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From the President
by Jinx Moore

Have you ever come across an old family scrapbook and started smiling as you leafed through the yellowed pages? That’s the way I felt researching the Club’s beginnings. It is so easy to visualize Ida Mallory’s kitchen on St. Patrick’s Day 50 years ago. “Inde,” “Minute Man,” aka “Rory” and “Little Firecracker” are asleep under the table. Ida, Margaret O’Connor, and Eileen Jackson, while sipping coffee, discuss how they are going to organize a small group of Wheaten lovers, and eventually become the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America. The founding of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America is recorded in the December 1962 issue of *Benchmarks*.

Margaret, Ida and Eileen continued as officers until 1969 when the offices of treasurer and four directors were added. The new officers were: President: Ida Mallory; Secretary: Eileen Jackson; and Treasurer: Mae Sullivan. Directors were: Pat Adams, Charles Arnold, Beatrice Bossert, Victor Munz, and Juanita Wurzburger. Pat Adams is still a member of the Club.

In the early years, members entered obedience so that Wheatens could be seen at dog shows. The Club was incorporated in 1970 in the State of New York with the following purpose: “For the advancement of the breeding of Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier dogs and the dissemination of knowledge regarding the same; the encouragement and fostering of dog shows, exhibitions and matches; the protection of the interests of breeders and owners; and the securing of legislation favorable to them; to preserve the quality of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers by encouraging the breeding of purebred Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers with the objective of bringing their natural qualities to perfection; to protect the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in the United States as a purebred dog by promoting the American Kennel Club’s History and Summary as the only standard of excellence by which the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier shall be judged in the United States of America; by making every endeavor to keep an accurate and complete registry of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers in the United States of America; to promote the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to be accepted and to promote continued interest; to place the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in geographically well-spaced localities throughout the United States of America; to work toward American Kennel Club acceptance and registration of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier as a regular class within the American Kennel Club; and to promote, guard, and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience and field trips.”

On our 50th Anniversary, Pan (Roberta) Vesley has graciously accepted the task of taking all of us down memory lane to share past events of the first 30 years and the people involved to make SCWTCA, Inc. what it is today.

Pan has been a member of SCWTCA, Inc. since 1973, and in 1991 authored *The Complete Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier*. In the introduction, Pan writes: “This book is the result of serendipity at its best. It is the culmination of two decades of exciting and rewarding involvement with Wheaten Terriers. Writing it has been a labor of love.”

Thank you, Pan, for sharing with us all:

Writing about the early history of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America is somewhat of a trip down memory lane for me. A more detailed history of this period is found in my book *The Complete Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier* (Howell Book House 1991), but I will try to do an overview of our growth from a small group of Wheaten owners to a truly national club with hundreds of members in the U.S. and abroad during its first 30 or so years.

After that first meeting in Ida’s kitchen, Margaret O’Connor, president, then sent a newsletter to 25 people. It was called “Wheaten Wires,” but she quickly recognized that “Wires” was not a good name and changed it to “Benchmarks.” The Club’s quarterly publication still bears this name. The Club’s main activities were keeping the stud book and publishing “Benchmarks.” Margaret’s first “Terrier Type” column in 1963 noted that there were 29 Wheatens in the U.S. A year after Margaret’s death in 1968, there were nearly 250 registered Wheatens.

As the number of dogs increased, more owners began to exhibit both in obedience and in
conformation. It soon became apparent that more work needed to be done in pursuit of AKC recognition. AKC required new breed clubs to hold matches and to have fairly wide distribution of its membership. The first Wheaten fun match was held on March 22, 1970 in Rockville Centre, N.Y. There were 35 entries with a disparate range of size, coat, and presentation along with many inexperienced exhibitors.

The composition of the Club’s Board of Directors changed in the 1960s and early 1970s. A new constitution was approved by the membership in 1968. The O’Connor family deserves a lot of credit for their work in the world of Wheatens. Without the meticulous recordkeeping by Margaret and her mother, Cecelia, AKC recognition might not have been possible.

From 1970-1973, rapid progress was being made toward the much-desired AKC acceptance. Matches were held under the Club’s auspices. However, during these years the controversy over presentation waged on. Rival clubs formed in New York and Pennsylvania, deeply divided by the trimming question. Despite their conflict, the two factions became united in the goal of AKC approval, which came in March 1973 when the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was admitted to the Terrier group. Some members objected to the group assignment, but AKC did the right thing. The Club held the requisite number of matches between 1973 and 1975, and was then eligible to apply for permission to hold licensed events where championship points could be earned.

The first Wheaten specialty show was held in conjunction with the prestigious Montgomery County Kennel Club all-terrier show in October 1975. This venue continues to be SCWTCA’s choice for an annual specialty although roving shows are held in various parts of the country. Local breed clubs supply the needed support.

In 1974, the format of “Benchmarks” was changed from an 8½” X 11” mimeographed publication to a digest-sized magazine. Cecelia Connor had been editor since Margaret’s death in 1968. Marjorie Shoemaker became the new editor, and served for 10 years. While holding an annual specialty show was a major project for the Club, the Board felt that communication with the members was crucial. Having an attractive, quarterly publication served this purpose. In 1975, a newsletter called “Wavelengths” was started. Its goal was to provide members with timely reports of official Club business while “Benchmarks” contained articles of general interest as well as advertising.

In 1975, SCWTCA began a breeder-referral service aimed at guiding potential owners to reliable member breeders. It became known as the Breeder Information Service. An attractive brochure titled “Shake Hands” was introduced. Work began on a Code of Ethics and an owner’s manual.

In 1976, Jackie Gottlieb was appointed as the regular breed columnist for the AKC Gazette. The Club held its first roving specialty in Colorado. This was also a time when health problems were starting to be investigated. Funds were allocated to support research. In 1979 the “Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Owner’s Manual” was released. A new breed standard was approved in 1982. The Club started an eye registry and approved a policy that breeders’ stock had to be OFA-certified before being included on the approved breeder’s list. The Board also approved an official logo designed by Marjorie Shoemaker, assisted by Gay Dunlap. It appears on Club stationery, publications, trophies, and medallions awarded to dogs becoming champions.

AKC is a club of clubs. SCWTCA’s application was approved by AKC in September 1983, and Gay Dunlap was the first delegate.

In addition to “Wavelengths” and “Benchmarks,” the Club publishes the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Yearbook. This is a continuation of the green book, a hard cover volume titled SCWTCA Celebrating Ten Years of Recognition, 1973-1982, edited by Cindy Vogels. It lists all champions and obedience title holders with their pedigrees and photos. Irish foundation stock and early imports are listed with their sires and dams.

In 1992, the Illustrated Standard was published. Jody Sylvester designed the book, and Gay Dunlap edited it. Its goal is to aid judges in evaluating Wheatens in the show ring.

“The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, a Buyer’s Guide” helps potential owners decide if a Wheaten is the right dog for them. It includes useful contact information and an order form for Club publications. The approved breeders list usually accompanies it.
I am sure that the little group that got together after the 1962 St. Patrick’s Day parade in New York City could not have envisioned what SCWTCA has become. It is the official source for breed information. Members generously support research and health issues in the breed. The Club maintains close ties with breed clubs in Canada and to British and European fanciers and underwrote an international conference in 1998. - Pan Vesley

Over the following 20 years, the Club continued to grow, adding six regional specialties to the National and Roving Specialty. As was stated, the first Wheaten owners entered their dogs in obedience in order for them to be seen at dog shows. You might say we have come “full circle,” with performance events being a big part of our Club today. Wheatens are not only recognized in obedience, but agility, herding, and therapy work as well.

In the early days, it was noted that health issues were becoming a concern. Since the ‘90s, we have supported six AKC Canine Health Foundation grants with matching funds from our Donor Advised Fund. Dr. Vaden at North Carolina State received one of the first grants that AKC-CHF awarded. The following is a time line of the efforts that have been made to address the health concerns of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.

1994—Colony Dogs Project at NC State—Donated affected male Wheaten bred to a Wheagle.

1996—Open Registry started at University of Pennsylvania.

2001—Founding of the SCWTCA Endowment to support research related to the health of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, and give individuals the opportunity to support health initiatives through tax-free contributions.

2001—Informative Family Study first started at University of Pennsylvania. This led to the Geriatric Study and the establishment of a DNA bank at U. of Penn. (At the present time there are almost 1,000 samples there, which have been shared with other researchers here and in Europe.)

2003—Results from the Open Registry are available on the website.

2004—Genetic Research Foundation is organized for the purpose of supporting genetic research.

2006—Canine Phenome Project and DNA Bank are founded at the University of Missouri.

2006—The first SCWTCA Health Newsletter is published.

2008—Wheatens participate in the NIH Lifetime Study, which is completed at the end of 2011. This is a 10-year study to determine diseases prevalent in the breed and find the genes related to those diseases.

2011—Genes responsible for PLN are identified by Dr. Henthorne. We anxiously await the identifying test to become available.

Health research has been a major focus of our Club, but we would be remiss to not mention the major milestones of the last 20 years that have made SCWTCA, Inc. what is today.

1989—CH Andover Song ‘N Dance Man, “Harry,” wins the Terrier Group at Westminster. Harry is the only Wheaten to ever receive this prestigious award.

1997—SCWTCA.org web site is developed.

1999—The Illustrated Standard is approved by AKC.

2001—14 Wheatens are rescued and placed by SCWTCA, Inc. Since 2001 there has been a yearly average of 93 rescued Wheatens successfully placed.

2004—Benchmarks is offered online.


2006—The Awards Presentation and Booklet are given at the Annual Dinner.

2007—www.sctpeds.com (SCWT Pedigree Program) is made available online.


2009—The first Breed Standard revision since 1999 accepting undocked tails with docked tails still being preferred; major faults in coats to be “frizzy, kinky” is approved by the membership and AKC.
2009—A Bylaws revision is approved by the membership for staggered two-year terms for Board of Directors.

2009—The Judges Education Committee develops a DVD, “Judge’s Education Guide,” for judging our breed. Copies are sent to all Wheaten judges.

2009—AKC approves Wheatens as a breed that may be judged on a ramp beginning January 1, 2009.

2010—Supported Entry Medallions are provided by SCWTCA to Regional Specialties and other selected AKC shows with a history of large Wheaten entries.

2010—Wheatens receive AKC approval to participate in Herding Events.

2011—Wheatens are recognized for Therapy Work and Community Service.

It is now 2012 and another important milestone in our Club’s history will be documented—SCWTCA, Inc.’s 50th Anniversary. In October once again we will all travel to Philadelphia to MCKC All-Terrier Show for our National Specialty as those dedicated Wheaten owners did for the first time in 1975. It will truly be “A Golden Celebration” you won’t want to miss, October 5th-7th!

AKC National Agility Invitational
(Held in conjunction with the AKC / Eukanuba National Championships)
Orlando, Florida December 17-18, 2011
by Bill Gore

Five top Wheaten agility teams from across the country converged on Orlando, Florida to compete in the AKC National Agility Invitational.

The top five scoring dogs (July to July of the past year) in each breed are invited, and nearly 600 dogs representing 100+ breeds participate. Standard and Jumper rounds on Saturday are followed by Jumper and Hybrid rounds on Sunday, and the 58 top dogs go on to the final round Sunday night. All five Wheaten teams had fast runs and few faults over the four, very challenging courses with a combined 14 out of 20 runs (70%) being clean. Bill Gore, with his dog Tipper, were the only ones to survive all four runs with no faults. They won the Top Soft Coated Wheaten Medallion, just edging out last year’s medallion winners, John Unruh and his Wheaten, Kylie, and the 2008 and 2009 winners, Lorri Ligato and Malley. Dina Melendez and Boone, plus Alison Bradley and Piper, were only a few points behind, and are definitely teams to watch for next year.

Wheaten Teams:

Bill Gore and Tipper - MACH3 Ballybae Katie’s Uptown Girl CD MXF - Connecticut

John Unruh and Kylie - MACH4 Heirloom Truly Irresistible RN OF - Colorado

Lorri Ligato and Malley - MACH8 Joy-Dells New Years Malley MXF TQX - Ohio

Dina Melendez and Boone - Dunfrac’s Red Gate Renegade MX MXJ OF – New Jersey

Alison Bradley and Piper - MACH Piper’s Irish Jig CD RN NF – Alabama

The top dogs (about 10%) from each jump height go on to compete in the finalists round on Sunday night. Bill and Tipper made the cut to the 16-inch group, and needed just one more clean and fast round. Alas it was not to be as they came up one weave pole short and finished 12th overall.

The National Agility Invitational will be back in Orlando next year, bringing together the fun and excitement of national level agility competition.
Erin Go Bragh! On St. Patrick’s Day 1973, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was recognized by the AKC for breed competition in the Terrier group. That recognition came as the result of many years of hard work by dedicated individuals who met the necessary requirements. We celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc., dating back to the 1962 Articles of Incorporation. To read those in full, see “From the President” which also details the history of our club.

This is an issue with endings and beginnings. We bid farewell to two individuals who had a strong impact on our club: Janet Turner Dalton and Leo Springer. It is sad to contemplate a dog world without them in it. The touching tributes to each are a good starting place for your reading.

On a magazine level, this issue marks the end of the performance articles with Beth Sorenson’s “Agility 101.” Beth has been very successful with multiple dogs, so her expertise is established. She writes in an informative style which encourages many to join this quickly-expanding world. The performance articles: herding, therapy, rally, and agility will eventually be linked to the SCWTCA, Inc. web site as a resource for those interested in enjoying one of these facets of dog sport.

Two new features debut in Benchmarks. You will see articles from our AKC representative, John Mandeville, who shares his wealth of experience and understanding of the American Kennel Club. John encourages you to contact him with questions that he may address in future articles. Don’t be shy! He has given you his e-mail address.

Also premiering is the first of a series of articles by Gwen and Kent Meyer. Both Gwen and Kent grew up in the dog world and have a deep interest in dog behavior. As handlers, breeders, and kennel owners, they have observed many breeds and have strong suggestions for us about how to have well-behaved dogs. Gwen and Kent have had formal training with some of the world’s foremost animal behaviorists, so their advice is well-grounded. They put forth the notion that there are four major components that influence a dog’s behavior: diet, sleep area, sex, and play. In this issue, they tackle the topic of food. Bringing anecdotal evidence to support this theory, the article is a fascinating read, and should motivate many of us to contemplate our dog-rearing practices.

We have made one more small change in Benchmarks. Color advertising in the print version is now available for the inside front and back covers at $75 per page. As always, copy is due one month prior to publication. See the subscription page for details.

Rescue. There is so much to be said about our organization which takes the cast-off Wheatens and finds them new homes. The best stories are those told by the rescuers, and those in rescue, who make the rehoming possible. You will find eight pages of rescue articles and personal stories. Fostering is certainly not the only help rescue needs, so read these articles and see where you might be able to lend a hand.

Anniversaries are celebratory. They look back on achievements and historic events that define a club. Anniversaries should also provide the opportunity for all of us to pause and ask ourselves what direction our club will take for the next 50 years. Critical to that question is also a personal one: where do I fit in? In what way, either small or grand, can I participate? Being a silent, nonfunctioning member of any club is not contributory. I challenge each and every one of you to answer that question for yourself. Look on pages 4 and 5 in your directories to see the myriad committees that can use your assistance. Addresses for committee chairs are there. What better way to celebrate the breed and embark on enduring friendships?
Please join us for the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Specialty weekend...
May 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2012

Friday: Garden State Terrier Club
Judge: Mr. Hans T. Lehtinen, Finland
Group: Mr. Bertram M. Tormey

Saturday: Bucks County Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Bruce R. Schwartz
Group: Mr. Kenneth M. McDermott
Sweeps: Dr. Valeria Rickard

Sunday: Trenton Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Otto Krcal, Austria
Group: Mrs. Lynne M. Myall

For additional information visit www.delvalwheatens.org
The Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club (Del Val) is offering for raffle this beautiful Oil Painting by Froukje Oswald of SEAMAR Kennels in the Netherlands.

The painting (18” x 24”) was originally given as a prize for BIS/BOS to Margret Moeller-Sieber's CH Wheaten Rebel's Evening Star for winning the 1991 Champion Club Match of the Dutch Wheaten Club with an entry of 98 Wheatens.

In the painting the sitting Wheaten is CH Wheaten Rebel's Quality Girl, the one lying is Wheaten Rebel’s Twilight Tara.

The painting was donated to the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club by Mrs. Moeller-Sieber as a fundraiser for the Club’s 41st Anniversary at their Bucks County Kennel Club Specialty, May 5, 2012.

Please use the raffle tickets on the next page to enter the raffle.

10 % of proceeds will be donated to Wheaten Health

Fill out the stub/s and send to:

Beverly McDonald
161 Sloop Rd
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

$5.00 each or 6 for $25.00
Beautiful oil painting by Froukje Oswald of SEAMAR Kennels, Netherlands.
Donated by Margret Moeller-Sieber

Drawing at Bucks May 5, 2012
$ 5.00 for 1, 6 For $25.00
Most dog owners have at least a passing familiarity with agility, a timed obstacle course for people and their dogs. Agility is a fun and exciting performance sport that can be enjoyed by both the casual participant as well as the more competitive enthusiast. It may be daunting to see an established team performing perfectly, but agility can be enjoyed at many levels, and the training process can be as fun as competition.

**General Information**

There are many organizations that host agility trials. My discussion will focus on AKC agility since that is the venue I am most familiar with, but I have included links to other agility organizations in the resource section.

Agility has three levels: novice, open and excellent. Three qualifying scores are required to move to the next level. Courses are longer and more challenging to navigate at each level. The two regular classes offered at all trials are standard and jumpers with weaves. Standard uses all the types of agility obstacles including the A-frame, dog walk, seesaw and table while the jumpers class is limited to jumps, tunnels, and the weave poles. More detailed descriptions of the obstacles, levels, courses and titles can be found at: [http://www.akc.org/events/agility](http://www.akc.org/events/agility). The dog’s jump height is determined by its height at the withers. Wheaten terriers are usually in the 16” class (for dogs over 14”-18”) or the 20” class (for dogs over 18”-22”). The handler can also choose to enter the preferred division allowing the dog to jump at a lower height (12” or 16”).

Two additional game classes may be offered, FAST (fifteen and send time) and time to beat (T2B). FAST allows the handlers to make up their own course, but requires two to three obstacles to be completed during the course with a minimum distance between the dog and handler. T2B is the only class without levels. The course time is set by the fastest run for each jump height. Points towards titles are earned for clean runs between the fastest course time and a preset maximum course time with more points awarded for faster runs.

**Getting Started**

To succeed in agility, the handler needs to make the training process fun and rewarding to the dog. Most dogs do find agility innately rewarding to some degree, but since each course is different and new sites can be quite distracting, it is important to build the dog’s focus on the handler and drive for the obstacles. A variety of motivators can be used to make agility exciting for the dog. Most handlers use a combination of toys, food, and physical play to keep their dogs interested in the game. A good foundation and training relationship with the dog will make everything easier as training progresses.

Before I start agility class with my dogs, I teach some useful beginning behaviors: looking at me; an informal heel on both sides; simple changes of direction while heeling; a sit, down and stay; a recall; and nose touch to hand. I also work on

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*Agility 101*

by Beth Sorenson

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shaping exercises that teach the dog to try new things to earn a reward. Some of the exercises I’ve taught are going around a pole (or soccer goal post), spinning to the right and left, placing two front (or two rear) paws on an object, and backing up.

Trick training can help build a nice training relationship with the dog. I have found that most people are more patient and less serious teaching tricks rather than formal obedience exercises which helps build a nice work ethic in the dog. If a handler has a background in training, simple exercises can be taught at home in a less distracting environment. Alternatively, there are obedience or agility trainers that teach foundation agility, obedience for agility, or tricks classes. These classes are useful in addition to training at home since dogs need to learn to work in more distracting environments. All of these options allow the handler and dog to learn to work as a team without complicating the process with obstacles. Some instructors introduce dogs to obstacles without any foundation work. Although this can work out for some dogs and handlers, in general a team will progress much faster with a basic training relationship established. Many beginner agility classes will require some basic obedience behaviors (usually sit, down, stay, and come). There also may be additional requirements (no dog aggression, the ability to work off leash, and a minimum age, usually around one year).

It’s important to find the right instructor either for foundation work or beginning agility training. Since agility is equipment intensive, it is difficult to do all the training at home (until the handler becomes truly addicted and builds or buys all of the equipment!) Look for an instructor who likes working with beginning students and enjoys the less common performance breeds. Many Wheaten Terriers have been quite successful in agility, but they will never be as common as some of the traditional agility breeds. One good way to find local instructors is word of mouth. Agility competitors can be helpful in recommending good trainers for beginners. Many competitors in conformation, obedience, or other performance events also compete in agility, and can recommend instructors or training facilities. Their recommendations would be especially useful if they have good rapport with their dogs. I have included a resource section at the end of the article that has e-mail lists and groups that can be used to help locate an instructor. A web search for agility training clubs can also be a useful starting point.

After identifying possible instructors, it is helpful to observe a class and evaluate the training methods. Agility should be fun and classes should be positive and upbeat. Instructors should spend equal time with all the students and the class size should be small. Most trainers have a progression of classes (frequently from three to five levels). Class duration varies but is usually six to eight weeks. The initial classes usually cover obstacle performance and basic handling (crosses and start line performance). As a team progresses, classes advance to sequencing multiple obstacles and more complex handling skills, eventually building to entire courses. Team advancement through the levels depends on the individual dog and handler as well as the time available to practice outside of class.

As the team progresses, it may be helpful to buy some equipment, in particular a jump or two, and the weave poles. Once the dog is comfortable performing the obstacles at class, it is important to take the show on the road. Quite a few training facilities offer ring rental time which allows dogs to practice on different equipment (sometimes classmates might also own equipment or might like to meet for practice). It is also useful to attend matches or run-throughs that expose the dog to new equipment and trial sites. Many trials allow
unentered dogs to attend which helps evaluate how a dog handles the extra chaos of a competition venue. A good trainer will help decide when a team is ready to enter a match or trial.

As a warning, although agility is fun and exciting for the dogs and handlers it can also be quite addictive! With the wide variety of organizations and levels, a handler can pick venues and goals that are challenging and achievable while getting mental and physical exercise for dog and handler alike.

Resources
Web sites
www.cleanrun.com a great selection of agility-related gear and information (including books, videos, motivating toys, and an agility magazine). This website also has a search engine for agility clubs and trainers (under the events tab, clubs and training links).

E-mail groups
Listserv group
Agiledogs can be found at: http://apple.ease.lsoft.com. E-mail discussion group for all agility topics (including local trainer recommendations).

Yahoo groups
Yahoo agility groups can be found at: http://groups.yahoo.com/
CleanRun: A discussion group for training, handling and anything related to the Clean Run magazine.
Wheatenagility: A discussion group for people involved in agility with their Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers.

Yahoo has many additional agility groups. Groups can be searched by keyword at the main web site above. Many areas of the country have a regional agility group that is a great resource for trainers, trials, and equipment in a geographical area. The group I currently use is ColoradoAgility. Typing in the state and dog agility in the search box should find any regional lists for an area.

Books and Videos
There are many books and videos available to help with agility training although they don’t replace a good instructor. These are some of the videos and books that I have found useful. Some of the books are written for the more casual participant and some are geared towards more competitive trainers, so please read reviews before purchasing. Individual instructors may use different methods and have recommendations for their favorite resources. All of these (and many more) are available at cleanrun.com. Many are available at amazon.com.

Agility Training
Having Fun with Agility (Margaret Bonham)
Beginner’s Guide to Dog Agility (Laurie Leach)
Agility Right from the Start (Eva Bertilsson & Emelie Johnson)
Flatwork Foundation for Agility (Barb Levenson)
Foundation Fundamentals DVD (Mary Ellen Barry)
Crate Games DVD (Susan Garrett)
Agility Foundation Training DVD (Greg Derrett)

Jump Training
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In Memoriam: Janet Turner Dalton

By Rubin Kaplan
Merimist Wheatens

Everyone seems to remember Janet Turner Dalton as a successful dog breeder of style, class, and intelligence. Indeed, she was all that. Luckily, I had the privilege to know her as a woman who was much more than that. She was a devoted mother, loving wife, and a caring friend to those who were fortunate enough to win her affection. Furthermore, she was a person of honesty and forthrightness that were beyond reproach. Oh, did Janet ever speak her mind!

I first met Janet in the very late ‘70s at a dog show, and we eventually corresponded when I was searching for my first Wheaten brood bitch. I knew immediately that her integrity was rare. One of her bitches had just had a litter, and she informed me that all the dogs would be sold as pets. I didn’t quite understand that as every breeder I knew always found several dogs in each litter that were sold as “show potential” dogs, but that was not Janet’s style. In a very long letter (yes, we wrote letters then before PCs and Macs), she explained that she would not allow a dog to be shown under her kennel name unless it was truly show-worthy. Her standards were high, and she never comprised … ever! We kept in touch with one another, and eventually a real friendship ensued. We spoke about everything imaginable, and the dogs eventually took a back seat to our friendship. Oh, there was humor that filled our conversations for so many years. We were like two kids sharing humorous tales and familial incidents as well as our feelings and relationships with our loved ones. We advised. We listened. We supported. It was all real and genuine. Janet cared! It was that simple.

She loved her children and was so wonderfully devoted to them. Oh, yes, she still spoke her mind, but it was with love and with a depth of feeling that

only a giving, compassionate mother could convey. We spoke so often about her concerns for Ian, David, and Kate. Any child would be lucky to have a mom who was so … well, loving.

As a wife, she was devoted to her first husband, Julian (an amazing man) who tragically died so young. She affectionately saw him through those difficult times after his diagnosis.

Her love for her second husband, Ed Dalton, (one of my favorite guys) was endearing and engaging. I loved standing outside the ring as Janet judged the Montgomery Sweepstakes and Ed and I tried to predict her winners in each class. (By the way, we called every class winner!)

And, as a friend, I have no words that can describe how unique and special she was. Every phone conversation we shared was filled with laughter, giggling, and just the right dose of “bitchiness” that still brings a smile to my face. Oh Lord, how we had fun!

So, friends, as you think of Janet’s contribution to our breed (which by any standards were amazing), I want you to know that she was a complete woman. She was a great mom, wife, and sister. She stood up for her friends. She spoke her mind. She bore the wrath of those who didn’t agree with her, and never regretted any decision she made. She was forthright. She was highly intelligent. She had unparalleled insight. Janet Turner Dalton was a great lady. I shall never forget her, and I miss her so much.
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E Pluribus Unum

There I was, struggling to come up with a topic for this issue and fearing I was going to have to tell Molly there’d be no Devil’s Advocate this time when, at the 11th hour, SCWTCA’s Board unwittingly rode to my rescue.

Their gift was the announcement of the new Discuss policy requiring Board approval of requests for donations or fundraisers by non-SCWTCA entities. Of course, discussion on Discuss followed along with demands for explanation. Hey, fine by me…I’m in favor of debate and Board transparency. Have at it, folks.

A friend asked me what the Devil’s Advocate thought of all this. Of course, he got a snarky answer. But what I really think is this: everyone’s talking about the wrong issue.

The right issue is: why do we still have multiple organizations raising money for Wheaten health?

Note the word “still.” I was there through it all. I know why the Endowment exists, what led to the GRF, and why there’s a separate appeal for the Colony Dogs. Depending on where you stand, what transpired was perfectly valid in whole or in part or just more counter-productive political garbage.

Here’s today’s truth: whatever spawned these organizations, it’s ancient history and absolutely not in the breed’s best interests today.

Today we’re either still in a recession or starting to come out of one, depending on which economist you believe. We have members and fanciers who have to make careful decisions about their involvement in the sport. Do we really think in today’s climate, we can support multiple fundraising efforts?

About 18 months ago, when Drs. Littman and Henthorn received their most recent AKC-CHF grant, portions of their request went unfunded. Behind the scenes, SCWTCA, the Endowment, and the GRF worked out an agreement to cover those costs.

Great, right? Everyone cooperated. Sure, that’s how it worked out. But it required three Boards to review the decision, the announcement, and the publicity. Not to mention a few noses out of joint at various points.

Playing these games makes no sense. It’s too cumbersome, too inefficient, and ‘way too prone to falling apart over that which dog people too often make more important than the dogs: personalities.

Some time back, I asked a few people what they thought of the three organizations. This was no scientific poll, just my trying to get information beyond my own perceptions.

I was taken aback by the responses. Silly me, I’d thought there would be no distinct differences. Instead, some people had strong feelings about each organization based on the personalities of certain people from each group.

Meaning it had nothing to do with what any group did or did not do. It was all about the people involved.

Excuse me…isn’t it about the dogs? Everyone says it is:

“The objectives of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. (SCWTCA, Inc.) shall be…to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed…”

http://www.scwtca.org/club/mission.htm
“The mission of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Genetic Research Foundation is to develop significant resources for basic and applied health programs, with emphasis on canine genetics to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners.”
http://scwtgrf.org/

“The SCWTCA Endowment, Inc. was established in 2001 by the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. for the purpose of supporting research related to the health of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. For example, we have funded grants and provided matching funds for grants approved by the American Kennel Club/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF).”
http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/

Exactly how much difference is there really in these mission statements?

Those of us who have been in Wheatens for years have lived through the health wars…the rumors about sick dogs, the failures to be transparent, the claims of “healthy” and “unhealthy” lines, the sometimes shameful behavior of those unable to see past their own concerns. Being an optimist…I think we’ve come out the other side and are making progress.

But multiple fundraising organizations existing solely because some of us like the people in one versus the other is just one more barrier to progress. There is no good reason for this to continue.

Lest anyone wonder who I’m blaming for this situation, well, no one has covered themselves with glory. It is long past time for someone in SCWTCA, the GRF, or the Endowment to have stood up and taken the lead in resolving this divide. The solution is obvious. There should be a single 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to Wheaten health. One. Period. This gives individuals the opportunity to make tax-free donations. SCWTCA should be sweeping any health funds into this organization.

Combine the existing organizations into a new one…the SCWT Health Fund, a new name. Let the boards of the existing organizations each put a few of their current members on the board of this new fund, write the Bylaws together, transfer their funds…and then immediately disband the old groups.

And while I’m waving my magic wand, let’s have this new Fund post its financial statements online so we know exactly where the money they beg for is going.

I can think of a lot of reasons to do this: stop the infighting; maximize contributions; reduce endless, competing fundraising solicitations and show solidarity at the time we most need it, when we are about to embark on the world of genetic testing.

I can think of only one reason NOT to do it: the people involved like having their own power structures.

Explain again to me how that benefits the dogs?

And just to be certain everyone understands The Devil’s Advocate puts her money where her mouth is: I’ve got a $1,000 contribution for that new 501(c)(3).
Rescue gives Wheatens, who have been relinquished or “dumped,” a second chance in a forever home. Most of the dogs come from puppy mills via pet shops or backyard breeders who do not have the best interest of the dog when they sell it.

I have now been the chair for many years, and it is the most time-consuming, frustrating, rewarding job that I have had in my lifetime. Twenty-four years of teaching special education was certainly a good basis for being Rescue Chair. I have seen great strides in how we handle this valuable part of the club. When I began this job, Jim Little sent me a little box of rescue files. That one box has grown to more than 12 file boxes full of records. Each dog that comes to Wheaten rescue has its own file, filed by year and matched with a master file. As the dog passes on, those files are reorganized and maintained.

Many club members and pet people help with rescue, and without all the support, it would be an impossible job. Florida, Colorado, and California do a great service handling their rescue organizations. A heartfelt thanks to all of the people who work tirelessly to give a Wheaten a second chance. Many think rescue means you have to foster a dog. That is not necessarily so. There are many other valuable facets to rescue where volunteers are always needed: home visits; taking dogs to vet checkups; transporting dogs; searching PetFinders for Wheatens; and identifying dogs who may be Wheatens.

Over the years I’ve tried to help several rescue groups. It hasn’t really worked out very well, as in a three-year period, rescue dogs have cost me personally about $7000 in damages to property and veterinary care, killing one dog, and leaving one of my own dogs with only one kidney. Most all-breed rescue groups seem to be run by humaniac-types who want to save everything even though a lot of rescues can’t and shouldn’t be placed. Then, too, there’s the fact that as a responsible hobby breeder, I struggle with the concept of being politically correct and promoting rescue, which really means that we’re promoting the backyard breeders and puppy mills that have created the problem and continue to stock the nation’s shelters. And so, a couple of years ago, I said, “no more” and told those groups that I couldn’t help them any longer.

I continue, however, to help SCWTCA Rescue any time I’m asked. I think, for the most part, that SCWTCA Rescue embodies the original theory of rescue, the task of rehoming good dogs whose owners have a sincere reason for giving up their dogs. Just the fact that they’ve gone to the trouble of seeking us out means that they want the best for the dog they can no longer keep. Oh, sure, there’s the occasional disposable dog, like the seven-year-old girl, a few years back, whose owners got a new Australian Shepherd puppy that they liked better than the Wheaten, and who handed her over to me and walked away as if they’d just taken out the trash. But then, there was Maggie last year, a very large girl with impeccable manners that belonged to a tiny elderly lady who was devastated because she could no longer safely care for her dog. I can’t say which of them was sweeter, the lady or her dog, and it was so wonderful to be able to ease that woman’s mind when she called to check on Maggie’s placement by telling her that Maggie was adored in her new home and changing the lives of her new owners. Or there’s the one I have now, a little girl whose owner died, leaving her a bit lost and confused. Or the guy last fall that was found dumped in a shelter in Nevada, missing one ear, with mats about 4” deep, and that just wanted someone to pay him some attention.

So here I am, helping as much as I can with these dogs that came mostly from pet stores. Some of them are really not very good looking, while a few
of them are not half bad, with better Wheaten type than we see sometimes in the show ring. Maybe it’s because they’re Wheats that they all seem so deserving of new homes, or maybe it’s because Nancy does such a great job with rescue, carefully following the strong, practical policies we have that ensure the dogs we get are going to be adoptable.

It’s truly reassuring to know that if there’s any history of bad temperament, the dog is not coming into rescue, or that if, after it gets here there’s a serious problem with it, it’s not going to be put up for adoption. It’s also good to know that every dog we place will be healthy at the time of placement because we’ve checked everything we can before it goes. It’s equally comforting to know that these dogs, some of which I get pretty attached to, are going to homes that have been screened every bit as well as those in which we place our puppies, and if they do come with any baggage, Nancy makes sure that the new owners are aware of it. Sadly, all that is nowhere near the norm for a lot of rescue groups.

It seems to me that, as “show” breeders, we can get so caught up in the dog show world that we get a sort of tunnel vision and that, while we acknowledge that there’s a bigger picture, we isolate ourselves from it and don’t want to get our hands dirty with it. Assisting with rescue is one thing that keeps my eyes wide open. I can honestly say that I’m the furthest from a humania as it is possible to be, and I truly hate the fact that any dog needs to be rescued, so I don’t believe anyone has to be passionately devoted to rescue in order to contribute.

I do believe, however, that every one of us should contribute in some way, and not just financially, because it keeps us in touch with the world of pets. It doesn’t have to be as complicated as fostering a dog; it’s just as important that we do little things, such as checking in person at a shelter to see if a dog they say is a Wheaten actually is one. Working with SCWTCA Rescue gives us a great framework that makes it easy for all of us. Believe me, I’ve worked with the worst of rescue groups and I know how not to do it. SCWTCA does rescue the right way. Saying that and calling ourselves responsible breeders, isn’t it better that we be the ones to take responsibility for Wheats that need rescue rather than leaving it to some other organization that isn’t as well qualified?

Millie
by Mary Yourich

What were you doing on New Years Eve?? Wheaten Rescue was already at work transporting the first dog in 2012. Let me tell you about Millie... Millie was left at a shelter in Kansas City, KS as her owners moved and could not take her to Maryland. Wheaten Rescue contacted the shelter; thus Millie’s story begins!

We wanted to get her into a transport so she could get to me in Cleveland, OH. E-mails were quickly sent out. With the help of the shelter and Wheaten club members, we accomplished her transport. Susan McGee and Bob and Elaine Azerolo jumped right in to help out, and both drove an unbelievable amount of the transport. I also met, via a friend with Great Pyrenees Rescue, a volunteer who helped drive that night. I was helping Airedale Rescue at the time, so we coordinated a transport with the Airedales. My good friend with Airedale rescue went with me as we dropped off two Airedales on our 3-1/2 hour drive to Ft. Wayne, IN to pick up Millie. At midnight we were on the turnpike heading towards home. Millie had been on the road approx 15 hours at this point, and was a perfect passenger. I quickly fell in love with her. I had her a short time in my home as she was adopted by a wonderful couple in the state of Washington. Talk about a traveling dog! With the help of the SCWTCA members, Airedale Rescue, and Great Pyrenees Rescue, her new life began.......
Holly
by Bob Peck
This the saga of Holly who was found by a jogger in Monroe, Michigan with a note pinned to her collar saying:

MY NAME IS HOLLY
I’M A SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER
MY BIRTHDAY IS OCT. 2, 2002
MY OWNER CAN’T KEEP ME
I NEED A FENCED YARD

She was turned into the shelter in Monroe, and Mary Yourich picked her up. She had some problems with Mary’s dogs, so she went to Pennsylvania to be fostered by Bob Peck who worked hard with her. She eventually improved, getting along with Bichons and others except for one Wheaten. Due to Holly’s age, she was not an easy placement. When Julie Burdick placed her bio on her web-site, Holly found a wonderful, forever home in Washington. Her new owner, Nancy Fox, adores her and Holly is leading the life she deserves.

P.S. The saga continued. Two vets had certified that Holly was spayed, but she came into a heavy season two days after arriving in Washington. Emergency surgery followed with the end result that a cyst was removed from her ovary and she was spayed.

Happy
by David Vannoy
Happy was rescued four years ago from an Amish puppy mill. We received a call from Nancy Butler that No More Tears rescue was coming to Lancaster, PA to remove Wheatens from this mill. Nancy asked us to foster a Wheaten until she could find a forever home. We brought Happy home that day and fell in love with her immediately. Needless to say, we adopted her. We socialized her, and she went every place we could take her. I found out about the Kpets therapy and inquired. We went through different classes to get certified. I also work at a physical therapy office, and she would come to work with me. We enjoy working as a team, and she is a sweetheart. Happy became a certified Therapy Dog in June 2011.

Happy and Marlene visit nursing homes weekly. Happy loves to interact with the residents. She brings happiness and sunshine to many residents who never get visitors. She will sit and lie with them, and sometimes wants to get in bed with them. She makes everyone feel very special. There are depressed people, and when she spends time with them, they will talk and smile. We are currently waiting to see if she can participate in the victim-witness program at our local courthouse. We recently gave a presentation. Her job would to help children that have to testify be more confident. It’s amazing to consider where she came from, and what she has become. She sure lives up to her name. She is one HAPPY GIRL!
Why do we do rescue? It is hard to summarize it in an article. Our days are filled with sending out e-mails, returning calls, viewing the rescue sites to contact shelters that have Wheatens, and transporting them to safety. It is the hardest job I have had but the most rewarding. No words can explain the feeling I get when I see a foster, who has been discarded by its family, blossom in our homes. I have slept on the couch with the sick or scared ones, held them, telling them that they are safe now. I have met the most unbelievable people, whom I now call friends, that do rescue, or have opened up their homes to adopt one of my fosters. I can truly say my life has become better by working in rescue.

My favorite quote is, “The greatness of a Nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” - Mahatma Gandhi. If this is true, we have a lot of work to do, one dog at a time.

I believe I had approximately 10 fosters in my home in 2011. Each told a different story: some were pulled from shelters; hoarding situations; one because he liked to swim in their pool; or some owners were sick and could no longer care for them. The stories go on and on as will our work. Thank you to the SCWTCA for allowing me to do this. Following are two successful rescues with which I worked.

Angus now known as Bailey
Eileen now known as Lucy

In Feb 2011, the news hit the Cleveland newspapers and TV about a dog-hoarding situation in the area. There were 120 dogs in a smaller home and several dead dogs in the house. The SPCA rushed in; they had to climb over three feet of feces and garbage to rescue the dogs. Dogs were fed raw vegetables and uncooked rice. When the SPCA released the breeds involved, I immediately contacted Nancy. There were two Wheatens that the SPCA turned over to us, a male and a female. They were known as Angus and Eileen. The crate Angus was housed in was so attached to the floor by feces and urine that it had to be cut from the floor to get him out! He had been in that crate for months. My master bedroom floor was covered with tarps held down by x-pens on top. Tarps had to be hung around Angus’s crate since he was used to going to the bathroom in his crate. They were not spayed or neutered, so Angus and Eileen had to be kept separate. Within a few days a transformation took place - they were dogs again! They loved going outside, eating good food, and having clean water; most important they were loved here. We do not know how long they were in that home, but knew it had been a long time since their feet had touched grass and they smelled fresh air. They made huge strides in their training. Both were adopted out and now are known as Bailey and Lucy.
This is a difficult assignment. To write a book about Wheaten rescue would be easy as each dog would write its own chapter. To write a short piece on what Wheaten rescue, fostering, and rehoming means to me is daunting. Nevertheless, here are my thoughts.

On June 14, 1987, I first saw a Wheaten. Actually, I saw seven all at once at a dog show. I had just retired and could once again have a dog in my life. The first had been a gift from my Godmother on my first birthday – a pedigreed Belgian Sheep Dog registered in my own name. As a preteen, I had a Cocker Spaniel that was a gift, and as a young woman, I had a Standard Poodle, yet a third gift. The new dog was a retirement gift to myself. Within a month of that 1987 day, I had my very own Jillian. (She lived to be 17 years and two weeks old.) This was at a time when obtaining a SCWT was a matter of meeting a show breeder and getting on a waiting list of a year or more. Jill was an aristocrat and a “pick puppy” who proved to be too timid to be finished and bred. She became our treasure, and through her I entered a bigger world of dogs.

Within a month I met a woman new to the area who had four Wheatens. She was showing her champion Sadie who would soon be bred. We were both at passages in our lives, and I became her “handlers assistant.” We became fast friends.

I doubt that in 1987 you heard Wheaten and rescue in the same sentence, but within a few short years, Wheatens became quite popular, and the commercial producers acquired breeding stock leading to the need for a system to aid the “throwaway dogs.” I was drawn into the fray and learned about the breed-specific efforts in other areas, so I became involved in Wheaten rescue. Though it can be emotional and challenging, it is most gratifying to know that I have been able to afford a number of dogs the chance to live out their natural life spans enriching peoples’ lives. Wheatens do that so well. Though the rescued dogs are not from the kind of careful, nurturing breeders I respect, their SCWT instincts are so strong that they emerge when properly cared for, no matter how bereft their pasts have been. Having a hand in that process has been educational and has provided satisfaction in the extreme.

As I write, Noelle is at my feet. For her I broke the rule about not keeping a rescued dog. From the beginning, I stated that if we kept the first one, we could not help the next one. She was in a group of discarded breeding stock from a puppy mill in Michigan. She was about five years of age and weighed 21 pounds (her normal weight is now 37 pounds). Three-quarters of her left ear flap had been torn off at some point and two teeth were broken – I am told these caged dogs try to chew their way through the metal. A broken spirit, upon arrival she tried to stuff herself into a four-inch space between a cabinet and the wall, then headed for what looked like a space under the refrigerator. She has successfully overcome her past, likes meeting and greeting people, and her best friend is a magnificent Great Dane who stops for a visit on his daily walks. She lolls on her back in the sun and acts like a princess.

Please know that you too can join in the effort. While not everyone can foster, there are several other ways to help that do not require the commitment of taking a foster dog for two or three weeks of observation and evaluation. There is support at all stages of the rescue process and a fund for vet costs. So give yourself a treat and give Nancy Butler, the current Rescue Director for SCWTCA, a call to find out how you can participate in an activity that will greatly enhance your dog world connection.
My volunteer work with SCWTCA began with an e-mail on October 13, 2010, from Nancy Butler, the rescue chairperson. She had a three-year-old male coming in. He had been adopted to a family through another rescue. Prior to adopting the Wheaten, the family owned a young Springer Spaniel who developed Springer rage, attacked a four-year-old child and had to be put down. Fergus came to them from a shelter and immediately jumped up on the child who had been victimized by the Springer. The child interpreted the gesture as an attack, and a normal friendly Wheaten greetin’ lost Fergus his home.

I had a lot of previous rescue experience with all breeds and had volunteered for about eight years with a Bichon Frise rescue, so I was not put off by Nancy’s description that Fergus had no socialization or training. I met the people who were turning Fergus in at a turnpike stop just over the New York border, a halfway point. Fergus was shy and hid behind the legs of his owners. (They had had him for a total of three days and the shelter would not take him back.) Fergus would not let me touch him or feed him. I had the owner load him into a crate in the back of my car for the transport home. I remember thinking, what have I gotten myself into.

Flash forward a couple of days and Fergus has joined the population in my house. I have a pair of Bichon Frises (result of failed fostering efforts), a nine-year-old neutered male Wheaten, and a neutered 10-month-old male Wheaten puppy. We were all “camped” out in my family room, watching a basketball game on TV when Fergus jumped up and started spinning like a mad dog and barking. I saw no trigger for this, and my dogs had done nothing to provoke the incident. Fergus calmed himself and not two minutes later, it happened again. Was I seeing seizures? Then it dawned on me: Fergus was reacting to the referee’s whistle in the basketball game on TV. The only two things that I could think of to help Fergus was to turn off the TV to stop the whistle or to get him to a part of the house where he could not hear the whistle. Of course neither of these solutions would be permanent. I ordered a referee’s whistle on the internet, and set about trying to desensitize poor Fergus to the sound of the whistle. The plan was to blow the whistle and give Fergus a treat repeatedly until he associated the whistle with good things happening for him. Surprise..... Fergus could not have cared less if I blew that whistle. It had no affect on him whatsoever. He only reacted to whistles through the TV. Even if a whistle blew during a police drama, Fergus would perform his act.

Nancy hooked me up with a behaviorist who volunteers with rescue, and she had never come across anything like this before either. Our best guess was that someone had trained Fergus using a whistle and punished him for failure, hence the negative association with the whistle.

As my bond with Fergus grew, I was able to gently lay a hand on him while the family was watching...
TV, and Fergus would be able to stay calm in the presence of TV whistles.

Here is an excerpt from one of my reports to Nancy on Fergus. This was about 10 days after he had been at my house:

_Fergus was making big strides with his citizenship. He loves clicker training, and he now knows sit, spin, down, touch the floor with his nose, touch my hand (target), come when called, belly rub, stay, and wait. He does not jump out of the car until he is invited. He will jump into the crate in the back of my car on command to go for car rides. None of these commands is proofed yet. He is very much learning, the basics are there, and he performs them willingly. Most times I can call him from playing with Atticus. He is doing much better with strange dogs in PetSmart. He no longer overreacts to them, and obeys the leave-it command when we pass a strange dog on our walks._

After a month or so, Nancy found a nice family in New York. I drove Fergus up to meet them. There was a mother, father and two teenaged boys in the family. Fergus was on his best behavior. He played with the father and the boys in the backyard. I was so proud of him. The father was a doctor and thought he noticed that Fergus had a slight limp. This dissuaded them from adopting Fergus.

In the car on the way home, I remember being very discouraged. Fergus was my first rescue with SCWTC and I was not finding him a home. This was not fun!

We took Fergus to my vet and rescue paid to have Fergus’ hip xrayed to determine if he had displasia. My vet opined that Fergus had a loose hip socket but no displasia. He said that a large percentage of dogs had this same condition and it was easily managed with exercise to build the hip muscles, glucosomine/chondroitin to keep the joint healthy, and good diet to keep Fergus at an appropriate weight.

In January, we found a wonderful couple who live in Upper New York state who adopted Fergus. They had owned a Wheaten previously, and were looking for an older Wheaten to adopt. They have no children other than Fergus. He goes to doggie daycare two days per week. He has been through several levels of obedience training. He no longer spins at whistles on TV. Fergus goes for a several-mile walk through the woods when his people get home from work. He will be starting agility training with his new vet’s blessing. The new vet said that the work the family has done with the hiking and exercise has built up his hip muscles to the point where no special care must be taken.

Every dog who comes through our rescue has a story like Fergus and when you get the opportunity to work with great people and the dogs end up with loving families like Fergus did, I ask: how can one not volunteer for rescue? It just feels so good when you find just the right home for a dog!

_Madeline and Rags: Two More Successful Wheaten Rescues_

Madeleine - owned by Tom Baldrich

Rags - owned by Debbie D. Benedetto
My husband and I rescued Phoebe in November 2010, but perhaps we should say she “rescued” us! Our previously rescued Wheaten died suddenly in September of that year. We were without a dog, and were beginning our search for another. We talked with Nancy Butler at the Montgomery Show in October. Nancy put us in touch with “foster mom,” Mary Yourich in Ohio, who had Phoebe. We flew out to get Phoebe, and that was the beginning of a growing bond for the three of us.

Phoebe is such a happy girl. She loves going everywhere with us—on our walks and hikes in the woods, rides in the car, trips in the airplane, and visits to friends. Her favorite inside chew toy is antlers, but outside she’ll search for sticks and likes to play “keep away” with them. Although she doesn’t seem to like her “snow jacket,” she loves the snow. She has earned her Good Canine Citizenship title, but still has trouble containing herself when greeting visitors! Phoebe has truly brought us much happiness and great joy.

**Transporting Rescue Wheatens**

by Victor Pescatore

My very first transport was for a dog named Danny who lived in Connecticut. I spoke with the owner and made all the arrangements, which involved meeting him at a hotel parking lot just off the highway on a Saturday morning. When I met the owner, he was very quiet. As quickly as possible he handed me Danny’s food and other supplies to help ease with his transition. Now it was time to hand Danny over to me and for him to say goodbye to his longtime friend. It was at this time you could see his owner becoming very emotional. He gave Danny a hug and kiss goodbye and walked away. I am sure this had to be one of the most difficult decisions he has ever made about anything in his life. It is tough to see someone try not to breakdown right in front of you. Transport can be a very emotional experience and you must be sensitive to what everyone is going through.

When I met with Danny’s new family, I could see how excited they were especially their two boys. It was as if they just won the lottery. It was a moment I know they will never forget, nor will I. After a few minutes, I could tell this was the right family for him and what a wonderful job Nancy did in matching him up with this new family. Danny is now named Gator and lives in Maryland with a great family who gives us updates and pictures every few months.

I choose hotel parking lot settings to pick up and deliver rescues since hotels are usually close to the highway, quiet during the day and have a few grassy areas for the dog to do its business. Plus, hotels are neutral ground for all those involved. All of my transport dogs are put into a crate since you just never know how they will react to being in an unfamiliar car with a stranger. A window is kept open for some fresh air and music low to try and keep them calm while in my care. It is very common for dogs to travel hundreds of miles by car or plane to get to their new forever homes. Many of my trips may be seven to ten hours roundtrip, and involve dropping the dog off with its new family. Occasionally transports can go two days depending upon distance, with the dog staying overnight in my house. It truly takes a tremendous amount of detail work, coordination, and communication between families, fosters, drivers, shelters, and club rescue to have a successful transport.
Grandma’s Attic
by Jackie Gottlieb

As we approach our 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, it is fun to reminisce about all the milestones we have celebrated, and to look forward to the great events to come. The next big event is our Roving, again to be hosted by that energetic, talented Southern California club in the gorgeous grounds of the Queen Mary Park.

The first Roving was held in 1976, in conjunction with the “4 C’s,” to celebrate the bicentennial of the founding of the U.S. The Colorado dog clubs got together to honor the event by holding five shows in eight days in the Denver area. Living in Boulder, Colorado at that time, I could not resist the opportunity offered by the cluster to do all the work when a breed held a Specialty with them. I was on the Board at that time and sort of steamrollered it through. Dan Shoemaker, our President at that time, became a bit hesitant, but I had jumped the gun and, uncharacteristically, acted immediately and got AKC approval. A tradition was born.

We were living at the top of a foothills subdivision, elevation 7200 feet, 200 feet over Boulder. The house had a name … Pikes Peak, and was reached by a series of some of the steepest switchbacks in the country. A very hardy group of pioneers repaired to the Wild West and set a precedent for the great Rovings to come. Several stayed with us in our mountain home (my mother described it as “a rabbit warren of little rooms,” four levels with a bath on three with lots of stairs), with a tiny Pullman kitchen. It was a pretty rustic abode, but boasted clear mountain air and the aroma of pines. Dan, great sport that he turned out to be, brought a dog and stayed in the attic as Marjorie was home with puppies. My most cherished memories of that event were of Janet and Julian Turner, both now sadly, prematurely, gone from our midst. How appropriate that our 2012 Roving is going to be held in Janet’s memory. She was the star. I barely knew her before, but she pitched right in, and made the hospitality possible. An elegant lady in the southern tradition, she undertook any chores that came to her eagle-eyed attention, and there were plenty. Every night whoever could get up the mountain came for dinner. Fortunately, at that time, Colorado beef was wonderful, and you can’t believe how many people can subsist on a London broil. When it came time to prepare for our final get together, Janet undertook to clean and polish all our silverware, including a huge antique silver supper dish.

Janet left many legacies, she was a gifted breeder, had a superb eye for a dog, a commitment to breed type, and the courage of her convictions. Dan also was always there, lending a hand with endless domestic jobs, including making the puff pastry shells for the hot crab hors-d’oeuvre.

The road to the show was very scenic…unless you were so scared you closed your eyes. The visiting flatlanders were very quiet as we scooted them down that bumpy dirt road in our tiny, original Subaru, or that 1972 Chevy Suburban, in those days a truck with a metal floor, so everything rattled around as it zoomed along.

I must add a few recollections of Julian, the ultimate Southern gentleman, and a banker. He and my husband, a reserved, non-doggy person, really enjoyed each others company. Gene’s triumph was to persuade Julian not to wear a tie to the dog show…definitely not the dress code for that cowboy atmosphere. Then there was the gold panning expedition. Julian looked forward to visiting Colorado to pursue his gold panning hobby. The two very conservative, cautious gentlemen, armed with tin pans, set off for the high country to catch gold nuggets in the stream. It was very late May, and the usual mountain weather reared its head… violent thunderstorms. Our careful friends, who never did anything without due consideration, stood in water and hoisted those pans overhead for protection. Luckily they were not stuck by lightening, and provided us with a long-lasting chuckle. That was Gene’s favorite dog show weekend, and he still
cherishes Julian’s memory. Yes, there were a few gold nuggets in the pan when they returned home… soggy, but very happy.

We had a big party after the show. Dan and the ladies managed to make a feast, including some home-made stuff, done up Eastern style, using Janet’s shining silver servers. Then came the big surprise… a typical Colorado early summer snow storm, quite a challenge for those who had driven up. The parade featured Kathy Clarke’s boyfriend’s Peugeot, whose chassis could be raised and lowered. With considerable fear and trepidation, they crawled down the hill to civilization and safety. We were a small group, but we set a precedent for all the wonderful Rovings to come.

When Janet and Julian sponsored the South Carolina Roving, thus far the only Southern venue, we enjoyed traditional, warm, Southern hospitality… highlighted by a real southern barbecue dinner. The Turner’s elegant home was the setting for a classic weekend in the South. The setting was wonderful, and just a taste of the kind of hospitality Janet, and later Ed, have offered, wherever they lived. That Roving was very informal, relaxed and fun. We had majors, dogs were finished, and we were a happy family. I can’t remember who won, and I can no longer reach up to the Yearbook shelf to find out. It didn’t matter, it was all about people.

Janet’s passing was a great loss for Ed and her three children, and we were saddened to lose her so soon. How appropriate that a Roving Specialty is offered in her honor.

AKC Basics
by John Mandeville

John, our SCWTCA, Inc. delegate to the AKC, worked for the organization in most of its departments for 27 years. John has been in dogs all his life, beginning with OES, then Norfolk Terriers and Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. With his wife Pam, John owns, breeds and shows Wheatens under the prefix Banner.

My guess is the average fancier knows next to nothing about the American Kennel Club and could care less as long as their wins are accurately recorded, and they receive their title certificates promptly. Ditto registrations.

Let’s start with AKC’s structure.

AKC is often referred to as a club of clubs. People do not belong to AKC; they use its services and may be members of AKC recognized clubs, but they do not belong to AKC.

AKC’s members are clubs. To be completely accurate AKC is a club of some clubs. There are 603 AKC member clubs, just 12% of the 5088 clubs AKC recognizes.

“Technically,” AKC is its 603 member clubs. Each member club is represented by a delegate of its choosing. The unique powers of the delegates are:

- Approve all changes to AKC’s Constitution and Bylaws.
- Approve the Rules governing registrations, discipline, dog shows, and field trials.
- Approve new AKC member clubs.
- Elect the members of delegate standing committees.
- Only delegates may serve on AKC’s Board of Directors.
- Nominate and elect candidates for AKC’s Board of Directors.
- Vote to uphold or overrule an AKC Board decision, to disapprove a delegate candidate, or to remove a seated delegate.
- Vote to discipline, and even to expel, a member club.

Delegates exercise these powers/responsibilities by:

- Attending and voting at the quarterly delegate meetings (March, June, September, and December).
• Attending meetings and/or serving on a delegate standing committee.
• Bringing proposals/requests from their clubs to the delegate body (by speaking from the floor at a delegates’ meeting) and/or to a specific delegate-standing committee as appropriate.
• A member club through its delegate may propose amendments to AKC’s Bylaws and to the various Rules.
• Informing the Boards of their respective clubs of delegate body and AKC actions.
• Acting as an ombudsman for the members of their club dealing with AKC; this assistance will typically be advising the department or individual at AKC to contact.

The single most important thing delegates do is elect AKC’s Board members. AKC’s Board has the greatest impact on the sport of any identifiable entity concerned about purebred dogs: more about them another time.

AKC’s Board does not run the day-to-day operations of AKC… things such as registration, approving events, recording results (and sending out those title certificates), approving judges, monitoring legislation, and the myriad of other AKC business functions are done by a professional staff.

Since late 2003, AKC’s impressive technical staff has been headed by Vice President and Chief Information Officer Charlie Kneifel, who reports to Chief Operating Officer John Lyons. They are responsible for operations at AKC’s Raleigh, North Carolina location.

So…is AKC its Board? Staff? Member Clubs? Delegates? The rest of us? It all depends.

Next time…what would you like to know about AKC? Email me at bannerwheatens@comcast.net and let me know.

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Remembering Leo Springer
by Barb Peterson
Vermillion Kennels

Where to begin and where to end. Leo was an amazing man, a true gentleman; a man with a multitude of interests who loved the people he met in life, was passionate about his dogs, unfailing in his word, and possessing a superb sense of humor.

We all knew Leo as that tall, beautifully dressed, gray-haired gentleman with a Wheaten. Sweet, kind, soft-spoken all fit too. I first met Leo when he came to my home to pick up his little girl, Dindi (pronounced Gingi if you don’t know by now), as we forayed into Irish-coated Wheatens. He was confident. Little did I know that, over the next few rocky years as we came to embrace this different look, I would turn to Leo to share some of that confidence to keep going.

If you gave Leo his car, camera, Mac toys, a stack of new white towels from Costco, and a dog, he was happy to travel anywhere for a dog show or to meet friends or family. There were many trips across country: Montgomery; Regina, Saskatchewan; Edmonton, Alberta; or just to Wisconsin to visit relatives, and he was happy. Most often he would take a different route each time to see what was there along the way - and he would find great coffee.

Leo played the bassoon and sax in the Army band back in the day when the best of the L.A. studio musicians were also playing in the Army band. Leo loved music from jazz to opera.

Also a very avid sports fan, Leo enjoyed competitive tennis in his youth as well as driving his own race car, a Jaguar 120. He followed tennis, golf, soccer, cricket, and rugby and always auto racing. He was a voracious reader with an eclectic taste from the New Yorker to Nature, novels or nonfiction, science and technology, or politics. While in the hospital in his final days, he was reading Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson and Luther’s Aesop by Cal P. E. Springer, his nephew.

Leo married the love of his life, Roxanna, in 1979. They enjoyed many of the same interests over the years, but mostly shared a great love of Wheatens.

Leo could build a house...or I should say, add on to double the size of their home, and remodel the remaining house to make it into one you would find in a magazine. And, he was a fabulous gourmet cook and baker, often bringing treats to others in need. Leo always took a photo to share with those far away.

Leo worked as a publicist for media personalities in his earlier days and then spent 40+ years at General Dynamics. Leo’s life was marked by diverse occupations as well as interests in his life.

Leo was also a data keeper, maintaining immaculate records of wins and losses within our breed, championships, titles, and that most valuable, searchable Open Registry database. This behind-the-scenes work will be very hard to replace. We thank you, Leo, for setting the bar so high and for your countless hours of work and dedication to the Wheaten of the future and to the SCWTCA, Inc.

The Wheaten world has lost a true friend and he will be missed by all of us and his beloved Wheatens too. In addition to Roxanna he is survived by Dindi, Gus, Daisy, Sead, new puppy Sax, and brother Harpo, all at home. Rest in peace my dear friend, rest in peace.
A Tribute
To our “Belle”

CH Greentree Moonstruck Fairy Tale

“Belle”
X
“Monty”

CH Greentree Skellig Samba Par Ti
produced these lovely babies

Her Credits….

RICKY - BIS, BISS, AM GCH, Can CH
Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man
❖ No. 10 ranked in US, No. 2 ranked in Canada, Sire of No.1 Wheaten in Canada

SASSY - AM GCH Moonstruck
Sanddollar Sassy Salsa
❖ No. 7 ranked in US

ROCKY - AM GCH Moonstruck
Million Dollar Baby
❖ Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee

LUCY - AM GCH Greentree Havana
Moon-Struck
❖ Head, coat, type, a real standout

NEALA - AM CH Moonstruck
Rhumba Rhythm NA NAJ
❖ Now rocking the Agility ring

ABBEY - Moonstruck Foxy Flamenco
❖ Spoiled pet and debutante

BOSTON - Moonstruck Paso Doble
❖ Adored pet and best kisser

DUFF DUFF - Moonstruck Twilight Tango
❖ Loved pet and sweetie boy

LEXI - Moonstruck Cha Cha Cha
❖ Adored pet and dancing queen

RILEY - Moonstruck Lambada
❖ Spoiled girl and high sea’s sailor

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I first met Annabelle when she was a 7-week-old puppy. She was known then as “The Little White Girl” for the white ribbon tied around her neck, and for her petite size. Annabelle has stayed petite, never weighing more than 28 pounds. Every morning of her life with me, she has whirled, twirled and hopped her way to the door to greet the day, and every morning I laugh like it’s the first time. Her whirls and twirls are still pretty fast, but her hops aren’t quite as high. She still enjoys her walks, and still LOVES cookies. These days, she shares her home with a 5-year-old male Wheaten, whom she delights in keeping in line. Annabelle is my first Wheaten, and she is my heart dog. I cannot thank Susan Sakauye enough for letting her Little White Girl come to live with me almost 13 years ago.

Owner: Sandra Lightner
Breeder: Susan Sakauye

Small in stature, big in heart, Bridey has always been in charge. Whether she’s patrolling her deck, warning other dogs to stay away, being naughty on the grooming table, or strutting her stuff on a walk, she makes sure that she is a force to be dealt with.

That tough exterior belies Bridey’s soft, loving heart. She loves attention from friends and strangers alike and snuggles in bed on cold nights to the point that I can’t move. Bridey frequently pokes me with her nose, just to let me know she’s there.

Until recently, Bridey was usually mistaken for a puppy due to her “puppy-like” behavior and small size. A few months ago, soon after the loss of our beloved Tucker, she had an onset of seizures, leading to a diagnosis of a probable brain tumor. However, Bridey is a fighter.

Despite missing Tucker and her Grandpaw, she seems happy and continues to like to go for car rides. Bridey remains in charge, demanding her meals and frequent treats! I love my ‘Lil Bridey Girl!

Owned and Loved by Ann Warren
Happy Birthday to CH Lil’Town Rendezvous in the Park (Casey)
(CH Ballymena-Kennally Kokopelli x CH Lil’Town Midnight Flirtation CD)
DOB: November 28, 1998

Times change, people’s lives change, but a dog’s love for his family doesn’t. For 13 years, we have been blessed to have Casey welcome us when we come home and to celebrate our good days and to erase our bad days with a tail-wagging greeting. When he is not chasing soccer balls, making his rounds to know where everyone is in the house, or enjoying his Sunday morning scrambled eggs, Casey plays guard dog against his life-long nemeses, the vacuum cleaner and dishwasher. Even in his old age, Casey always has a seemingly endless supply of energy to play; at the same time he always enjoys an afternoon nap curled up on the couch with us. With all of the commotion in the world today, often what makes us feel best is Casey’s simple, unconditional love. Whether times are good or bad, he is always there to love us. He doesn’t care what car we drive as long as there’s a seat for him, or how big our house is as long as there is room for his toys and a backyard to dive into the snow. This Wheaten has made our home a much happier place.

Owners: John, Robin, Mike and Mat Lask
Breeder: Carol Shaltz

Happy Birthday to Ceili’s Eccentric Orbit OA AXJ MXP AJP (Halley)
(CH Caraway Worth Your Thyme x CH Waterford Just A Second CDX OA OAJ NAC NJC NGC CGC)
DOB: February 28, 1999

Halley is a delightful dog. Her self-image formed when she was a puppy, and hasn’t changed since. She turned 13 in February, but still play-bows and spins like a youngster. She also thinks she’s the size of a puppy, so when she decides to walk (or run) between two fragile things, it’s a good lesson to not leave fragile things close together.

Halley throws herself into all her activities with enthusiasm and vigor. When she drinks water, you can hear her from anywhere in the house. If she were allowed free feeding, she would be the biggest Wheaten ever. She has always loved when guests come over. She picks up a toy in her mouth and tries to put it on the head of the new person. If she succeeds, she stands back and looks at our guest expectantly. Nobody has ever figured out the proper thing to do next, so Halley is probably a bit disappointed with people, but she’s polite about it. Overall she’s a great dog to live with, and she’s been a fun agility teammate. Halley brings joy to our lives every day.

Owners: Russ Howard & Beth Sorenson
Breeders: Marjorie Shoemaker & Beth Sorenson

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Happy Birthday to CH Canopy Road Calebran Jasmine (Jasmine)
(CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Calebran’s Royal Topaz)
DOB: August 24, 1998

Jasmine, our first home-bred Wheaten, is the sweetest girl ever. She loves people, young and old, and loves other dogs as well. When she was young, she loved running in our yard, and when she escaped (often with the help of a grandchild), she loved running in our neighborhood too. When the weather is cool, she loves sleeping on our deck. She still enjoys going to dog shows and being outside in the x-pen just watching the people and dogs pass by. Until a few years ago, she really loved racing in the Fun Zone lure course at dog shows, and once she beat a Sammy, and nearly beat a Smooth Fox Terrier. Jasmine did not, however, like the idea of herding. We took her to a herding instinct test and she turned her back on the sheep, letting us know that, unlike her mother, she was a princess who did not herd sheep.

Jasmine was a wonderful relaxed mother who was easy to breed (quite the hussy) and easy to whelp. She had 18 beautiful puppies, many of whom became champions. Today she is the proud great-grandmother of a Grand Champion, with the expectation that more will follow.

Dennis & Bonnie Wirth

Happy Birthday to CH Shenanigan’s Jump n’ Jehosophat CD RE OAJ NA (Wrigley)
(CH Jendu Ante Up x Shenanigan’s Second Edition CD)
DOB: February 27, 1998

Wrigley turns 14 on February 27th. His vet says he is a dog with the will to live. Having been blind for five years now, Wrigley maintains his health by going in and out of his doggy door and taking walks in the Florida sunshine. He still wags his tail every time we are with him and barks with his brother Regis when he hears someone coming (Regis lets him know!). He still has his great keen sense of smell and the vet techs all claim he is the happiest Wheaten around! Still as sweet as he was the day he was born, we are so proud to be his owners and we cherish his longevity.

Sue and Bruce Peters
Happy Birthday to
CH MACH Ceili’s Calypso CDX RA OAP OJP OF CGC AAD NAC NGC OJC (Ripley)
(CH Doubloon’s Gangster ROM x CH Waterford Just A Second CDX OA OAJ NAC NJC NGC CGC)
DOB: March 6, 1977

As she nears fifteen, Ripley is definitely enjoying retirement. She sleeps most of the morning and early afternoon but enjoys an extended outing midafternoon. She still has bursts of activity and likes to follow me around the house (unless she is sleeping). We have a special time together in the evening when our home is less chaotic. She still enjoys the company of the other dogs including her new great-granddaughter. Her health and appetite are good and we enjoy every day with her!

Owner: Beth Sorenson
Breeders: Marjorie Shoemaker & Beth Sorenson

Happy Birthday to CH Lil’Town Pumpkin (Lucy)
(CH Ballymena-Kennally Kokopelli x CH Lil’Town Midnight Flirtation CD)
DOB: November 28, 1998

I placed Lucy as a puppy with a couple who allowed me to show Lucy to her championship. I bred her one time; then the family wanted me to spay her, so I did. I finished one of Lucy’s male pups to his Championship. Shortly thereafter, the couple started a family and, after having twins, asked if I would find Lucy a new home. I immediately took Lucy back and re-homed her. The rest of the story is told by Lucy’s present owner.

Lucy is our bright light, and every day we realize she was a special gift. She came to us when she was five years old in an unusual way. I had never seen a Wheaten Terrier before and a friend at work told me, while I was grieving the loss of our previous dog, that I should get a Wheaten because they are such good dogs. I started looking up Wheaten Terriers on the Internet and decided we needed to rescue one. I already knew in my mind that I would name my next dog Lucy.

My husband and I were at the bank on a Good Friday when we saw a dog that I couldn’t help but watch in the car next to us waiting for its owner. When the owner came out of the bank, I stopped her and asked if her dog was a Wheaten. She said yes and let her dog Niamh out of the car for me to see. She said she was Vice President of the Motor City Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club. I explained my story to her and she said she had a five-year old Wheaten that needed a home. When Carol began to say the dog’s name, I immediately knew she would say Lucy, and she did. Well, that sealed the deal! We knew that Lucy was sent to us. Carol came to visit our home and had so many questions for us we thought we were adopting a child. The next day she brought Lucy for a visit. The following week - Easter weekend in 2004 - Lucy came to us and has been a complete joy ever since. She has been an absolutely wonderful pet and a treasured member of the family.

Owner: Kim O’Leary
Breeder: Carol Shaltz

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Happy Birthday to CH Paisley Forever Man (Stevie)
(CH Paisley Power Play x CH Paisley's Layla)
DOB: March 11, 1999

I often think of a story Tracy Szaras told me about Stevie from when she was showing him. One day she was cleaning runs and had her son, a toddler at that time, with her. When she finished, she couldn’t find her son and went frantically searching her property for him. Eventually she found him in Stevie’s run, on Stevie’s bed, with Stevie lying beside and partially on top of him, both of them sound asleep. That more or less summarizes Stevie’s path through life, as he’s never been one to turn away from the prospect of a good nap. His second favorite activity is counter-surfing. Over the years he’s pulled an amazing variety of things off the kitchen counters, always hoping for something good to eat. Now at 13 he’s becoming a bit deaf, still conserves energy with lots of naps, and still counter-surf’s! Every time he knocks something down and I’m annoyed with him, I tell myself I should be happy that at his age he is still capable of counter-surfing, and I guess I am, because he’s in great shape, but I do wish he’d give it up.

Breeders: Kathleen, Margaret & Evelyn McIndoe
Owner: Kathleen McIndoe

Happy Birthday to CH Bradberry Wesley VanBuren (Wesley)
(CH Doubloon’s Expresso x CH Lontree Lindsey of Bradberry)
DOB: January 30, 1999

Wesley has been enjoying the good life as the spoiled grand-dog of my parents for the past several years. He looks forward to breakfast and dinner each day, and especially likes my mother’s cooking. He spends his days watching television and napping on the couch ... he’s definitely settled into his retired lifestyle although he still occasionally shows off by singing “Happy Birthday” which he does via long-distance telephone for all of our relatives. He is the constant and adored companion of his “grandpa” from whose side he seldom strays. Such loyalty and love these Wheatens give!

Owners: Jim & Becky Mildrew
Breeder: Deborah Van De Ven, Bradberry Wheatens
February 1, 2012

Dear Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier owners, breeders and dog lovers,

We want to extend our deepest appreciation for your whole hearted support of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Lifetime Health Study. As we approached the end of the sample collecting phase of the study last year, there was a united front to recruit new enrollments for our study and you responded with gusto. Our pleas reached beyond the United States to bring in new participants from across the ocean and beyond. This tremendous wave of support easily tripled our enrollment in the final 4 months. We now have a solid base of DNA samples as well as the enthusiastic backing of owners willing to provide information about their dogs in the years to come.

While the DNA samples provide the starting material for any genetic study, the information provided by all of the owners is really the backbone of the project. Your dogs represent a generation of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers that we will follow for the majority of their lives, chronicling health issues, both the good and the bad, as well as physical stature and a nod toward behavioral patterns. In addition we will collect information about the environment that each dog is exposed to on a regular basis. This information will be used to assess realistic rates of disease development in the breed and to determine what fraction of the disease can be attributed to genetic causes. For those conditions or diseases that appear to be largely genetic, we will perform mapping and sequencing studies to find the underlying cause so that the information will be available to improve clinical treatments or to inform breeding programs.

As you can see, this is a major undertaking and we are pleased that you have chosen to join us in the cause. We appreciate the support that you have shown us by enrolling your dog for the long haul and by committing yourself to be part of this important study. We are looking forward to a decade of sharing information and finding answers.

Sincerely,

Heidi G. Parker, PhD
Senior Staff Scientist
The NHGRI Dog Genome Project
Wheaten Earns PT in Herding

By Linda Hallas

PT stands for pre-trial tested and requires two qualifying runs under two different judges. PT is rewarded with a certificate from AKC. Molly was the first Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to receive this AKC title.

January 7th and 8th, 2012, seven-year-old Molly Hallas, who is also this year’s SCWTCA Health Calendar cover girl, earned a PT in herding. Molly, who was handled by her herding instructor Angie McCrann, showed great control waiting off-lead while three sheep entered the field. Molly waited like a statue until she was instructed to gather the sheep and then moved them down a fence line a distance of about 50 yards through two panels. Next Molly had to get in front of the sheep, stop and hold both herself and the sheep still for about 15 seconds before reversing their direction and herding them back through the two panels and up the fence line. The final step was a controlled stop again while the pen door was opened. Molly slowly walked up, moving the sheep into the pen and then sat quietly while the pen was closed. The sheep, who always seem to have a heightened sense of panic when Molly is on the job, stepped on and knocked Angie down on Saturday and took off running, but Molly was quick to run each one down and bring it back.

We are thankful to Suzanne Stone and Connie Koehler for all of their work in getting AKC to recognize Wheatens as a herding breed. I recommend that everyone take their Wheaten herding. You will see a joy in your dog that is hard to describe. Molly has obedience and agility titles, but feel she earned those titles for me (and food) whereas herding is her joy in life
Wheaten Terrier owners and aficionados across the country were especially proud Tuesday night, February 14, when Best In Show judge Cindy Vogels entered the arena at the Westminster Kennel Club show. Not only did Cindy (and her mother, Jackie Gottlieb) breed the only Wheaten to place first in the Terrier Group at the Garden, she also is the only Wheaten breeder who has judged Best in Show there. Cindy is not new to judging at WKC; she has judged there five times. This assignment, however, she knew about two years ago and had to keep secret until the public announcement was made.

Cindy has also judged Best in Show at the Montgomery County Kennel Club, as well as at many shows around the world. Her public face is well known to many in the dog fancy. What some may not know is that she has devoted herself to the welfare of dogs and the people involved in the sport. Cindy has served for many years on the Board of Directors of AKC-Canine Health Foundation; she was past Chairman, and is now Treasurer. She also actively works for Take the Lead, a charity that assists those in the sport who suffer from terminal or life-threatening illness. Not only does she serve on the Board of Trustees, but she works the booth at local dog shows, providing public information about the organization and encouraging support for it. As part of her ongoing contributions to the sport, she has shared her expertise by writing numerous, dog-related columns for the AKC Gazette. See the archives for such articles as A Thumbprint of Influence and The Maternal-Grandsire Effect.

Along with David, her husband, Cindy shows and breeds Morgan horses, and is a fine wine devotee. The family owns and manages a magazine for wine professionals called Sommelier Journal. As with dogs, she strives for excellence in each of these endeavors -- and achieves it.

From a teenage who decided with her mother to step into the show ring, to a leader in the dog world, Cindy leads by example, giving back to the sport by advancing the welfare of all dogs and the people who work with them and love them.
We are looking forward to sharing knowledge with you on the complex topic of Dog Behavior. Some of you know us pretty well, and you know that dog behavior is a passion of ours. We have had some great opportunities to work with exceptional dog people over the years. Kent and I have had some formal training with John Rogerson of England, and have both gone through the British accreditation program. We also worked extensively with the late Lee Mannix of Austin, Texas for 10 years. Those of you who have a great interest in dog behavior will recognize both of their names, so we’re not going to go into great detail about their accomplishments except that in many cases they were the last stop for many dogs and could make the greatest impact.

During Lee’s life, he had the great opportunity to train with the late John Fisher. John was one of the best in the world. He and his wife trained all sorts of animals for government use, especially espionage work. An interesting story that we were told was about John training dolphins in the ocean to go and spy on mines on the ocean floor. The only reward was to come back to a fish. What did that dolphin go past for miles and miles and miles to find a mine? Fish, and lots of them. These dolphins were so well-trained and devoted to their job that they bypassed the free fish and went for the one from John. There are several more stories we could tell, but just wanted to use one from some of the really interesting backgrounds of talented people that we’ve had the opportunity to be exposed to.

Over the last two months Kent and I have been discussing where would be a good starting place for the first article because the topic of canine behavior has so many pieces. In these articles we will be as clear as possible, and try to give you some skills to add to your toolbox. As breeders, we all get questions from our puppy owners and when we see behaviors in our own dogs, we wonder why things happen the way they do, why a dog chooses to do a behavior that it does. There are four major influences of a dog’s behavior: food, sex, play, and sleep area. We will discuss all in upcoming articles, but this one will focus on food. We hope that you will enjoy the articles and continue to ask questions. We never turn ourselves off to learning and the more that we can do, the more we can understand our dogs and how we can have better relationships with them.

DIET

A dog’s diet can make a huge impact on health, behavior, and response to training you are trying to accomplish. We do a fair amount of private training and consultation and when we have dogs come in with a conflict or aggression issue, first and foremost we want to rule out that there isn’t something medically going on with the animal. Once medical testing is done and medical issues are eliminated, the next thing we address is diet. It’s amazing, but sometimes all we have to do is change diet.

Certain ingredients can make dogs run what we call “hot.” They levitate a little; it can be like giving children candy bars. You can almost feel the dog’s energy “buzzing.” Have you ever met a dog like that? Several years ago, we had a Flat Coated Retriever in our doggy daycare named Zetta. We would watch Zetta and although she wasn’t causing big issues, she tried to test other dogs. We asked her owner what she was eating. It was a food that we have seen other dogs run “hot” on. We asked why he was feeding that, and Bill explained that his friend fed his German Shorthair that same food and they go out hunting together. We asked how often the two dogs were hunting together, and Bill explained his friend was a die-hard hunter, but he and Zetta only joined them now and again. All we did was change Zetta’s diet, and she was no longer pushing the button of dogs in daycare. We find that certain ingredients can cause dogs to do this. There are six ingredients you should try to stay away from your dog’s diet. They are CORN, WHEAT, SOY, EGGS, DYES, and SUGARS. Number two ingredient in Zetta’s previous food was corn.

WHAT TO FEED

The saying, “You are what you eat” can be applied to dogs, too - a dog is what he eats. We have seen links between certain ingredients in dog food and behavior problems time and time again. Year after year, generation after generation, dog food manufacturers have used these ingredients as fillers. When a dog is eating something on a regular basis that doesn’t agree with his system, the symptoms often manifest themselves as behavior issues such as hyperactivity, inattentiveness, timidity, even aggression. Manufacturers use certain, addictive ingredients (and therefore they sell more of their particular food, etc.) so that if you change the food,
your dog won’t eat the new option you have chosen. Treats are formulated with the same ingredients, also ensuring the dog will become addicted. By limiting, reducing, or avoiding all of these ingredients, your dog will be a happier, healthier dog.

**The Diet**

There are many good dog foods out there to choose from. Each dog’s diet and what it is going to thrive on can be different for that particular dog. We implore you to flip over your ingredients labels and read them. If in the top six ingredients listed are corn, wheat, soy, eggs, dies or sugars, we would suggest switching to a different food. You also want a food that your dog is utilizing well. If your dog is having three to four stools a day, it is not utilizing that food well. It is an indication that the food contains quite a few fillers.

**Roots and Fruits**

A dog’s natural diet is mainly vegetable-based and they will scavenge for roots and fruits. In the wild when dogs or wolves make a kill, the first part of the carcass that they devour is the intestinal tract of the prey, usually a herbivore. This stomach area is full of roots, leaves, and berries. You may witness your dog eating grass which is an indication of that natural need. Adding fresh, cooked, or frozen vegetables or fruits to your dog’s diet stabilizes the digestive system and helps strengthen the gut so any changes in his diet (bugs, grass, and other food) will have a lesser or no effect on your dog. A dog should be able to eat, digest, and pass anything organic he considers food.

Try adding the following fruits and veggies to your dog’s diet: broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, potatoes, carrots, peas, tomatoes, berries, watermelon, apple, cantaloupe, bananas. You can also add yogurt, plain or flavored. (DO NOT feed your dog onions, apple seeds, grapes, or raisins as these can be toxic.)

**WHEN TO FEED**

Always feed your dog AFTER you have fed yourself (even if you have to pretend to eat.) Top dog always eats first. We don’t want to get too heavy into always talking about you being the “TOP DOG,” but the dogs do not look at you as humans; they see you as part of their surroundings. You just happen to have two legs instead of four. Your family is their pack.

By you eating first, you are sending the message that you are the most important in the house, so you get to eat first. In the canine world, high-ranking dogs control/influence the time and place of feeding and always eat first. **If a dog believes he controls one of the influences, he believes he controls them all.** Not following the order in which pack members eat is how the majority of owners lose most of their control to their dogs. Many people have talked to us about this and explained that they eat at different times in the evening. That’s fine; the dogs should always eat after you and never “free feed” – when you leave your dog’s food bowl down all day for him to access at his own accord. There should be no free food. Prepare your dog’s food and leave it on the counter until you have finished eating your meal. Let him watch you prepare his food and watch you eat before you give him his dinner. Varying the time when your dog eats will keep him guessing and wanting to respond to you. (There are exceptions to this such as if you have a dog that is new in your home and is very timid and fearful.)

Please note that dogs do not beg – they demand. While higher-ranking dogs always eat first, you may also see one dog attempt to stare down another in an effort to move in on the food. A higher-ranking dog can elicit food by sitting in a lower-ranking dog’s critical space and staring at the lower-ranking dog until he leaves the food. Usually this occurs with a high-ranking dog moving a lower-ranking dog or in a bold attempt by a lower-ranking dog to challenge a high-ranking one. At home with your dog, you may experience this. You are eating your sandwich, reading the newspaper when you look up to see your dog sitting nicely and staring intently at you. Isn’t he CUTE, sitting there patiently and quietly. You can’t resist that adorable face any longer and you share a piece of your sandwich with your dog. He has just stared you down for your food and he GOTCHA, internally, saying “Yes! I won again!” It is important never to feed your dog directly from your hand, unless you are training a behavior.

**HOW OFTEN TO FEED?**

A dog in the wild works on a gorge-and-starve system. Eating a large meal and then going for days until the next feeding is normal. The idea of feeding a dog three times a day is a human one. (You don’t see wolves saving pieces of the carcass for the next day’s breakfast or lunch!) If your dog is eating too frequently, it reduces his response to training, especially when using food as the reward. Feeding your dog at a set time each day often produces a demanding dog (think of the dog that wanders into the kitchen every evening at 6 p.m. expecting to be fed). Leaving your dog’s food bowl down all day and
Leaving your dog’s food bowl down all day and night, always full of food, allows your dog to control feedings. So when is the right time to feed?

A good time line to follow is:

- 0-3 months: 4 times per day
- 3-6 months: 3 times per day
- 6-12 months: 2 times per day
- 1 year and older: 1 time per day, in the evening

RECOMMENDED DAILY PORTIONS

You can add the fruits, vegetables or yogurt to your dog’s meal or just give them as treats. You can base how much to give your dog on his weight, generally one tablespoon of fruits/vegetables per 20 lbs. and one tablespoon yogurt per 40 lbs. You can determine amounts of food for your particular dog.

MAKING THEM WORK FOR THEIR DIET

We feed at the end of the day for a very simple reason – it is their paycheck. Remember they are on a starve-and-gorge system. They are not going to not come around again until they need something from you, and remember, one of the four influences is food. If you received your paycheck at the beginning of the day, would you work as hard that day? If they are full of food at the beginning of the day, they have no reason to come back and work for you. Their tummies are full, life is good. Use the mealtime as an opportunity for basic training by making your dog work for his meals. Do this by asking your dog to sit and to hold the sit before getting his food. You can also feed your dog from a Kong or a bottle. (We will cover this further in an upcoming article on Critical Thinking.) When you're asking the command of them, working on a training skill, and they are not paying attention and their own agenda is more important, maybe you need to look at when they receive their paycheck - make them work for it! You have got to be more important than the squirrel.

VARYING THE DIET

Several years ago Montgomery weekend, we approached Debbie Butts about a Whippet. We were standing there looking at the litter, and decided on our Justin who is now 11 years old. Debbie looked at us and said, “I’ve got to tell you something. These puppies had been out on the farm running and eating everything but the kitchen sink including day-old chicks. I want them to have ironclad stomachs. We don’t need to be having diarrhea on the road while the dogs are being show dogs.” We have found in having several Whippets over the years that their stomachs and intestinal tract can be temperamental at times, so we found it interesting when she made the comment about not having time for diarrhea on the road. We will tell you, Justin has never had a loose stool a day of his life. So for us, it is our personal story of the great effects of varying the diet.

At our home we have three or four bins of different kinds a kibble. All good kibble - as we defined before not having any corn, wheat, soy, eggs, dyes, or sugars - the dogs never know at night what they are going to get. We want their stomachs to be very used to having lots of different foods because it makes for healthier dogs. If we ate Taco Bell every day and then went out for prime rib dinner we would have problems too. By feeding the same basic kibble, years after years, generation after generation, we have weakened the dog’s digestive and immune systems. Change in your dog’s diet is good.

The next of the four influences we’ll address is sleep areas. We’re looking forward to going forward with the influences. Good luck with diet and using the knowledge to have influence on your dogs and their behaviors.
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“Meet the Breed” at the 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show

The “Meet the Breed” booth in the Convention Center in Orlando, Florida was set up and manned by members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay. Members of the club brought: puppy, adult, and veteran show dogs; obedience, rally, agility, and herding dogs; and Wheatens that have been rescued by club members. The booth’s background displayed colorful posters depicting the history and diversity of the Wheaten breed. Along with nicely decorated tables with books, brochures, buttons, and bracelets provided by the local and national club, there resided an adorable, singing Wheaten that was created by Dana Loring. Visitors to the booth were encouraged to pet the Wheaten “ambassadors” in the booth, and knowledgeable Wheaten owners were on hand to answer visitors’ questions.

NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
January 12, 2012

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 forms, visit the SCWTCA website 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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