The Autumn leaves come tumbling down...
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About The Cover

This is Burdigan’s Sunshine and Lollipops, co-owned by Josh and Julie Burdick.  Photo by Josh Burdick taken at 4 months old while playing in the leaves in the backyard.  It won runner up in the Chris Christensen contest, titled Playful Pups and is in their 2016 catalog.
Good communication is vital to the success of any organization. Over the years the club has developed a variety of methods to communicate with members. We have an amazing website that offers a wealth of information for members and non-members alike. Our official club magazine, *Benchmarks*, has greatly expanded to include breeder education and now, *Wheaton Health News*. *Wavelengths*, which is published in the “Members Only” section of the club website, features Board meeting minutes along with all officer and committee reports. Read *Wavelengths* and you will get a great overview of the Club’s business.

As many of you know, we also have two YAHOO groups set up specifically for our club, SCWTCA Discuss and SCWTCA Updates. What you may not realize is that they serve very different purposes.

SCWTCA Discuss is a group comprised of only SCWTCA members. SCWTCA Discuss was set up to provide a forum for the free-flowing discussion of topics of interest to Club members, committee members, and Board members. At times this group can be very active on a variety of topics and a lively discussion can ensue. Many members have chosen to sign up for SCWTCA Discuss while others have opted out due to a concern over too many emails generated from the group. While occasionally there can be a large number of emails on a particular subject, the members of the group often provide a wealth of information on a variety of subjects.

SCWTCA Updates is set up through YAHOO to provide the Board with a way to communicate effectively and efficiently with the members of SCWTCA. Only information approved by, or from the Board is sent to the members via Updates. This group is not a discussion group so members will only receive emails when Club business needs to be communicated. There are VERY FEW emails in this group. Comments, questions or other ideas will not post to this list. They should be directed to a Board member or to the Board email board@scwtca.org.

When a Bylaws change was made in 2015, our members confirmed that they would like the Club to use electronic communication whenever possible. It is important that all Club members with internet access be signed up for SCWTCA Updates. This is the primary way your board will communicate important information to you.

Our June mailer which included the Nominating Committee report, the Specialty judge nomination ballot, and the nomination form for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was sent via Mail Chimp. This was our first attempt at doing a major club mailing electronically. Mail Chimp is especially useful for mass emails as it lets you know the mails were received and opened. Also, it provides information on which mails bounced and why. While there were a few glitches that were to be expected, this method of communicating looks promising.

In the coming weeks, we will reach out to members who are not yet part of SCWTCA Updates, inviting them to join the group and offering assistance for the sign-up process. For those already signed up for Updates, thank you for keeping the lines of communication open. SCWTCA Discuss is also a wonderful resource and a great place to express opinions on club activities. If you are not already a member of Discuss, I encourage you to join. You can also request an invitation to join Discuss and Updates using the following links:

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SCWTCADiscuss/info
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SCWTCA-Updates/info

Thank you for your patience and support as we work on new ways to provide information and improve communication.

*No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.*

Christopher Morley

Cecily Skinner
From the Editors

In this issue we concentrate on puppy development with some good member and other expert articles on rearing, puppy care, and the importance of socialization from a very young age. Articles and WHN are all focused on this aspect of a breeder’s responsibility…the more we do as breeders, the better our pups are able to adjust in their new homes.

With every litter I’ve bred, including my Kerry Blues, each has turned into both a wonderful yet sometimes alarming learning experience… all of them, important lessons in rearing pups. From the little pup with poor sucking ability (a drop of honey for this one) to the fat little piggy that wants every good teat for himself, it’s incredible to watch and influence the physical development and individual personalities from day one.

Singletons are especially interesting. With no food competition, they usually end up fat roly-poly’s that can’t even stand up till they are two weeks old. I’ve had three over the years, and mine have turned out to be spoiled and difficult to manage. With no littermates to challenge them, they develop a very strong sense of “id” making training far more challenging.

We start handling, soft combing, nail clipping, cleaning pads and privates by day 4-5. It’s amazing how quickly nails and hair grow. My granddaughter is always my best helper.

In addition to the caring, the maintenance of babies and Mom, and keeping the environment clean, socialization and exposure to all things is a big responsibility of the breeder. My pups first venture out of the whelping box at about three weeks, and then outdoors at about 4-5 weeks (FL), always making sure their outings include exposure to loud noises and new people. Garbage day is the best, loud trucks and lots of activity. This sort of exposure helps to develop strong and self-confident pups.

September’s issue also has complete coverage of SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis Specialty Show, SCWTCSC Specialty @ KC Beverly Hills, and SCWTCSC Specialty @ Great Western Terrier Assoc. Additionally, please read about the events scheduled for Montgomery and make your plans!

Helen Fraguela

After almost two years of working on Benchmarks with Helen, I’m still excited about every new issue. As we continue to explore topics we think are worthy of presenting on breeder education, I realize how much knowledge I’ve gained from those areas we’ve presented over the past seven issues, including Structure, Movement, Essence of Type, Reproduction, and now Puppy Development.

I also find myself encouraging new people to our breed to subscribe to Benchmarks … telling them of the many ads of stunning dogs featured every quarter, and how much they can learn with both the articles and by seeing the best dogs being shown across the country from the in-depth specialty show results.

I know many of you share our enthusiasm as we continue to hear great feedback on the magazine, but even better is the participation we’re getting. In this issue, as well as the last several, we’ve had the pleasure of printing articles by your fellow club members and breeders, who’ve offered their knowledge and experience they’ve gained over the years on a variety of topics.

So keep up the great work people … we think there is more to learn and more to explore, as together we strive to represent our wonderful breed in performance events, conformation shows, and to be worthy of the title of Reputable Breeders.

Deb Van De Ven
Happy Birthday Seniors!

"Lexi"
CH Bradberry’s Alexandria Grace Kelly
DOB: April 28, 2003
CH Harbour Hill Rerun Van Pelt x CH Bradberry’s Calla Lilly

Lexi and her three brothers were born shortly before I received military orders to Germany. From birth I knew this spunky puppy was destined for the show ring … so she would be the first show dog for my sister Jane. Lexi quickly became the much loved fourth child in her family, but Jane also took on her show career with determination … teaching herself to show groom and handle Lexi herself. Lexi and Jane did well thanks to Lexi’s “look at me!!!” attitude, and Jane’s talent and tenacity. With both majors and all but one point to finish, they ran into a wall as Lexi’s coat went through a bad adolescent phase. Many shows and much travel later, Jane would finish Lexi in grand style with a BOB win & four-point-major from the classes. Finishing Lexi herself was an ecstatically happy day for Jane. Lexi has given me the dogs I consider the best I’ve ever bred … as the dam of “Reese,” “Schnitzel,” and grand dam of “Marley.” On the tenth anniversary of Jane’s passing, I’m so happy to know how much joy Lexi brought to Jane’s life.
Deb Van De Ven

"Teddy"
Teddybear Jump For Joy NA OAJ OAP OJP
DOB: 06/11/2003
Sanddollars Sky King X Sho-Well’s RX For Love

Join us in saying Happy Birthday to our Ted who recently turned 13! Ted was re-homed to us at the age of five (after his original owner died) by the SCWTC of Greater Tampa Bay. Ted immediately joined his brother Riley in agility training and also earned his CGC certificate! Ted has also performed for a rescue group in a Trick show at a MALL! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saQZLCicoYY

Many people don’t want to adopt a dog of this age…. but Teddy shows us what they are missing! For his 13th birthday, Ted went on a boating trip where he also got to swim and explore an island. Ted acted like he was a puppy, so we can’t wait to do it again.

We feel so blessed to have this sweetheart in our lives.

Susie Blackledge

Bred by: Marilyn Stowell & Aviva Robinson
SCWT Champion and Performance Titles

April-June 2016

DOG

Almar’s Miss Cassandra VCD1 PCDX BN GN RE OAP OJP CGC
Barnum’s Pumpkin Pie Sage AXJ AJX XFP CGC
Baroque Sweet Nothings Shelby Makay OAP OJP NFP

Bendacht Adventure Runs High CD PCX BN RA NAP NJP CGCA
CH Barbo An Apple A Day
CH Bry Rose Mademoiselle Emmanuelle
CH Burdigan’s Pop Pop Fizz Fizz
CH Chesire Mopping Up
CH Coventry Penny For Your Thoughts
CH Cuilinn Born To Reign
CH Dhowden Funny Business
CH Diamonds Amigos
CH Doublon’s Copilot
CH Doublon’s Wicked Strong

CH Eringlo Dancing Through Life VCD1 BN MX MXS MJX MJF
CH Eringlo Playing With Fire VCD2 RE TDX MX MXS MJX MJG NF

CH Eringlo WannaBe Fast
CH Ferns Passion Fruit Of Frolic
CH Geragold Poker Face CGC
CH Greentree Gold Trinket
CH Haldane Diamonds And Pearls
CH Haldane You Fill Up My Senses
CH Harbour Hill A Christmas Story
CH Harbour Hill Christmas Cookie
CH Harbour Hill Sparkles In Harry Winston
CH J’Adores Lord Stanley Cup At Raelyn
CH J’Adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn
CH Laird Brody Of Lontree
CH MACH2 Aran Twisted Logic MXS MJS OF
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CH Marques Fair Exchange CGC
CH Marquess’s Heritage Exchange
CH Orion Trebol Breaking Bad TD
CH Reyem’s Eeny Meeny Mighty Moe
CH Rosheen Magic Thunder
CH Saddlebrook’s Champagne Fizz
CH Serendipity’s Grand Slam
CH Stratford Captain America Down Under
CH Stratford Fly Me To A Paper Moon
CH Sundance’s Finnigan Wake Me When The Dream Is Over
CH Vintage Braveheart
Connemar She Moves In Mysterious Ways RN CGCA
Cuileann Wonders Of The World ACT2

Dundalk’s Flash Of Lightning MX AXJ MXP OF
Dunfrae’s Live In The Moment NA NAJ
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Eringlo Riverside MXX MXB MJX MJB

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GCH CH Azydeco How Can U Surpass Perfection
GCH CH Blessing All The Way To The Moon
GCH CH Ceili’s Shiny And Bright OA AXJ
GCH CH Ceili’s Shiny And Bright OA AXJ
GCH CH Dromata’s Huggable Quinn RN THDN CGCA
GCH CH Dromata’s Huggable Quinn THDN CGCA
GCH CH Eringlo Playing With Fire VCD2 RE TDX MX MXS MJX MJG NF

SIRE

Buckwheat Emperor Over The Sea
CH Whindancer’s Heart Like A Wheel
CH Avalyn’s Bearlament Bear
CH Westridge High Adventure CDX PCD GN RAE NAP
CH Gleannagay Who’s Your Daddy
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
CH Burdigan’s Color My World
GCHS CH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man
CH Bradberry’s Schnitzel Maguire
CH Cuilinn Caislean Dundrum
GCH CH Chowden American Dream
Wheaten Rebek’s Carlos Santana
CH Doublon’s Myths N’ Magic
GCH CH Greentree Keepsake Surfina USA

CH Eringlo Playing With Fire VCD2 RE TDX MX MXS MJX MJG NF

CH Starlight Treasure Chest
CH Bradberry’s Schnitzel Maguire
CH Pitterpat’s Blue Bayou
CH Whindancer’s Heart Like A Wheel
GCHS CH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man
GCH CH Cuilinn Leaving On A Jet Plane
CH Haldane Clouds In My Coffee
Harbour Hill Toy Story
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CH Pitterpat’s Blue Bayou
GCHB CH Rosheen Sufferin’ Succotash
GCHB CH Rosheen Sufferin’ Succotash
GCHS CH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man
CH Gleannagay Holliday
CH Gleannagay Holliday
GCHB CH Marquees Love The One You’re With
GCHB CH Marquees Love The One You’re With
CH Cameron Hunnicutt
GCHB CH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over
CH Acacia’s Farmer Expresso CD
CH Whindancer Little Ball Of Fire CD
GCHS CH Lokheara Gleannagya Cha Ching
CH Jendu Wild Blue Yonder
CH Doublon’s Myths N’ Magic
CH Kincora Tara Live In The Fast Lane
GCHG CH Bhr Rose Phoenix Rising
GCHS CH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man
CH Islander’s Kiss The Girls
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CH CRispas Extravaganzia
CH Geragold Whindancer Sunny Two
GCH CH Baroque You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet

DAM

CH Bendacht Desire
CH Bonny Apple Of My Eye
CH Bry Rose French Kiss
CH Bry Rose Pop Champagne
Cheshire You Talkin To Me
CH Waterford Coventy Caper
Cuilinn Gelt She’s All In
Dhodwen A Winters Tale
GCHB CH Diamonds Breakfast At Tiffany’s
CH Stratford Top ‘O The Morn’in’
GCHG CH Doublon’s Extreme Play

On June 5, 2016, Doogan earned his 7th AKC Master Agility Championship title (MACH7) at On the Run Canine Center, Ham Lake, MN, under Judge Tom Slattery. Video of the MACH7 run can be viewed at this link: https://youtu.be/EBXqLC8SBxg

Doogan earned his 7th agility championship with his lifetime handler, Bill Space. By earning MACH7, Doogan becomes the 2nd highest AKC agility-titled Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in history, as well as the #1 agility-titled SCWT dog (vs bitch) and 20” jump height (vs 16”) SCWT.

Doogan has been the picture of health throughout his life. He has never missed a run or suffered any injury in the hours and hours of training and trialing. His athleticism, technical skills, focus, and drive have led Doogan and Bill around the country to perform at the highest levels of agility competition, including four AKC Agility Invitational, three AKC National Agility Championships, two Terrier Only Performance Summits (TOPS), and one Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster. Doogan has been awarded the annual AKC Top Dog in Breed – Agility, four times, and is a proud recipient of the SCWTCA Agility Dog of the Year. Most importantly, Doogan has been the gateway to many new friends in the agility world for his humans, Bill and Michelle.

As an 11-year-old Irish-line Wheaton bred by Barb Peterson and Vermilion Kennels, Doogan will take on new challenges going forward. He will be retired from the 20” Regular agility class and moved to the 16” Preferred class on a more limited schedule. He’s earned it. He will become his nephew, Riley’s, biggest agility fan. And he will continue to be an ambassador for SCWTs in agility, wherever he goes. It’s been a heck of a run.
The word “alpha” has become one of those don’t-go-there words since it is often used to justify excessively harsh behavior or to put forth the erroneous comparison of dogs and wolves. But too often in an attempt to train positively, many dog parents will completely give up their position of power and rank within their dog family hierarchy. This is not a good thing.

For me, the term “alpha” means strong and consistent leadership. It is a person who makes rules and then sticks to them. And when authority is challenged, it is dealt with in a clear and concise manner without cruelty. The best alpha is confident, has a game plan, sticks to it and when there is a need for corrections does not bite when a growl will do. Being a strong leader takes courage. And when we step up to the challenge we can help fearful dogs gain confidence, stop dog fighting within our homes, and keep our dogs well-trained.

It is a known fact that dogs thrive on consistency. In an attempt to be good pet parents, many will give in to demands or negotiate with their dogs in an attempt to win them over through bribery or accepting non-compliant behavior. This is a mistake. Trained behaviors begin to unravel until one day it happens—your dog gets loose, is headed for the road, and you can’t get him to come back. He was allowed to make his own choice little by little, until one day he decided to take charge with potentially disastrous results.

Some frustrated owners at this point will put their dogs with a trainer who will “fix” their dog for thousands of dollars over the course of weeks, using aversive methods such as e-collars and prongs. They bar the owner from witnessing their methods, deliver a “trained” dog, and over time the behavior falls apart as the owner starts to give in to the dogs demands. And some dogs cannot handle the rough treatment. I was savagely bitten once by a Wheaten puppy that had gone through a program like this in New Jersey at six months. It remains on Prozac to this day and wears a muzzle in public. Being a good pet parent is a commitment and is hard work. But it can be done in a way that builds a strong and reliable bond based on respect between the handler and the dog.

Here are five tips to taking back your leadership position:

1. Set the rules early, make sure all family members are in agreement, and begin training at home and in multiple settings to make certain that the dog understands that “sit” means sit no matter where they are.

2. Once a behavior is taught through the use of reinforcement and motivators (food, praise, play, touch, free space) and understood through multiple repetitions in multiple settings, compliance is reinforced.

3. Behaviors are taught with distractions and in the case of multiple dogs, each dog is taught the behavior separately and then reinforced.

4. When a dog disobeys it is held to task. A corrective word or sound marker can be used and the behavior once again reinforced, checking to see where the behavior has broken down. When was the last time you used this command? Practice makes perfect. And when your dog complies, be sure to pay them off with one of the five motivators.

5. Don’t give in to sloppy behavior. Many owners fall prey to the just-this-time thinking and ultimately this can lead to a breakdown in response. Say what you say and mean what you mean. Positive training does not mean permissive.

As you are training remember that trust can be a very dangerous thing. I can guarantee that dogs will behave like dogs almost 100% of the time, and that is why when in public using a leash can be so important for controlling and re-directing behavior. Distractions and new situations can throw off even the most well-behaved canine. I knew a dog once that was a tremendous obedience champion until one day an animal escaped from the zoo and he was gone for days following it! When working in public use a long line (not a flex-lead) should be a part of your tool kit.
Opening Pandora’s Box

Just as humans can have Obsessive Compulsive Disorders (OCD) such as nail biting, excessive cleaning/hand washing/counting, etc... dogs can also exhibit unusual, repetitive behaviors that are also considered Canine Compulsive Disorders (CCD) in addition to other, more serious behaviors. In humans, research shows that OCD does run in families, and the genes that regulate serotonin uptake likely play a role in the development of the disorder.

Canine Compulsive Disorders
Over the years, I have personally experienced or witnessed several behaviors in Wheatens that I believe fall into this category.

After incredible frustration and lengthy discussion with other breeders, it became clear to me that others also experienced some of these odd behaviors in their dogs. The first one I noted (back in the ‘70s) was an abnormal consumptive behavior, in which the dog would eat anything it could find until it vomited. There was no illness involved, and once it vomited, it was as though a sigh of relief and calm came over the dog. My vet diagnosed it as anxiety Pica. This continued on and off two-three times a week, throughout the dog’s life. I am also aware of a Wheaten that ingested an entire box of steel wool pads in one of these frenzies, and finally succumbed after unravelling and eating an entire Berber rug.

In the ‘90s I had a Wheaten that exhibited chronic coat chewing with no underlying skin problem or irritation.

Goodness, as later I discovered that numerous other dogs in this line were also coat chewers...an “AHA” moment that certainly got my attention!

It really piqued my concern and interest in unusual behaviors sometimes seen in our breed. I had always suspected there was some genetic component, but this was my first real indication of it. I don’t believe the actual “coat chewing” is genetic, but something genetic (serotonin uptake capacity?) made these dogs predisposed to obsessive compulsive behaviors. We can also speculate that the early socialization period may play some role in these unusual behaviors.

I have now learned that CCD although rare, is clearly evident in certain breeds. In a recent article* from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, researchers identified genetic pathways that increase the severity of Canine Compulsive Disorders in Doberman Pinschers. Blanket and flank sucking are relatively common in Dobermans, and are now believed to be breed-specific genetic disorders. The article also cites that Canine OCDs can manifest as pica (eating nonfood items), excessive tail chasing, repetitive pacing, licking and/or chewing body parts, chasing ‘invisible flies’, freezing, staring, light/shadow chasing, acral lick causing dermatitis and masturbation.

Rage Syndrome
In Sudden Rage Syndrome, a dog will suddenly act with extreme aggression to anyone nearby, yet minutes later will be calm and non-aggressive.

Dr. Roger A. Mugford, an English animal behaviorist to whom the term is attributed, says “the causes of rage syndrome are thought to be genetic in nature, and some dog breeds far more likely to develop this problem than others. Springer Spaniels are particularly linked with the syndrome, but other breeds can also have rage syndrome.” The condition is rare, even in breeds that are genetically linked with it, and I am aware of only two “suspected” cases in Wheatens.

While these behaviors are still in the exploratory stages of genetics, I feel there is overwhelming evidence for using extreme caution as we make breeding decisions.

* https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160226125311.htm

By Helen Fraguela
## Developmental Stages of Puppy Behavior

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<td>Neonatal Period</td>
<td>• Unable to eliminate/regulate body temperature.</td>
<td>• At this age, puppies benefit from gentle daily handling by humans.</td>
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<td>Birth-13 days</td>
<td>• Eyes closed and unable to hear.</td>
<td>• Respect the dam’s protective maternal instinct.</td>
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<td>• Crawling forward and vocalize to seek mother.</td>
<td>• Remember to create a disinfecting foot bath at entrance to puppies’</td>
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<td>• EEG when awake identical to when sleeping.</td>
<td>room and to wash hands before handling.</td>
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<td>Transitional Period</td>
<td>• Begin to react to sound.</td>
<td>• Now is a good time to expose puppies to safe, novel objects, such as a</td>
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<td>13-20 days</td>
<td>• Teeth erupt.</td>
<td>baby bottle, a towel with your scent on it, even a dog-friendly cat.</td>
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<td>• Eyes open, react to changes in light, unable to see fully.</td>
<td>• Continue handling and talking to the puppies.</td>
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<td>• Crawl backwards and forwards, begin to stand/wag tail.</td>
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<td>Awareness Period</td>
<td>• Are able to use all their senses fully.</td>
<td>• Because this time is full of sensory development, the environment</td>
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<td>21-28 days</td>
<td>• Can walk, and are learning at an extremely fast rate.</td>
<td>should remain relatively stable so as not to overload the pups.</td>
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<td>• Can thermoregulate and eliminate.</td>
<td>• Pups can be introduced to carpet, wood, tile, linoleum, etc., for short</td>
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<td>• Begin to play with littermates.</td>
<td>intervals.</td>
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<td>• Can eat by means other than sucking.</td>
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<td>Canine Socialization Period</td>
<td>Learn specific behavior from dam and littermates such as facial expressions, body postures, mouthing, chasing, barking, soliciting play, and status-seeking behaviors.</td>
<td>• Begin short positive reinforcement training sessions.</td>
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<td>21-49 days</td>
<td>• Show appeasement gestures to dam when disciplined.</td>
<td>• Allow plenty of time for pups and mother to be together.</td>
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<td>• Learn bite inhibition from playing with littermates.</td>
<td>• Introduce to crate: keep an open crate in the whelping box to facilitate</td>
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<td>• Begin to understand social hierarchy through interaction with dam and littermates.</td>
<td>crate training later on.</td>
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<td>• Mother begins weaning pups.</td>
<td>• Provide aural stimuli through radio; continue handling and speaking to</td>
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<td>Human Socialization</td>
<td>• Can form deep bonds with humans at this time.</td>
<td>pups.</td>
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<td>Period 7-12 weeks</td>
<td>• Go through a fearful stage between 8 and 11 weeks of age. Anything that traumatizes them at this stage could potentially scare them for the rest of their lives.</td>
<td>• Introduce pups to short car rides, two at a time.</td>
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<td>• Have the brain waves of adult dogs.</td>
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<td>• Can go home with a human family.</td>
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### Week 14

The time to easily socialize your puppy is coming to a close.

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<td>• Attempt to resolve their status in the household.</td>
<td>• Continue to provide a structured environment for puppies.</td>
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<td>• Become more independent.</td>
<td>• Continue to condition pup to accept thorough handling.</td>
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<td>• Venture off on own.</td>
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<td>• May become fearful of new, and even familiar, situations.</td>
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<td>Period: Adolescence</td>
<td>• Reach sexual maturity; males being lifting leg and females go into first heat.</td>
<td>• Do not punish a fearful pup, instead help him overcome his fears</td>
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<td>• Lifelong reactive behavior patterns (growling at unfamiliar people, for example) can form.</td>
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<td>• Continue to grow to full size.</td>
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Dealing with Fear Imprint Periods

Socialization isn’t just about your dog meeting new dogs. It also includes the introduction of new people, objects, novel experiences and other animals. The most important thing is that this is done in a controlled manner, and your dog is never forced into an interaction. Any new person/pet/object/experience must result in good things.

Puppies and dogs go through “fear periods.” A fear period is often noticed by canine owners as a period of sudden onset in which your dog becomes afraid of people, pets, objects and even places – these are often things they have previously been comfortable with.

Keep in mind that puppies are less likely to broaden their experiences if they are insecure. In natural environments, puppies approach new things cautiously. If you don’t expose your puppy to a variety of situations and new environments, inappropriate ways to adapt may be learned. During the Socialization period, there is a fear imprint period from 8 - 11 weeks. During this time, any traumatic, painful or frightening experiences will have a more lasting impact on your pup than they would if they occurred at another time. An unpleasant trip to the veterinarian, for instance, at this time could forever make your dog apprehensive about vets. To avoid this, take some treats and a toy. While you wait, play with your puppy and offer him treats. Have your vet give your puppy treats along with lots of praise and petting after the examination. Avoid elective surgeries, such as ear-cropping and hernia repair during this time. In general, avoid stressful situations.

Remember, dogs are social animals. To become acceptable companions, they need to interact with you, your family, and other people and dogs during the Socialization Period. Dogs that are denied socialization during this critical period often become unpredictable because they are fearful or aggressive. Therefore, you need to socialize and teach your puppy how to interact with people and other dogs in a positive, non-punitive manner. You should gradually introduce your puppy to new things, environments, and people. If you plan on taking your dog to dog shows or using your dog in a breeding program, get him around other dogs. If you plan to travel with your dog, get him accustomed to riding in the car. Go someplace fun. Remember, if new experiences are overwhelming or negative, the results could be traumatic.

Most people are unaware that there are actually up to 4 recognized fear periods. The first, between the ages of 8-11 weeks, and again around the 5-7 months. However it is often commonly overlooked that they have another two “fear periods.” The third fear period occurs as they enter social maturity usually around 10-12 months of age. It is often at this 10 month mark that people report barking, aggression and fearful episodes. The last fear period can occur somewhere between the age of 18 months and 2 years and varies from dog to dog.

These later Imprint Periods are similar to the one that occurred during the socialization period, but, are much less defined. They occur as dogs enter adolescence and...
seem more common in males. It is often referred to as adolescent shyness. Your dog may suddenly become reluctant to approach something new or suddenly become afraid of something familiar. This behavior can be very frustrating to the owner and difficult to understand because its onset is so sudden and, seemingly, unprovoked. If you notice this behavior, it is important to avoid the two extremes in response:

- Don’t force him to do or approach something frightening to him.
- Don’t coddle or baby him to get through situations that make your dog fearful.

Be patient, kind, and understanding. Desensitize him to the object or situation by gradually counter-conditioning him, and using food rewards and praise to entice him to confront the fearful object or situation. Simply make light of it and encourage him. Give him food rewards as he begins to deal with his fear better. Make sure you lavish praise his attempts! This phase too will pass.

**What are you trying to achieve by socialization?**

- Teach your puppy to enjoy the presence of people. We need to ensure that it does not matter a person’s age, ethnicity, size and shape – all are fun and enjoyable.
- Teach your puppy to enjoy being hugged and handled (gently restrain whilst giving high value food rewards and plenty of praise. Examine ears, paws, tail, mouth, collar grabs etc.)
- Teach your puppy to enjoy giving up objects when requested – train the swap cue.

Once again, it is important to continue the socialization process in a safe and non-threatening manner. Expose the pup/dog to new people/pets and experiences and pair this exposure with a favorite food or game. If your dog is already exhibiting signs of fear and avoidance, work at a distance that they feel comfortable with. Then begin counter-conditioning with him.

Counter-conditioning is the process of changing an emotional state (fear/arousal/anxiety) in regard to a trigger (something that causes the emotional state in your dog), into a more desired emotional state (relaxation) when in the presence of the trigger.

The food/reward/game needs to be presented after the trigger (not before – as this will just result in poisoning your food/reward as this is now the predictor of the scary thing).

"During the socialization process (and really during his entire life), it is imperative to make sure that he is around only friendly people and dogs. Sometimes, all it takes is one attack from a not-friendly dog to create a dog aggressive dog or one really bad experience with a person to create a human aggressive dog".  

Dennison, 2014

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**WHY IS MY DOG SHY?**

As with many other types of behavior, there is an ongoing debate about nature vs. nurture concerning shyness in dogs. There is a growing body of evidence that shyness has a genetic basis and can be inherited (Houpt K.A.: Genetics of Canine Behavior. Acta Vet. Brno 2007, 76: 431-444).

Other reasons for shyness include:

- Puppies learn many of their behaviors from their mother; a shy mother can teach her puppies shy behaviors.
- Certain physical ailments can contribute to shyness: deafness or ear infections, thyroid problems, chronic pain, epilepsy, rage syndrome.
- Shyness can spring from lack of socialization in the important early months of puppyhood, or adverse experiences during the fear periods (8-10 weeks and during adolescence).
Understanding Nature Versus Nurture in Dogs

Dog Behaviors: Learned or Instinctive?

Is nature or nurture governing your dog's behavior? Studies suggest that a dog's behavior takes place as a result of genetic material (instinct) and experience (learning). The best way to differentiate the two is by asking the question: did the dog have to learn the behavior or was it innate (natural, therefore dictated by instincts)?

A puppy typically does not need to learn to nurse once it is born. Nursing, therefore, is an innate behavior. Puppies are born with a strong suckling instinct and this is what helps the puppy survive. Another instinctive behavior as the puppy grows is the instinct to play. No puppy has to learn to play; it just happens. Nature instilled this hard-wired instinct in pups so they can play with other puppies and practice hunting skills necessary for survival.

However, not everything the puppy does is dictated by instinct. The puppy's environment plays a role in allowing the puppy to learn new behaviors. For instance, upon playing with other puppies, the puppy learns that if it bites a playmate too hard, the puppy bitten will likely squeal in pain and withdraw from the game. With time, the biting puppy learns that in order to play, it must bite less hard. This is how puppies ultimately learn to inhibit their bite.

The main question to differentiate the two is therefore: did the dog have to learn the behavior? If not, very likely it was instinctive. Instinct and learned behaviors are also referred to as nature and nurture.

Nature, as the name implies indicates behaviors dictated by nature, therefore they are natural, instinctive. Hunting, eating, reproducing are all behaviors that are natural.

Nurture is what is learned through the environment through experiences. A dog may hunt by instinct, but may learn through experience that skunks are not a prey worth bothering. Nature did not teach him that, the experience being sprayed did. It is important to note that learned experiences are not passed down to offspring. Therefore, if one has a dog that has learned through experience to not hunt skunk, its puppies will not know to avoid skunks, but their experience over time will teach them.

As much as nature and nurture look like two distinct concepts creating the “nature versus nurture debate” in reality, they are intertwined and work in synergy.

Nature vs Nurture: The Verdict

‘There are so many more factors influencing behavior than just genetics,’ says Sarah Heath, a veterinary specialist in behavioral medicine. ‘In cross-bred animals, there can be several breed traits combined in one animal. And while behavior problems can be rectified, pets, like people, can be scarred by bad experiences. The best advice is to manage your pet’s environment early on to avoid problems later in life.’ So the next time your dog uproots your best houseplant, or scratches a new pattern into your sofa or chews your phone charger to shreds, how should you react? Sarah says that understanding the reasons behind your pet’s destructive behavior is key.

‘We need to focus on the emotions that are driving those behaviors and find out what’s causing them – it could be isolation or frustration at being left alone. We can then use learning therapy to re-educate the pet. What’s most important is that you raise and treat an animal in the best possible way from the start, to ensure a well-adapted, happy pet – and owner.’
As I ponder the process of whelping and raising a litter of pups, I realize that many of today's breeders are failing to grasp the value of several elements that I feel are prerequisites to insuring a happy puppy, a delighted owner and a proud breeder.

While I remain amazed that breeders fail to see the benefits of the drop-pen (also called a Cocker pen) once their litters graduate from the whelping box, I am not including it in this treatise. Blessed be those who don't feel the need to retch and gag from the smell of poop incrusted puppy feet and the general stench of an exercise pen filled with the odor of urine and puppy feces, made worse when said pups have been playing, rolling and sleeping in it. You get my point.

The elements to which I refer in preparing a litter to move onward and upward, however, are not always honored by our breeders. They serve all concerned and by "all," I refer to breeder, prospective puppy owner(s) and the puppies themselves.

One has to do with the inherent value of crate training at a very early age and another with a more committed program of socialization above and beyond inviting the neighborhood kids over to play with the pups or letting them run around the back yard.

As much as it pains me to say this about a breed so dear to my heart, Wheaten Terriers, as a whole, are not, spontaneously, so self-assured as we might like.

Consequently, as breeders, it is imperative that we go the distance with our socialization program.

We must introduce them to a variety of surfaces...carpet, tile, gravel and large stones, grass, dirt, cement. Then, there are stairs, elevators, car rides and the like. We must teach them to walk on lead and introduce them to people other than those of our immediate family and close friends. They need to accept other breeds as well, along with other four-footed animals, when possible.

And what about noises? How can your puppy deal with the noises inherent in big city life or a houseful of screaming kids if it knows little other than a sequestered existence in the quiet of its breeder's home? How about banging pots around and dropping things close to the puppy pen? Or visiting a parking lot to experience the comings and goings of vehicles, including 18-wheelers! There are many ways to achieve the results that lead to a well-adjusted dog. I am not suggesting that all of the above methods are required, just some of them. It's up to you, the breeder, to see that your pups are emotionally sound enough to lead a happy life and provide pleasure for what you assume will become their forever family.

I may be at odds with some of the veterinary community as to when it's safe to begin this socialization. Sixteen weeks is the age at which our veterinarians consider pups to be properly immunized, when the recommended protocol is followed. Therefore, it is not until then, vets tell us, that they may safely walk the streets. Truly, socialization must begin well before that. I recently became aware that some breeders are terrified to take young pups anywhere until they have received the entire series of shots (16 weeks). I feel we must have faith that, if properly cared for, our pups have a degree of natural immunity both from their dams and/or from each individual shot. At the same time, we must use a modicum of common sense. For example, we should never consider taking these babies to a dog park, or anyplace that is frequented by a concentration of four-footed animals. And it is always a good idea to wipe their little pads with a diluted Clorox solution (20/1) once home. To my mind, there is nothing more pitiful than a dog slinking around, terrified of its own shadow, or cowering around strangers. The blame for this sort of behavior is often laid to maltreatment or...
abuse when far more often it is due to the lack of proper socialization.

The other responsibility that I feel should fall to us as breeders is beginner crate training. To place an 8 or 9 week-old puppy that has never seen the inside of a crate and expect the new owner to deal with the anguish of listening to a screaming, crying puppy is cruel and harsh treatment for all concerned. Frankly, most new puppy owners can’t deal with it and usually give up on the idea. The consequence of this is that the value of having a crate trained dog is lost. I begin by placing a 6-week-old litter, together, in a #200 crate overnight. They are whisked out in the early morning to do their "duty." After a few nights, I begin to divide them into smaller groups. As I place them and the numbers drop, they are sharing a crate with fewer of their littermates until they are finally sleeping alone. "How many crates do you own?” one might ask. If one acknowledges it as a temporary outlay of money that is recouped when they are sold, along with a puppy, it’s not that hard to take.

I often find myself wondering how many Wheaten breeders fail to introduce their pups to a grooming table, let alone a brush and comb, clippers, scissors, toenail cutting, hair removal between the pads, regular examinations of their mouths and removal of hair in the ear canal? My pups have their nails cut back for the first time at about three days of age (along with tail-docking and dew claw removal) and continue almost weekly. Nobody said the role of a successful breeder is easy. These practices should begin early on and will pay off in the long run, with puppies that are malleable and accepting of both the safety (and at times the necessity) of a crate and all facets of grooming.

If we, as breeders, consider these jobs to be our responsibility, we can be confident that our puppies will make the best possible candidates for a wonderful life as an adored pet. There are huge dividends to be earned down the road as well. For instance, training the young pup to accept lying on his side makes cutting nails and hair removal from between the pads a piece of cake.

Additionally, our old timers really have a hard time standing for long periods and it is a blessing for both of you when they accept lying down on the grooming table. And trust me...the mature dog that has not been trained as a puppy to do this will fight you tooth and nail!

A good friend and fellow breeder, well-respected in several breeds including German Shepherds, once provided a truth that I found to be self-evident! I was bemoaning the fact that I had an impossible imported bitch that was making not only my life, but the lives of my other dogs, miserable. I wanted to place her but had this inner voice asking, "How can I do this, who could possibly be happy with her?” My breeder friend said, "Gay, you have no idea what people will put up with!” Did I mention that she also ran two successful boarding/grooming kennels, one in Texas and one in New Jersey? The voice of experience had spoken. I subsequently placed the bitch where she and her new family, at the very least, pleasantly co-existed. The very fact that this memory refuses to depart my soul is a lesson in and of itself. The point of the story is that I knew firsthand what it was like to suffer the consequences of a breeder that had failed to do her job.

The less we leave to our puppy owners in terms of early training and socialization, the more assured we are of creating the happy alliance we so desire. The road that leads to calling ourselves "respected hobby breeders" is the high road and not the one that, unfortunately, too many breeders take. It’s the road that, when taken, distinguishes us from "back-yard" breeders and puppy millers.
Separation Anxiety:

Separation Anxiety is a condition when dogs are left alone, they exhibit signs of anxiety and distress. It goes beyond the mournful whimper when you leave, or the occasional bit of mischief when you return home. The dog’s behavior can include:

- **Destructive behavior**
- **Frantic scratching at doors**
- **House or crate soiling (one comedian describes it as a fecal Jackson Pollack)**
- **Excessive and constant barking or howling.**

The behaviors can continue for the entire time the owner is absent. Because our Wheatens are such people-oriented dogs, they may be susceptible to have some degree of Separation Anxiety. Dogs in general are pack animals and being left alone for long periods of isolation separated from their families can set them up for a problem. As a Wheaten breeder, I sometimes place an older puppy or dogs with a family after their showing and breeding days are finished. The adjustment to a single dog home can produce some degree of symptoms.

**Breeder Prevention**

Start a program from the whelping box to the puppy pen to placement. This helps support confident, well-adjusted puppies, able to handle new experiences and stresses. I like Karli Mueller’s program with activities that are designed to correlate with the puppies developmental stages. It starts with Early Neurological Stimulation exercises from Day 3-16 to improve heart rate, neurological development, and better tolerance to stress with greater resistance to disease. It phases in environmental stimulations, stimulating the puppy’s brain to accept earlier learning experiences. It outlines working with the puppies individually to increase confidence away from the pack. Work is done with body handling by adults and children. It helps to develop more awareness of surroundings, sensitizing the puppies to a variety of noises. Crate-training experiences are initiated. A variety of positive, fun experiences will help to boost the puppy’s self-esteem and begin the prevention of Separation Anxiety. All this helps to make the transition to the new owner’s home and schedules a little easier both for puppy and a new owner.

**New Puppy-Owner Prevention**

As breeders we can give advice to new puppy owners to continue activities that will help with prevention of Separation Anxiety. New owners need a few days set aside to get the puppy settled in. A safe, quiet area, a playpen or crate area that the puppy can be confined in but still be with the family is essential. Start with a lot of exercise/playtime to tire the puppy out. After playtime, sit in the same room quietly with a book or computer while the puppy is resting in the playpen or crate. If the puppy fusses, ignore him. When he is calm take a few steps away and return. Calmly pet the puppy and go back to your quiet activity. Repeat several times. After an hour, start the exercise/playtime again. After playtime, sit in the same room quietly with a book or computer while the puppy is resting in the playpen or crate. If the puppy fusses, ignore him. When he is calm take a few steps away and return. Calmly pet the puppy and go back to your quiet activity. Repeat several times. After an hour, start the exercise/playtime again. Repeat the quiet time again but now step into another room and return. Gradually increase the time away. Teach him that quiet calm behavior keeps you close and fussing keeps your attention elsewhere. Eventually leave the house and return. Work up to 15-20 minutes. You
can leave the puppy with a food filled Kong, a t-shirt that smells like the owner, or safe toys that the puppy is interested in. Turn the radio on or TV on low. For the next day or two repeat the exercise several times.

As the puppy adapts and learns to tolerate the owner’s absence, it doesn’t mean he can tolerate an eight-hour workday. Physically the puppy can hold his urine for only so long. A rule of thumb is to take how many months old the puppy is and add two. This is how many hours a puppy can possibly last in a crate without soiling it. When the puppy goes home that means about four hours on a good day. Avoid dramatic kissy-face departures and returns. Avoid reacting to messes in the crate upon return. It will just add stress to the puppy and doesn’t reduce the behavior. As the puppy increases in age, more space can be added to the puppy’s environment when left alone as long as there are no destructive behaviors and is comfortable in more space. Get the puppy into a good positive training class as early as possible to continue to build self-esteem, confidence, and increase fun through learning and adventures.

**Separation Anxiety in Older Dogs**

It is natural for young puppies and dogs to experience stress when separated from the pack. It is a survival mechanism to be a part of the pack for obtaining food and protection. Dogs are hard-wired for this. In our lifestyles often all family members work or go to school, and dogs are left alone longer than in the past. Some dogs can develop some level of Separation Anxiety. A lot of the same principles apply in dealing with an older dog that has developed problems, although the problem may be harder to diminish if severe. Exercise, providing a desensitization program, consulting an animal behaviorist, and possibly consulting your Vet for medications (depending on the severity of symptoms) might be needed. Food-filled Kongs may not work. The dog may be too stressed to appreciate a food treat. They may see this as another cue for a stressful departure or when the food is gone, the behavior ramps up.

A program can be initiated similar to the first few days of a new puppy program. The “ramp up” and “ramp down” exercises with gradual time increases may take a short or long time to accomplish. Repetition should leave the dog bored and accepting of longer and longer separation times.

But nothing is logical when dealing with a severe panic disorder/phobia of being left alone or confined. Confinement anxiety may not be limited to crates, gated areas or the laundry room. The owner will need to work with the dog’s comfort threshold and not go beyond this until the dog is ready. A qualified trainer may be needed, or as a last resort medications.

On a hopefully less severe note, when placing an older puppy/dog from my household I try to prepare the dog from separating from our multi-dog household into a single-dog family in several ways. About a week before, I move the crate to a separate area away from the other dogs possibly in a room by himself. He eats and sleeps separately from the other dogs. I try to spend more alone time with the dog when no other dogs are around. I monitor his behavior to see how he does alone. I advise the new owner as I would a new puppy owner to help reduce any potential problems. I incorporate a good follow-up program to help with any problems that do arise.

Clearly, our Wheatens are wonderful companion animals with sometimes quirky personalities. With a good start from a dedicated breeder problems of Separation Anxiety can be diminished with prevention as the key.
Mentors and Networks

In discussions about breeder education, newcomers are urged to seek out mentors to help them gain breeding expertise and skills. Elders cite the value of their mentors, knowledgeable dog people who taught them well. Often, mentoring is lauded as a cure-all. Just how easy is it to find a mentor today? Do we all even agree about what a mentor is?

Conversations about purebred dogs…whether it’s exhibiting or breeding or dog clubs… often harken to “back in the day.” We’re almost all guilty at some point of viewing the past through rose-colored glasses – forgetting what the “day” was really like.

Once, exhibiting purebred dogs was the province of the one-percenters…or more likely the one-quarter-percenters. Think the Crawleys of “Downton Abbey.” With the resources and manpower to maintain significant breeding kennels, they developed dog shows to compare the results of their breeding efforts. They had their country life, and they (or more likely, their kennel managers) understood animal husbandry.

That’s not exactly the picture we see today. By the Second World War, the less affluent were increasingly owning and breeding purebred dogs. Post-war, purebred dog ownership grew exponentially, bringing “everyman” into the sport.

Certainly, big, serious kennels with fulltime help haven’t disappeared entirely. Some in the fancy have a livestock background, using their animal husbandry experience in their breeding programs. But many of us grew up in cities or small towns or suburbs without such experience and came into the fancy because we like dogs and someone encouraged us to do more than enjoy our pet.

That scenario has existed now for decades, providing a significant clue to the difficulty of finding mentors.

Many view their foundation bitch’s breeder as a mentor. It’s a natural assumption; many such breeders are experts. Yet if the person from whom you got your bitch has had only a litter or two’s more experience than you, how much help can they provide? Plus, not everyone has the requisite coaching skills. When someone has thanked me for helping to “mentor” them, I cringe; I’m no teacher, just an opinionated bitch.

There’s another reason why some breeders may not be mentors. In the business world, a mentor is someone helping you manage your career. It’s rarely your current boss…because some issues you may need help with concern your boss.

Think about the dog world and we’ve all seen instances demonstrating why this distinction is important. Breeders who control their owners’ relationships, discouraging relationships with other breeders and exhibitors or getting upset when the owner gets advice or, god forbid, a dog from someone else, won’t make their owner’s advancement a primary focus.

To be clear, many breeders develop a “family” and like good parents everywhere, support their owners’ growth regardless of the source; I admire them immensely.

Today’s newcomers need more than their breeder’s knowledge. We need to seek guidance from breeders of our own and other breeds and from exhibitors and handlers. People in those positions should be open to providing such support, acknowledging their own limitations. It would behoove all of us if they also use care in their public pronouncements about today’s breeders. It’s hard enough to ask a stranger for help, let alone someone who has disparaged you.

In addition to mentors, we can network. Mentorship implies a deep and ongoing relationship. Interacting within a network can be short-term, directed to a specific need. Someone I know has suggested creating a network of people to go to for assistance with a training question or a grooming problem or understanding a specific breed trait. My bet is many who wouldn’t volunteer to be mentors might be willing to answer questions about something specific they feel comfortable they understand well.

SCWTCA’s Breeder Education team can assist in developing such a tool.

None of these ideas take away from SCWTCA’s obligation to develop Breeder Education programs. They are all part of a holistic program to advance our breed in ways appropriate to today’s dog world.
Test Your Wheaten IQ

Presented by Deb Van De Ven

Over the last two quarters we’ve featured reproduction topics in the Wheaten Health News section. Subjects covered include Canine Semen Evaluation, Timing the Fertility of a Bitch, and Whelping and Dystocia.

So how much have you learned on these important subjects? After reading the articles are you better educated and ready to make more informed choices when choosing your next stud dog? Are you prepared to play an active role along with your repro vet in determining the best timing to breed your bitch? And if all goes according to plan and your bitch conceives, are you better prepared to whelp your next litter?

Let’s see how you did with a test of your knowledge …

ACROSS

3 The abrupt decline of this just prior to whelping is related to the drop in body temperature to 98-99 degrees.

7 The presence of a ____ results in up to a 30-50 percent increase in sperm count from a stud dog.

10 One of these colors of discharge prior to the birth of the first puppy could signal dystocia or difficult birth.

11 A highly contagious reproductive disease which cause infertility and stillbirths.

12 The percentage of puppies born hind legs first with feet and tail extended.

13 When collecting a dog the sperm-rich portion is the ____ fraction.

DOWN

1 Ineffective uterine contractions could be remedied with this.

2 A forty-pound dog should produce a bare minimum of ____ million sperm in a collection.

4 Marked by rising progesterone levels and decreasing estrogen Levels.

5 Surgical intervention in response to dystocia.

6 Length of this is 65 +/- 1 day from LH surge regardless of day bred.

8 A good stud dog should produce greater than ____ percent progressive motility sperm.

9 This marks the start of estrus.

WORD BANK: TEASERBITCH, SEVENTY, SECOND, PROGESTERONE, OXYTOCIN, LHSURGE, GESTATION, FOURHUNDRED, FORTY, ESTRUS, C-SECTION, BRUCELLOSIS, BLACKORGREEN

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Hot Topics

September Question:
If you were to give someone contemplating their first breeding one piece of advice, what would it be?

Ask yourself...should this bitch be bred? does she have the breed type, soundness, and most important, the temperament that are primary requirements for a brood bitch?. Be certain you have the financial means, time and energy to undertake this very demanding and expensive project?

Jackie Gottlieb

Make sure you have a good breeder as a vet or a friend and trust your instincts.

Emily Holden

The most important thing I would like to tell breeders is that they need to understand going into this venture that they are going to make mistakes and there’s nothing wrong with that, as long as they can acknowledge their mistakes and learn from them.

Kathy McIndoe

Know the Standard.
Know not only the best things about your bitch, but also the things that you want to improve.

Study and compare the Pedigrees of your bitch and her prospective mate.

Be aware that you are not only getting the Dam and the Sire , but the traits - physical appearance and temperament—behind them - good and bad.

The current winner in the show ring might not be suitable for your bitch.

The important thing is that the Stud is consistently departing the qualities that you are looking for.

Ilze Barron

Breeding — Evaluate your bitch objectively, breed to the most suitable male wherever he is no matter how logistically difficult/inconvenient. Whelping — You are there to assist, not take over. Allow your bitch’s maternal instincts to kick in. Raising the litter — Lots of loud, sudden noises, especially during feeding time; socialize with children; provide opportunities to explore and conquer. Placing puppies — Screen carefully. Be sure your buyers understand this is a high maintenance TERRIER that thrives on consistency. Be a resource to the buyers for the rest of the dog's life. You created that puppy — and you are responsible for him till he dies of old age (hopefully) in the home in which you placed him. Above all, have fun and enjoy the whole experience!

Sue Goldberg

“Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.”

Roger A. Caras
**Schedule of Events**

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**Everything Else You Need**

- **SCWTC A Host Hotel**
  - DoubleTree by Hilton – Philadelphia Valley Forge
  - 301 West Dekalb Pike – King of Prussia PA 19406 – 610.337.1200
  - www.doubletree.hilton.com

- **PawPal Form – Due 9/19**
  - Use form and either pay online at www.scwtc.org or send just ONE check for all your Specialty Weekend Orders & Reservations!
  - Check must be payable to SCWTC A in US Funds only.
  - Mary Ann Curtis – pawpal@scwtc.org

- **Show Superintendents**
  - Scores-N-More  scoresnmore.com
  - MCKC All Terrier Agility Obed/Rally  Entries Close 9/14
  - Coursing Ability Test  Entries Close 9/30
  - Barn Hunt  Entries Close 9/16
  - MBF  infodog.com
  - SCWTC A Sweepstakes  Entries Close 9/21
  - MCKC, SCWTC A Specialty  Entries Close 9/21
  - RAU  raudogshows.com
  - Hatboro DC  Entries Close 9/21

- www.scwtc.org
  - Visit our website often for the latest details.
  - If you still have questions, contact: Pam Tinnelly & Anna Marzolino – specialty@scwtc.org

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**SPECIALTY FUNDRAISER ITEMS**

- **Commemorative Ceramic 7 inch Dog Bowl**
  - $23 pick up at Boutique
  - $36 shipped

- **Commemorative Ceramic 14 ounce Mug**
  - $15 pick up at Boutique, 2 for $27
  - Shipped: $22 each, 2 for $40

- **Duffel Bag**
  - 12 x 13 x 31 inches
  - $40 pick up at Boutique
  - $50 shipped

- **Commemorative Ceramic 13 inch Oval Platter**
  - $39 pick up at Boutique
  - $52 shipped

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**SPECIALTY RAFFLE**

- Win a Hand-Crafted Basket full of grooming supplies with a total value of over $1,000!

**Basket Includes:**

- Chris Christensen Kool Pup Dryer
- Oster Turbo As 2-speed Clipper
- Thinning Shears Oster 10-piece Snap On Comb Set
- Chris Christensen Pin Brushes
- All-Purpose Spray Bottle Greyhound Comb
- #1 All Systems Ultimate De-Matting Comb
- Kwik Stop Styptic Powder
- Straight-Edge Scissors
- Miller’s Forge Heavy-Duty Nail Trimmer
- #1 All Systems Super Cleaning and Conditioning Shampoo

Raffle tickets can be purchased by using the PawsPal Form and during the entire National Specialty weekend. Need not be present to win.
"When the world seems to shine like you had too much wine..."

SCWTCA National Specialty

October 3-9, 2016
Montgomery County, PA

Conformation Judge & Regular Classes - Anne Katona
Sweepstakes - Maripi Wooldridge
BISS GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend

Multiple Best in Specialty Wins

Thank you
Breeder Judges:
Candy Way,
Sue Goldberg
and Shari Boyd

Hattie
The Pride of Serendipity Wheatens

Dick and Camille Taylor sena101@sbcglobal.net 209.236.1208
GCH Serendipity October Quest

Multiple BOB wins
Grand Champion at 17 months
Two Select Bitch NCTA 2016
Specialty Weekend
AOM GWTA 2016

Madison

Thank you Amy Rutherford and Candice Gerson for Showing this Lovely Girl

Owner: Susan Solsby
Breeders: Dick and Camille Taylor and Pat Mullin
Introducing Antic Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers
And 3 littermates from GCH SaltNSea Runnin’ Down A Dream x CH Bonney Follow That Star

TEAGAN
Bonney Antic Piece of My Heart
Owned by Barbara & Marshall Ostrom & Bonney Snyder

ENDORA
Bonney Antic I Put a Spell on You
Owned by Pat Rutherford & Bonney Snyder

ROBBY
Bonney Antic Love Me Two Times
Owned by Bob & Carol Williams,
Pat Rutherford & Bonney Snyder

Thank you:
- Bonney Snyder and Susan Jacobsen for your mentorship and support.
- Jim and Tami Herzog for taking such good care of Robby and believing in him.

Pat Rutherford
Antic Wheaten
pat.rutherford@comcast.net

Bonney Snyder
Bonney Wheatens
bonwheat@aol.com

Co-Bred By:
GCH Bryr Rose Symbol of Paris

NEVER MISSED A BEAT!
Out of retirement winning back-to-back
Specialty BOS at Garden State All Terrier
Club and Bucks County Kennel Club
Thank you to Judges
Neville Hodgkins & Cindy Vogels

Owned and Handled by Michele Connor
Co-owned and Bred by Jeanne Pedersen Ferris
Lismore Return of the King

Strider

Thank you
Breeder Judges
Candy Way and
Kayce Healey

(GCH Lismore McCormack’s Dragon Song x GCH Lismore World Without End)

Owned/presented by Meg Ryan
GCH Lismore McCormack’s Dragon Song
Multiple Group Winner

John Mac

(CH Aran What Happens In Vegas x GCH Lismore The World According To Me)

presented by Angela L. Lloyd
Owned by Meg Ryan and Maureen Long
"Jett"

GOES SUPERSONIC TO EARN HER GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!

GCH GREENTREE SAGE'S MAGICAL ENCHANTRESS

Thank you Judges:
Mrs. Paula Hartinger,
Mr. Jon Cole, Mr. Clay Coady,
Mr. James Reynolds,
Mr. James Frederiksen,
Ms. Candy Way

Multiple BOB and Group placing
#10 All-Breed Points (8/16)

"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR THIS YOUNG GIRL"
GCH Wheaten Rebel's Take A Ticket To Greentree x GCH Greentree Rachael Alexandra

Owners: Sandy & Frank Russo & Beverly & Kevin McDonald
Breeders: Beverly & Kevin McDonald
Sandy & Frank Russo * 954-651-4504 * natures@bellsouth.net
CH BRYR ROSE MADEMOISELLE EMMANUELLE

Mimi

Completed her Championship "Tout de Suite" With 4 majors!

BOS, Del Val Sweepstakes
Thank you Judge, Denise Daniels!

BOW, Del Val Specialty
Thank you Judge, Cindy Vogels!

Loved and breeder/owner handled by Jeanne “Yenna” Pedersen Ferris
jpferris@sbcglobal.net
GCH BRYR ROSE PHOENIX RISING

Owned and Bred by Carolyn Garrett
Congratulations to Ash's younger brother, CH Bryr Rose Starry Starry Night on his Group 3 at Kishwaukee KC, and to his first born son, CH Vintage Braveheart, going WD and finishing at SCWTCA Roving Nat'l Specialty.

CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power

Presented by Gwen & Kent Meyer
HARBOUR HILL PRESENTS...
NEW CH'S FROM "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

"GUINNESS"
(Harbour Hill Toy Story x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO)
Bred by Susan Sakuye & Jeanine Flavell

Multiple BOB winning

NEW CH HARBOUR HILL A CHRISTMAS STORY
Owned by Alla Bezkrovny and Susan Sakuye

"COOKIE"
NEW CH HARBOUR HILL CHRISTMAS COOKIE
Owned by Susan Sakuye & Lauren Smith
Presented by Jorge/Susie Olivera and Susan Sakuye

(Pictured winning a five pt major under Mr. Edd Bivin)
MISTER UTLEY SIZES UP HIS COMPETITION AT WESTMINSTER KC ON TV

“MISTER UTLEY”
CH HARBOUR HILL DOUBLE DOG DARE

Hey, We Overslept and Missed the Bus to The Garden!!!

Owned by Dave & Sherrie Wight and Susan Sakauye

Group I...Pioneer Valley KC under Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark

AOM...Bucks County KC under Mrs. Cindy Vogels

BOW...Eukanuba Dog Show under Mr. Gary Vlachos

Susan K. Sakauye  424 Covington Pl., Goleta, CA 93117  ssakauye@aol.com
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

“Play it Forward” Rescue Raffle

This beautifully “Hand crafted” quality stained glass art piece fills a window with captured sunlight and the beauty of a Wheaten. It also carries a wonderful “Play it Forward” story with it.

It was originally made by Christy Weagnet’s mother, Barbara Bell, for a Raffle. It is completely custom and each piece was chosen and hand cut by her in designing the piece.

The original raffle was for the benefit of Wheaten Health. It was won by the late Sheila O’Connell. Sheila’s estate donated it to Northern Calif SCWTC, where it was put in the live auction at the SCWTCNC specialty dinner this past April. Bonny Snyder won that raffle, and donated it to National Rescue... “Play it Forward”

TICKETS PRICES:
$5.00 each
or 5 for $20.00

Winner will be announced at post Montgomery dinner. Shipping to be paid by winner. WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT.

Send to Mary Yourich myourich@yahoo.com
3291 Beech Lane
Avon, OH 44011-3720
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO “SCWTCA, Inc.”

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“Katie in a field of wild flowers” 21” diameter
**Whindancer Wheatens**

- BOS Sweeps at St. Louis 2016
- 4 point major St Louis Weekend
- 3 point major first weekend out showing at 9 months old

Owned by: Marla Braun, Charles Rodamer, Susan Ratliffe

Website: whindancerwheatens.com
Email: wndancer@rochester.rr.com

**Rudy**

**Alfie**

Whindancer’s Fireworks at Westwind

- BOB Sweeps St Louis 2016
  Thank you Lisa Lopez

Susan Ratliffe, Art Miller
Phone: 585-377-1994
88 Furman Rd, Macedon, NY 14502

Whindancer’s Singing This Song For You
SUNDANCE

GCH Bronze Sundance's Hot Surfer Dude
Shown by Blake Hansen

"Milo"

GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfin USA x CH Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose

5/8/2016 Trenton Kennel Club
Thank you, Judge Scott Kellogg for recognizing the quality of this boy

sundancewheatens@gmail.com
Bred/Owned by Sue and Don Wuerz, Juliana McKamey

Sundance Wheatens
Makes A Run For The Roses

Sundance Hoagan’s Hero

Shown by Blake Hansen and Susie Schafer

“Hoagan”

CH Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane x CH Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose

5/9/2016 Trenton Kennel Club
Winning BOB from the classes over specials
Thank you, Judge Billie Kneale, for recognizing the qualities of this young boy

Bred by Sue and Don Wuerz, Juliana McKamey
Owned by Susan A Wuerz, and Marge and Bob Murphy
GCH Finley Denali High and Mighty

Thank you Judges;

BOB:
Mr. Roger R. Hartinger

Group 4 Owner Handler:
Mr. Ralph (Sonny) Ambrosio

Rose Rose * Dublin, CA * rose.rose@comcast.net
Celebrating His Wins

CH Harbour Hill Mike Delfino (Mikey) X CH Marquee's Party Girl (MeMe)

Select:
Mrs. Cindy Vogels

Select:
Mr. Harold J. Pybus

Owned and adored by Rose Rose
Bred by Rose Rose and Sonya Urquhart

FINLEY WHEATENS
“Krista” Flying to the Eukanuba Nationals!

Canadian CH Holweit’s Red Grenadine CGC, CGCA, CGCU, RN (CKC/AKC), THDA, HT, BN, TDA, DN, DJ

BOW 2015 Canadian Wheaten Ambassador

First Wheaten to qualify for a dock diving title and earn an invitation to Eukanuba!

At her very first trial Krista proved that Wheaten Terriers can do anything they put their mind to, earning both a Dock Novice and Dock Junior title with 11 perfect qualifying jumps in the recent “Big Air” event held at the Ladies KC event in Oyster Bay, NY. First in her class, Krista will be representing the breed at the Eukanuba Nationals in December.

Krista has proven herself both in and out of show and performance rings with courageous tenacity and drive. We feel so blessed to have her as part of our family and look forward to more exciting adventures with this perky little bitch.

Owned by Dorice Stancher and Sylvia & Bill Hamilton.
Bred by Sylvia & Bill Hamilton

Dorice Stancher llc Modern Dog Training www.caninescando.com
Krista, First Wheaten Terrier to Earn AKC/North America Diving Dogs Titles and Invitation to Eukanuba Nationals

After a grueling four days of competition Krista (Can CH Holweit's Red Grenadine, CGCU, THDA, RN, HT, CTDA, RATN, DJ) completed 11 qualifying jumps earning her Novice and Junior titles, a first place finish in the novice division and an invitation to the Eukanuba Nationals. The event took place 5/19 through 5/22 at the trials held at Oyster Bay, NY.

The journey to obtaining the title began many years ago when I attended the Great Outdoor Games 2002 at Lake Placid, NY and saw the event for the very first time. I wasn’t certain if it would be possible to compete with a Wheaten Terrier against breeds known for swimming and retrieving. I was assigned by AKC Family Dog to do a story about dock diving since the AKC had recently approved of these titles, and we were given the opportunity to give it a try. In dock diving the dogs are required to launch into the water unassisted to retrieve an article and return it to the handler.

Krista learned to swim at Lake Placid, NY, mimicking the Labrador Retrievers that frequent the Adirondacks. I have been teaching her to retrieve since she was a puppy. Over the course of four days of competition, Krista eagerly took to the water, achieving a personal best of 10’ 3”. We are looking forward to representing our breed at the Eukanuba Nationals in December.

Want to try Dock Diving? Here’s How to Get Started...

Your Wheaten Terrier should like to swim and retrieve. You can use anything that is small enough to be carried in the mouth and that floats as your retrieving article. We use what is known as a “bumper” that floats and is made of soft canvas material. Since our breed lacks the jowls that many water breeds have to drain excess water it is easier for them to grasp an article that is soft and will fit comfortably in the mouth. Local clubs offer “try it” days to see if your dog has aptitude. In the beginning dogs are taught how to exit the pool from a ramp placed in the exit area prior to being encouraged to leap from the dock. There are two forms of sending the dog to retrieve; one is working with a partner that actually restrains the dog and the other is putting the dog in a stay and then releasing as the article is tossed. We do the latter which is easily transferable from basic obedience.

Finally, these events are boisterous and fun, so your dog should be able to handle noise and the excitement of performing in a distracting public environment.

We hope that other Wheaten Terrier owners will try this fun and exciting sport and look forward to seeing you on the dock!

Caring for Newborn Puppies and Their Mother

The puppies are here. They have been weighed and identified; they have nursed and are now sleeping quietly (except for the normal twitching). Now what? Your job is far from done.

Nutrition and feeding

The bitch will be ready for some food and water. Bring the dishes to the whelping box, as she will not want to leave the newborn puppies. Do not leave the dishes on the floor in the whelping box, as the puppies could crawl into them. Hang the dishes from the side of the whelping box or offer her food and water at least every two-three hours to start. She should be taken outside on a frequent and regular basis to eliminate.

Within two-three days, the bitch’s appetite will dramatically increase to two-four times her pre-pregnancy intake. She will need a near constant supply of a high quality puppy food (do NOT use large breed puppy formulas, which are generally lower in protein, fat, and minerals) and water to maintain her weight and health while feeding the puppies. She should still have her vitamin/mineral tablet. She should not look gaunt or thin if her weight is maintained. Ideally, she should weigh the same at the time of weaning, as when she was bred.

A healthy puppy is firm, plump, and vigorous. Puppies should nurse every two hours or so. If they nurse until their stomachs appear round and they sleep quietly, they are eating enough. If they are crying and moving a lot, they are not eating enough. They may be swallowing air, which makes the stomach appear larger. As they become weaker, they will lie still and not cry. A puppy may lose weight in the first 24 hours (less than 10% of birth weight), but after that, the weight should increase steadily. Their weight should double in the first 7-10 days. Before, during, and after nursing, the bitch will lick the stomach and perineal area to stimulate urination and defecation. She will continue to do this for two-three weeks.

Puppies should gain one-two grams/day/pound of anticipated adult weight. Weigh the puppy daily for the first two weeks, then weigh at least weekly. A food scale typically works well for weighing the puppies. Failure to gain weight is often the first sign of illness in puppies.

At about three weeks of age, the puppies will begin to imitate the bitch eating and drinking. A secure shallow water dish should now be available at least part of the day. At three-and-a-half weeks of age, the puppies can start receiving puppy mush.

Prepare the puppy mush by placing two cups of high quality dry puppy food in a blender with 12.5 oz liquid puppy milk replacer and fill the rest of the blender with hot water. This should be blenderized until the consistency of human infant cereal. (This feeds six-eight puppies of a medium-sized breed.) The puppies should receive three-four meals a day of this to start. Once the puppies have checked it out, walked in it, and have eaten some, the dam can be allowed to finish it and clean the puppies off. Each week, increase the amount of food, decrease the amount of the milk replacer and water that is added and the time of blenderizing, so by seven weeks of age, the puppies are eating dry food.

Once they are on dry food, it may be left in with the puppies (when the dam is out of the box) or the meal times can continue. As the puppies eat more solid food, the bitch may be let away from the puppies for an ever longer period of time.

By the time the puppies are six-and-a-half to seven weeks of age, they should be fully weaned from the dam’s milk, eating dry food, and drinking water. If the weaning is not rushed, she will naturally start decreasing milk production, as the puppies increase their intake of solid food. As the puppies begin eating the puppy mush at four weeks of age, start changing the bitch’s diet back to adult food to also help her decrease milk production. Start by replacing 1/4 of her puppy food with adult food. Keep increasing the adult food and decreasing the puppy food until by the 7th week postpartum she is eating only adult food. During the last week of weaning, the dam’s food consumption should be less than 50% above the maintenance levels and declining toward maintenance levels. Hopefully she has been fed well during pregnancy and lactation so she weighs the same at weaning as she did before pregnancy.
Sanitation and housebreaking

During and after whelping, the bitch should be allowed to go outside to urinate and defecate. Take her out on a leash (bring a flashlight if it is dark), and watch her closely, as she could have another puppy.

The whelping box needs to be changed at least once a day at this stage, and two-three times a day as the puppies begin eating solids and the bitch is not cleaning up after them. A large heavy paper may be laid on the bottom, several layers of newspaper over that, and a tightly stretched blanket over the newspaper. The blanket should be large enough to fit under all four sides of the box. If the box was made so the sides set into the floor, the sides are picked up, the blanket stretched, and the sides set down to hold the blanket in place. Puppies can become lost under blankets or under wrinkles in blankets. When cleaning, check the consistency and color of the puppy stool. It should be brown and formed, but not overly firm. Any deviations and the veterinarian should be called.

To facilitate housebreaking, the puppies should be given definite feeding, playing, sleeping, and elimination areas. Once the puppies are mobile, they will use one area for elimination. To assist in housebreaking, a low board can be secured across the whelping box to divide the elimination area from the eating/sleeping area. Cover this area with a layer of newspapers with cedar or pine shavings on top. The new owners then place a small amount of cedar or pine shavings in the preferred location of their yard to aid in housebreaking. Keep the elimination area clean and dry.

Temperature

Newborn puppies are able to maintain a body temperature about 12°F warmer than the air temperature. The temperature under the heat lamp in the whelping box should be around 85°F for the first two-three days, and then can be dropped to 75°F on the far side of the box is fine. Puppies head toward the heat source to nurse so do not have the heat source warmer than the bitch. Hanging a household thermometer on the inside of the whelping box will help you know the temperature in the box. Puppies typically lay side by side or on top of each other to share warmth. If the puppies are scattered throughout the whelping box and away from the heat lamp, the temperature is too warm. If they are all piled on top of each other, it may be too cold. Puppies need the extra heat, as they are unable to regulate their body temperature until several weeks old. The rectal temperature of newborn puppies is about 97°F and rises each week until about four weeks of age when it is a normal adult temperature of 100.5-102.5°F.

Health of the bitch

Each mammary gland and nipple should be checked at least once a day for redness, hardness, discharge, or streaking color. If mastitis develops, the veterinarian should be notified immediately. If caught early, milking out the affected gland and applying hot compresses will help prevent a spread of the problem. Sometimes, antibiotics are necessary. If she gets multiple glands with mastitis, the puppies will need to be bottle fed. The puppies’ nails should be trimmed weekly starting within days of birth. This will help prevent some of the scratches on the dam’s mammary glands. The deciduous teeth start coming in around day 11. Check the mammary glands of the bitch daily for bite marks. The bitch will have a bloody discharge from her vulva which may be quite heavy for several days. It should decrease in amount and become darker and be almost gone within two-three weeks.

The bitch’s hair coat may have become very thick and luxurious during the pregnancy. Around the time of weaning, the bitch starts to shed. This extreme loss of hair coat is natural and it should be back to normal in about another four-five months. This shedding is more extreme than a normal shed cycle and some bitches become quite bald. This is often called ‘blowing a coat.’

Puppy health care

Unthrifty puppies should be examined as soon as possible by a veterinarian to check for birth defects. Some defects, such as a cleft palate are not compatible with life. These puppies should be humanely euthanized.

Dewclaws are removed and tails docked at two-four days of age. Make an appointment with your veterinarian for these procedures to be done. Check your breed’s standard, as some breeds need to have dewclaws left intact in order to show. Tail length changes, so again, the current breed standard should be consulted. When the puppies are at the clinic and having these procedures done, the bitch should be taken out for a walk around the block until the puppies are done. She should not be close enough to the clinic to hear the puppies crying. Once they are put back with the bitch, the puppies normally nurse and then sleep.

Vaccinations are started at six-seven weeks of age. Some breeders give a parvo virus vaccine at five weeks of age, if the puppies are at a high-risk. Ask your veterinarian if your puppies should be vaccinated early for parvo virus.
Strategic deworming is a practice recommended by the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). They recommend puppy deworming for roundworms and hookworms start at two weeks of age and be repeated at four, six, and eight weeks of age. Thereafter, use a heartworm preventive medication that is also effective against hookworms and roundworms. Drs. Foster and Smith suggest that owners of newly acquired puppies obtain the deworming history of their new pup and contact their veterinarian to determine if additional deworming is needed. The bitch should be wormed at the same time as the puppies.

A health check done by a veterinarian at six-seven weeks of age before the puppies head for new homes should include checks for heart murmurs, hernias, cryptorchidism, demodecic mange, other parasites, eye disorders, etc.

Normal puppy development

The umbilical cord normally falls off within two-three days of birth. Infections of the umbilicus are rare in clean, well-managed kennels.

Puppies normally twitch and jerk while sleeping. This helps with the development of their nerves and muscles.

The puppies crawl well by 7-14 days, walk at 16 days, and have a normal gait at 21 days. They need to be on footing that offers traction. By four weeks of age, the puppies follow each other and carry toys in their mouths. They will play-fight with each other and learn how to inhibit their bites. If a puppy bites a littermate too hard, the littermate will yelp and stop playing with him. If the puppy is allowed to bite humans, he will not learn to inhibit his bite. It may be cute as a 7-week old, but it will not be as a 7-year old.

Puppies are born without teeth. The deciduous (baby) teeth start to erupt at two-four weeks of age. All of the deciduous teeth are usually present by eight weeks of age.

The puppies' eyes will open around 12-15 days of age. The retina matures around 21 days of age. Puppies should see clearly by four weeks of age. Do not pry open the lids for any reason, as the immature eye is not yet ready to handle light. If the eyes appear swollen before they open, take the puppy to a veterinarian immediately as an eye infection may be present that needs to be treated to prevent loss of vision. Some puppies will take a day to open the eyes while others will take three-four days. The eyes will have a bluish color to them at first and then change to their adult color over time. If the eyes appear white or solid blue, take the puppy to the veterinarian right away.

The ears open at 14-17 days of age. They should hear clearly by four weeks of age. Deafness may not be noticeable while the puppies are together and first noticed when the puppy is in her new home.

Interactions between the bitch and puppies

By the time the puppies are two-three weeks old, the bitch should have an area near the whelping box, but separate from the puppies to allow her time to rest. At about this time, the puppies will start trying to leave the box to explore. They should be well supervised and have safe toys available. The box at this point should be big enough to be divided between eating, sleeping, playing, and eliminating rooms. At this stage, a crate with the door removed and lined with sheepskin or a dog bed can be given to the puppies for sleeping quarters and to familiarize them with crates.

Puppy socialization

Early socialization of the puppies will help them become confident and develop fewer behavior problems. The puppies should be exposed to everything possible from metal food dishes dropping, to vacuums, garage doors opening and closing, thunderstorms, sirens, garbage trucks going past, cats, and other pets, etc. Do not try to keep the area quiet during the day. The puppies need to get used to normal household noises. Children should be allowed to play outside the whelping box (supervised so they do not enter the box or drop toys in), as children behave differently than adults. Everything the puppy is exposed to now, will help her become a well-socialized, unafraid adult. The puppies should be handled several times a day. They can be picked up, their teeth looked at, ears checked, toes played with (nails will need a weekly trimming), and have anything that may be done as an adult started slowly now. Play helps to develop the puppy's mind, as he needs to find solutions to problems he encounters. If the puppies are not in new homes by 10 weeks of age, they should be separated from each other for a large part of the day and given one-on-one time with humans. They can have play times during the day, but they should eat, sleep, and be handled separately. Being in a kennel (group) situation beyond 10-12 weeks of age decreases trainability.

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Pet Safety in The Home

Poisonous to Dogs:

1. Chocolate
2. Mouse and Rat Poisons (rodenticides)
3. Vitamins/Minerals (Vitamin D3, iron, etc.)
4. NSAIDs (Advil, Aleve, Motrin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.)
5. Cardiac Meds (calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers, Tenormin, Toprol, Coreg, etc.)
6. Cold and Allergy Meds (pseudoephedrine, phenylephrine, etc.)
7. Antidepressants (Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, Effexor, Cymbalta, Prozac, Lexapro)
8. Xylitol (used as a sugar substitute and in "sugar-free" chewing gums, mints, and other candies)
9. Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
10. Caffeine Pills
11. ADD/ADHD meds (Concerta, Adderall, Ritalin)
12. Benzodiazepines and sleep aids (Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)
13. Birth control (Estrogen, estradiol, progesterone)
14. ACE Inhibitors (Zestril, Altace)
15. Thyroid hormones (Armour desiccated thyroid, Synthroid)
16. Cholesterol lowering agents (Lipitor, Zocor, Crestor)

Always keep medications safely out of reach and never administer a medication to a pet without first consulting your veterinarian. The following are some tips from Dr. Justine Lee and Dr. Ahna Brutlag at Pet Poison Helpline to help prevent pets from getting into over-the-counter or prescription medication:

- Never leave loose pills in a plastic Ziploc® bag – the bags are too easy to chew into. Make sure visiting house guests do the same, keeping their medications high up or out of reach.
- If you place your medication in a weekly pill container, make sure to store the container in a cabinet out of reach of your pets. Unfortunately, if they get a hold of it, some pets might consider the pill container a plastic chew toy.
- Never store your medications near your pet’s medications – Pet Poison Helpline frequently receives calls from concerned pet owners who inadvertently give their own medication to their pet.

OTC Human Meds That Are Safe:

1. Pepcid AC (famotidine)
2. Tagamet HB (cimetidine)
3. Aspirin
4. Artificial tears and other ophthalmic lubricants
5. Benadryl (diphenhydramine)
6. Zyrtec (cetirizine)
7. Claritin (loratadine)
8. Neosporin and antibiotic gels
9. Corticosteroid sprays, gels and creams
10. Antifungal sprays, gels and creams

These are great, easy-going drugs used for common cases of the itches or the first sign of hives. Some pets will feel the sedating effects more than others.

Some issues to be aware of with these ointments: people tend to buy fancy ones with tetracaine, hydrocortisone and other ingredients that can hinder healing for some wounds.

Antifungal sprays, gels and creams
An OTC product containing miconazole (or other common antifungal drugs) will sometimes resolve uncomplicated fungal infections. Most fungal infections aren’t uncomplicated. Use antifungal to keep a pet comfortable until they can get to a vet.

NOTE: Dosage can be significantly different for pets than for humans, so call your vet first and check.
Celebrate Good Times

The 2016 St. Louis Specialty weekend featured five shows with major entries and two social evenings all at the same comfortable location, the Purina Event Center in Grey Summit, MO.

The SCWTC of Greater St. Louis Specialty held on Friday, June 3, was judged by Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson who selected GCH Bryr Rose Matisse as Best of Breed and awarded him a Terrier Group 2 later that day. Lisa Lopez, Rosheen Wheatens, judged puppy sweepstakes, selecting Whindancer Singing This Song For You as her Best in Sweepstakes winner.

The Specialty dinner, planned by Susan McGee, and silent auction, organized by Bonnie Kanter, were held Friday evening at the Checkerboard Cafe in the Event Center. Table centerpieces crafted by Diane Watson featuring metal Wheaten silhouette cut-outs were won by lucky guests. Specialty trophies were hand-crafted pottery items from Mississippi Mud, designed exclusively for the Club. Sweepstakes winners received canvas tote bags with an embroidered Wheaten design. The St. Louis Club supported the entries on Thursday and Saturday with Wheaten-themed trophies. Jinx Moore chaired the trophy committee. SCWT Club of America supported the entry on Sunday, offering medallions for the winners.

On Saturday the Club hosted a complimentary barbeque for all Wheaten fanciers on the patio outside the Purina Center organized by Jeannine Salivati. Guests enjoyed Super Smokers’ smoked meat and a variety of side dishes while visiting with friends.

Thank you to all of the St. Louis Club members who worked to make the weekend a success. And thanks to the exhibitors who helped us celebrate good times.

Specialty Sweepstakes Critique: Melissa

I had the honor of judging puppy sweepstakes for the 2016 St. Louis specialty. It was not a big entry but a very nice one.

6-9 Dogs

1st, Whindancer’s Fireworks At Westwind. Lovely boy with a nice, clean head piece with medium well-set ears. Good front with ample reach and a rear to match. He has a wonderful coat with nice wave for such a young dog. Overall he is a very nice dog, too bad he was the only dog entry, which made him Best of Opposite in Sweeps.

6-9 Bitches

1st, Whindancer Wavy Gravy. Very square little girl. Moderate in head, with a scissor bite, and good pigment. A bit forward in shoulder, great wide rear with good drive, and nice tail set. She was just a wee bit happy and didn’t fully use herself.

12-18 Bitches

1st, Whindancer’s Singing This Song For You. Lovely head piece, with nice bite, well-set small ears and great pigment. Well laid-back shoulders with smooth transition from neck to body. Great rear with good
Tail-set and nice parallel hocks. Lovely coat with nice wave and silky texture. This bitch was my Best in Sweeps winner. She just out-moved everyone else, so smooth and covered ground with ease. This bitch was lacking neck hair which gave her the appearance of being long in body, however she has the same rib to loin ratio as most of the other bitches.

2nd, Star Cady O’Mull. Another lovely head, very clean in back skull with lovely bite and nice set small ears. She has a nice front, a bit more forward than the 1st place bitch, but not by much. Nice square outline with a good rear with parallel hocks. Her coat was in a stand-a-way stage with a bit of crispness in texture. This bitch is very lovely and it was a hard decision between first and second place bitches. The first bitch just out-moved her on the day. It could easily go either way as both are beautiful bitches.

3rd, Azlough Firelight. This bitch had a good head with level planes, nice bite with good pigment. She has a bit more of a round eye. Forward in front but not upright. Nice square outline with wonderful attitude. She has a lower tail set than the first two and moved somewhat restricted in the rear with a more bicycling-type action. Nice coat with a very silky texture.

4th, Star Shut Up And Dance. Lovely head, clean with good pigment and well-set small ears, and yet another great bite. Good front with nice transition. Nice, square outline with superb temperament. Nice rear with great tail-set. This is a lovely bitch, but the poor girl just thought it was a good idea to pace the whole time in the ring.

I had a wonderful time with all the puppies that were so well behaved I couldn’t believe I was in a Wheaten ring!! Thank you to the St. Louis club for inviting me to judge, and thank you to all who entered and showed me there beautiful puppies.

Specialty Breed Judge: Mrs. Lydia Hutchinson (no critique provided)
WB/BOW: Eringlow Wild N’ Fast
CH Bradberry’s Schnitzel Maguire x GCH Eringlo Alwaz LuK’n to Race
Breeder: Cindy Shea & Dennis M Shea
Owners: Bonnie Kanter & Cindy Shea

BOBG2: GCH Bryr Rose Matisse
GCH Greentree Keepsake Sunfun USA x CH Bryr Rose French Kiss
Breeder: Jeanne Ferris
Owners: E Koharik, J Koharik, & M Jacobs

RWB: Star Cady O’Mull
CH Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane x GCH Star Bright Mystic Gal
Breeder: Denise Daniel, Jan & Rob Schoenherr
Owners: Denise Daniel & Helen Slade.

BOS: CH Frolic’s Caper to Coventry
CH Harbour Hill R U Nuts x CH Waterford Coventry Caper
Breeder: E & J Heckman & MC Shoemaker
Owner: Cheryl Turner

SD/OHBOB: GCH MIRIKAL DOUBLE TOP BREAKOUT NA NAJ
CH Melandee’s High Wire Act x CH Dobloon’s Playing for Keeps
Breeder: Susan McGee and Elena Landa
Owner: Susan McGee

SB: CH Greentree Gold Trinket
GCH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man x GCH Greentree Gold Charm
Breeder/Owners: Beverly & Kevin Mc Donald

AOM: CH Blessing All the Way to the Moon
GCH Rosheen Sufferin’ Succotuch x CH Blessing Sweet Symmetry
Breeder: Lisa M. & William H. Morgan

AOM: GCH Lif Town Fiddler’s Lullaby Of Ardnacassa
CH Modrny Style Great Expectations x CH Lif Town Lullaby Of Ardnacassa
Breeder: Carol Shaltz & Donna Ambrose
Owners: Carol Shaltz, Joe Guibord, & Laura Guibord
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And then my soul saw you and it said...  
“Oh, there you are, I’ve been looking for you”  
unknown
The sky was bright, the field very green...we dusted off our bellbottoms, put on our love beads and were ready for our annual “Wheaten Love In,” the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California Specialty Weekend, “Feelin’ Groovy.”

The 2016 weekend featured 3 shows with major entries, sweepstakes, a spectacular raffle, member boutique, wonderful ring decorations, delicious morning hospitality and our “Dinner on the Green.” The show was held at the gorgeous George Allen Field at California State University at Long Beach.

Laura Virant chaired the decoration committee and presented a beautifully themed ring complete with placement markers wearing tie dye and “John Lennon” sunglasses and giant Wheaten in 60’s dresses and fringed vests. Of course we have to have lots of flower power, a love bug and puppies in tie dye tee shirts. Thanks to her fabulous committee Joan Johnson, Carolyn Filing, Conrad Virant and Debbie Bowen the ring was groovy.

Friday, June 24th the SCWTCSC held their show in conjunction with Kennel Club of Beverly Hills. The judge was Ms. Shari Boyd. Saturday, June 25th was our SCWTCA supported entry show in conjunction with Long Beach Kennel Club and judged by Mr. Kenneth Kauffman.

Our raffle which was held Saturday afternoon, was chaired by Jeanine Flavell and Vickie Gosnell and is always a sight to behold. The Grand Prize was a 2 nights at the Cambria Shores Inn along with dinner for 2 on both nights. Wheaten are always welcome at the Inn. Another spectacular prize was a folding crate hand painted by Beth Babos with a 60’s vibe to it.

Morning hospitality is a daunting task and was handled each day superbly by Diane Coffin. Our “Dinner on the Green” this year was carefully planned by Debbie Bowen and was catered by the University. We sat in the ring umbrella tables that were decorated by Laura Virant and Debbie Bowen. They continued our Feelin’ Groovy theme. It was a wonderful time to reconnect and visit with old friends...plus the food was plentiful and delicious! Richard Urquhart kindly agreed to be our auctioneer this year and we thank him so much for his kindness and good humor.

Sunday Sweepstakes were judged by Ms. Kayce Healy. Our Specialty judge was Ms. Sharol Candace Way. Specialty and Sweepstake trophies were hand-crafted pottery items from SCWTCSC member, Merrillee Ford, designed exclusively for the Club with our theme, “Feelin’ Groovy.” Adorable “Hippie” Wheatens decorated each unique and individual piece. Karla Baer Cohen chaired the trophy committee. SCWTCA supported the entry on Saturday, offering medallions for the winners.

Our boutique was chaired and managed by Miriam Kahan. We had 6 fabulous tables of club members who make the most wonderful Wheaten whimsies. Ann Leigh was the soft goods chair. She had a large selection of items embroidered with the theme. Lauren Smith was a wonderful addition to the team as advertising chair. She did a fabulous job helping people to submit ads. Each one was a joy to read.

The Specialty this year was chaired by Ann Leigh who put so much time and care into the event. Her selection of committee chairs was remarkable and that cohesiveness made the weekend shine. Sue Banas was Ann’s co-chair and did a fabulous job helping to organize the weekend.

To our members, spouses and friends thank you for pulling together this year and working so hard to make the weekend a success! Thank you exhibitors and friends who helped us celebrate peace, love and blue ribbons.

“Life I love you...all is groovy”  

Respectfully submitted, Karla Baer Cohen, SCWTCSC President
Thank you for the invitation to judge the 2016 specialty. It was an honor to preside over the most fundamental task of the conformation event—the evaluation of breeding stock.

Overall the entry had good presence of mind, and I can say the same for the presenters. Most dogs were in good flesh and tone, which I appreciate. Congratulations on your hard work. I will talk about the entry as a whole in terms of the Standard, followed by individual critiques of those awarded.

First, I would like to address a few fundamental aspects of Wheaten type (refer to Illustrated Standard pages 6-7) which I feel need all of our attention.

**COAT**
Few exhibits had truly glorious coats. Some were variations of proper, however many were harsh, dry, dull, woolly. Some were over-trimmed. Some appeared tattered and not ready for the day. One was matted. (refer to page 6 of our illustrated standard) Essence of coat: soft, silky, waving, flowing, warm Wheaten color.

**SILHOUETTE**
Few exhibits were truly square (refer to page 4 of our illustrated standard). Too many had short necks that were not properly balanced with the rest of the dog. Too many had upright shoulders and straight stifles, which makes up or creates an exhibit that stands over too much ground. It is paramount to breed for balance of bone, to strive for layback of shoulder, return of upper arm, bend of stifle and properly placed knees...while prioritizing the hallmarks of the breed.

*Illustrated Standard Page 4: Underneath the coat, it is this anatomically correct outline we strive to produce in a Wheaten. As in profile, this same dog carries his shape on the go.

**HEAD**
Few exhibits had a truly proper headpiece... (refer to pages 12-16 of our illustrated standard)...The kind that is clean and flat with parallel planes. The kind with the perfectly set dark almond eye which lends itself classic Wheaten expression looking back at you. The kind with perfectly sized ears, placed on the skull just so to unmistakably declare there is a terrier in there. The kind with full fill under the eye, a strong jaw, and incisors that fit six-across.

*Head: Study, study, study our standard. Aim not to settle on anything other than that which is essential to Wheaten type.

In summary, it is my opinion that in this sport, we as breeders are to be our own harshest critics, while judges are left to reward virtue.

My early mentors taught me structure, type, and how to do research prior to breeding, i.e., it is the responsibility of the bitch owner to find a suitable mate. Too often it seems stud dogs are being solicited and bred to on hearsay, rather than by hands-on evaluation and study.

Note: A dog being promoted, advertised or number one right NOW, does not necessarily make the same dog RIGHT now for your breeding program.

As for the awards of the day:

**WD: Harbour Hill A Christmas Story**
A substantial dog, up on leg, good ear placement. Won on his square outline and ability to carry shape on the go. A bit heavy boned. Coat lacked the silky, shiny quality defined in the standard.

WD: Harbours Hill A Christmas Story
Harbour Hill Toy Story x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO
Breeders: Susan Sakauye & Jeanine Flavell
Owners: Alla Bezkrovny & Susan Sakauye

**RWD: BRADBERRY’S LORE OF BOGART**
CH Atas Mackanne Colcannon Rogue x CH Bradberry’s Alexandria Jillian
Breeder: Deborah Van De Ven
Owners: Jeff & Barbara Butler, Ron Schumate & Deb Van De Ven

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**WB/BOW: Bonney Antic Piece Of My Heart**- An easy winner due to her shape. Has good balance of head to neck to body. Moderate and feminine - Good hair - Fairly good on her legs.

**BOS: Bonney Bushel And A Peck**- Best match to the day's breed winner- a square, moderate, well-boned dog. In good coat. Although not low slung, I would like to see a tad more leg and neck on this dog.

**WB/BOW: BONNEY ANTIC PIECE OF MY HEART**
GCH Saltinsea Runnin' Down a Dream x CH Bonney Follow That Star
Breeders: Bonney Snyder & Pat Rutherford
Owners: Marshall & Barbara Ostrom & B Snyder & P Rutherford

**BOS: CH BONNEY BUSHEL AND A PECK CGC**
CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V. Bodasca x CH Bonney Apple of My Eye
Breeders: Bonnie Snyder & Victoria & Dave Gosnell
Owner: Bonnie Snyder

**SD: Bryr Rose Matisse**- Garnered this award on his attitude, his presence, and condition. Improvements would include less abundant coat, and more angle on both ends to improve the appearance of standing over too much ground.

**RWB: HARBOUR HILL ATAS FLEUR DE LEASH**
GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x CH Harbour Hill 30 Minute Meals
Breeders: Jeanine A Flavell & Susan Sakauye
Owners: Susan Sakauye, Jeanine Flavell & M Montes-Capton

**SB: Legacy Cyd Charisse**- It should come as no surprise that this moderate and feminine package was in the running. Lovely shape. Good quality of hair, though wished there were more of it. Would like to see a tad more leg and finish to her head.

**BOB: Serendipity’s Urban Legend**- Today's easy winner for type and balance. Was in good hair. She both stood up, carried herself well and is good on her legs.

**BOB: GCH SERENDIPITY’S URBAN LEGEND**
GCH Gleanngay Legend of the Grait x Serendipity’s Mamma Mia
Breeder: Ferol Stanford
Owners: Camille & Richard Taylor

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**SD: GCH BRYR ROSE MATISSE**
GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfin USA x CH Byr Rose French Kiss
Breeder: Jeanne Ferris
Owners: Marilyn Jacobs, Ed & Jan Koharik

**SB: CH LEGACY GLENNGAY CYD CHARISSE**
GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x GCH Gleanngay Lady of the Lake
Breeders: Jon Caliri, Robert Green & Gay Dunlap
Owners: Leslie DeMattia & Jon Caliri and Robert Green

AOM: (listed in no particular order)

**Atas Harbour Hill Take a Bao** - Easy to award on the day. Up on leg. Had the cleanest, leanest, longest head of the day. Prefer better ear carriage. Proper mature hair. Prefer a shorter back.

**Trigo Let Freedom Ring Gabby** - In silhouette, this dog jumps off the page. Beautifully moderate in outline. Prefer better head planes. Prefer more flowing coat. He lost his shape on the go.

**Orion Trebol Breaking Bad** - This bitch has it in the details. Moderate, well-boned-still feminine. Beautiful eye. Proper fill. The day’s only exhibit with reach of neck. The day’s only exhibit with proper bend of stifle. Good hair, although prefer more length. Just missed a higher award as she did not show/carry herself with purpose today and stood over more ground than preferred.

**Stratford You’ve Got Mail** - Feminine. Well-balanced in neck to body. Up on leg. Could be more purposeful on her legs.
It was such a thrill to be invited to judge Wheaten Sweepstakes at Great Western Terrier Association’s 50th Anniversary show. This show has always been dear to my heart. It was great to be back in the lovely setting of Cal State Long Beach where I finished my first breeder/owner/handled champion 16 years ago.

I was very pleased with the overall quality of the entry. Most of the dogs were proper sized and had the correct amount of substance. Bites were uniformly good as were eye color and pigment. A few carried a bit more soot than I would like to see, but most of the coats were correct in color and in beautiful condition. There are always areas that could use improvement. Some of the back skulls were more prominent. A number of the dogs had upright shoulders which impacted movement. Ears still need work. While coats can camouflage a lot, some of the dogs were longer in loin. With those things in mind, my placements on the day are as follows:

6-9 Puppy Dogs: Lismore Return of the King ……A square, balanced young male, this dog was beautiful in outline, moderate with a correct amount of substance. Sporting smooth, laid-back shoulders and a solid top line, he was a joy to go over. He was nicely up on leg and moved well. He was awarded Best in Sweeps.

Bryn Rose Antoinette …… She was a slighter puppy who was somewhat tentative on the day.

12-18 Junior Bitches: There were many nice girls in this class. Most had a lovely amount of substance, were well-conditioned and presented beautifully. Up right shoulders and longer loins cost some of the girls a higher placement in the class. Bonney Antic I Put a Spell on You …… She was not as flashy as some of the others in the class, but once I put my hands on her I was really impressed. This clear coated, very sound bitch had lovely proportions, a beautifully clean head and smooth shoulders. She went on to Best Op in Sweeps. Claddagh’s Some Kind of Wonderful …… This was a feminine bitch with lovely coat and color. Bonney Antic Piece of My Heart …… This showy girl sporting a lovely length of leg and a beautiful coat is a bit more upright in shoulders than her littermate who won the class.

BOS in Sweeps - BONNEY ANTIC I PUT A SPELL ON YOU (b)
GCH SaltnSea Runnin’ Down A Dream x CH Bonney Follow That Star
Breeders: Bonny Snyder & Pat Rutheford
Owner: Pat Rutherford

After completing my assignment, I found out that there were two dogs shown in Sweeps who had finished their championship earlier in the weekend. I chose not to comment on those two exhibits.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who brought me such a nice entry. A big shout out to Wilma Johnson, my ever vigilant Ring Steward, who kept me organized. Thank you also to the very talented Merrillee Ford for creating the adorable Wheaten plate I received as a gift. I will treasure it as a reminder of a weekend filled with lovely dogs and wonderful people.
Specialty Critique by Judge Candy Way

It was a pleasure to ‘feel groovy’ with all of my old and new friends in Southern California. I was a member when I lived in L.A. and have many happy memories of Great Western (the old seminary site, Brookside Park, sports arena—where I saw my first Wheaten) and the S.C. specialties. After moving east we continued to fly in to exhibit and visit. So I was happy to take over as an emergency judge.

The hand-painted trophies were just so original and thank you all for the mug. As usual, the ring decorations rocked, the auction and vendors looked great and all of the hard work by Ann and her committees made this a weekend to remember!!!!

A beautiful entry awaited on a sunny and warm day. And two of the best ring stewards ever, Lynne and Wilma….thank you.

BOB to CH Serendipity’s Urban Legend, a lovely bitch presented in proper coat and trim. She has beautiful neck to backline flow, level outline and proper tail set. Compact body in good weight and moves with purpose and confidence. I was pleased to see her in the ring.

BOS to CH Saltinsea Commander-In-Chief. A handsome male with good outline, a nice “butt” (shelf) and good bone. Nicely trimmed and a lovely coat. He had a clean head piece and planes and lovely ears. Level backline and tail carriage when moving….and moving well.

BOW/WD to Lismore Return Of The King. A showy puppy with attitude and charisma. Pretty color and coat. Good head piece with clean cheeks, planes and lovely ears. Level backline and tail carriage when moving….and moving well.

RWD to Bradberry’s Lore Of Bogart.

WB to Mackanme What Goes Around. From open bitch in a competitive class. Just a year she carried herself with confidence. Had good neck set, layback and
resulted in good reach/drive. Lovely coat, ears and headpiece.

Awards Of Merit, in no specific order:

- **WB: MACKANME WHAT GOES AROUND**
  CH Tara I Get Around x CH Mackanme Glory Hallelujah
  Breeder: Jeri Voyles
  Owners: Frank & Marji Baumann

- **RWB to Lismore National Anthem.**
  CH Tara I Get Around x GCH Lismore Catching Fire.
  Breeder/Owner: Margaret Ryan

- **SD to CH Bonney Bushel And A Peck.**
  CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V. Bodasca x CH Bonney Apple of My Eye
  Breeders: Bonnie Snyder & Victoria & Dave Gosnell
  Owner: Bonnie Snyder

- **SB and Best Owner Handled to CH Orion Trebol Breaking Bad Td**
  CH Cameron Hunnicut x GCH Orion Trebol Hot Like Me TD
  Breeders/Owners: Betsy Geertson & Guillermo Rueda

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- **AOM: GCH SERENDIPITY OCTOBER QUEST**
  GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend
  Breeders: Richard & Camille Taylor & Patricia Mullin
  Owner: Susan Solsby

- **AOM: GCH STRATFORD YOU'VE GOT MAIL**
  GCH Heirloom Nobody Does It Better x GCH Stratford Fashionista
  Breeders/Owners: Molly O'Connell, Barbara Gillett & Kay Kotzelnick

- **AOM: GCH BRYR ROSE MATISSE**
  GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfing USA x CH Bryr Rose French Kiss
  Breeder: Jeanne Ferris
  Owners: Marilyn Jacobs, Ed & Jan Kohari

- **AOM: BARBA AN APPLE A DAY**
  CH Gleanngay Who's Your Daddy x CH Bonne Apple Of My Eye
  Breeders: Victoria Gosnell & Anna Marzolino
  Owners: Victoria & Dave Gosnell
We had one brood bitch CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige, had two nice kids that made her proud. General comments…..coats were nicely trimmed, there was very little over trimming and no ‘cone heads.’ I like to brush the flank coat up and down on both sides and see the coat fall back into place. Good eyes and eye color and mostly those small ears we had lost. Short forefaces were a problem which resulted in a non-50-50 head with parallel planes. A problem in most all breeds and including Wheatens is no shoulder layback. This results in a harsh neck to back transition and lack of reach and drive or a hackney movement. Also some very close and weak rears. Body condition was good and most entries were in good weight.

Thank you for this honor…this is ‘my’ breed and I am very proud to have been involved in it since 1978…gosh has it been that long. We all look the same, luckily the dogs don’t look like they did back then. We have come a long way and are still ‘feelin groovy’.

Hugs and thanks to you all.
Candy

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This year our program deals with puppy evaluation. Our presenters are:

Gay Dunlap & Cindy Vogels

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