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Holly, Wheaten Goblin’s Dancing Queen, relaxing in the lush meadows of No. Bavaria. Photo taken by her owner, Angie Richter. Holly is Angie’s princess, the dog of her heart and soul.

Heart
As I’m writing this message for the June issue of *Benchmarks*, I’m amazed at how quickly the year goes by, and how much our SCWTCA committees accomplish. I’d like to share just a few developments from the first half of 2017.

The SCWTCA Board and the Health Committee are excited to announce that the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Health Survey will be available soon. The survey will be posted on the OFA website and is open to all Wheaten Terriers born in 2000 or later. The survey will address all aspects of health including behavior. Please watch for an announcement in the coming weeks. It has been over 20 years since our last survey, so we encourage all Wheaten owners to participate.

Our Wheatens continue to excel in many dog sports! 2017 is the first year SCWTCA will present the Working Wheaten Award for dogs competing in 2016 events. This award recognizes Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers who earn titles in six different areas — rally, fly ball, therapy, dock diving, barn hunt and nose work. The four levels of the award recognize the different types of competition and titles. Please visit the Members Only section at scwtca.org for more details on this new award.

Your Nominating Committee is busy putting together the proposed slate for 2018-2019 President’s Class, which will be announced in June. Also in June, SCWTCA members will receive nomination forms for the Breed and Sweepstakes judges for Montgomery 2020 as well as the 2020 Roving. Due to the number of judges, and in an effort to make the process easier for our members, we will be mailing the forms this year.

Over the past several months, the SCWTCA Board received numerous inquiries about the desire for a pedigree database. While SCWTCA does not own nor maintain a database, the SCWTCA Endowment recently announced that the *Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Database* is “up and running.” The database was in development for several years and has tremendous potential with the ongoing support of Wheaten breeders and owners. To learn more about the database and how to provide information on your dogs, please visit scwtdb.org.

Your Montgomery Chairs Karen Bilda and Jan Van Ness have a fantastic National Specialty planned. If you haven’t done so yet, I hope you make plans to attend. Judges this year are Jinx Moore for our Puppy Sweepstakes and Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine for the Breed. SCWTCA will also be sponsoring a day of agility again this year. Watch for details on the entire week of conformation, obedience and performance events . . . “Treasure the Moments, Cherish the Memories.”

Enjoy your summer and please read *SCWTCA Updates* when posted for the latest Club news!

Cecily Skinner

“The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog.”

M.K. Clinton
From the Editors

Hello Summer! I for one am hoping for a better second half of 2017.

Here in the SE we are currently facing a serious canine influenza, type H3N2, that has spread through the dog show world, cancelling one of our important “The Wonderful World of Wheatens” venues in Tampa through the SCWTGCB. We are all concerned and taking precautions for our dogs.

We also lost a dear friend and very special person, Jody Sylvester this year. Our 2017 National Specialty is dedicated to her memory and her huge contribution to our breed over the years. A special tribute to Jody by Gay Dunlap is included herein.

We are short on ads in this issue, and I sincerely hope this will improve in September...remember your ads do count! On a more upbeat note, we have some interesting articles in this issue of Benchmarks, and more (than you ever wanted to know) on movement. In addition there are some exciting announcements: A new Wheaten Data Base presented by the SCWTCA Endowment, Inc. plus the implementation of a new Wheaten Health Survey in 2017 by the Health Committee.

The HNL also offers a great piece on Leptospirosis we should all be aware of especially during the summer months. Covered in detail are the 2016 AKC Agility Invitationals, and the SCWTC of N. CA Specialty. The Delaware Valley SCWTC Spring Specialty is delayed until the Sept issue. Pages here are a bit scattered due to last minute changes...apologies!

Helen Fraguela

Have you ever seen a dog show video and been surprised at how you look in the ring? I remember at one of my first shows I had the darnedest time walking a straight line on the down & back. To this day I have to concentrate on picking out a point and going to it. Turns out I’m not the only one who makes some obvious blunders in the ring. As I was scrolling through Facebook recently I read an interesting question posed by Diana Han, the very talented West Coast dog show photographer. She asked Judges to post suggestions on how exhibitors could improve their handling skills. The post got a surprising 98 comments in two days ... Here are the top ten responses:

1. Bait is bait, not a buffet. Quit feeding dogs in the ring and train them.
2. Move your dog at the appropriate speed for your breed and standard.
3. The best exhibitors are “invisible” – develop the ability to disappear behind your dog.
4. Good Sportsmanship -- show respect for the dogs, your competition, & the judges.
5. Pay attention to the judge’s instructions – they’re most likely trying to help you make your dog look better.
6. Stop over-handling and fussing so much.
7. Go straight down and back, without weaving or zigzagging, and stop before you get to the judge – all a slower pace than the go-around.
8. Stop the games – blocking other people’s dogs, crowding, distracting. Show your dog to his best advantage and let your competition show theirs.
9. Stop double handling – you’re the only one that thinks no one notices.
10. Love your dog & have fun – you’ll take home the best dog at the show – win or lose.

Deb Van De Ven
Happy Birthday Seniors!

“Belle”
CH Greentree Moonstruck Fairy Tale
5/23/2004
CH Honeylee’s Bye The Bye x CH Greentree Fairy Tale Princess

From the first day Belle came into our home, we knew we were in for quite a ride: funny, sweet, loving, smart, oh so cunning and full of herself! She made it very clear to all that she was the new Alpha in town. And, with not an aggressive bone in her body, she learned to manage us all and whip us into shape...she knew what she wanted, when she wanted it, and to this day remains “El Exigente.”

Her most comical way of demonstrating her authority is at mealtime. She immediately tosses a few pieces of kibble on the floor around her bowl while eating and dares the other dogs to come near it. We call this her “booby trap.” She merely does her “Elvis Presley lip” and the other dogs back away graciously.

3:30 pm on the dot is her dinnertime, and she is relentless staring us in the face with her “under the breath woofs” until fed. Her bedtime is 11:30 pm, and there is no discussion about it.

Belle was quite a show girl, completing her championship at 11 months with four majors, all BOBs over top ranked FL specials. She went on to do a brief stint in Junior Showmanship with my granddaughter, Erin. Our advise to Erin: "Just do what Belle shows you" and they won first place numerous times.

This girl is about quality, not quantity. We had just one good breeding with her... only one pup from a first try, then nine from a repeat. From those ten pups she produced five 5 champions, three of them ranked GCHs, and some wonderful, loving pets. Amongst the five is our pride and joy, Ricky, BIS, BISS, Can CH, Am GCH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man, owned and loved by Bev and Kevin McDonald. Bev and Ricky have made us all so very proud, here and abroad.

Belle is just starting to show her age as she climbs up the stairs; otherwise she remains full of herself and is still the boss in this house.

Thank you, Bev & Kevin, and Nancy Pederson for this silly and incredible girl. Helen Fraguela

Support The Open Registry

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

The Open Registry lists dogs affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease.

For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20100630.pdf.

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

Please remember to support Wheaten Health with your tax free donations. Checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment. Keep in mind the Open Registry is an important tool in our tool box as breeders. We need your continued support and participation.
Learning Day By Day

Sometimes I wonder if anyone is ever comfortable in their knowledge of dogs and showing and breeding. Just when I feel like I’m on an even keel, the dogs remind me I’m clueless.

Over the last year, we started breeding the three bitches in our “next” generations. The first two are half-siblings out of a terrific dam; I’ve always believed in the maxim that great moms had great moms. First was a bitch who lives with co-owners and proved the adage true. She came to our house where she was a spectacular mother…whelping easily and quickly, her maternal instinct clicked in immediately. While we always stay with the mom and litter for most of the first week, she liked the company but didn’t need us. The litter was always well-fed, clean and the box immaculate. She was as cooperative as one could imagine.

Her half-sister, a sound, happy, irrepressible bitch, brought us up short.

A reasonably routine whelping was the last thing that went smoothly. Momma nursed initially…but disinterestedly. Most dams need to be dragged out of the whelping box to go relieve themselves; she needed to be dragged back into the room. She wouldn’t stay in the box, leaping out as soon as she was put back in. She spent more time under the chair than in the box. She showed little interest when the pups made noise…she’d look at them but have no desire to take care of them. Opening the door to the room required blocking her escape.

Within 24 hours, we knew we had problems. Between John’s Old English and Norfolk and our Wheatens, this was beyond our experience. Maybe sitting in the box with the bitch for hours would’ve helped Momma’s maternal instinct click in…if we weren’t at least five years past being physically capable…and I was due back at work in a week. We needed a different plan.

I’ve previously extolled WhelpWise. Less known than their monitoring service is their human support as long as you need it. They’ve certainly experienced almost everything with their clients and are ready to help.

We reached out to WhelpWise’s Karen Copley, who helped us figure out how to avoid the oncoming train wreck and provided knowledge and support for weeks. Fortunately the dam had milk and was willing to nurse…on her terms.

For the next five weeks. Momma laid on the sofa in our living room and we brought the puppies to her to nurse.

Every two hours. Round the clock. While John is retired, I am not…and our second bit of good fortune was my employer’s flexibility. I took two hours “vacation” every day so I could stay up until 3 am, sleep and then go to work late. John bore the brunt of the labor: daytime care, including the other adult dogs.

Momma’s only interest in the puppies was nursing. We did the cleaning. By the way, do you know how often neonates eliminate? Probably not, because the dam cleans them. We learned.

We knew this plan was not likely to bring out Momma’s maternal instinct…we were doing it all for her in a regimented fashion. But risking puppies not thriving while the bitch learned to be a mom…our decision was easy.

I initially fretted over the puppies’ lack of canine mothering. Our next piece of good fortune came in the shape of the litter’s granddam…that’s right, the mother of the recalcitrant Momma.

Or as we now refer to her: The Best Dog Who Ever Lived.

Granny was dying to see the puppies. For the safety of the litter, we never let other dogs into the puppy room. When it was obvious Momma didn’t care, we let Granny in. Her tail wagged so hard her butt wiggled…and before I knew it, she bounded into the box and started cleaning tushies.

A day later, she jumped in the box and lay down so they could nurse. I stood there dumfounded, with tears pouring down my face.

Granny had been in season at the same time as Momma and, as it turned out, was experiencing a false pregnancy. She had some milk….not enough to take over all nursing duties but those puppies got to experience normalcy a few times every day.
Ages ago, I learned to tube feed. It’s scary but a breeder really has to know how and I was glad I did. Our “Little Man” was always a strong nurser but needed that extra nourishment in the first few weeks. As it turned out, our “managed nursing” routine with Momma was good for him…since we were there when everyone nursed, we were able to make sure his bigger siblings didn’t push him away. The extra cuddling after tubing helped make him into one of the sweetest puppies we’ve ever had. It was hard to let him go to his new home.

We learned you have to be really organized and really regimented. We had schedules and notes galore. I’ve always joked about being an Excel junkie, recording weights obsessively and analyzing gains, chuckling that it had minimal use. Past data finally came in handy…it reassured us we were making it work.

One other thing got me through those midnight to 3 am shifts: the dog community. People offered to relieve us. People offered ideas. People checked in unprompted. Mostly, when I needed to whine or worry during those early mornings, people responded to messages. It was a scary and lonely time and those who were there for us will never know how much it meant.

We made it through, one day at a time. The puppies dove into their “non-mom” meals with gusto. One night, I looked at John and said “That’s it. They’re weaned. Let’s go to bed.” The puppies never looked back and neither did Momma.

Of course, it was a nice litter…which didn’t change a decision we’d made. We wouldn’t risk putting the bitch through it again nor would we do it to ourselves. Momma has been spayed and by the time you read this, will be living with our long-time owner, happy to be the center of attention.

After much discussion, we’re playing the odds and breeding the third next generation bitch, unrelated to our recalcitrant Momma. We know more now than we did a few months ago…and hopefully won’t need it.

Why am I telling our story, warts and all? I doubt breeders will pick up useful tips…and for their sake, I hope they never need them. But every breeder should recognize you need to ask for help whenever you need it from whoever can give it…and when you are the one asked, you support your fellow breeder.

There are things you don’t even know you don’t know about dogs. Ask for help, make decisions, put one foot in front of the other and hope for a bit of luck along the way.

It’s dogs. It’s life.
Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers are considered working terriers. Being all-purpose farm dogs, they were able to herd, hunt, and guard. Originally, they worked the day long, doing one chore after the other.

In order to do all of these things, a dog must be built properly with enough bone, and depth of chest. He must also be able to cover ground efficiently and smoothly, with the least amount of effort, therefore conserving his energy for the tasks facing him.

Viewing gait from the side, like to see a dog’s topline so smooth-running that you might put a cup of tea on his back and hardly spill a drop. I don’t like to see toplines that sag with every step. Nor do I like to see toplines that rise, (or roach), bounce, or roll, when moving. The outline should hold true on a dog, standing or moving. The back feet should naturally fall into the spot that the front feet just vacated.

And finally, the front legs should extend beyond the nose. Correspondingly, the rear legs should come forward, well under the body, and extend out well behind. Take a look at the dogs in the ring sometime. You will see some dogs will take twenty steps to keep up with a dog that only takes ten or twelve steps to cover the same amount of ground. Those mincers have to work almost twice as hard to cover this ground, and they will tire that much sooner. The mincing might be caused by a number of problems. Perhaps angulation, front and rear, do not match. Perhaps the dog elbows out, so the rear takes smaller strides to balance. Or, perhaps the dog is sickle-ock ed in the rear, so the front compensates. Sickle hocks are like stiff hocks, which never lose their angle as the dog moves. The hocks don't extend out behind, and push the dog forward as he moves. In some cases, the dog can look like those old paddle-wheel boats — as the back legs go forward and hit the ground, as the leg rises behind, the hock is still bent at an standing position, so it goes up higher then back down, creating a circular motion, rather than a driving motion.

When a dog comes toward you, his front legs should come easily forward in a straight line with no high upward motion, no elbow-popping, and no winging. (Winging is when the front legs swing out in an arc, then come back to the center of gravity.) One should never be able to see the front pads, on a correctly moving dog.

Overall, proper movement should look effortless and fluid.

They should be moving as a part of that straight line.

Earlier, when Wheaten s were first recognized, our breed had a problem called bent tibias. The rear was shaped more like a light bulb, although the hocks were not pointing at each other, they were perfectly parallel. There was more space between the knees because the tibia, the bone from the knee to the hock, was bent and pushing the knee out. I have not seen that for a while. Perhaps clever grooming has prevailed, though I have not been seeing litters with the problem.

Wheatens have been notorious for moving close in the rear. I believe we have seen improvement overall in this category… at last! Perhaps we are still closer moving than some would care to see, but I have noticed better and wider rear movement.

A dog can move too wide in the rear, just as he can in the front. Again, it is inefficient, as this causes a dog to shift his weight from one side to the other. This lack of a center of gravity will tell on his endurance.

Overall, proper movement should look effortless and fluid. The dog should cover a lot of ground. I like to see lightness to the step, implying agility and grace. There should be minimal bumps, bounces, or bulges to distract the eye. It should just flow.
QUESTIONS ON MOVEMENT

1. When evaluating puppies, what are the most important structural characteristics you look for in predicting good movement?

2. The much revered judge, Anne Rogers Clark, is quoted in her book Annie... on Dogs! as saying “Some of the best handlers tend to move their dogs too fast ... according to the old saying, “If you can’t conceal, confuse!” The 2017 Montgomery SCWT Judge is Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine. Peggy likes Wheatens shown at a slower pace, often instructing exhibitors to walk ... how do you think this year’s entry will fare?

3. If you were mentoring a new exhibitor who asked the meaning of this advice to judges by Anne Rogers Clark...

How would you describe soundness in a Wheaten to a new exhibitor?

Breed type is defined by the Essence of Type (as detailed on pg 6-7 of the SCWT Illustrated Standard)

Elaine Azerolo, Azlough Wheatens

1. When evaluating puppies the most important characteristics for predicting good movement are front and rear angulation, pro sternum, ribcage to loin proportion and topline. If these are not correct, the adult dog will not move with good reach and strong drive. Bone structure is the best predictor of movement potential since puppies lack muscle development and coordination.

Front and rear angulation should be adequate and balanced for smooth movement, covering ground. Some Wheatens could use better angulation on both ends. Others are restricted on one end causing short, choppy steps and other gait issues. A square dog can move well, but only if front and rear angulation are balanced.

A defined pro sternum is necessary to stabilize front movement. Wheatens are groomed so the front appears flat, but they should not be built that way. The proportion of ribcage to loin length should be about two-thirds to one-third. A dog with a shorter ribcage and longer loin has a less stable back and will not move as smoothly or hold his outline on the move. Stamina is also affected.

An incorrect topline is a deal breaker for me. The back should be level, ending with a high tail set. An incorrect topline indicates that something below it is not correct. A puppy that falls off at the croup or typically stands with a roached topline will not move with strong drive. Toplines do not improve with age.

Movement is the sum of all the parts, so additional structural features such as depth of chest, parallel legs, good feet, et cetera, should also be considered when evaluating a puppy.

In addition to going over a puppy on the table, I like to see how a puppy naturally stands and walks (off lead) on the ground. Just examining a pup on the table can be misleading. A confident, table-trained puppy will make the most of his physical structure on the table and the opposite is also true.

2. At Montgomery 2017, I expect Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine will see many Wheatens moved faster than she prefers.

3. For new exhibitors, soundness can be defined as correct structure combined with good physical condition. Soundness and good movement begin with correct bone structure and proper muscle development and attachment. To be sound a dog must also be in good physical condition. Movement is a good indicator of soundness.

To help the new exhibitor understand sound structure and movement, Pat Hasting’s books are a useful resource. Tricks of the Trade includes a short overview and Structure in Action covers the subject in depth. Both are clear, concise and well-illustrated. To learn to recognize good movement, observe another square breed, preferably one with less coat (Dobermans, Standard Schnauzers), in the ring.

Susan Sakauye, Harbour Hill Wheatens

1. Evaluating Puppies—what are the most important structural characteristics I look for in predicting good movement. Movement has always been a top priority of mine since my preceding breed was Afghan Hounds. When my puppies are in the whelping box nursing, I can see and feel which pups have shoulder blades well laid...
back and well set in, even at a few days old. Similarly if you “hang” them, this also becomes apparent. I look for upper arms well set under the dog. (Length of upper arm approx same length as shoulder blade). Good fronts are structurally more complicated than rears and harder to fix. I look for good rear angulation but a longer sweeping second thigh bothers me a bit as it reminds me of Afghans and I don’t consider that look correct for a terrier. It’s all about balance...I’ve had five/six week old puppies who can show trot down my kitchen because they are so perfectly balanced. Youngsters who hippity hop naturally...who cannot hold a natural trot when I gait them by seven weeks of age lack balance. (Oddly my best on the table aren’t always the best on the ground. I’ve had some with more upright shoulders and straighter angles who move phenomenally well on the side at full maturity). I personally grow my best out, selecting the best movers at 16 weeks of age when it’s easier for me to physically see movement.

2. Goodness has anyone seen me in person?! When I am instructed to walk and I am showing a dog who is built to cover ground effortlessly, being so vertically challenged it handicaps and is restrictive to my dog especially in a big outdoors ring. Walking shouldn’t be an issue to handlers with long legs but I’m guessing it would favor more moderate, compact type dogs if shown by “normies.” This year’s Montgomery entries will fare just fine!

3. Soundness— Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark is of course, right when she emphasizes breed type; it is the most important thing in the show ring... but we have dogs whose original purpose was to be all purpose working farm dogs. Form follows function. Pretty and/or typey is wonderful, but I insist that my dogs be sound enough to do what they were bred to do. Soundness is a strong, driving, true rear; a front with nice reach and no wasted motion on either end; a balance of reach and drive, dogs that move pretty much four-square viewed from all angles (not addressing issue of single tracking here), and who move with purpose. Strong toplines, great shoulders, nice depth of chests are important...these type of dogs are built to last a lifetime— they rarely break down. They are sound, working type dogs which has always been my personal preference.

Elizabeth Sorenson, Ceili Wheatens

1. The first structural characteristic I would look for in a puppy is balance. The puppy should naturally stand four square with adequate length of neck (usually indicating good shoulder angulation) and legs placed appropriately (hocks vertical on the rear legs, front legs straight and under the puppy indicating adequate length of upper arm. I find that puppies that have trouble with a natural stack are often lacking balance. From the rear the hind legs should be straight with some space between them. The front legs should also be straight from the front, although I expect a slight toe out at the foot. I like balanced angulation in the front (shoulder to upper arm length and angle), and in the rear (femur to tibia) and even more importantly between the front and rear. I also like length of hip (pelvis) which allows more room for muscles in the hind end. Note that the patella is higher in puppies than in adults dogs. Wheatens should have good reach and drive, but not to the excess of some breeds.

2. I agree that gaiting a dog too fast can make it more difficult to assess correct movement. Dogs with more reach and drive can maintain a nice outline at a slightly faster pace than less angulated dogs. I assume that the handlers will show their dogs at an appropriate pace (or listen to the judge if instructed to slow down). I don’t dare to predict how any particular dogs will fare this year at Montgomery!

3. A dog of any breed (or mix) can be sound and move well, but to win in the ring and meet our standard they must first be easily identified as a SCWT. The elements of type are necessary to identify the breed.

Single faults are easier to overlook than overall mediocrity. A sound Wheaten should move with reach and drive, and be clean moving down and back from the front and rear. They should move freely without exaggeration in all directions. The proper Wheaten outline should be maintained while moving. A correctly moving Wheaten is beautiful and appears to cover ground effortlessly.

Cindy Shea, Erinlo Wheatens

1. Decent shoulder layback is #1, but there also needs to be equally good angles in the rear. If the angles are not similar, movement will be affected. I also want to see 2/3 rib cage to 1/3 loin ratio to support the body properly.

2. I see a lot of Wheatens that look great standing still, but have limited reach, drive and do not hold a level topline when they move. That will be exaggerated when moved at a slower pace. There are some nice moving Wheatens out there and Peggy will find them.

3. Soundness is defined as being in good condition. Wheatens should have enough substance, muscle tone and bone that you could imagine them working on a farm.
Kathy Clarke, Kilronan Wheatens

Proper movement in the SCWT is the cornerstone of our breed... without it we do not have a functioning dog.
Correct movement is not flashy; it is effortless it means all of the structural parts of the dog are working together.
There is always that old excuse, "Well mutts can be sound!" yes, this is true, but we have a breed that is supposed to be a working terrier.

When I look at a puppy I want to see good layback of shoulder, with a good neck transition. A solid top line ending in a great tail set. No matter the length of back or loin, you want to see a good rear angle with tremendous rear stifle length and a well let down hock.
What is important is the rear & front angles should match. If they don't, your reach & drive will not match. Upright shoulders blades and no rear angle equals stilted movement.

To breed sound moving dogs you must start with sound moving parents. That doesn't mean you give up type, I love to see a beautiful outline that holds its form as it moves around the ring.

There is no substitute for sitting ringside at a specialty with a large entry, comparing movement among the dogs.

My favorite part is finding a corner where I can watch down & backs. You can pick up a lot of things about a dog watching where their feet land on the ground.

There is also that all important part of putting your hands

Pat Mullin, Lochlinear Wheatens

1. I look for appropriate shoulder layback with corresponding angles in the rear. I then look for equal length of scapula and upper arm in the front and equal length of first / upper thigh to second / lower thigh. I do not mind a lower or second thigh which is slightly longer than the upper. It is also key to evaluate the front and rear pasterns (rear hock). In a stack, front pasterns should be up and rear pasterns or hocks should be perpendicular to the ground. During evaluation of an eight-week old puppy, it is difficult if not impossible to determine whether the pasterns are desirable on the move due to the age and lack of development of musculature.

Predicting movement coming and going - I like to lower the puppy to the table so that all four feet touch the table simultaneously. This allows one to see whether the puppy places their feet at the desirable width (distance apart) with front legs and hocks parallel when viewed from front or back. Front width will follow width at the shoulder. Rear width should be wider.

2. Not sure how the entry will fare, but I believe it is appropriate to show Wheatens at a trot (a fast walk). Wheatens racing around the ring like a sporting dog is not appropriate.

3. Soundness - movement should appear to be effortless with balance and grace.
Essence - “the intrinsic nature of something; the quality which determines something’s character” (Oxford University Press)

The essence of breed type can be defined as how the various parts of a dog come together with the requisite temperament to make a breed unique.

Part 5 - Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier; Movement

The final installment of my series of articles on the Essence of Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier type is devoted to movement. This will not be a primer on dog movement as there are excellent books devoted to the subject. I highly recommend: MacDowell Lyon, The Dog in Action, Rachel Paige Elliot, Dogsteps, Gilbert & Brown K-9 Structure and Terminology and Brown, Curtis, Dog Locomotion and Gait Analysis. As an expression of the sum of all parts, movement is an integral part of breed type.

In addition to structure, temperament and condition also play major roles in how dogs move. While proper structure cannot be down-played, too often we only look at bones and forget that it is the muscles and their attachments that contribute to make canine athletes.

Often, beautifully structured dogs do not move particularly well because they are lacking in muscle development. On the other hand, sometimes extremely athletic dogs move well, making up for structural weaknesses.

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier movement is not complicated. Knowledgeable dog fanciers consider side gait first and are willing to forgive minor faults coming and going when side gait is acceptable. So, it’s important to look at movement from the side first.

Ours is a moderate, square breed, so at the trot, from the side, we should look for reach and drive, but not the tremendous “opening up” of rectangular sporting dogs. In other words, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers shouldn’t be built like Golden Retrievers so they shouldn’t move like them either. When fully extended, front feet should reach the nose and there should be equal extension behind. Balance is extremely important for endurance, so neither front nor rear should overpower one another.

As dogs trot, the rear foot reaches underneath propelling the body forward. There should be good flexion at the hock joint. Ideally, the opposite front leg reaches out equally creating a smooth, effortless gait. When moving correctly, dogs retain their silhouettes, head held high and a bit forward, back level, tail high.

Rear propulsion is a product of a flat croup which creates the requisite high tailset with ample “butt behind,” equal length of first and second thighs, and the angles created by their connection. There should be good flexion at the hock joint. Correct reach is attained by a combination of the equal length of shoulder and forearm and the angle formed at their junction.

Angulation will not be the classic 45 degrees, and in fact, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers should not have the extreme sweep behind, nor the prominent keel in front commonly seen in many Sporting and Working breeds.

It is common to see over-angulation in the rear have a negative effect on side gait. If the front assembly is less angulated than the rear (in particular when the forearm is short and poorly angulated), the timing is off so dogs must compensate resulting in a myriad of gait faults where front legs are thrown up or out.

When coming and going, legs should move straight forward. As speed increases, there is a natural tendency for legs to converge on a center line, but this should never be confused with moving close or crossing front or rear. Common faults seen in rear movement are hocks that do not flex and/or point in or out, and feet that point in or out. Coming towards you, front faults include elbowing out, and toes pointing in or out. It should be noted that poor feet (flat with splayed toes) cause a flipping motion of the feet that can be seen from the side and front. Flowing coat presents an added challenge when assessing Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier movement and breeders must accustom their eyes to see beneath the coat. Have a capable handler move your dogs for you, and if necessary, wet them down in order to assess their gait accurately. I also recommend that you go to the dog show and watch other breeds. Of course, our closest cousins, Kerry Blues provide good models. But also, try watching Dobermans. Although they are not exactly the same structurally as Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, they are a square, moderate breed. Another interesting exercise is comparing the English versus the American
Cocker Spaniels. The English Cocker standard specifically calls for moderation and directs that they should move at moderate speed. In general, understanding movement in other breeds will enhance your knowledge of proper gait for the Soft Coated Wheaten.

Dogs are the sum of their parts, and it behooves breeders to be aware of the nuances of detail, which create proper breed type. But, while it is necessary to assess the various components comprising the essence, we must always look at the whole dog when seeking that illusive perfection.

### Test Your Wheaten IQ

**Revisiting Movement from an Anatomical Perspective**

Good Angulation facilitates a long stride. Balance facilitates good foot timing.

The importance of angulation cannot be overemphasized when evaluating gait. The most significant angles are at the shoulder and hip joints. These joints are connected via the spine and counterbalance each other as they lift, open and shut with the swing of the limbs.

The fact the skeleton determines aspects of movement is unarguable, but the levers (joints) formed by the bones require muscles, ligaments and tendons to provide motive power and they require the nervous system to co-ordinate their contractions. Muscle mass also provides much of the overall shape of the dog and is the major contributor to an impression of substance.

#### Encyclopedia of K9 Terminology

The dog’s front assembly begins with the top of the shoulder blade which is called the withers. The front assembly includes the forearm, front legs, pasterns and feet. This series of bones are important because the front assembly carries sixty percent of the dog’s body weight and is only attached to the body by muscles, tendons and ligaments. In order to breed the well-angulated, ground covering front, one must pay attention to both the length and angulation of the shoulder blade and the upper arm.

The dog elbow is a hinge joint, whose entire motion is in one plane. Only flexion and extension occur within this joint: hyperextension (side to side) is abnormal.

Common causes of improper elbow movement include:

- Loaded shoulders due to overly heavy muscles under the shoulder blade
- Shoulder blades which are too far forward on the chest
- Poor muscle condition permitting elbows to fall away from body
- A brisket which is considerably narrow or falls above the elbows (common in youngsters not yet fully developed)

#### Incorrect from front

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By: Carmen Battaglia

The rear assembly is an important part of dog anatomy. It is less fragile than the front assembly because it is attached to the body by the hip sockets. This makes the rear assembly less likely to be affected by environmental and management problems. The rear assembly involves the hip joint which connects the femur to the tibia and fibula at the knee joint. When in motion, the entire rear leg assembly should extend and flex through the hock to drive the dog forward. When standing, hocks should appear to be two short and straight columns of support that are parallel to each other and set just slightly outside the hip sockets. The importance of proper hocks cannot be over-emphasized. The relative lengths and angles of the croup, upper and lower thigh and the length of hock greatly affect the drive and its effectiveness.

Ideal angulation is one where the length of the femur (upper thigh) is equal to the length of tibia/fibula (lower thigh). The longer both the femur and tibia/fibula are, the greater the turn of stifle for that breed. A quick way to check for equal lengths of femur and tibia is to raise the hock (perpendicularly, of course) up to the end of the pelvis. If the point of the hock extends beyond the rear edge of the pelvis, then the tibia is too long in relation to the femur. Rarely if ever is the femur too long.

Cowhocks are undesirable in all breeds. There are two different causes for this condition typified by the hocks being turned in and the stifles and rear pasterns turned out. This can arise either from a malformation of the hock joint or from the entire hind leg being turned out at the hip because of poor ligament or muscle development.

Open hocks are rotated outward and the feet always `toe in`. Sometimes the hocks can`t make up their mind what to do so they actually will twist both in and out as they flex or bear weight. These dogs often have their stifles twisted out. This condition can also be referred to as `rubber hocks` or `weak hocks`.

Moving close is where the rear pasterns are straight and parallel, but are too close together and the stifles are thrown out. As this condition worsens, crossing of the rear pasterns during movement can be seen, so that there is a weaving pattern evident when viewed from the rear.

The front pasterns act as the cushioning device for the load on the front legs during movement.

Short, upright pasterns have reduced flexibility.

Good medium length and angle of pastern will allow great spring and flexibility of the pastern, reflected in a smoother gait.

Too long in pastern or too great an angle in relation to the foreleg will result in loss of spring, over extension of the ligaments and a looseness (paddling effect) when viewed from front-on during movement.

The rear pastern (hock) should drop vertically and be straight, however, if the hock angle is too small (sickle hocks), it can cause the dog to “stand under itself.”

TIPS: Keep toenails cut short
Exercise the dog in sand to help build strong muscle and ligaments
Gait...Illustrated Standard

Gait is free, graceful and lively with good reach in front and strong drive behind. Front and rear feet turn neither in nor out. Dogs who fail to keep their tails erect when moving should be severely penalized.

While the Wheaten moves with straight action at a slow gait, there is a tendency, as with most breeds, to move toward the center of gravity with increased speed. This trait, often referred to as single-tracking, is only visible at high speed, and must never be responsible for condoning close movement. We cannot over-emphasize the importance of proper movement. The Wheaten must be able to cover ground in an efficient and graceful fashion, indicating strength and endurance. A properly structured, well-conditioned dog will maintain a strong, level topline when moving.

“If the bone lengths and angles of the FOREQUARTER and HINDQUARTER ASSEMBLIES are correct and balance each other, and if these ASSEMBLIES are correctly placed on the body, then you have the foundation for correct movement. BUT—the skeleton is coordinated by pliable elastic muscles, ligaments, tendons, etc., which are governed by impulses from the brain. Therefore GAIT is dependent on temperament, condition and environment as well as the skeletal structure.” By Catherine Gardiner (Kerry Blue Terrier)

Incorrect gait

Crabbing, side-winding

Over-reaching

Pacing

Cause and effect

With crabbing, the dog is moving forward with the body at an angle to the direction of travel. This is a common fault caused by there being more angulation in the rear than the front, often combined with a short, stiff back. This sideways movement is done so that the longer-reaching hind legs don’t strike the front legs while trotting. This type of movement can be created by careless handling or lack of training. Crabbing can also be an indication of a spinal/muscle condition that requires treatment.

Over-reaching can be caused by all the same elements that cause crabbing, except that with over-reaching the dog’s body is going in line with direction of travel. However, there is still more power in the rear than the front so that hind feet strike the ground in front of, and along side of, the front foot on the same side.

Pacing is another type of movement that can be used to avoid interference. With this type of movement both legs on the same side of the body move forward and rearward in unison. Pacing can also be seen in dogs that are fatigued, that have an injury or strain in the loin or have a roached back.

Loose or erratic movement is suggestive of poor muscle development.
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Jody Sylvester
May 24, 1950 – February 27, 2017

The Wheaten world lost a brilliant being of light this year. Jody Sylvester fought valiantly against the ruthlessness of pancreatic cancer. She gave it her all, drawing strength from the words of Rachel Platten’s Fight Song. “This is my fight song. Take back my life song. Prove I'm all right song. My power's turned on. Starting right now I'll be strong, I'll play my fight song. And I don't really care if nobody else believes, 'Cause I've still got a lot of fight left in me.”

But in the end, this dread disease took her anyway.

Jody took pride in being a Scottish Highlander, and when she found a rendition of Fight Song performed in the Scottish Northern Highlands by Bagpipers in kilts, she posted it on her Facebook page (November 7, 2015) with the notation, “I can't tell you how moving it is to be not only mostly a Highlander, but a (cancer) fighter as well. Hope you find something personal and strong in this beautiful music and place.” The group themselves had earlier commented, “When we first heard Rachel Platten's “Fight Song,” we were inspired by its message. In a world where we too often talk about our differences, we have at least one thing in common. We all struggle. Not in the same way, nor at the same level, but we all want a fighting chance. And we all share in one gift: the will to make the most of our lives.”

There can be no doubt that Jody made the most of her life. A spirited, and at the same time gentle, soul resided in that beautiful body of hers. As many of us within the Wheaten world are aware, Jody Sylvester was the gift that kept on giving. A talented artist and gifted graphics designer, she was also a lover of all animals and of life itself.

When we met, Jody was already much beloved by St. Louis Wheatendom. We came together in mid-1989 when she and her Soft Coated Wheaten, Justin, welcomed Folly (Gleanngay Follow My Lead) into their lives. Jody adored Folly, and saw to it that she quickly gained her championship with Elaine Azerolo piloting her around the show ring. Folly made Jody proud as a special as well. But our relationship flourished when, in 1991, Emily Holden, then president of SCWTCA, asked me to produce an illustrated standard for the club. I in turn commandeered Jody to do the artwork. It took the two of us a year of painstakingly “snail-mailing” drawings back and forth (those were the pre-Photoshop days!) to finally put together what has been called by many one of the best Illustrated Standards ever produced. Because of this work, Jody’s talents were in constant demand by not only our national club but local clubs as well. And Jody never once said no! Shortly before her death she wrote, "...I feel like I am forgetting things because I have done so much art for local clubs too. ... I treasure what I did because of the wonderful friends I made in the National and St. Louis Clubs and selfishly because my own dogs—Justin, Folly, Nimue and Hamish were not only often my sweet models but always my inspiration.”

Jody is pictured here during her last visit to Scotland with the famous statue of Greyfriars Bobby, the loyal dog that guarded his master’s grave for 14 years.

I have no doubt that Jody’s indomitable spirit is floating magically over the moors of her beloved Scottish Highlands and in my heart, I know she is happy and at peace there.

Gay Dunlap
After a number of years of development, the SCWTCA Endowment, Inc., is excited to announce the launch of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Database at http://www.scwtdb.org.

This database was originally developed by the Bernet-Garde Foundation 30 years ago and is in use by several other breeds in addition to Wheatens. Starting with ‘San Jeffries’ database of 46,000 dogs, a team of volunteer data operators has added dogs so we are debuting with records on nearly 60,000 Wheatens from around the world.

In furtherance of the Endowment’s mission, we believe the detailed collection of health and pedigree information in the database will help to identify, track and reduce the incidence of health problems in the SCWT. Wheaten owners, breeders, and researchers can use the database to assist with decisions about the care and welfare of their dogs and to make breeding decisions. We expect veterinarians and veterinary researchers working with Wheatens will find it a valuable data source.

The integrity of the information in the database is vital to its purpose. Much of the data comes from voluntary submissions from owners, which is verified before being published. Publicly available information, such as records from kennel clubs and OFA is also included as verified.

The best way to appreciate the potential of the database is to use it!! It is accessible to all at www.scwtdb.org once you’ve read and accepted the policies. Start by looking up your own dogs and seeing what the database can do - from producing pedigrees to searching for dogs meeting specific criteria. While the database is easy to use, you’ll also find a link to a User’s Guide on the home page. This guide will show you how you can help . . . by submitting information about your own dogs to making the database more robust. There are forms for sending information you would like to add - and you can upload photos of your dog, both formal show shots and informal candids.

The Endowment is happy to provide this database to the Wheaten world free of charge. We welcome donations to support it and our other research projects.

Sincerely,

Carol Carlson
Chair, SCWTCA Endowment, Inc.
SCWTCA Endowment, Inc

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Flirt... for such a brief moment

CH Marland Moonstruck Minx

Flirt was so true to her namesake. She loved everyone, and never passed up a lap. She slept between me and my husband for 11 years. I called her “the other blonde in the house.”

To this day she remains one of the finest Wheatens to have passed through my life. Her beauty and loving nature will remain in our hearts forever.

Bred by Martha Rowland, Flirt was very special to me as she went back to my original HoneyGlo line and my first show dog in 1975, CH Holly Glenn’s Mistress Melanie. Thank you Sue, for keeping this line alive.
I bought my Molly from a pet store for $1,000. We were thrilled with our new puppy!

They say you can’t put a price on love, but by age seven, my love has run up veterinary bills of over $10,000!

Molly came from a backyard breeder in Kansas, who sold her to a broker who then sold her to Petland. Her AKC papers showed a long line of champions. I was impressed by that, and at that time, didn’t really know the difference between a back yard breeder and a reputable "hobby" breeder.

The medical bills started piling up the week after we brought her home. She began gagging and couldn’t seem to swallow properly. The vet thought she might have swallowed a toy. So, x-rays were taken and we paid our first $800 veterinary bill. After countless sleepless nights and many more tests, it was confirmed that she has mega-esophagus, a genetic defect in which the muscles in her esophagus weren’t strong enough to properly move food down her throat.

When Molly first became sick, we contacted her breeder to see if this swallowing problem ran in her family. Over the phone her breeder claimed her parents were healthy; but when my husband showed up at her home in Kansas, she admitted Molly’s father had died young. She said Molly’s mother had been placed with a family member. She insisted all of her puppies were healthy; however she also admitted she sold all of her puppies to a broker and lost track of them once they left at seven weeks of age.

Molly’s health problems went on to also include severe allergies. In fact, we just repeated allergy testing and are trying allergy shots for the second time.

Over the years, Molly has had two life-threatening health episodes; at age four she suddenly collapsed, lost bladder control and was hospitalized. Sonograms, x-rays and every test a neurologist could think of were performed but they never did diagnosis that episode. She eventually got better at a cost of $3,500. At age six, almost two years to the day of her first collapse, she suddenly was unable to lie down. She just stood next to me panting and drooling profusely, obviously in pain. Her urine turned the color of coffee. Blood tests revealed her body was destroying her own muscle tissue, most likely an immune deficiency problem. The vet gave her medication that caused liver failure; another round of X-

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financial burden of caring for a sick dog is exorbitant but can’t compare to the emotional trauma of watching your beloved wheaten suffer.

Reputable breeders charge twice as much as I paid for Molly, and there is good reason for this…reputable breeders spend many thousands of dollars health testing to ensure the dogs they breed are healthy and sound. Finding the right mate for a breeding sometimes involves going to dogs that are not logistically available, so using artificial insemination is not uncommon. This combined with stud fees is extremely expensive. Proper care of puppies and mother until pups are of proper age to be separated is also expensive and incredibly time-consuming.

So if you are considering purchasing a puppy I feel it is well worth the investment to purchase a puppy from a reputable breeder.

What I have learned is that a reputable breeder is a knowledgeable person who takes advantage of all of the health and genetic information available to breed the healthiest pups. They are members of the SCWTCA and the open registry, and keep track of the puppies they sell. While no one can guarantee every Wheaten they produce will be 100% healthy, if you are going to purchase a Wheaten, it makes sense to do everything you can to increase your chances of getting a healthy puppy, and in the long-run, will save you money and a great deal of heartache!
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Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Database

Announcement: The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Database, owned and operated by the SCWTCA Endowment, Inc. is up and available at no charge to all interested parties. Originally designed to document health and disease in Wheaten Terriers, this is a health and pedigree database that is:

- An easy to use resource with data about Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers throughout the world and reporting tools useful to owners, breeders and health researchers.

- A robust source of information enabling individuals to make knowledgeable decisions about the care, breeding and welfare of their dogs.

- An accessible repository of data for researchers, making possible the achievement of a breed healthy in mind and body.

- An important goal of this database is to collect detailed health and disease information on as many Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers as possible. Collecting, storing and making this health data available can provide significant benefits:
  - Reliable health records benefit breeders choosing mates for their dogs.
  - Owners seeking to add a Wheaten to their family can research pedigrees and health history.
  - The database may help identify health trends.
  - Veterinarians and veterinary researchers will have easy access to abundant data. (SCWTdb.org)

To maintain the integrity of this database, no undocumented health reporting will be recorded. Instead, you can submit written documentation of test results that are not part of a public record; that would include PLN-DNA results, PennHip scores, and various medical records from veterinarians. Anything that is a public record, e.g., results that are posted on the offa.org website, are available to the public and do not need individual written documentation.

Enter the website and look around! It is a powerful tool in so many ways. You’ll be asked to verify that you have read the policy page before you can enter the database. Explore the tabs that are across the top of the page. You can search in a variety of ways, by names (“People”), by breeder (“Litters”), by name of a dog (“Dogs”), or veterinarian (“Vet”). The “Reports” tab provides a number of search options. This is where you can search for a stud dog, look at dogs who have had a particular test, or put together a sample pedigree. You will quickly see the power of this database to provide myriad options for Wheaten information.

Once you have explored the tools available, check to see if your dogs are entered and that the information is accurate. Click on the pedigree tab and see a five-generation pedigree of each dog. Once you have submitted a photograph of your dog, that photo will appear on the pedigree as well.
Since the mapping of the canine genome in 2005, a concentrated effort through research and testing has brought dog owners numerous genetic tests. Sometimes the amount of information a genetic test can provide is overwhelming. Breeders want to put the healthiest dogs on the ground they can, and genetic testing can certainly help with decision-making regarding health. Genetic testing presents other concerns for breeders as well; the question of how to preserve breed type and good temperament, while avoiding deleterious gene anomalies can narrow the options breeders have.

When I bring up genetic testing, I see other breeders either inwardly or clearly moan from the headache I am offering them. Or so they think. I see genetic testing as an opportunity to broaden my breeding options not diminish them. I was one of those people who neutered an entire litter (all but one were AKC champions) because the dam died of PLN. I only had that information to go on, not a genetic test. As it turns out, the sire of the litter had no markers for PLN; all those dogs are nearly eleven years old with no evidence of kidney disease. I based my decision on the health of one dog; if I had known the genetic makeup of the father, I would have kept those dogs in my breeding program.

Our Code of Ethics now requires that we test our breeding dogs for the PLN-associated variant genes. Also, I am strongly recommending that breeders test those same dogs for the Degenerative Myelopathy markers as well. In addition to these two tests, there are other genetic tests available that can give information about such things as coat color, texture and length, even curly, straight or profuse coats. These are called coat color and traits tests. If a breeder sees improvement of coat as one of the key areas for improvement, wouldn’t this genetic test be helpful? What if you have found a couple of possible mates for your dog – with no disease markers? Wouldn’t you like to know what genetic information governs the kind of coat your puppies may have?

To the right is a listing of various labs throughout the U.S. Some provide different tests than others, such as color and coat traits, or DM testing. PennGen owns the PLN test, and currently it is only available through them. If you want to purchase a kit for a DM test, be sure that offa.org accepts the results. It would be indicated right on the testing-lab website.

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Leptospirosis

Recently several pet owners have asked me if getting a vaccine for their dogs to guard against Leptospirosis is necessary. Below please find expert opinions from Jerry Klein DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer for AKC, and W. Jean Dodds DVM, founder of Hemopet.

What Is Leptospirosis And Should You Be Concerned?

Leptospirosis is a disease that affects dogs, as well as many other kinds of animals. The organism that causes Leptospirosis is a spirochete bacteria and is found throughout the world. There are a very large number of Leptospira; about 230 of them have been identified. In the United States, Leptospirosis is in the environment because it is carried in rats and wildlife, as well as domestic livestock. More cases are seen in late summer and fall and often after heavy rainfalls. It is more commonly found in warm climates. Winter conditions tend to lower the risk because Leptospira do not tolerate freezing temperatures. It is known to exist in standing water, dampness, and mud as is thought to be the case with the small recent outbreaks in northern California (five reported cases in San Francisco) and around Philadelphia. It is therefore impacted by climate change and residential development in once rural areas. Pets can become infected through contact with urine of infected animals such as raccoons, skunks, rats, feral cats, dogs, and other animals. Often, dogs contract the disease by swimming in stagnant water or drinking contaminated water in puddles. Not all dogs that are exposed to Leptospirosis become visibly ill. In a 2007 study, 25 percent of unvaccinated healthy dogs had antibodies to Leptospirosis. This indicated to researchers that they had been previously exposed to Leptospirosis without their owners noticing a problem.

When Leptospirosis does cause disease in dogs, it tends to be most severe in unvaccinated dogs that are younger than six months of age. It takes about 4-12 days after exposure for a dog to start to feel ill. Signs of illness vary, but usually include lethargy, poor appetite, fever, vomiting, increased thirst or urine production. Jaundice may also be seen as well as inflammation of the eyes. Blood tests will show changes in liver and kidney values, and if caught too late, Leptospirosis can result in kidney failure and liver failure. Less commonly, dogs may develop lung disease or bleeding disorders.

Diagnosis is made through blood and urine tests that look specifically for Leptospirosis. The most common diagnostic tool used for leptospirosis is the Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT)... this titer test measures the antibody increase against Leptospirosis sp. Another more definitive diagnostic tool is the DNA-PCR, which detects the DNA of the actual bacteria, Leptospira sp, in whole blood or urine.

Treatment is highly and rapidly effective, and will include antibiotics such as penicillin, doxycycline, ampicillin and amoxicillin. If caught early enough, not only can they treat the active infection, but also may prevent dogs from becoming carriers of the organism.

How Can Dog Owners Prevent Leptospirosis?

Prevention is best accomplished by stopping your dog’s access to contaminated water. Also, try to sanitize your dog’s environment by eliminating food and garbage to reduce the attraction of rats, raccoons or feral cats.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease. In other words, it is contagious to humans. The most likely way humans contract Leptospirosis is via exposure to dog or rat urine. However, any bodily fluid, including vomit and saliva, can transmit
If your dog is infected with Leptospirosis, it is very important to observe proper hygiene even after he has recovered (wearing protective gloves when cleaning up after your dog, preventing face licking, etc.).

Vaccination for leptospirosis is an option to consider if your dog is at high risk of contracting the disease. The American Animal Hospital Association considers Leptospirosis a “non-core” vaccine for dogs. That is, they do not recommend it unless there is a good chance your dog will be exposed to Leptospirosis. The efficacy of the vaccine is variable: short lasting or limited. There have been reports of reactions to the vaccine that vary from minor to severe. The vaccination protocol for leptospirosis is an initial shot and a booster three weeks later. After that, the vaccine must be given annually to maintain efficacy. If the annual booster lapses, your dog will need to start the protocol again from the beginning. However, please keep in mind that this vaccine is still the most common one associated with eliciting acute and per-acute adverse reactions. Thus, the disease exposure risk versus adverse vaccine reaction and benefits needs to be taken into account.

Vaccination does not always prevent infection, but it tends to make the disease much milder if infection occurs. There is the potential for vaccinated dogs that do become infected to become long-term carriers of Leptospirosis. Some long-term carriers have more frequent incidence of reproductive failure and stillbirths.

Leptospirosis is a rare clinical disease in companion animals. Unfortunately, infected dogs can die of leptospirosis if it is not caught early enough.

The two most frequently asked questions about leptospirosis overlap in some respects and are:

- My companion dog was vaccinated against leptospirosis, but still developed the disease. Why?
- Leptospirosis was confirmed in my area. Should I vaccinate my companion dog for it?

If your dog was vaccinated, but still developed the disease, the reasons could be:

- Your dog was not vaccinated properly for leptospirosis (following the protocol described above).
- The infecting serovar is not covered by the vaccine (quite common).
- Dr. Ronald Schultz considers the vaccine only 60-80% effective against leptospirosis.
- The diagnosis was incorrect.

What diagnostic tools were used to reach this conclusion? More often than not, it is only the MAT test. While MAT is still considered by many to be the “gold standard” at this time, it is fraught with errors – and can provide false positives. Furthermore, true clinical cases of Leptospirosis have MAT serological titers of at least 1:1600 or higher, and an 8 to 16-fold rise in titer three to four weeks later is typically expected to confirm the disease. Unfortunately, this is too long a time lapse to verify a true clinically significant strain – which as Dr. Katharine Lunn of North Carolina State University points out – the MAT test does not reliably predict the infecting serovar.

DNA-PCR tests also have their drawbacks, but when used in combination with the MAT test, we get closer to a more accurate diagnosis. The results of all diagnostic tests should be interpreted in conjunction with your companion dog’s vaccination history, clinical signs, and clinicopathologic findings.

In the event of a confirmed outbreak in your area, and concern about your pet’s potential to catch leptospirosis, avoidance is the best policy. Keep your dog away from standing water, slow moving streams, wet mud and puddles. As well, watch for any “ADR” (Ain’t Doin’ Right) mild or vague symptoms and take your companion dog in for a thorough check up and laboratory testing that includes both MAT and DNA-PCR testing for leptospirosis.

As with all vaccinations, you should discuss the vaccine for leptospirosis with your veterinarian. This decision will be based on you and your dog’s life style, if your community is experiencing cases of Leptospirosis, and the other pros and cons your veterinarian has experienced with the vaccine.
The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. is dedicated to preservation of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. We know that you share our belief that the Wheaten Terrier is a very special dog, and together we will do all in our power to protect and advance the interest of our beloved breed.

We are reaching out to all Wheaten Terriers owners worldwide to participate in a thorough health survey specifically designed to identify any significant health or temperament concerns in the breed. With your assistance, we will develop a snapshot of the comprehensive health of the breed, which can help us prioritize future research. We hope that you will partner with us in this exciting endeavor.
The 2016 AKC Agility Invitationals this past December in Orlando, Florida, were well-represented by our breed. Five teams were able to attend and made a very nice showing against some of the best all-breed competitors in the country. This year’s top qualifying Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier competitors as compiled for trials during the Invitational qualifying period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 were:

#1 “Pretzel” CH MACH2 Aran Twisted Logic MXG MJG OF, owned by Elizabeth Abate
#3 “Riley” MACH2 Roberts Sugarbear Riley MXG MJB2 OF, owned by Susie Blackledge
#4 “Rio” CH Eringlo Dancing Through Life VCDI BN MX MXS MXJ MJS, owned by Cindy Jansen
#5 “Cayenne” MACH Eringlo Playing With Fire VCD2 RE TDX MXS MJG NF, owned by Cindy Jansen
#6 “Darby” Eringlo Riverdance MX MXB MXJ MJB, owned by Janine Mroz

Bill Space with #2 “Doogan” was unable to attend this year after many successful years competing in this event.

The event was made especially nice as Susie Blackledge organized with her Florida friends group to have all the Wheaten competitors crated in one area. It was so much fun to be together and share the joys, mistakes and excitement at attending the event. Agility is a sport dominated by Border Collies and Shelties, so it was great to see these five teams competing and representing our very versatile breed.

It was also a special group as one of the competitors, “Cayenne,” is the dam of two of the other competitors, “Darby” and “Rio”... Talk about keeping it in the family. Below are the stats for the Wheatens attending the event:

#1 Pretzel 395 points 150.21 seconds - #39 in 16” height class
#2 Riley 395 points 169.85  - #48 in 20” height class
#3 Cayenne 341 points 199.038 - #88 in 16” height class
#4 Darby 338 points 198.474 - #89 in 16” height class
#5 Rio 327 points 190.163 - #92 in 16” height class

After two days of competition, the results for the Wheaten teams concluded with Elizabeth Abate and “Pretzel” taking home the Top Wheaten Breed Medallion sponsored by the SCWTCA. This is a wonderful award to receive as not all National Breed Clubs sponsor it for their respective breeds. “Pretzel” and Elizabeth finished 39th out of a large 16” jump height class of 136 dogs. This was the second time this team competed at the Invitational and also earned the Top Wheaten award. They were very proud to represent our breed and to illustrate that Wheaten Terriers are capable of competing well in many venues.

Sadly we have since lost two of our top competitors. Breeder/owner Cindy Jansen lost “Cayenne” to cancer weeks after the event and just days after “Cayenne” earned her MACH title. In addition, Susie Blackledge lost her boy “Riley” at the end of March. These two wonderful dogs will be missed by their families and the Wheaten community at large as they were a great testament to the versatility of our breed.
Once again, we had a wonderful Specialty in Sacramento, California. Despite an occasional shower, the four days of shows were delightful. Our theme this year was “All aboard the Wheaten express.” Travel is in our blood; we even had exhibitors from as far away as Canada.

Our weekend started off on Thursday with our Wheaten judge, Kathi Brown, at the Northern California Terrier Association show supported by the SCWTCA. Then on Friday, the Wheaten Express arrived to lead the way to Puppy Sweepstakes, judged by Karen Mueller, followed by Rhonda Brown judging the regular classes. We finished the weekend by supporting the all-breed shows on Saturday and Sunday. We had a beautiful lineup of Wheatens. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Our theme was aptly carried out by ring decorations in the form of a railroad crossing and poster of our artwork and placement markers of Wheatens with engineers’ caps and neckerchiefs. Thank you, Peter Barron and Mike Weiss. Our theme was carried over to the dinner with whimsical table centerpieces of vintage trains, stations and Wheatens created by Michelle Toland and later auctioned off by Richard Urquhart. The dinner was delicious, and everyone enjoyed this time together and made our raffle and auction successful by their generosity.

I want to thank all of the committee chairs of the SCWTCNC for their help making this a successful weekend: Camille and Dick Taylor, Jody and Peter Barron, Mike Weiss, Marcia Weisman, Pat Mullin, Marji Baumann, Jim and Tami Herzog, Barbara Ostrom, Susan Solsby and Richard Urquhart. And a special thanks to all of you who joined us in Sacramento. It truly makes our Specialty special. See you next year.

**Judge’s critique SCWTCNC Sweeps: Karen Mueller**

There is nothing I like more than Wheaten puppies so judging Sweeps is always a thrill. The SCWTCNC really knows the meaning of the word hospitality. Kudos to the club for a great specialty weekend. My entry was small but it made up for a lack of quantity with quality!

My Best In Sweeps was Atas Riddler On The Roof. She is a feminine, well-balanced package. She has a proper coat, nice blend of shoulder, level top line, and when she moved, she held her outline beautifully. She was beautifully presented and it will be fun to watch her in the future.

We had no male entries.
SCWTNC Specialty Judge: Rhonda Davis

WD/BOW: ARAN NOTHING VENTURED
CH Aran What Happens In Vegas x CH Aran Twisted Logic
Owners: Tom Culmsee & Shari Boyd & L Elizabeth Abate
Breeders: J Ellizabeth Abate & Shari Boyd Carusi

WB: ESCAPADE BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON
CH Hullabaloo The Rookie x GCH Escapade Just A Minute
Owner/Breeder: Cindy Lilley

BOB: GCHP BRYR ROSE MATISSE
GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfin USA x CH Bryr Rose French Kiss
Owners: Edward J Koharik & Janet E Koharik
Breeder: Jeanne Ferris

BOS: GCH SERENDIPITY OCTOBER QUEST
GCH Lochlinear Glenngay Cha Ching x GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend
Owner: Susan Solsby
Breeders: Richard Allen & Camille Renee Taylor & Patricia Mullin

SD: CH MARQUEE'S SOUTHERN COMFORT
GCH Lochlinear Glenngay Cha Ching - CH Marquee's Sweet Home Alabama
Owners: C Richard Urquhart & Phyllis Blair & Aamir & Susan Farid
Breeder: C Richard Urquhart & Phyllis Blair

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

BBE: TYRONE LIMITLESS
CH Gleannngay Who’s Your Daddy x Caraway Show Me The Monet
Owners: Lana Campbell & John Slack
Breeder: Lana Campbell

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