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Scorcha and Ginger, owned by Christine Dore-Brown, cooling off from the warm summer sun in Kootenay Lake, British Columbia. Photo taken by Doug Brown.
From the President

By the time you read this, spring will have sprung, and summer is upon us. I’m reminded of bees, yes bees! As the temperatures warm and I’m out in my garden, I appreciate the company of those industrious creatures. Meeting their daily challenges with their incredible work ethic, all for the greater good of the hive.

For those of you who know me, you know, of course, there is a correlation I’m going to draw between those bees, their hive, we members, and our Club!

We have been busy bee’s this spring with two regional specialties, two online Board meetings, Nominating committee work, continued work from our Constitution and By-Law’s Committee, a newly formed Code of Ethics Committee. That is just the new stuff. We also have the ongoing work of so many committees from the website, to rally site, to Montgomery site, to out-of-site! If you haven’t, take the time to visit our committee page on the web and you’ll begin to appreciate how many worker bees, it takes to keep this hive going.

Kudos to Northern Cal and DelVal for their successful show weekends. I heard nothing but accolades from both weekends. A reminder to all, Northern Cal will play host to next year’s SCWTCA Roving National. If this year is any indication, you will not want to miss this opportunity to participate in both this regional and national competition.

Our nominating committee has been buzzing to find just the right flowers to present to you for next year’s Board. Our Constitution and By-Law’s Committee has been diligently reviewing and clarifying our documents for consistent verbiage under the guidance of our Club Parliamentarian. They are also exploring updates to our C & B-L’s to bring it more in sync, especially in the area of Club meetings, etc., using current methods of communications. Of course when they have finished their work and upon review from the AKC, those recommendations will be presented to you for consideration and voter approval.

Our Code of Ethics Committee will be reviewing and offering suggestions to bring our COE up to date with current methodologies.

And, of course, there is… Montgomery! I challenge you all to go to the committee page and ask yourself, “How many of these committees are involved in mounting a successful Montgomery?” That’s a lot buzzing bees!

After almost seven years on this Board, I am in awe of what we continue to accomplish year in and year out. Prior to my Board tenure, I truly did not have an appreciation for the magnitude of work that went into accomplishing all things SCWTCA. I didn’t realize the devotion of those members who work so tirelessly to bring about those successes. Imagine what more we could achieve if each of us as a member volunteered a bit of our time, locally or nationally, to making our Wheaten Club(s) all that they could be.

My wish is for a busy buzzing hive this summer and the reward of honey this coming fall!

Gary Vlachos
From the Editors

June’s Benchmarks represents a proud moment for many of us. Cecily Skinner, Molly O’Connell, Deb and I could not be more delighted with the addition of the Health News section to this publication. This new section, spearheaded by Cecily and Molly, will include health issues, important studies, information on nutrition, vaccines, new treatments, and the latest developments in genetic research, club sponsored projects and new findings. Articles along these lines should be forwarded to Cecily and Molly for their review and consideration. As always, all other items should come through Deb or me. Undoubtedly there will be some potential crossover that we will have to sort out.

This was one of Molly’s visions for the future of Benchmarks as she handed me the reins of editorship. Her words; “I hope the board will agree to combine Benchmarks and the Health Newsletter for a comprehensive magazine that showcases all facets of the Wheaten Terrier.”... So this is for you, Molly!

Our Wheaten IQ this month discusses coat and temperament. While desired temperament is reasonably clear cut in the breed, coat is an ever-changing variable in the ring today. With imports and the variation we see at different stages of coat development, so much must be understood and considered in evaluating what is a proper coat. The quiz on coat is in color this month for easier viewing.

Please check out the No. Cal Specialty as well as DelVal Specialty results and lovely photos of our winners.

Our goal is to grow Benchmarks into a publication that covers “all things Wheaten.” With the new emphasis on breeder/exhibitor education, expanded advertising, and now Health News, we feel we are moving in the right direction. Again, we would like to encourage all to subscribe to Benchmarks...the more subscription dollars we have, the more we are able to do.

Helen Fraguela

DogChannel.com ran an article by Kathy Lorentzen in February entitled “What I have learned ... Ten important lessons I’ve learned in 45 years as a dog breeder.” A few of her lessons resonated with me. Her first is “start slow”; she says regardless of how much you think you know when you first start, you don’t know that much. She advises breeding your first couple litters with great care and the trusted guidance of your mentors, then step back and watch those puppies grow up before you breed again. In our breed you can certainly fill in any time gap with learning to groom and handle your dogs yourself. Is it just me, or could the part about getting the grooming perfected take a lifetime? Certainly puppies are a fertile ground for both of these learning opportunities and can be a humbling experience.

The next lesson is “listen to the opinions of your peers.” An opposing opinion from a successful breeder could give you an entirely different perspective. She adds, you don’t have to do what other people tell you but be open to what they have to say. You may find these tidbits of wisdom useful, if not immediately, then maybe somewhere in the future. I would combine these first two lessons and add one of my own; when you’re new, try not to widely share your new-found knowledge. There is nothing worse than a beginner/know-it-all.

The final lesson I found particularly fitting for this issue was “be objective about judging.” She advises learning what particular judges are looking for. Different judges have different priorities. If you learn from your own experience showing to them, as well as watching results from their past judging, you can decipher whether your dogs match their priorities. A couple more nuances I might add on judging: just because a particular judge liked your dog on one day, has little bearing on what they might put up with in a different field of competition. And of course it is a “dog show” so sometimes the best dog who doesn’t show well on that day, may lose to a lesser dog, who showed his little heart out.

Deb Van De Ven
Welcome New Members

Name: Amy Martin-Piesz
Occupation: Teacher

Names and Ages of Dogs:
Star of the Irish Mist CD RAE NA OAJ OAP OJP NFP, Webster-age 14
Star of the Bellbottom Blues RE AX MXJ MJB NAP NJP OF NFP, Winnie-age 12
CH Star of Mystic’s Last Dance OA OAJ AXP AJP NF RATO, Willow-age 10
Star Shut Up and Dance, Wren-age 11 weeks

I got my first Wheaten, Webster, in March of 2001 from Denise Daniel. We were looking for a dog and took an online dog breed selector quiz. The test results came up with an Airedale or a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. One of my colleagues at school had a Wheaten. She had a breeders list from the Motor City Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, and made a copy of it for us. After a few calls we ended up visiting with Denise, and the rest is history.

I participate in Rally with Winnie. She has two more legs for her RAE. Willow is slowing down in her participation in agility, but has found a new love of rats in the sport of barn hunt. I plan on showing her in obedience and rally when she retires from agility. I will be showing Willow’s daughter, Kit, Star Saved My Last Dance for You in her first agility show in May. She is owned by Sharon and Gerry Masica. Wren, Willow’s granddaughter, will be showing in conformation with Denise Daniel, and will be training for agility in her spare time. Webster is retired after participating in obedience, rally, and agility. Both Webster and Winnie are also retired therapy dogs.

I have been on the board of the Motor City Club for around 10 years. I think that my participation in performance sports speaks well for our breed. Being a member of the national club will allow me to help out our Wheaten community on a larger scale.

Amy was sponsored by Denise Daniel and Karen Mueller. Amy brings speaking and training expertise to SCWTCA and has co-presented “How To Buy a Purebred Puppy” at the Detroit Kennel Club dog show in the last two years.

Welcome New Open Registry Members

May 1, 2015

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 Wheats and to maintain health and genetic records for SCWTCA-sponsored research. Dr. Meryl Littman at Penn maintains the Registry at the request of SCWTCA.

Members of the Open Registry agree to forward pedigrees and medical data for all Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers they own, have owned or bred who may be affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/ Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease to the SCWT Open Registry, c/o Dr. Littman. For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20100630.pdf.

For a complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

Monica E Hogan Adams * Alvina Eaglesham * Paulette Upshall * Stephanie Larocque * Ian & Clare Bradbeer

Please remember to support Wheaten Health with your tax free donations.

Checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment.

Keep in mind the Open Registry is an important tool in our tool box as breeders. We need your continued support and participation.
Remembering Bette Eckstrom

Good friends are like stars. You don’t always see them, but you know they are always there.
Source: www.inspirational-quotations.com

The SCWTCA and the SCWTC of Greater Milwaukee lost a great friend with the passing of Bette Eckstrom on February 25 after a long battle with cancer. Bette was member of the SCWTCA since 1973 and was a founding member of the SCWTCGM. She served as SCWTCGM’s vice-president and rescue coordinator for many years. Her kennel name, Winterwheat, is attached to numerous dogs who served as wonderful companions to their owners, as well as those who achieved their conformation, agility, and obedience titles over the last 40 years. She was the breeder of CH Winterwheat’s Golden Glo (Ditto) who won the SCWTCA National Specialty in 1982. Bette also handled and co-owned CH Galway K is for Kinsey, the second Wheaten bitch in the history of the breed to win a Best in Show.

During the mid-’90s, Bette moved to Florida. Not willing to leave her love for her Wheatsens behind or to miss an opportunity to bond with fellow Wheaten owners, Bette, along with a few other devoted Wheaten fans, founded the SCWTC of Greater Tampa Bay. Bette was a fierce competitor, dedicated Wheaten lover, and generous friend. She served as a mentor to many Wheaten owners throughout the country. Her talents with grooming were well known. One could always tell when a dog was groomed by Bette. There was no one like her.

Bette is survived by her husband Dave, children Ryan and Kari, her father, four sisters, and her Wheaten companions Alex, Ellie, and Gatlin.

We miss you, Bette. But you will always be in our hearts. We will see you in the stars.

By: Karen Bilda
THE VACCINATION DEBATE CONTINUES TO RAGE:

When should we vaccinate? For what diseases should we vaccinate? Are we over-vaccinating? How do we know if we need to vaccinate? While there certainly is evidence that our dogs need protection from disease, there is much controversy about how to deliver it. W. Jean Dodds, DVM of Hemopet/NutriScan has long been an advocate of the less-is-more school of vaccination. Below is her recommended vaccination protocol for puppies. She is also a strong advocate for the use of titers to determine if your pet needs further vaccination in its lifetime. Ronald Schultz Ph.D has published research that maintains that “only one of the modified-live canine ‘core’ vaccine (against CDV, DAV-2 and CPV-2) … when administered at 16 weeks or older, will provide long lasting (many years to a lifetime) immunity in a very high percentage of animals.

So what do we do as dog owners? First, determine what is available in your state. For example, many states accept a three-year Rabies vaccine. If that vaccine is available to you, don’t accept an annual Rabies vaccine. The same goes for boosters of core vaccines. Many veterinarians offer a three-year vaccine. While “the [three-year vaccine] is totally arbitrary…” says Dr. Richard Ford, Professor of Medicine at North Carolina State University, “I will say there is no science behind the three-year vaccine.” Even so, veterinarians need to offer boosters. You, as a responsible pet owner, can ask instead for a titer (a measurement of the strength of antibodies in the blood) to determine if your pet even needs a vaccination. For more information about titer testing, read on:

**9-10 Weeks Old:**
- Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV)

**14-16 Weeks:**
- Same as above, 20 Weeks or Older (if allowable by law)
- Rabies

**1 Year:**
- Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (optional = titer)

**1 Year after the initial dose:**
- Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster) Only give mercury-free rabies vaccine.

Dr. Dodds recommends using only the Merial TF-3 (IMRABTF) vaccine which is mercury free. You may have to ask your vet to order this vaccine.

**AVOID UNNECESSARY VACCINES WITH TITER TESTS**

**What is a titer test?**

A titer test is a simple blood test that measures a dog or cat’s antibodies to vaccine viruses (or other infectious agents). For instance, your dog may be more resistant to a virus whereas your neighbor’s dog may be more prone to it. Titers accurately assess protection from the so-called “core” diseases (distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis in dogs, and panleukopenia in cats), enabling veterinarians to judge whether a booster vaccination is necessary. All animals can have serum antibody titers measured instead of receiving vaccine boosters. The only exception is rabies re-vaccination. There is currently no state that routinely accepts a titer in lieu of the rabies vaccine, which is required by law.

There are commercially available vaccine titer tests for dogs that can be performed in a laboratory or also in the veterinarian’s office for faster results. Several commercial and university veterinary diagnostic labs and Hemopet offer reliable titer testing for dogs, cats and horses.
What do I do if the titer shows that my pet has immunity?

If your pet’s titer levels show that an adequate immune memory has been established, you do not need to create the potential for vaccinosis by introducing unnecessary antigen, adjuvant, and preservatives into his body via booster vaccines. Instead, skip the boosters and have your dog re-titered in three years.

What’s the bottom line on titers?

More than a decade of experience with vaccine titer testing and published studies in refereed journals show that 92 – 98% of dogs and cats that have been properly vaccinated develop good measurable antibody titers to the infectious agent measured. In general, serum antibody titers to the “core” vaccines, along with any natural exposures, last a minimum of 7 – 9 years, and likely are present for life. This corresponds with what we see clinically, as the number of cases and deaths due to these diseases has decreased significantly in the vaccinated population.

The bottom line is that using vaccine titer testing as a means to assess vaccine-induced protection will likely result in your pet avoiding needless and potentially harmful booster vaccinations. And that is a huge benefit for a simple blood test!

Source: W. Jean Dodds’ Dog Blog

What is in your pets' food?

Every day we are besieged with pet food advertisements, in magazines, newspapers and on television. Tens, if not hundreds, of millions of dollars are spent per year trying to convince us that their pet food is the best. Who to believe? What is really in pet food? Is the pet food label helpful?

A Chapman University study tried to help shed some light on the question. The research, to be published in the journal “Food Control”, used DNA testing to determine what meats were really in the food and compared that to the label. Fifty-two foods were tested, but the brands were not identified in the article. The foods were obtained from retail and on-line sources. The foods were tested for beef, chicken, lamb, goat, turkey, goose, pork, and horse.

Of the 52 foods tested, 51 tested positive for chicken, even though many did not have chicken on the label. Pork was the most common undeclared meat, found in 35 of the food samples. Even more disturbing was the fact that seven of the foods had none of the main meat that was listed in the ingredients.

A positive note was that none of the 52 foods contained horse meat. This had been a concern since horse meat had been found in Europe in ground meat products for human consumption.

How important are these findings? Even though there may be a different protein than what is listed on the label, the food may still be nutritious, balanced, and good for your pet. The main effect would be for those pets that have a food allergy. Food allergy has been found to be common in dogs; signs can range from itchy skin to chronic vomiting and/or diarrhea. The most common food ingredient that dogs are allergic to is chicken. So this study is significant in that it shows that chicken is in so many foods, whether it is listed on the label or not.

You can discuss nutrition with your veterinarian. Many are recommending that food-allergic dogs be fed foods where the manufacturer does DNA testing on their own products. This ensures that their suppliers are accurate and establishes the purity of their products.


Clarification of AAFCO Food Trials: What do they actually test?

Nutritional Adequacy Statement or "AAFCO Statement"

Every pet food label must contain a statement and validation of nutritional adequacy. AAFCO regulations allow two basic methods for pet food manufacturers to substantiate claims.

Formulation Method: Requires the manufacturer to formulate the food to meet the AAFCO nutrient profiles for dogs and cats. This method is less time consuming and less expensive because feeding trials with pets are not required, only a calculation of the nutrient levels is required. An example of an AAFCO statement using the formulation method would be: "Brand ABC Cat Food is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by AAFCO Cat Food Profiles for maintenance of adult cats."

Feeding Trial Method: Requires the manufacturer perform an AAFCO-protocol feeding trial using the food as the sole source of nutrition. (Gold Standard or preferred method.) This method documents the pets’ performance when fed the food. An example of an AAFCO statement using the feeding trial method would be: "Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate that Brand X dog food provides complete and balanced nutrition for maintenance of adult dogs." ([www.hillspet.com](http://www.hillspet.com))

A food that claims to provide complete and balanced nutrition for adult dogs (a ‘maintenance’ claim) may have passed only a 26-week test. There is also an AAFCO feeding trial (at least 13 weeks long) for products intended for dogs during gestation and lactation and another that tests puppy diets (10 weeks). To earn the right to claim nutritional adequacy for dogs of 'all life stages,' a food must undergo all three trials sequentially, for a total of 49 (or more) weeks. (Actually, to earn the 'all life stages' claim, the food must pass the 'gestation and lactation' and then the 'growth' (puppy) trials, sequentially, for a total of about 23 weeks. The 'maintenance' trial is not actually included.) If it passes, its label can state, 'Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate that (name of product) provides complete and balanced nutrition for all life stages' (Whole Dog Journal Blog November 2014).

While AAFCO food trials give us some level of comfort concerning the nutritional value of our dogs’ food, the trials do not show us the long-term effects of feeding the trialed food. At best, the all life stages trials last less than a year. Consequently, I wonder about two, five, ten years down the road, what will best promote the long-term health of my pets. The Whole Dog Journal recommends three steps when deciding what food to purchase: 1) see if you dog is doing well on the food; 2) look for the quality ingredient; 3) vary the food ingredients; and 4) vary the food manufacturer. I try to change something with every bag. Since I have multiple dogs, I buy the large size bag (30 pounds+) and change the food each time I purchase a new bag. I choose All Life Stages, foods with the AFFCO testing but alternate proteins and even brands. If I alter proteins but use the same brand, the transition is seamless. If I change food manufacturer, then I transition by gradually blending the old and new food. My dogs’ tummies do not seem to have a problem with these changes. I carefully monitor their weights, skin conditions, coats, and feces to ensure that they are thriving. Certainly if your dog has specific dietary needs due to allergies or other health-related concerns, please follow your veterinarian’s recommendations about what foods to feed.

10 Most Toxic Foods & Substances for Dogs

- Chocolate
- Onions
- Garlic
- Grapes & Raisins
- Sugar
- Mushrooms
- Alcohol
- Paracetamol
- Peach Pits
- Nuts
A Featured CHF Grant May Offer Better Treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease

Recently SCWTCA, Inc. donated $3,000 towards this research grant. The outcome of this research could go a long way towards improving the long-term prognosis for dogs with kidney disease.

02152: Translation of MicroRNA into an Early Diagnostic Test for Chronic Kidney Disease
Grant Amount: $26,988
Dr. Mary B Nabity, DVM, PhD, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
January 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
Breed(s): -All Dogs     Disease(s): Protein-Losing Nephropathy
Research Program Area: Renal Disease

Abstract
Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a significant cause of illness and death in dogs and is often due to glomerular diseases. Dogs with glomerular disease often have poor outcomes with standard therapy, and specific treatment recommendations are difficult without performing a kidney biopsy to determine the type of glomerular disease present, since treatment and outcome among these diseases differs substantially. Even then, we lack an understanding of the mechanisms driving these diseases, limiting our ability to optimally treat these dogs. Therefore, tests to non-invasively diagnose the type of glomerular disease would help veterinarians more appropriately treat these patients and provide insight into the mechanisms that cause the diseases. This could lead to better therapies that slow disease progression and improve quality and length of life in dogs with CKD.

Idexx Unveils Kidney Test Breakthrough

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A new test designed for the early detection of kidney disease in cats and dogs will be added to all routine reference laboratory chemistry profiles from Idexx Laboratories Inc.

The test involves SDMA, or symmetric dimethylarginine, a renal biomarker that identifies the onset of kidney disease months or even years earlier than traditional diagnostic methods, Idexx reported.

Early detection gives veterinarians and pet owners more treatment options, the Westbrook, Maine, company added.

The test will become part of all routine reference profiles at no additional cost, Idexx stated.

“We expect to begin trials with several hundred customers in North America by March and to roll out the test as part of the routine chemistry panel in the North American market this summer,” said Idexx CEO and President Jonathan W. Ayers.

The clinical study, published in The Veterinary Journal, showed that SDMA identified the onset of kidney disease an average of 17 months earlier in cats and in one case, the disease was diagnosed four years earlier. Chronic kidney disease is often diagnosed by measuring creatinine in blood.

“However, creatinine alone cannot detect kidney disease until late in the disease process, limiting the opportunity to extend the life of the pet through treatment options,” Idexx reported. “Typically, a diagnosis is made when 75 percent of kidney function has been irreversibly lost. At this point, the prognosis can be poor.”

SDMA detects kidney disease when only 25 to 40 percent of function has been lost, the company added.

“The ability to diagnose kidney disease earlier will enable veterinarians and pet owners to care for affected pets in a way that enhances their well-being and may even extend their lives,” said Roberta L. Relford, DVM, MS, Ph.D., Dipl. ACVIM, Dipl. ACVP, Idexx’s vice president and chief medical officer.

Health Chair, Cecily Skinner, asked Dr. Meryl Littman about the usefulness of this new test. She commented that it can be diagnostic, “but the earliest warning for PLN will still be proteinuria since the leaky glomerulus doesn’t necessarily cause inability to get rid of toxic waste products until the tubules and rest of the nephron become secondarily sick (later).”
The first thing you need in training Wheatens in agility is a sense of humor. This is because you will soon realize that you have the class clown with a short attention span.

The second thing you need is a teacher that really knows the sport and also has a sense of humor. My current agility dog, Ziggy, early on in his training would grab the numbered cones that marked the course and run around with them in his mouth, shaking them in true Wheaten fashion. This, of course, caused people to laugh, which only encouraged the behavior.

The third thing you need is a warning that agility is addicting! It will start to consume a lot of your time. When you subscribe to Clean Run magazine and start going to seminars, you are well on your way to becoming a total addict.

I have in my life right now the smartest Wheaten I have ever bred. He has taught me more about the way this breed thinks than any other dog I have had the pleasure to have in my life. He loves the game, as long as it stays fun, but he gets bored quickly with repetitive training. If Ziggy gets tired of it, he does what I call, "Chasing Leprechauns." He looks for his imaginary friends to play with on a course.

I remember one AKC competition run where he was just wild. I called out to him, but he ignored me. The judge made excuses by saying that a lot of dogs had been distracted that day. I looked at her and said, "No. He is just chasing leprechauns!" She laughed.

Wheatens need to think that learning is fun and was their idea all along. If they get bored, they will find a new way to do it. My first agility dog, Killian, figured out that when we were running a course at a trial, he got no training treats, so he would quit half way through a run and work the crowd for food. This, of course, guaranteed laughter. After that, it was all down hill. Why play the agility game when people in the crowd thought he was funny?

I have found in training this breed, it is best to keep it simple. The more complicated the maneuver you are trying to train, the better the dog will find ways to out-think you. My other warning is to be careful in wanting a really smart dog. The bright ones seem to find ways to do new things, usually in the middle of a run at a trial.

Agility is both fun and frustrating, but nothing can be more exhilarating than to have a great run with your four-legged buddy who loves it because you love this wonderful sport. If the run falls apart and your partner is off on some excursion, remember that you chose to play this game with a Wheaten in the first place in order to enjoy yourself.

I got into agility to have a relationship with a dog that needed a job. It is a thrill to spend time training a dog that really has a mind of his own but with whom there is the connection of a lifetime. Just remember to keep laughing and have fun!
**Test Your Wheaten IQ**

Presented by: Deb Van De Ven

**General Appearance**

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is a medium-sized, hardy, well balanced sporting terrier, square in outline. He is distinguished by his soft, silky, gently waving coat of warm wheaten color and his particularly steady disposition. The breed requires moderation both in structure and presentation, and any exaggerations are to be shunned. He should present the overall appearance of an alert and happy animal, graceful, strong and well coordinated.

**COAT**

A distinguishing characteristic of the breed which sets the dog apart from all other terriers. An abundant single coat covering the entire body, legs and head; coat on the latter falls forward to shade the eyes. Texture soft and silky with a gentle wave. In both puppies and adolescents, the mature wavy coat is generally not yet evident.  

**Major Fault** — Woolly or harsh, crisp or cottony, frizzy, kinky or standaway coat; in the adult, a straight coat is also objectionable.

**Presentation** — For show purposes, the Wheaten is presented to show a terrier outline, but coat must be of sufficient length to flow when the dog is in motion. The coat must never be clipped or plucked. Sharp contrasts or stylizations must be avoided. Head coat should be blended to present a rectangular outline. Eyes should be indicated but never fully exposed. Ears should be relieved of fringe, but not taken down to the leather. Sufficient coat must be left on skull, cheeks, neck and tail to balance the proper length of body coat. Dogs that are overly trimmed shall be severely penalized.
TEMPERAMENT
The Wheaten is a happy, steady dog and shows himself gaily with an air of self-confidence. He is alert and exhibits interest in his surroundings; exhibits less aggressiveness than is sometimes encouraged in other Terriers.

A good tempered, spirited dog, the Wheaten has a temperament unique among Terriers. The Wheaten does not look for a fight. When asked to “Face-off”, he should hold his ground until challenged. Once challenged, he will respond like a Terrier, but at no time should he be out of control. Bitches frequently exhibit less interest when faced-off. All dogs must exhibit confidence.

Credits to: Breed Standard and The SCWT Illustrated Standard
“There’s More To This Breed Than Coat”

In the early seventies, Marjorie Shoemaker and I took a trip to New England for the show circuit there. Following breed judging one day, the judge...none other than the great Ann Rodgers Clark...took us aside and said, “There’s more to this breed than coat, you know!” We thanked her vociferously and walked away. Holding Mrs. Clark in extremely high esteem, once beyond her “majesty’s” eyes and ears, we looked at each other, scratched our heads and tried to determine exactly what she had meant by the remark. I think that, because we were rather self-absorbed so early in our show careers, and focused on the win/lose aspect inherent in competition, we assumed her comment was meant to give us some clue as to the reasoning behind her placements. All these years later, I have no recollection as to which of us won BOB and which was BOS. But I have come to understand that Annie Clark’s message to us was not cryptic at all but was meant to guide us to the understanding that, as a judge, she was judging whole dogs, and that as breeder/exhibitors, it was incumbent upon us to place equal importance on all aspects of our breed. This truth reigns, in spite of the fact that our breed’s name might imply that coat is supreme.

Marjorie was showing “Casey” (Abby’s Postage Dhu O’Waterford) and I was showing my foundation bitch, “Annie” (Innisfree’s Annie Sullivan). Although neither of them had the coat to die for, Casey’s was the better of the two. Annie’s coat was definitely not her strong suit. It was what we termed “curly” in those days...rather frizzy and stand-away. Both Casey and Annie were extremely well structured, very square with beautiful top-lines, and Terrier to the max. We no longer see Annie’s type coat in the ring and my early breeding program was specifically designed to move away from it. The challenging part of this was to keep the structure and square type inherent in the long legged Terrier that seemed to consistently reside under the “Curly” coat. “Doc” (Ch Gleanngay Holliday), an Annie grandson, had it, though his was not to the extreme of Annie’s. In the early days, one was hard pressed to find a Wheaten with a silky, shiny, wavy coat that also displayed the pleasing terrier silhouette we wanted. Often the dogs with the loveliest coats were long, with concave front legs and long second thighs, which in turn combined to create dogs that were high in the rear. I feel the hard work of the early breeders served our breed well in many ways. I remember Dan Kiedrowski (renowned Terrier Type editor/publisher) writing back then that Wheaten breeders had made a “silk purse out of a sow’s ear,” in an astonishingly brief period of time.

Today, coats are all over the place in many aspects. The disparity in shades of Wheaten is covered in our standard. I feel judges are sometimes drawn in by the richness and depth of puppy coat, however, often resulting in a very young champion puppy while the better constructed, more mature Wheaten is ignored. But coat quality is variable as well, despite efforts made in the standard to clarify it. Deb’s photos on page 17 give testimony to this. If I were to pick my favorite of these in terms of texture and fullness of coat it would be between #5 and #7. Both have a silken quality to their coats without being overly thick. I have always thought the best of all worlds would be the mating of a good Irish coated dog to a dog similar to one of these two, assuming such a breeding would consistently produce the merger I wanted: correctly structured pups with the texture of a good Irish coat coupled with more color and fullness. To my knowledge, this rarely, if ever happens. Rather, one can expect litters with some of each. The full, thick coat, with too much hair to the square inch such that it cannot fall or flow, is not a correct coat.

Returning to Annie Clark’s words, I am certain she meant that even the most beautiful coat is nothing without a sound moving, correctly structured and balanced dog under it. The challenge now, as it has always been, is for breeders to work toward that end. And lastly, consider leaving those dogs that don’t measure up to this benchmark at home or in loving pet homes. Many show dogs today, and this is not confined to Wheaten Terriers, have no business in the conformation ring. And an unsound dog will not function well in the performance arenas either.
I consider showing dogs a fun way to spend time in a relationship with dogs. I consider it my responsibility to teach them to love to be show dogs. Show attitude can come naturally, but more often it is an acquired taste that can be trained. When you think of it, it's kind of strange that we ask dogs to live in crates for days at a time, run around in circles with strangers poking and feeling them all over, getting groomed and bathed, clipped, nails ground, etc.... and to show an outgoing and happy temperament while they are doing it. I have ruined many too many show attitudes when I started out in a variety of ways.

In the beginning, I was too nervous and the dog sensed it and got nervous too. Also, I wasn't a good enough handler to win much so the dog got dragged around and around, having progressively less fun in each show until any joy the dog might have had being with me or in the newness of interesting unknowns was gone. My seriousness and lack of aim for fun was transferred to the dog who couldn't find the fun either.

When I got better at showing and had done some winning, the winning easily became too intoxicating and the desire to over train a dog or to push a young dog in the ring past his or her enjoyment level, for the win, spoiled a number of dogs that I hadn't ruined in the puppy classes. The temptation to push a dog past its limits, to a point the dog is not having fun, instead of leading the dog to want to do more is, in my opinion, the most common reason a dog burns out or stops showing.

Of course there are plenty of show experiences themselves that occur, some beyond our control that can and do destroy dogs' ability to have fun at the shows. Maybe a dog in the next set up is threatening or being allowed to be a nuisance. Maybe there are loud and stressful people or activities close to your dogs at the shows. Maybe your dog gets jumped on the way to the ring or has a jerk for a judge one day who is unpleasant to your dog? Maybe the dog is sick, or dehydrated, or not getting enough exercise for its mind or body.

All of these things have to be thoughtfully taken into consideration, especially when the dog is doing something new, like when they first go into the classes, first go into the group, first show at a loud indoor show or hot outside show, etc....... It becomes my goal to try and read my dog and see if they are having a good time, and if not, why not. As puppies, I show dogs sporadically, depending on basic temperament, with toys, food or whatever it takes to make them happy, in shows that have big enough entries to allow the puppies to relax in the ring, under judges I know will be nice to them. A class of one is stressful to a puppy--they don't have any down time, having to either gait or stand under control for the judge's evaluation. Larger classes permit you to walk in and get settled with a circle around the ring and then hopefully, some time to gently collect oneself prior to the first exhibit's exam. If you are back in line, play with the dog, feed it its favorite treats, or play with a toy, gradually calming it down or bringing it up and getting it to concentrate on you as you approach your turn.

Whenever a dog is not having fun and I think I am having to ask it to do more than it wants to, I STOP and ask what is wrong? In fact, I do the same thing for myself or friends I see not having fun showing or having dogs. If the fun is gone, WHY DO IT? I simply don't show a dog (for long) that isn't having a positive experience. The dog is the reason for the show, not the other way around. As long as the dog and I are having an ongoing relationship that is enjoyable and trusting, the priorities are right and the show will go on.

Winning is important, but leaving the ring with a dog that is wagging its tail is more important and in the long run, leads to more winning anyway. If we rely on winning to have a good time, then we rely on a system that is flawed and even corrupt, to identify the "best dog" that in the best of worlds is subjective anyway. If we rely on showing our dogs and enjoying each other's company, having fun is always within our grasp.
CAN YOU MATCH EACH DESCRIPTION WITH THE CORRECT PHOTOGRAPH?

A. A cottony, plush, or stand away coat which will bounce rather than flow_____

B. The shine in this coat indicates silkiness with the desired gentle wave_____

C. This coat might have been characterized as “silver wheat” … remember, any shade of wheaten is acceptable. Depth of color should never be sacrificed for quality_____

D. A frizzy, kinky coat which has been sculpted or tipped_____

E. This coat is too straight … could have been blown dry, obliterating the wave_____

F. A correct coat both in color and texture_____  

G. Gray shading in excess, spilling onto head, down the neck or topline, or into the fall is not condoned_____

H. Stunning puppy coat. Color will probably fade. Remember color intensity is not necessary_____

I. Heavily waved, open coat, seen on some imports, do not confuse with kinky or frizzy coat which is a major fault_____

Answers on page 49
Specialty Show Date: Friday, August 14, 2015

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Specialty Judges:
Regular Classes: Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Sweepstakes: Puppy and Veterans - Ms Carolyn Snively

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Luncheon and Silent Auction Friday, Aug. 14

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- St Louis Specialty WB/BOS
- Hatboro AOM

2015
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GCH Burdigan's Red Hot Chili Pepper
CH Harbour Hill Mike Delfino x CH Burdigan's She Dreams In Color

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2015
- 4 Majors first time out
- BOB over specials
- A single point between Blue and his championship

Burdigan's Courtesy Of The Red, White & Blue
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- BOW and AOM MCKC 2008
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* Award of Excellence Eukanuba 2014
* Only Special to ribbon all 3
days of Hatboro & Devon
* Thank you Breeder-Judges
  Mrs. Mareth Kipp &
  Ms. Margret Moeller - Sieber
* Thank you esteemed Terrier Judge
  Mr. Rodney Herner
* BOB at Tampa Bay Terrier Specialty 2015
  Thank you Judge Geir Flyckt Pedersen
Greentree O’Mannion Jackpot
US & IRISH CH, GER CH (KFT & VDH), LUX CH, SWISS CH Wheaten Rebel’s Nelson For Navy x GCH Greentree Havana Moon-Struck

Jack

Winner’s Dog and AOM, Buck’s County KC

Breeder: Joanne Manning & Beverly & Kevin McDonald
Owner: Janet Cusick & Beverly & Kevin McDonald & Carole Clark

Joanne and Terry Manning
Norwell, MA
Omannionswheatens@gmail.com
“GIORGII”
Harbour Hill Wears Giorgio Armani
Giorgi’s first two shows (at nine months) resulted in two Majors under Judges Mrs. Knowlton-Reynanders and Mr. John Boozer, Oakland K.C. shows

“WINNIE (COOPER)”
Harbr Hill Sparkles in Harry Winston
Major at 9 months under Judge Mrs. Judy Webb

“GUCCI”
Harbour Hill Gucci Gucci Goo
Gucci’s first show, WB under judge Mr. Al Ferruggiaro, Kings K.C. Winners Bitch NCTA Specialty under Judge Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina (at ten months of age) Gucci is owned by Joan Wright, Becky Smith and Susan Sakauye.
“MARCUS”
Harbour Hill at Neiman Marcus

Major his first weekend of showing under Judge Mr. John Boozer, Oakland K.C WD, Sacramento KC (NCTA weekend) under Judge Mrs. Cindy Vogels

Marcus is owned by Greg and Sandy Reburn (Emerald Isle Wheatens) and Susan Sakuye

“RAFFE”
Harbour Hill Emerald in Ralph Lauren

Best of Winners, NCTA Specialty and Sacramento K.C. shows under Judges Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina and Mr. Elliot Weiss (at ten months of age).

Raffe is owned by Greg and Sandy Reburn (Emerald Isle Wheatens) and Susan Sakuye.

Our sincere appreciation to the judges who awarded these wins!

Happy Mother’s Day! The dam of the Rodeo Drive litter is “Biscuit” Ch Harbour Hill French Pastry (from Table for 10 litter boasting six champions). Biscuit’s littermate is top producing “Rachael” CH Harbour Hill 30 Minute Meals. Table for 10’s dam is the incomparable “Mary Alice” CH Harbour Hill at Wisteria Ln ROM.

There is nothing like having a great mother.... ❤️

HARBOUR HILL  Susan Sakuye  805.967.0953  ssakuye@aol.com
NUMBER ONE
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER
2015

Our sincere appreciation to Judge Mr. Elliott Weiss for this exciting specialty weekend win.

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Presented by Gwen & Kent Meyer
Dam: CH Bryr Rose Flower Power
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I've been in my mind, It's such a fine line, That keeps me searching for a heart of gold.

Owner: Nancy J. Griffin
Breeder: Nancy J. Griffin & Helen Fraguela
wheaten@tampabay.rr.com
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(GCH Stratford Top Brass x GCH Lismore World Without End)
Presented by Angela Lloyd

NEW GCH Lismore Band of Brothers
(GCH Stratford Top Brass x GCH Lismore World Without End)
Co-owned with Corazon Aquino
NEW CH Lismore McCormack’s Dragon Song
(CH Aran What Happens In Vegas x GCH Lismore The World According To Me)
Co-owned with Maureen Long

NEW CH Lismore Imagine Dragons
(CH Aran What Happens In Vegas x GCH Lismore The World According To Me)
Co-owned with Leslie Heins

Meg Ryan
703-855-9150
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"John Mac"

"Lucky"

*BOB RMATC weekend under Kathi Brown and Carole Beattie
GCH Clover’s Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree

Treasure

Multiple BOBs over ranked Specials

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Special thanks to Judges:
John Wade, Christopher Neilson,
Jon Cole, Terrier Great
Peter Green, Esteemed
Breeder/Judge Sue Goldberg

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Group 3 win under
Sue Goldberg, with Treasure’s
pal Sandy Russo

Another 5 pt major over ranked Specials

US & IRISH CH, GER CH (KFT & VDH), LUX CH, SWISS CH
Wheaten Rebel’s Nelson For Navy
x
CH Greentree Clover Ooh La La

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and Bev & Kevin McDonald
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off and running

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cherie turner
frolicdogs@verizon.net

breeders
waterford
marjorie shoemaker
coventry
erna & jim heckman
GCH BRYR ROSE Matisse

TERRIER GROUP 4, Northern California Terrier Association
Supported Entry by SCWTCA
Thank you Breed and Terrier Group Judge
Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina

Owners: Edward J. Koharik, Jr.
and Janet E. Koharik

Breeder and Co-owner:
Jeanne Pedersen Ferris
jpferris@sbcglobal.net
GCH BRYR ROSE Matisse

TERRIER GROUP 3, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Northern California Specialty
Thank you Breed and Terrier Group judge Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan

Owners: Edward J. Koharik, Jr. and Janet E. Koharik

Breeder and Co-owner: Jeanne Pedersen Ferris jpferris@sbcglobal.net
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The Many Faces of Rescue

Thoughts About Rescue

My introduction to rescue was accepting a position that I really knew nothing about and receiving a stationary box of material from Jim Little who was president at that time. Years later, I am still learning about rescue and I have 10 file containers in my garage and three in my office.

Rescue must be a passion if you are going to be involved in this endeavor. No two days are alike and no two stories are the same. Patience and common sense are two requisites and the belief that many Wheaten must find new homes and each dog is entitled to a new life.

Team effort is an absolute, especially considering SCWTCA rescue covers most of the States except California, Florida, and Colorado. Those states operate excellent programs with Florida having a high number of wheaten rescues due to the sale of puppies from pet stores. The programs work closely with national. Fortunately through the years our team keeps increasing and now that Karli Mueller is the co-chair, the strength of the team has certainly taken on a new dimension.

Thanks to the Board for their support and to the countless people who have been involved in some way with rescue. It takes a village to accomplish the mission of rescue and we encourage all of you to be part of the village, either through active participation or your precious donations.

By Nancy Butler

Our Support Team

Mary Yourich - Jack of all trades
Mary is our go to person. She is able to help with organizing transport, checking references, vets, and groomers. She also helps greatly with education, events, and fundraising.

Bob Peck - Special Needs Training extraordinaire
Bob is fantastic with dogs with special training needs. He is also a priceless resource for families dealing with these types of issues. Bob also helps with fostering, mentoring, and transporting.

Vic Pescatore - Transport Helper
Vic is a very reliable helper when it comes to the transportation of these special Wheatens.

Alison Bradley - Social Media Helper
Alison is a big help with our Petfinder Ads and monitoring social media for us.

Elena Landa, Kathy McIndoe, and Amy Fowler - A place to lay their heads
Thank you ladies for giving these dogs a warm place to stay while we help them on their way.

Bobby Salmon, Nancy Anderson, and Laura Gralton
Special thanks to our transport helpers for helping us in our most recent endeavors.

Nancy Draper and Susan Sare
Additional people who have gone above and beyond to assist these wonderful dogs.

During these rescue efforts we have so many additional people who come out and help in so many ways. Thank you to each and every one of you. We couldn't do it without you.

Making a Difference - Giving Back

The SCWTCA Rescue program is multi-faceted and offers several ways in which to participate. The lynch pin is fostering. Observing and evaluating a dog with a view toward saving its life and placing it in a permanent home can only be served by having it live in a home setting. In our case it means someone who has lived with a Wheaten.

I was asked to share my experience of years fostering Wheaten. They have come with a wide range of backgrounds and each dog has added to my knowledge and understanding of our breed and dogs in general. Each has a story and the opportunity to assess what is required to ensure a placement mutually satisfactory to the dog and the person who adopts.
Rescue Becomes Therapy Angel

Our beloved “Happy”, crossed over the rainbow bridge 3-7-15. We adopted her from the SCWTCA, through Nancy Butler. Happy lived in an outside rabbit hutch the first years of her life. When we rescued her she had a lot of health problems, and trust issues. I tried to snuggle and kiss her and she snapped at me. I knew it would take time, so we gave her space. It didn’t take long until she was on our laps, and wanted to be loved and kissed. The next few months I could see she was starting to trust and love everyone she met. It’s amazing where she came from, and what she had become. She always lived up to her name. She was one HAPPY GIRL!

One day I decided to take her to classes to be certified as a therapy dog. Three months later she was certified. We visited nursing homes, rehab hospitals, and Universities. She gave so much love, joy, and comfort to everyone she met. Her last visit was to our local university, after a terrible tragedy. We also went there the week of finals to help relieve stress. She was a great comfort to the students and staff. She captured everyone’s heart. We miss her so much, but are blessed to have had her for 7 ½ years. Her paw prints will forever remain in our hearts.

By Marlene Vannoy
Something has been bothering me for quite some time. Soul of equanimity that I am, I’ve only bubbled over about it…oh…say a half dozen times. Bad news. I’ve reached a tipping point.

After MCKC 2010, some Elders in the breed ripped the quality of the dogs on our Discuss list. This wasn’t nostalgia, that nothing could ever be as good as Ol’ Rover and Little Missy of time immemorial…and fading memory. This was the Elders saying flat out that today’s breeders were clueless and worse, didn’t care. That meme continues to reappear.

We can’t talk about breed quality and breeders’ failings, especially in public forums, then disappear, do nothing and be surprised nothing changes. All that does is drive newcomers out at a time when the sport of purebred dogs desperately needs new blood.

So the first step is to get past the idea almost all new(er) breeders don’t care or are all stupid or all lazy. Some certainly are…so are some long time breeders. If we legitimately want to see change, we have to start with the assumption everyone wants to do it right. And needs help.

“Help” should be SCWTCA’s commitment to a serious breeder education program. It simply hasn’t existed. I defy you to find in any Wavelengths either a plan or a financial commitment to anything other than MCKC weekend and an occasional Roving programs. Breeder Education, especially given the hand wringing over the state of the breed, can’t be just an annual program, some articles, telling people to find mentors and that’s it.

The Board isn’t blind; members are on social media, see photos and go to dog shows. They breed. They talk to other breeders and owners. As the club’s leaders they should see Breeder Education as required by the Constitution: “Encourage breeders to bring to perfection the natural qualities of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier as described in the SCWTCA, Inc. Standard”

It’s not entirely the Board. We have an Education committee. I’ve talked to them and they are earnest. I don’t want to pound on volunteers…we all have lives away from SCWTCA. But there is apparently some disconnect between the committee and the Board. Whatever the reasons, wherever the fault lies…it is the Board’s responsibility to fix.

Let me digress a minute to acknowledge two things that have been done. First, this and the two previous issues of Benchmarks have featured some good pieces on elements of breed type. Kudos to the authors and editors for creating these tools. Let’s take the next step and put them on the breeders’ education section of the website; in a year or two, no one is going to remember where to find them.

Second is the Conformation Assessment Program. Lots can be said about this admirable attempt but let’s focus on two aspects. First, CAP was derived from the Golden Retriever Club’s program. It’s good to borrow from another successful program but the Goldens’ CAP has been successful because it meets needs specific to their breed. Our needs are different. Second, CAP is logistically challenging, and those challenges limit the reach of the program. As a result, this worthy program will not impact our breed significantly.

None of that means the Wheaten CAP program is a failure…hardly. The administrators have likely learned lots of lessons from it and can apply them to other breeder education efforts.

So what should be done about Breeder Education? Let’s acknowledge a basic proposition: nothing beats live experiences with good dogs. Then let’s acknowledge those opportunities are limited and if that’s all we’re going to prescribe, we will NEVER get better.

Look at the key words there: "live," "experiences," "good dogs." How many good dogs are there in anyone’s area? How many experienced people are there to teach what’s right and wrong about them? How many quality live experiences can someone realistically get? Two hours at MCKC or at every specialty doesn’t cut it. The oft-mentioned, one-time weekend of education will, I fear, lead to self-congratulations and no follow up.
Mentors? There's a whole column in itself. We must provide opportunities online. Think it can't be done well? Go to YouTube, search for and watch “A Discussion of the Lakeland Terrier” and tell me you think online breeder education can't be valuable.

Online breeder education is more than just video presentations. Doing it calls for a highly collaborative, creative project. A breeder education committee isn't just Breed Doynenes. Such expertise is obviously mandatory...but success requires photographers, teachers, artists, writers, technical wizards, organizers and hard workers. The key qualifications? Commitment and parking your ego at the door.

Put a group like that together in a room to brainstorm and see what happens.

Breeders and owners, you don’t need to wait to make an impact. Yeah, keep your eyes and ears open and ask questions...especially of people who aren’t your BFFs. But here’s a really simple task: stop telling people their dogs are wonderful.

I get it: your friend wins, posts on Facebook and you’re happy for them. Except the dog is ugly or badly groomed or was put up by a blind idiot or maybe it’s just an awful photo. Congratulate your friend. But do NOT say he’s gorgeous, beautiful, stunning, lovely. Just be quiet, please. Every time one of those photos garners 20 likes, the owner thinks “my next star,” newcomers want to breed to it and people in other breeds laugh even harder at us.

Finally, it’s your turn, breeder judges. I bet when you decided to judge, you told people it was your way to contribute, right? Well, until you start withholding ribbons, never say anything about poor breed quality. Ever. You can’t proclaim the breed is a disaster and sign in the judge’s book “I certify that in my opinion the WINNER and RESERVE are deserving of Championship points on this day.” Withholding is your best opportunity to contribute to the quality of the breed. Don’t whine no one will like it, AKC will be mad, and you won’t get approved for more breeds. If you don’t care about THIS breed first, you’re not a breeder judge.

All of us...breeders, owners, Board members can make an impact by doing some things that are just a little hard and maybe a little costly. Mostly, we can put our money where our mouths are.

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## 2015 SCWT Specialty Schedule: updated

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What a wonderful Specialty weekend! Our club members, friends, and Wheaties from all around the country came together at Sacramento to enjoy Home on the Range. The Northern California weather was fantastic, creating a great Spring setting that was cool and sunny in the mornings and warm in the afternoons and evenings - perfect weather for a dog show and party.

Each morning as our club members and friends gathered to prepare for the day’s events, they were met with delicious breakfast treats prepared by Susan Solsby. Throughout the morning Susan added more snacks for everyone to enjoy as they prepared their Wheatens for the ring, celebrated their wins, and laughed and talked with old and new friends. Judges for the Specialty weekend were: Thursday, Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina; Friday for the Specialty, Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan; Saturday, Mrs. Cindy Vogels; and on Sunday, Mr. Elliott B. Weiss.

The day of our Specialty the show ring was decorated in true old west style by Michael Weiss and Barbara Ostrom. Bales of hay, a large cut-out silhouette of a cowboy, wagon wheels, a stuffed cowboy Wheaten, and sun flowers set the stage for the show. The morning began with Puppy Sweepstakes judged by Mrs. Patrice Chevalier. 14 adorable Wheaten puppies paraded in the ring vying for Best in Sweepstakes. Next, 51 beautiful dogs competed in the Breed ring, judged by Ms. Patricia Anne Keenan. The morning ended with a Parade of Veterans. Mrs. Chevalier announced each veteran as they entered the ring. It was touching to see our older wheatens prance in the ring again: CH Marquee’s Trick or Treat, CH Orion’s Ya Talkin to Me, CH Bonney Follow That Star and, CH Marquee’s Party Girl.

This year’s Puppy Sweeps and Breed winners were presented with whimsical trophies representing our Home on the Range theme. Barbara Zapf and Marcia Weisman planned the beautiful, colorful trophies which included an etched wood pedigree, painted glass trays and plates, etched vases and stemless glasses. Our puppy winners were presented with soft and colorful toys that depicted our theme. Pat Rutherford worked her magic collecting donations for all of our trophies.

Our Specialty concluded with a dinner, raffle and auction held outdoors in an elegant white tent expertly decorated by Michael Weiss and Barbara Ostrom. The dinner, planned by Tami Herzog, exceeded everyone’s expectations. The food was delicious, the weather perfect, and the setting beautiful. Table decorations featured clay Wheaten figurines riding horses and wagons or sitting in colorfully decorated cowboy boots. These figurines were auctioned off later in the evening by Richard Urquhart who always manages to hold a lively, fun and profitable auction. Rose Rose organized our raffle which provided our guests with an opportunity to win Wheaten novelty items, art, jewelry, or gift certificates.

That’s what our Specialty weekend was all about - time to spend with our Wheaties and our friends, celebrating and making new memories. Our club would like to thank our exhibitors, our judges, our friends, and all of the people who donated their time and money to make our Specialty a success.
SCWTC of No. California Sweepstakes... Critique from Patrice Chevalier

Thank you to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Northern California for inviting me to judge your sweepstakes. I looked forward to it with great excitement for months. How lucky I was to have such a lovely entry.

The consistency of the line-up was refreshing and it was consistently nice, making it a difficult but enjoyable task at hand. My overall impression is one of square, “cobby” outlines so anyone would recognize each silhouette as a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Attitude would also identify each as a Wheaten with happy energy and joyful tail wagging and some “No, I want it my way attitude”.

When examining heads I was gratified to see a dark eye every time I lifted a fall; there wasn’t a light eye in sight. I would prefer to see more refinement in back skull width without a loss of fill in the muzzle. Teeth and bites were consistently nice with only a few minor dropped front incisors - a definite improvement. Front shoulder angles are generally upright and led me to want more length of neck. Top-lines were consistently level, broad and strong. Tail sets were very nice indeed. Rear assemblages were solid with good width and balance. So, with much consistency among the entries, side movement fluidity and balance became my primary guide.

Thank you for the honor and pleasure of being your sweepstakes judge.

Puppy Dog, 6 and under 9 months
1st Place: Glenamon Treasure of Donegal – It’s tough to be the first dog in before a rhythm is set within a ring. This little guy definitely felt the strain. Nice shoulder transition and topline.

Puppy Dog, 9 and under 12 months
1st Place: Bonney Bushel and a Peck – Moderate with lovely outline, tail set and bend of stifles. Wanted to be in charge when moving. He would show himself better when moving with a refocusing of that energy.
2nd Place: Marymore Frisky Whiskey - Very sound package.
3rd Place: Saltinsea Commander-in-Chief – Nice length of neck and well trimmed and presented.
4th Place: Harbour Hill At Neiman Marcus – Nice coat and a lot of it.

Junior Dog, 12 and under 18 months
1st Place and Best in Sweepstakes: Mackanme Without a Doubt – A tall boy with balance. Fluid movement on the go-around with balanced length-to-width of head for a lovely rectangle.

Puppy Bitch, 6 and under 9 months
1st Place: Glenamon Loneloch Sidda Lee Treasure – This girl took this class because I could see her move. She had a lovely outline. Very similar to the next bitch in this class that turned out to be a litter mate.
2nd Place: Glenamon Elusive Treasure – This girl had “Moments of Brilliance” while moving and would love to see her again when her attention is focused on horizontal forward movement.

Puppy Bitch, 9 and under 12 months
1st Place and Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: Gemstone And That’s The Truth – Loved this very feminine girl. She is in outstanding balance and proportions with butt behind and easy movement.
2nd Place: Harbour Hill Wears Giorgio Armani – Nice outline and coat texture and color. Once again very similar to the next bitch in this class which turned out to be a litter mate.
3rd Place: Harbour Hill Sparkles in Harry Winston – Her sister out-moved her on this day.

Junior Bitch, 12 and under 18 months
1st Place: Connemar She Moves in Mysterious Ways – Lovely flowing coat with abundant wave already at this age.
2nd Place: Bendacht Everwil’s Sassafras – Would really like to see her moved out at a little livelier pace.

BOSW: MACKANME WITHOUT A DOUBT
Mackanme Larkhill Without Limits x CH Mackanme Glory Hallelujah
Owner: Greg & Sherri Lindsay & Jeri Voyles
Breeder: Jeri Voyles

BOSW: GEMSTONE AND THAT’S THE TRUTH
CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V Bodasca x GCH Gemstone Monarch Over Boston.
Owner: Tami & Jim Herzog & Bette Kaiser
Breeder: John Roos & James Calibjo & Tami & Jim Herzog
WD/BW/BBE: BONNEY BUSHEL AND A PECK
CH Mackneme Foreign Affair V Bodasca x CH Bonney Apple Of My Eye
Owner: Bonita F Snyder
Breeder: Bonita Snyder & Victoria & Dave Gosnell

WB: LEGACY KALOHE SUMMER WIND
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Owner: Karen & George Davis & Jon Caliri & Mary Brown
Breeder: Mary Brown & Sandra Amorosia & Glenn Amorosia

BOB, GROUP 3: CH BRYR ROSE MATISSE (Dog)
GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfin xCH Bryr Rose French Kiss
Owner: E Koharik & J Koharik & J Ferris
Breeder: Jeanne Ferris

BOS: CH ATAS DIM SUM LIGHTS (Bitch)
CH Mackneme Bradberry High Flyer x CH Harbour Hill 30 Minute Meals
Owner: Jeanine Flavell & Susan Sakauye
Breeder: Jeanine Flavell & Susan

SEL DOG: GCH BRYR ROSE PHOENIX RISING
CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power
Owner/Breeder: Carolyn Garrett

SEL BITCH: CH SERENDIPITY'S URBAN LEGEND
GCH Gleanngay Legend Of The Grail x CH Serendipity's Mamma Mia
Owner: Richard Taylor & Camille Taylor
Breeder: Ferol Stanford
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AOM: **CH ORION’S YA TALKIN TO ME**  (Dog)  
CH Marquees Tricks Of The Trade x CH Bremoor’s People Will Talk  
Owner: Richard & Camille Taylor  
Breeder: Betsy Geertson & Gary Vlachos.

AOM: **CH LEGACY GLENNGAY AT BONNEY**  (Bitch)  
GCH Lochlinear Gleenngay Cha Ching x GCH Gleenngay Lady Of The Lake  
Owner: Bonita F Snyder & J Caliri & R Green

AOM: **CH ATAS BRUT, ET TU?**  (Dog)  
GCH Lochlinear Gleenngay Cha Ching x CH Harbour Hill 30 Minute Meals  
Owner: Lanie Keystone & Jeanine Flavell  
Breeder: Jeanine Flavell & Susan Sakauye.
AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence

Each year, five loyal, hard-working dogs are commemorated by the AKC Humane Fund for making significant contributions to an individual or their communities. One award will be given in each of the following five categories:

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- Therapy Dog (Dogs certified to provide affection and comfort to those in need)
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- An engraved sterling silver medallion presented at a special ACE ceremony at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

To qualify, the dog must have performed some exemplary act, whether large or seemingly small, that has significantly benefitted a community or individual. Dogs do not have to be AKC registered to be nominated.

Accepting ACE nominations through July 1, 2015 at https://www.akchumanefund.org/ace-awards

The Wheaten Ambassador Award: Calling for entries...

Given annually by Dorice & Mark Stancher in memory of Duffy (Holweit’s Stancher, CGC CD CDX RN RA)

Eligibility: For members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America (SCWTCA) including dogs that are co-owned or placed in “pet” homes.

The Wheaten Terrier Ambassador Award is presented to the Wheaten Terrier that has made a difference in their community. Preferably titled in one AKC performance event, the emphasis of this award is on diplomacy and community service through therapy work and/or exceptional fund-raising activities for the greater good. An added bonus is the willingness to participate in new ventures including herding-instinct testing, or outdoor sports such as skijoring or kayaking; exhibiting a zest for life.

Nominations: Obtained from this notice in Benchmarks and on the website. Nominations accepted until 9/17/15. An e-mail can be sent to those members listed in the directory.

Judging Panel: Dorice Stancher, plus 1 Performance member, 1 Conformation member

Presentation: Annual Dinner at the Montgomery weekend

Documentation: SCWTCA Awards catalog

Award: Wooden plaque
Friday morning at Garden State All Terrier Club dawned overcast, breezy and cool for the first of the 3 shows for the Delaware Valley Soft Wheaten Terrier Club Specialty weekend. Today’s Judge was Frank Washabaugh, with an entry of 39.

Winners Dog was Whindancer Under the Wide and Starry Sky, owned by Susan Ratliffe. Reserve Winners Dog was Macphail Thackeray Binx owned by Sandy Ross. Winner Bitch and Best of Winners was Macphail Wicked Live Wire, owned by Sandy Ross. Reserve Winners was Frolic’s Caper to Coventry owned by Cheryl Turner. Best of Breed for the day was GCH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising owned by Carolyn Garrett. Best of Opposite Sex was GCH Canopy Road’s Carry on the Legend owned by Sally Leonard. Select Dog was GCH Diamonds Ain’t Misbehaving and Select Bitch was CH Keepsake’s Soul Surfer. Our Best of Breed dog, GCH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising, also won a Group 4 in a tough Terrier group.

After judging, all exhibitors, Wheaten lovers, and their friends gathered for the 9th Annual Wine and Cheese party provided and hosted by Carole Clark (Clewbay) and Cherie Turner (frolic).

**Specialty Day**

Saturday was a beautiful day for our Specialty show held in conjunction with Bucks County Kennel Club. The day started with Wheaten Breeder, Helen Moreland, judging Sweepstakes.

There was an entry of 15. For her Winners she choose Frolic’s Caper to Coventry for **Best in Sweepstakes.**

**Best Opposite** went to Macphil Thackeray Binx owned by Sandy Ross. Best of Winners and Winners Bitch was Frolic’s Caper to Coventry, owned by Cheryl Turner. Reserve Winners was Cheshire Heart and Soul, owned by Shari Fougnie and K Mueller. Best of Breed was GCH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising, owned by Carolyn Garrett. Best of Opposite Sex was GCH Canopy Road’s Carry on the Legend, owned by Sally Leonard. Select Dog was GCH Greentree Real Quiet and Select Bitch was Macphail Wicked Live Wire.

The “Thanks for Coming” luncheon provided and hosted by Kevin and Bev McDonald was served immediately after judging. More good food, good friends and celebrating wins!

A huge Thank You for all who worked so hard to make this weekend of shows fun and successful, and a bid Congratulations to all of this weekend’s winners. We are looking forward to our shows next year when we will be celebrating our 45th Anniversary.
**Del Val Sweepstakes...Critique from Helen Moreland**

It was a pleasure to judge the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Sweepstakes at Bucks County Kennel Club on May 2, 2015. There were 15 Wheaten puppies shown. I feel it was a generally above average entry. I was happy to see the many clean heads, dark eyes and mainly good bites.

With a few exceptions, the movement and structure were acceptable. I was particularly delighted to be able to award BIS to a beautiful bitch, Frolic’s Caper To Coventry. She is an excellent representative of the breed. MacPhail Thackery Binx was awarded BOS; he is also a good representative of the Wheaten breed.

**BOSW: FROLIC’S CAPER TO COVENTRY**
CH Harbour Hill R U Nuts x CH Waterford Coventry Caper  
Owner: Cheryl Turner  
Breeder: E Heckman & M Shomaker & J Heckman

**BOSSW: MACPHAIL THACKERAY BINX**
CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V. Bodasca x GCH Mackanme A Wicked Good Tale.  
Owner: Sandra B Ross & Francis Sanzone  
Breeder: Sandra B Ross & Jeri Voyles

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**Del Val Specialty Breed...Critique from Jennifer Allen Moore**

Thank you for inviting me to judge the DVSC Wheaten Terrier Club entry. The day was beautiful and the entry was too. The dogs were in fine spirits and so was I. I have always enjoyed judging Wheatens. It has been since 1999 that I had that last privilege. Overall, since then, I would say on this day, that the coats are more consistent both in color and texture. Only a few were over trimmed.

There were many good movers who performed well and carried good toplines with compact bodies. Still some tendency to be shelly. In the other direction, some heads were too cheeky. My winners more than pleased me because there was depth in the classes and in the specials ring making my job a joy and should make you as breeders proud. Thank you for the entry, the gift, and the good time at lunch.

**WD/AOM: GREENTREE O'MANNION JACKPOT**
CH Wheaten Rebel’s Nelson For Navy x GCH Greentree Havana Moonstruck.  
Owner: Janet Cusick & Beverly & Kevin McDonald & Carole Clark  
Breeder: Joanne Manning & Beverly & Kevin McDonald

**WB/BW: LONESTAR A STUDY IN SCARLET**
CH Star "My Dear Watson" x Carrick’s Lonestar Phoenix Rising.  
Owner: Thomas & Wendy Neil  
Breeder: Thomas & Wendy Neil & Pam Peckham
BOB: GCH GREENTREE REAL QUIET  
CH Greentree Skellig's Samba Par Ti x Greentree Preakness Clover.  
Owner: Diane & Jacob Horst & K & B McDonald  
Breeder: Kevin & Beverly McDonald  

BOS: CH KEEPSAKE’S SOUL SURFER  
CH Greentree Keepsake Surfing USA x Keepsake's Sizzlin' Hot  
Owner: Sydney Robinson & Shari Robinson  
Breeder: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Linda Thompson  

SD: GCH SUNDANCE SECOND CHANCE  
CH Eudora's Isak Finnigan O'Bradberry x CH Sundance Truly An Heirloom  
Owner: Sandy Russo & Frank Russo  
Breeder: Susan & Don Wuerz.  

AOM: GCH BRYR ROSE PHOENIX RISING  
CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x  
CH Bryr Rose Flower Power. Dog.  
Owner/Breeder: Carolyn Garrett  

AOM: CH LISMORE MCCORMACK’S DRAGON SONG  
CH Aran What Happens In Vegas x  
GCH Lismore The World According To Me.  
Owner: Margaret A Ryan & Maureen A Long  

AOM: CH CLOVER’S IN THE KNICK OF TIME  
CH Wheaten Rebel's Nelson For Navy x  
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A note from your Editors:

In the last few issues of Benchmarks we have reviewed individually the qualities that characterize “Essence of Type” in the Wheaten Terrier...

- Coat ~ Silhouette ~ Head ~ Attitude
- Next quarter we will summarize these four attributes and how they combine to make the ideal Wheaten.
- The Wheaten Health News will focus on “Senior Dogs”.

Remember, Benchmarks is your Publication, so please send us your ideas, input, and articles you’d like to see in the future.

Test Your Wheaten IQ...

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Benny & Sandy Go Gold!

#9 in 2014 Breed
# 1 Owner-handled SCWT 2014
#2 (YTD March 2015) Breed
Select Dog 2015 Del Val Specialty

Sage Cheatens
Sandy & Frank Russo * 954-651-4504 * natures@bellsouth.net
A Champion at 8 months, undefeated with 4 majors. GCH and TERRIER GROUP 1 at 9 months of age. Thank you Judge, Mr. Michael Dougherty for this win.

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