS
2010 SCWTCSC Independent Specialty GC Select

Owner/Breeder/Handlers: Jim and Tami Herzog
Co-owned by: Rachelle Hacket

Owner/Breeder/Handlers: Sonya and Richard Urquhart

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marquee@marquee.com
Tell another breeder you're looking for a stud dog, and they'll groan in sympathy about finding Mr. Wonderful.

It's hard. The more you know about your bitch, the harder it is. You know what you want, you know what's available, you know what to avoid and the intersection of the three provides too few options in Wheatens…unlike in many other breeds.

Sometimes, though, we make it harder on ourselves than necessary.

How many times have you talked to a stud owner or to those who've used him and gotten vague answers, if not quite to the tune of "everything is fabulous" to close to "everything's coming up roses."? It's a pleasure to ask a stud owner questions and get clear, thoughtful answers...or to hear "Look, he's only been used twice on bitches with close pedigrees so I have no idea what he might produce with your bitch."

How many times have you been surprised by what you got in a litter? Whose fault do you think it is, if anyone's?

Perhaps I'm naïve. I don't think owners and breeders lie. I think they don't know. Breeders don't give adequate feedback to stud owners...they tell them when they finish a puppy from the litter but not about the ones who don't make the ring. We owe it to the breed to know as much about all the puppies in the litters we produce as possible and to be as forthcoming as possible about them. A very good Wheaten in a litter of six is nice. If the other five dogs in the litter are dreadful, it's a much different story.

We had a litter with a surprise trait.

Having had detailed conversations with the stud dog owner, who told us the good and the bad about Mr. Studly, I was confident we had the straight story. Bad matches happen. I put a lot of thought and rewrites into the email describing what had happened; I didn't want Mr. Studly's owner thinking we were pointing fingers. The response was gratifying; the stud owner hadn't previously heard anything about the trait.

The stud's owner thanked me profusely, telling me they wished they heard more from breeders.

You can do all the investigation possible on a potential sire but his owner can't tell you what they don't know. We're not going to make improvements in breed quality until each of us tells stud owners what the litter produced in toto and tells other breeders what we got out of our litters.

Closing the loop may not result in more Mr. Wonderfuls...but there may be fewer Mr. Your-Guess-Is-Good-As-Mine's.

Chew on This, Redux:

Using a good title is like using a name...you hope you never want it again. Alas, here it is...and this time, it has to do with what goes into the mouth.

I'm amazed by discussions about what people feed and why. Now, let me say at the outset...if you're feeding a balanced diet and your dog is thriving, I don't care what you feed. But I am intrigued by a couple of things.

For some reason, the more obscure the brand, the better everyone thinks it is. The smaller the producer, the more honest everyone thinks they are.

Anyone who knows me knows my politics hardly make me a corporate apologist. I know dog food companies want to make money and therefore want to use the cheapest ingredients they successfully can.

Frankly, I don't think it matters if they're manufacturing ten tons a year or ten tons a day. Some boutique companies spin the story the founder got interested in canine nutrition, whipped up a batch of food, wonders ensued so they decided to bring their ambrosia to the rest of the world. Oh yeah...and make money, too. Hey, I don't hate them for that...but let's face it, if all they were interested in was the welfare of K9s, they could put up a website, a blog, go on Facebook and Twitter to get the story out.

Major manufacturers have marketing departments, sales departments and R&D. So do small ones...except their R&D is likely small or more likely non-existent. I am bemused by the websites of some smaller producers. They proudly proclaim their foods are not tested on dogs; they rely on customers' reports.

Huh?

This isn't cosmetic's testing. I'm not interested in paying for my dogs being test subjects for someone else's profit.

So feed what you want...but don't get carried away thinking smaller, more expensive is better.

More Magic Bullets

We tend to chuckle over the excesses of pet owners, buying every little thing they see for "Poopsie."

Are show-dog owners any different? Sure, maybe we're not buying cutesy tee-shirts or the ultimate dog treat. But when's the last time you chased after the brush or conditioner of the moment?
My friends like a particular spray. It’s a good product, to be sure. My friends’ dogs always are in good condition. But I don’t think it’s due to that magic bullet potion. I think it’s because my friends work their tails off to put their dogs in the best possible condition. My friends could groom their dogs with spit and they’d look as good.

The other side of the coin…some years ago, a friend asked a very successful Wheaten breeder-exhibitor what they used on their latest specialty winner. Oh, the breeder shrugged, just some flea soap.

Dogs look great when breeders put effort into producing good ones and owners put effort into taking care of the coat and conditioning of their dogs. There are no magic bullets or short cuts.

**Champion of What?**

We’ve all been involved in making majors…reaching out to fellow exhibitors to make an entry to get to 3 points. Sometimes, an extra dog that shouldn’t be there is entered. Usually, we shrug it off…provided the rest of the entry is acceptable.

Lately, I’ve been seeing something else in AKC’s results that give me pause. I see majors made up substantially of dogs from the same breeding program. I’m not suggesting anything about quality or the lack thereof, I’m just seeing names online. Certainly, there are predominant breeders in some regions.

Still, it makes me wonder…isn’t the purpose of showing dogs to compare breeding stock? If you’re beating only your own dogs, what are you proving, other than that you’re breeding a lot of dogs?

Finally, a tip of the hat to our retiring editor. Gay’s been great to work with. It’s easy to forget she took on this position amidst turbulence and brought us through it. Every editor puts their stamp on a publication – let’s appreciate what Gay has done as we look forward to how our new editors advance Benchmarks.

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**George – Keeping cool on a hot summer day!**
As another year passes by, Celtie says, "Oh my Dog, howl the time flies!!" It is her birthday again and time for celebrations! She's had many birthday parties but this year it was pawsitively the easiest and equally fun!

Celtie had a Progressive Birthday Parade. It began by her sending invitations telling her neighbors the parade route and the time she would be at their home to drop off a liver pupcake. The dog of the house would then put on his birthday hat and join the parade. No bones about it, it was a great time.

YOU are invited to a Birthday Parade! On May 31 Celtie will be 91!! She may be a Senior, but can still strut her stuff, so she's inviting you to join her on a neighborhood birthday progressive parade. Celtie will stop by with a piece of liver cake, and pick you up for the Birthday Parade.

Here's the parade route:

9:30: AM Birthday Girl begins the Parade
9:35: Pick up Abby & Aubie
9:45: Pick up Gracie
9:50: Pick up Mischa
9:55: Pick up Sadie
10:00: Pick up Atlanta
10:05: Pick up Norma’s Trio

The birthday parade continues around Coyatee Shores. If you can’t make it, Celtie will leave your liver cake at the front door, so check it later. For those that don’t live on the parade route, meet at Celtie’s Doghouse (207 Coyatee Court) at 9:30 AM. Celtie says at this age she doesn’t need anything, so no gifts. ☺ If you have ??? 458-9555.

Celtie with the liver cakes and hats packed up to deliver to her friends.

Celtie is quite the chef. She loves to assist in baking pumpkin cookies, peanut butter biscuits, pooch potato chips (made from sweet potatoes), and much more, but in May her speciality is Liver Birthday Cake. She watches carefully as ingredients are added, sniffing each one, occasionally sneaking a taste, and then waits patiently by the oven for the buzzer to ring.
Here’s Celtie at the first house on the parade route.

Some of the revelers, as you can see, were having a dog gone good time! It was a tail wagging event!

Celtie’s Birthday Cake Recipe:

1 lb. liver, rinsed and drained
1 cup rice flour
1 egg
1 T. garlic
Handful fresh parsley
1 carrot, sliced

Frosting:
3 oz. Cream Cheese
Cup plain yogurt

Cover liver with water and simmer 5-10 minutes. Drain, saving broth for other recipes. In the processor, blend all ingredients. (It will be dry and sticky). Spray a mini bundt pan, a bread loaf pan, muffin pans (for pup cakes) with spray oil. Fill with cake mix and bake at 350 for 35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean and sides of the cake fall away from the pan. Cool in pan. Remove and cool thoroughly before frosting. Blend frosting ingredients and ice cake. Refrigerate. Bone Appetit!!
Every year in October at the SCWTCA Annual Meeting, we have the opportunity to meet the incoming Board members. In October we will meet several new directors. This year there are two new members, Tom Kahn who will be a director and Carol Carlson who will be Recording Secretary. Gary Vlachos will be in a new position, Vice President.

When I started this series, I never expected to be introducing myself!

I asked each new Board member a series of questions and requested that they provide a photo of themselves, preferably with their dog(s). I think you will see that our Board is an interesting, experienced and well-qualified group of people.

Here is a chance for you to meet Board members and put a face to the name. Each of them has more in their lives than SCWTCA. Here is what I requested of them:

After a brief introduction of yourself, please answer the following “dog related” questions.

• How and when did you first become interested in Wheatens? When did you get your first Wheaten? When did you join the SCWTCA?

• What SCWTCA offices and committees have you worked on and how long have you been an active member?

• What all breed, obedience, agility, or breed clubs do you belong to? How are you involved (offices, committees, etc.)? Do you have any other special club or work experience, e.g. P.T.A., that especially qualifies for the SCWTCA Board?

• How many litters have you bred?

• Who was your first finished champion, performance title holder, etc.?

• What is the funniest thing that happened to you at a dog show when you first started out?

• If you could pick one thing to focus on for the next year, what would it be and why?

Meet Tom Kahn

My wife Abby and I have been involved in the dog fancy for our entire married life. On our way home from our honeymoon in 1965, we picked up our first dog, a pedigreed Miniature Poodle which we bred twice. I then went into the Navy for twenty-five years and with moving around and raising children, while we continued to have several Miniature Poodles, we were not involved in showing them. I retired from the Navy in 1993 and became clerk of the Federal Appeals Court in Atlanta. The children were now grown and out of the house and they encouraged us to find an interest we would both enjoy so that we would not become “couch potatoes.” It was then that we renewed our interest in purebred dogs and obtained our first Wheaten, a breed in which Abby had a long-standing interest, Ch Clanheath Garland O’ Clover, a finished bitch, in 1997. The rest of the story is pretty much laid out below.

In 1997 while attending a dog show in Atlanta we met a breeder and obtained our first Wheaten from her that same year. We were accepted as SCWTCA members in 2002.

I have not officially held any offices or formally worked on any committees. I have helped out several committees during the National Specialty Montgomery Weekend by setting up for Sweepstakes, working on the Silent Auction as well as providing advice to several officers and/or board members on matters of concern.

We are currently members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, the Bearded Collie Club of America, the Lawrenceville Kennel Club and former members of the Atlanta Terrier Club, from which I resigned when I retired and relocated to Michigan this past winter.

I was President of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club for four years; and, Hospitality Chairman for our two annual shows for four years and a Show Committee member for seven years. I also have been a den leader in cub scouting twice and was the Pack Cub Master for three years.

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We have bred two Miniature Poodle litters and three Wheaten litters.

Our first finished Wheaten Champion was Birchbark Talli Twofeathers (Talli).

I have personally put a Rally Novice title on our Wheaten Birchbark Bows and Tassels (Tassi) as well as Rally Novice and Rally Advanced titles on our Standard Poodle, Kaylen’s An American Soldier (Joey).

In trying to get a Rally “leg” on Joey, and while doing a “Moving Down,” I lowered myself pointing to the floor. While he expertly did the maneuver he also took the opportunity to turn his head toward me and give me a great big kiss. The crowd loved it but as I was more preoccupied with finishing the course and did not enjoy it nearly as much as Joey and the audience did! Although not “funny,” I was showing our Ch Birchbark Kitchitikipi (Kitch) and took Best of Breed with him. Just as Kitch and I entered the group ring in an indoor coliseum, someone dropped the public address microphone on the table. Sounding like a “thunder-clap,” it set Kitch off. I was able to move him around the ring to our position, third in line and bring him up for the judge to go over. I took him out for his down and back but when the judge signaled for me to go around the ring, Kitch would absolutely not go beyond the ring gate. He planted himself firmly and refused to move. Unfortunately, I had to ask to be excused. Once the judge approved my request and I turned to go out the gate, Kitch couldn’t move fast enough to get out of there. An “exasperating” experience to say the least…but I look back on it now and laugh!

SCWTCA has a number of well-managed committees, chaired by people who are very active in their sphere and do an excellent job of keeping everyone informed. The one thing that I would like to focus on – and did so as President of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club – is to bring younger members into the club, encouraging them to play a more active role in various activities, breeding and showing whether in conformation, rally, obedience or other performance events.

Meet Carol Carlson

My first Wheaten, Ballymoor Heather, came from breeders in New Jersey, the Maguires. At the time, I lived in Philadelphia and had a Boxer, Ibach. He succumbed to a brain tumor. I wanted something very different from him. I looked at the ads in the Philadelphia Inquirer and found one for a “shaggy pedigreed dog.” My brother, who was visiting me, and I went to look at the puppies along with my friend, Helen Master, who was also interested. Helen and I both went home with puppies. It turned out that Heather was the 52nd Wheaten in the studbook, SCWTCA’s registry of the breed. The year was 1966. I took her to the vet and at the earliest I could, I had her spayed. The same day I received a letter from the SCWTCA that as a new owner of a Wheaten bitch, I “owed it to the breed” to breed her. Fortunately for the breed it was too late. Heather turned her spay operation. I sold her Jenny Love for $100 with the agreement that she would show her 10 times in Miscellaneous.

I served as President of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America twice and also as Director, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. I was editor of BENCHMARKS, the quarterly publication of SCWTCA, Inc. for 15 years; Obedience and Sweepstakes Chair and Secretary; and serve on the Health Committee and have chaired the Open Registry committee since its beginning.

I am Chairman of the SCWTCA Endowment. I was one of the co-founders of the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, a member of the Canadian and Great Britain SCWT Clubs, the Dandie Dinmont Club of America, the Lancaster Kennel Club, and Treasurer and Show Chair of the Montgomery County Kennel Club.

My Wheaten, Bob, and I live on an 85-acre farm that has been in my husband’s family for 300 years. Bob’s favorite pastime is “talking” to the cows that are in the pasture next to his exercise yard. We participated in DelVal’s herding instinct test. Bob was graded “awesome” and my score was “tense.” In spite of the latter, we returned to Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm to train with Carolyn Wilki. Our social event for the week is rally class. So far we have a third place and score of 90 at the Lancaster Kennel Club trial.

The funniest thing that has ever happened to me at a show was the day that Jackie Gottlieb and I both showed up in the same class at a dog show wearing the same black and white checked dress.

The future of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is dependent upon educating breeders and owners about healthy breeding choices to develop proper breed type according to our standard. I will do anything I can to support that happening.
Doing It Right The First Time!
Based upon
Silly Things Owners Have Done Prior to Health Testing Their Dog...
by Anna Marzolino

Don't test your dogs' semen prior to doing a urinalysis. Semen is protein. Protein in the urine means a high UPC. The dog might be more relaxed but you won't be when you get that UPC back.

Don't leave your dog at the vet's for boarding and then do the health testing. Health test the dog first and then hand the dog off to the vet for boarding. Dogs are stressed at the vet's and the longer they are there the more dehydrated they can become.

Don't take your dog on a three-mile hike up hills in the middle of summer and then do the health testing. Why would you do that? The dog is going to be dehydrated and the urinalysis is going to be off and you are going to freak out when you get the results.

Fasting does not mean withholding water prior to health testing. The dog should always be well hydrated unless it's having surgery.

Don't health test your bitch while she is in season. Really, this should be done a few months prior for your peace of mind.

When they say fast the dog, this means nothing to eat, including the carpet, a bone, a roll of toilet paper, leaves in the backyard... you get the picture.

If you or the vet drops the urine sample on the floor it's trash. They can't try to scoop it up and use it. You can't either. Imagine how poorly the test results come back. Perhaps other dogs' urine is on the floor; that, along with other disgusting things.

Don't OFA your bitch when she is in season. A bitch should not have an x-ray a week prior to breeding.

I know dogs love to mark their territory outside the vet's office but don't let them! The idea is for the vet to collect the urine and they can't do that if it's on a post outside the office.

Another necessity for getting a satisfactory free catch of urine is to wipe off any obvious smegma from the prepuce. In other words, in layman's terms, clean the dog's pee-pee off.

Remember medications can cause a higher UPC /MA test or blood pressure. Be sure to tell your vet what medications your dog is on or has recently taken.

Always remember that your vet doesn't mind when you have to rerun health testing but your pocketbook does! 🤑

Hey, Club Members – want to help?
Then volunteer and/or participate locally or nationally!
Just ask your Board Of Directors.
It’s fun and supports the Club and the Breed!

Pretty Little Girls (Big Girls too!) and Wheaten Puppies go together... like unicorns and glitter?? no??

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Will the next great dog be found this year?
You won’t know if you aren’t here.
The hotel is full and the dinners picked,
The ads and trophies are due in quick.
So train the pup and brush ole’ Sam,
And pack that car with all you can.
MCKC is the place to be
On 10/10/2010 so you will see…

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

2010
Wheatens from five states converged on Oklahoma City for four days of majors. Lots of Wheatens! Lots of fun! You can’t beat the Oklahoma City and Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Clubs’ hospitality and fabulous Oklahoma City show site. Move-in is wonderful, with drinks and food served throughout the day by the hosting clubs, the FFA kids move you in, and the a/c is on high! The weather was actually wonderful this year with highs in the mid 80s. Oklahoma? Yes, can you believe it?

Mrs Loraine Boutwell was our judge. She commented on the “lovely” entry and was thrilled that it was supported by SCWTCA. Breeders from the area donated trophies that were awarded all weekend, along with the beautiful supported entry medallions donated by our national club and awarded on Friday.

Following Friday’s supported entry show, Holly Million hosted a nice BBQ at her new home, a nice six-acre site with great areas for dogs to run and play. Everyone got a tour of the new “digs” and had a great time!

This year’s breed winner was Ch Acacia’s Bat Out O’Hel, owned by Lisa Lopez and Barbara Smith.

Winners Dog/BOW/BOS and G2-Bred-By was Haldane Steamroller Blues, owned by Tim Smith and Alyssa Lundgren.


Reserve Winner’s Dog – Rosheen Acacia Justice is Done, owned by Lisa Lopez and Barbara Smith, and Reserve Winner’s Bitch – Cuilinn 007, owned by Holly Million.

Show dates next year are June 30th through July 3rd. We would love to see you then!

This is a great show circuit. If you come out for it and want to stay in the general area, you can also attend the Terrier specialty in Dallas the following weekend, with 4 more days of shows. Janet and Phil Snoddy hosted a wonderful dinner and puppy evaluation of their latest brood. Maybe next year Dallas could have a supported entry, too! Winners at the North Texas Terrier Show were:

BOB - Acacia’s Bat Out O’Hel
WD - Rosheen Acacia Go for Broke
WB and BOW - Cuilinn Purple Heart
Reserve WD - Cuilinn Going Pro
Reserve WB - Haldane Oh Baby Don’t Lose Your Lip on Me
Dear Keegan...a tribute from his owner, Linda Ruedy

Well, here I am again turning to you for wise counsel on yet another human dilemma. You see I’ve been asked to write an article about you for Benchmarks. Quite frankly I have been procrastinating for many months. For one thing it is hard to think about you not being here. The other difficulty is you defy being described by mere words.

What is the essence of Keegan?
Perhaps your eyes – from 9 weeks on you were always watching my every move and reading the messages I didn’t even know I was sending.

Or was it your coat? It was truly the color of honey – rich, warm gold, abundant just crying out to be touched and snuggled. Where ever we went young and old alike just couldn’t resist touching you.

Could it have been your temperament? You only met one person in 13 ½ years you did not like. You would snuggle up to anyone yet always knew when to hold back while a child got up the courage to touch “the teddy bear dog.” Other handlers would warm up their dogs doing snappy fronts and finishes or flashy heeling. Our routine always had to include greeting everybody at ringside before we entered the ring. If we didn’t I could not get you to focus—”My public comes first, Mom.” I know that if you had had a way to pull it off you would have been the first to buy a round of Guinness for any and all.

On the other hand “Keegan” it just might have been your sense of humor. I don’t know any other dog that literally tip-toed when sneaking my underwear downstairs and out into the yard for all the neighbors to see. There was that twinkle in your eye as you gazed at me across the ring while I signaled the bar jump and you merrily took the high jump on the opposite side of the ring. Tail wagging, smile on your face you were always a crowd pleaser and a joy to watch in the ring.

Maybe you are the memories of the perfect partnership.

Remember the agility trial on that perfect Pacific Northwest fall day? It was a beautiful setting by the river, wonderful courses and great friends to share the day. We had four qualifying runs, four first places and got two new titles that weekend. It is a memory that I treasure and set the bar for what true teamwork and trust looks and feels like.

Our Utility title journey represents our teamwork in so many ways. We struggled through 13 trials without one qualifying score. (Our very first time out we got a perfect minus 200 – we failed every single exercise). And, then, how typical of you, “when you’re hot, you’re hot,” in the next 3 trials we entered (trials 14, 15, and 16) you took first place in classes that had 17, 19 and 20 dogs entered.

You took us to Montgomery three years and we were able to attend two of the three National Obedience Invitationals to which we were invited. Wherever we went you were the consummate ambassador for Soft Coated Wheaten – a great conversation starter for breed education.

Perhaps Keegan, you are just Keegan: squirrel chaser, lover of children, comforter, friend, teammate and heart-dog for Linda.

Keegan, you are all these things to me: my once in a lifetime dog. I am so blessed to have had you with me on my journey. Thank you for sharing the dog that was Keegan.

Save the last dance for me. See you at the Bridge.

Love, Linda

MCKC’s Obedience & Rally Trial will be dedicated to Keegan’s memory this October.
Celebrating Long Life

wheatens that shared their lives with us for 14 years or more
compiled by toni vincent

CH STRATFORD VEILED ILLUSION, ROM “LIBBY”

Ch Andover All Done With Mirrors x Ch Andover Sinfonietta

April 3, 1996 - March 26, 2010

While I first became enamored with her as a young puppy, Libby finally came to live with me when she was 18 months old. She hopped into bed that first night and made herself right at home.

We always referred to Libby as the Empress. She never picked a fight with anyone she didn’t need to. She calmly ruled our own dogs, and any others who came into the house, with grace and dignity. She was a breeder’s dream; out producing herself in each litter. She earned an ROM with 11 champion get, including multiple specialty winners. Most importantly, everyone who had her puppies reported how wonderful they were.

She attacked both broom and vacuum and she hated thunderstorms. She loved riding in the car and chasing the squirrels that ran along the back fence. Her favorite spot was in the dog bed under the kitchen island where I sit at the computer. More than once, when we didn’t realize where she had gone, I found her in the bottom of my closet quietly eating a hole in the lining of the pocket of my show jackets where she sniffed out a few remaining pieces of bait. Sigh...

Libby enjoyed a wonderful long life, and we were blessed to have her. She totally changed my life in ways I could never imagine. Ed and I will love and miss her always.

Kayce Healy

CH KALER TIE ME DOWN “BUNGEE”

Ch Kaler Midnight Mac Attack x Kaler Emerald I’ll Shine

February 25, 1996 - May 3, 2010

They say time flies when you are having fun, and we were very lucky to have 14 years of fun with Bungee. Her name was so appropriate. It’s hard to believe that she is gone. After earning her championship she became our wonderful pet. She was a great mom. She cleaned her puppies so well that we used to laugh that she was going to lick all their hair off. She loved playing in the snow in the winter and going to our cottage in the summer. She patrolled our backyard so that no critters would get in. She was great at finding skunks but never got sprayed. She would stand behind Ziggy as he got sprayed.

She was in excellent health for her age. Her hearing, eyesight and appetite were great, and health testing excellent, but we had to let her go when the arthritis in her spine became too painful to manage with medication.

Our house is very quiet now. Ziggy misses her. He has always lived with his mom. We miss her too.

Loved by Maggie & Brian Evans and her breeder, Karen Mueller
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Happy Birthday to our Wheatens, 14 years and older!

... compiled by Toni Vincent

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"Brio"

Am Can Ch Waggish Will x Can Ch Paddington's Dealers Choice

July 25, 1995

It's hard to believe another year has passed. Brio continues to make me laugh, more than should be legal! At 15 years of age, she has slowed her pace, but increased her cuddles. She has helped me through a very rough year, and has taught me what perseverance amidst the worst of times means. As we come out of this year, both Brio and I will continue to lean on each other and appreciate the very special bond we share. Brio, I love you unconditionally, as do you me. It's the best lesson any human can learn from our pups! On to a better year, full of you doing your “Wheatenizing” of the sofa cushions, unmaking a freshly made bed, and many kisses and belly rubs! Brio is a smart, athletic (I think that also comes from her daddy's side mr agility and obedience champ), loving and curious Wheaten. Oh, she also loves to sing when I play a harmonica for her. She's not too fond of my other instruments however.

Many more happy birthdays, Brio Brio!!

Marilyn Zeldin

CH Villa Rosas Paddy “Paddy”

Wheaten Rebel's Lucky Luciano x Villa Rosas Key-Way

July 11, 1996

I still remember the moment that Kickie and Chris Norrby said they would send Paddy to us. I thought they were kidding! He is just the best! He loves to go for walks, though the walks are finally at a slow trot rather than an all out run. He insists on jumping down the 3 steps into the dog yard rather than taking them one at a time. He enjoys his football (soccer) and still thinks he has what it takes with the ladies. We love this fine old gentleman and are proud to have had him in our home for the last 10 years. He is remarkably healthy; no loss of hearing or eyesight. Maybe a bit slower but he always was in a hurry to get to places and still is. He runs me over on a regular basis rushing in and out. He lets me know when it is dinner time every day. I think he can hear me move the bowls from a block away! Happy birthday Paddy! We look forward to many more.

Keith and Karen Mueller

CH Waterford Just a Second, CDX OA OAJ CGC “Shooter”

Ch Waterford Second Time Around x Ch Westridge Just Waterford

June 30, 1993

Although she is mentally sharp, Shooter has slowed down a bit and sleeps more. We were concerned about how she would handle our move from California to Colorado in June, but true to character she took it in stride. She explored the whole house and when she reached the master bedroom she stopped and wagged her tail; she knew she'd found her place. Shooter was also the first dog that headed off to explore the neighboring farm. She has settled in nicely and enjoys the large yard and Colorado winds. We enjoy every day with her.

Beth Sorenson & Marjorie Shoemaker
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Judge: Richard Urquhart
Plus: Veteran Sweepstakes

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TOPICS IN NUTRITION

by Geneva Coats, R.N.

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FAT

Fat is the most concentrated source of energy in the diet, providing nine calories per gram compared with four calories per gram from either carbohydrates or protein. Studies with sled dogs show that those dogs fed diets high in fat and protein outperform those fed a greater proportion of carbohydrates. Body fat itself serves a useful function; fatty layers provide insulation from the cold, provide an energy reserve, and protect the nerve fibers in the body.

Fats are part of the structure of the brain and cell membranes. Fat is required for maintenance of healthy skin, for regulation of cholesterol metabolism, and as a precursor of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances that regulate many body functions.

Fats in the diet are necessary for absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. Fats improve flavor and palatability of food. Fat is more easily digested by dogs than either proteins or carbohydrates.

Is too much fat harmful? Dogs do not develop atherosclerosis or heart disease from dietary fat as humans do. For overweight dogs, excess calories may be a factor, but it is recommended to feed smaller portions of high quality food including fats, rather than reduce the total percentage of fat in the diet. Fats must be limited for dogs with pancreatitis; however, fats do not cause pancreatitis in dogs, they merely aggravate this condition if it is already present. For a healthy dog, fat in the diet is beneficial. Too much dietary fat, however, may result in suboptimal intakes of protein, minerals and vitamins.

Bile is produced by the liver, and stored in the gall bladder until needed. Dietary fats are emulsified by bile in the small intestine. Digestive enzymes then break down the fats into glycerol and fatty acids. These components are then absorbed into the bloodstream through the walls of the small intestines. Glycerol (a component of fat) can be converted into glucose by the liver. If the liver is diseased and not producing sufficient bile, fats are difficult to digest, and fatty stools may result.

There are several basic types of fats derived from foods; cholesterol, saturated fat, monounsaturated fat and polyunsaturated fat. All polyunsaturated fats, including omega-3s and omega-6s, are considered important fatty acids because they are critical for good health.

FATTY ACIDS

Dogs cannot synthesize certain omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, they must obtain them from their diet. These fatty acids are essential for healthy nerves, skin, coat, kidneys, heart, and to prevent inflammatory disease.

Omega-6 fatty acids are widely found in both animal and plant sources such as chicken, pork, beef, and vegetable oils like sunflower oil. Omega-3 fatty acids are less common, and are found in fish, flax seed and marine sources, such as spirulina and blue green algae. A high amount of omega-6 (in proportion to omega-3) promotes inflammation, poor coat, allergies and skin conditions, so it’s generally advisable to supplement with a reliable source of omega-3 fatty acids.

There are at least eight different types of omega-3 fatty acids. EPA and DHA are the most valuable. They are necessary for brain and nervous tissue function, and are useful in prevention and treatment of inflammation and allergies. Heart health is supported by DHA and EPA. Studies in humans suggest that diets rich in EPA and DHA are effective in relieving the symptoms of depression and psychosis.

The richest sources of DHA and EPA are cold-water fish and their oils, such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel. Aside from fresh seaweed, plant foods rarely contain EPA or DHA.

Other sources of Omega-3 fatty acids include plant oils such as flax, canola, soy, hemp, and walnut. The omega-3 derived from these plants is a type known as ALA. The problem is that ALA is inactive. It must be converted by the body with special enzymes into the useful forms of DHA and EPA. Dogs cannot do this conversion reliably; and as they age, they become even less efficient at converting ALA. Unconverted ALA performs more like omega-6 fatty acids in the body, and can potentially provoke inflammation and allergies. Many commercial dog foods manufacturers rely primarily on soy, flax or flaxseed oil as their primary source of omega-3 fatty acids, due to its low cost. Flax and soy also contain high levels of phytoestrogens, chemicals which can substitute for estrogen in the body. This can potentially affect hormone balance. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find a commercial dog food that includes fish oil instead of flaxseed oil or soybean oil.

SALMON and FISH OIL

You may have heard the saying that “fish is brain food.” This is one old wives tale with a basis in scientific fact. Fish, fish oils and marine greens contain the essential omega-3 fatty acid DHA, which is a component of brain, eye and nervous tissue. Salmon oil or fish oil is something that you should definitely consider adding to your dog’s diet. The essential fatty acids these oils contain are not found in most other foods. Intake of the omega-3 fatty acid DHA is particularly valuable during pregnancy, because it is a key component of neural development.

Interestingly enough, in nature, fish themselves do not produce omega-3 fatty acids. They obtain them from their diet of algae, plankton and smaller sea life. Farm-raised fish are usually fed a diet of grains, not a natural diet of sea life. This means that farm-raised fish are not as rich a source of omega-3 fatty acids as wild-caught fish. Wild salmon have red-pink flesh. Farm-raised salmon don’t obtain the same micronutrients in their diet as wild salmon. Their flesh is not pink, and farmers must use artificial dyes to give them
a pink color! When checking labels, look for salmon oil from fish that are wild-caught, not farm-raised.

Before modern farming methods came into practice, foods used to contain more EPA and DHA than they do today. Beef in modern feedlots are raised on corn and grains, and don’t contain any ALA or DHA. Grass-fed beef, bison, venison and other wild game will contain small measurable levels of DHA and EPA, but these levels are much lower than those in fish…35 mg per serving compared to 1400 mg per serving of fish.

One concern with fish oil is that fish may contain high levels of mercury, PCB, dioxins and other environmental contaminants. Wild caught salmon contain lower levels of these chemicals than farm-raised salmon. If the label doesn’t say “wild” salmon, it is probably farm-raised. Mercury contamination is mostly a concern in larger fish, such as tuna, swordfish and king mackerel. Salmon, jack mackerel and sardines are all low in mercury. Also, the contaminants remain primarily in the flesh, and not the pressed oils.

Pharmaceutical grade fish oil capsules can also be used if contamination is a concern. Serve the whole capsule, or you can poke a hole in it with a pin and squeeze the fish oil over the rest of the meal. Testing that has been done on a variety of fish oil supplements by Consumer Reports and Consumerlabs.com found no traces of mercury, PCBs, or dioxins. Almost all brands regardless of price were reliable in the amount of omega-3s they contained and were found to be fresh.

EPA and DHA are easily destroyed by light, heat and oxygen, so fish oil capsules may be the better choice over fish oil jars with pumps available at pet stores. Whichever form you buy, store in the refrigerator until used. It is best to add these supplements immediately prior to feeding.

Sardines can be used to replace fish oil supplements; one small sardine has over 100 mg of the omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA. Cod liver oil is not as valuable as other fish oils, because it is lower in omega-3s. Since it is derived from liver, it is very high in vitamins A and D. Excesses of Vitamin A and D are easily destroyed by light, heat and oxygen, so it should be added to the food at the end of preparation. These Vitamin E supplements are usually derived from soy. If your dog is allergic to soy, look for a cold-water dispersible or “dry” vitamin E. It is more expensive than vitamin E derived from soy, but is also more readily absorbed.

Some commercial kibbles include Vitamin E as a preservative, since it has potent antioxidant properties. The amounts used are relatively small and are rapidly depleted by oxidation as the food sits on the shelf. Vitamin E is swiftly destroyed by heat, light and air, so it should be added to the food at the end of preparation. Vitamin E is considered nontoxic, but in high doses may prolong blood clotting.

In the next issue, we will learn about carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, prebiotics, and supplements. See you next time!

NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
August 1, 2010

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://scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20100630.pdf. For a complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

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Lontree Wheatens – Joy Laylon
Phoenix, AZ
Two special kids sired by
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Lontree Wheatens – Joy Laylon
Phoenix, AZ
Ch Dundalk Put Me In Coach
“Fogerty”

Ch Marquee’s Tricks Of The Trade x Ch Dundalk Redhill Garden Of Good And Evil

All at Dundalk and Redhill congratulate our newest CHAMPION, Fogerty.

Many thanks to Gwen and Kent Meyer for their expert handling and care of our boy and to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California for a most enjoyable and memorable weekend.

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