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This exuberant 6-month-old puppy leaping in the air on Long Beach Island is “Pink.” Now, MBPISS BPRISS GCH Keepsake Timtara I’m a Rockstar. Photo by Shari Robinson.

ERRATA:
In our March “printed” version of Benchmarks, there is an error on paged 50. The bitch 9-to-12 class was won by: Whindancers Fire On The Mountain at Carrillon, owned by Kathleen & Peter Gottschalk & Susan Ratliffe.
From the President

In the spring of last year, the SCWTCA Board received a request from Rescue Chairs Nancy Butler and Karli Mueller that the Board look into establishing our rescue program as a separate 501(c)(3) corporation. Advantages cited by the Rescue Chairs include:

** Increased monetary donations due to 501(c)(3) tax status
** Facilitation of retrieval of Wheatens from shelters (e.g. city and county)
** Reduction of veterinary expenses because of the 501(c)(3) tax status

Preliminary research was done prior to and following the Board’s June 2017 meeting. In August 2017, an exploratory committee was formed with SCWTCA members Betty Chapman, Pat Mullin, Jackie Whitham and Board liaison Lee Martin. Our Rescue Chairs were available for consultation. Additionally, Michael J. Collins of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP (Meg Ryan’s husband) agreed to advise us on legal questions at no charge.

The mission as understood by the committee members was to research the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating our rescue group into a 501(c)(3) organization. The committee was asked to provide a progress report for the October 2017 board meeting. Following review and discussion of the report by the Board in October, additional questions were forwarded to the committee. The committee’s final, detailed report outlining pros and cons was provided to the Board for our winter meeting in February 2018.

The Board has had extensive discussions regarding a possible rescue 501(c)(3), both at our in-person meetings and during our teleconferences. We have looked at pros and cons, as well as important safeguards for SCWTCA involving management of a separate Rescue 501(c)(3) corporation. This is a decision that requires careful consideration as it will affect the club and rescue for years to come. Ultimately, this will go to a vote of the entire membership, using the same voting procedures as done with a by-laws change.

The Board will provide a detailed summary of the committee’s findings, recommendations and any additional information to the membership in the July 1st mailing that includes the Nominating Committee’s proposed Board slate and 2021 Sweeps and Breed Judge Nomination forms. There will be a 30 day open discussion period following the mailing on SCWTCA Discuss for members to provide comments. Members can also contact the Board privately by writing board@scwtca.org. Reminders will be posted as we get closer to the discussion period. On behalf of the entire Board, I thank you in advance for your input.

Cecily Skinner

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself"

Josh Billings
From the Editors

If you think back on when you got started showing dogs, do you remember how daunting it all seemed? Something as simple as entering a dog show could be perplexing. Closing dates, classes, your dog’s registered name, AKC number, sire & dam ... where to find it all? Did you ever feel like this was more work than you anticipated? And let’s face it, that’s all about how we treat and support each other.

“Win with Style, Lose with Style” is a good mantra to remember.

Our Devil’s Advocate this issue is really terrific and adds some humor to many of the issues we see and deal with in and out of the ring, especially issues of “good sportsmanship”...Thanks Pam!

Several of our long-time breeders have contributed some tips regarding products and tools they prefer to use. And, we have added a few additional tips on training and preparing for the sport wisely.

Please note the addition of the COI to our SCWT Database, as detailed on page 20 by the SCWTCA Endowment. We cannot underestimate the importance of this parameter in planning our breedings... and look at those teddy bears featured on page 21...read it carefully...you will be amazed at what they are made of.

A while back, we asked our readers to provide new ideas for articles/themes, and one that stood out was “tips on first aid,” so we have a small section devoted to it and how to assemble a home first aid kit. Remember we are always looking for new and interesting ideas for Benchmarks. Your input is very important to us.

Our Wheaten Health News covers some important health information, including a new effort regarding hemangiosarcoma. I have personally lost two Wheatens over the years to this disease and have numerous friends who have experienced the same.

We hope you enjoy coverage of the Northern California Specialty; and you’ll see DelVal in September.

Additionally, it’s time to get our 2019 calendar going and we are looking for photos...see the details on page 7.

Helen Fraguela

If you think back on when you got started showing dogs, do you remember how daunting it all seemed?

Webster defines sportsmanship as “qualities and behavior befitting a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, or without gloating, and who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy, etc.” In the world of dog shows, it’s all about how we treat each other.

Now think back on all the help you had in the beginning. Your breeder, your Wheaten friends, and friends in other breeds, likely lent a helping hand. If you were really lucky, you had someone who acted as your mentor.

So my challenge to you is be the person who helps the new people. Whether it’s spectators still exploring this breed, or the exhibitors trying their hand at a show trim, your help could make the difference. Having new enthusiasts feel welcomed and encouraged is critical to not only our own breed, but the sport of dogs. So be a good ambassador for our breed. Lending your years of knowledge and experience could be the tipping point for someone to decide they want to be a lifelong Wheaten devotee too.

Deb Van De Ven
On March 5, 2003, Dennis and Bonnie Wirth’s CH Canopy Road Calebran Jasmine had a litter of 5 puppies (4 girls and a boy). The litter was sired by CH Aranbriar Adonis (Nicholas) owned by Judith Putman. Two of the pups (Teddy and Katie) died at age 12.

The three remaining 15-year-old littermates crossed over the Rainbow Bridge recently within days of each other (Keegan 04/09/18, Kailey 04/21/18, and Toula 05/02/18). The letters we received about the loss to the families of these three girls made us cry and also made us smile at the love and joy they gave to their wonderful families. We wanted to share one of the moving tributes an owner sent to us.

“It is with heavy hearts that we write to tell you that we said our goodbyes to Keegan and gave her a final hug on Monday, April 9. The quality of her life had diminished to the point that it was finally time to let her go. We held her in our arms while our vet put her to rest. Later that afternoon we buried her under a tree near our house where we will always be reminded of how important she was to our happiness for so many years and of the joy she brought us.

We can never thank you enough for bringing Keegan into our lives. She did it all—AKC Champion, obedience training, agility competitor, comfort dog and goat herder extraordinaire, even though she never weighed more than 27 pounds. She was a strong and stubby bundle of energy and enthusiasm with a mind of her own.

In motion and while motionless, she was beautiful to behold. She could be fierce with those she did not like, but also gentle as a lamb with those she did.

We loved her dearly,
Chris and Lee

Gabby

CH Marymore Banner Gabriel’s Choice
CH Hullabaloo Alchymist x CH Marymore First
Triple Axel
DOB: 5/5/2005

We didn’t know it at the time, but Gabby would be the girl who revitalized our breeding program; we just knew we were going to get a beautiful Midori daughter. Gabby…and what else would we call her?…was a determined character from the start…since she’d do anything for food, the handlers (including her el mejor amigo, Gabriel Rangel) who occasionally picked her up, had a blast with her. After John finished her, she went on to the whelping box, producing champions who went on to produce champions and specialty winners, all with her glorious coat…and made one more excursion back into the ring to go BOS in SCWTCA’s Veteran Sweeps.
Gabby wanted to air her opinions on her life at age 13: “Why are you waking me up? It’s my 2nd post-breakfast nap and I need my sleep to contend with all of you. My life? It’s hell. First, since the snacks aren’t coming 24x7, I’m freakin’ STARVING all the time. Second, I’ve been waiting 13 years for Mary to save me from this “winter” thing with the white, cold stuff that you force me into. Third, exactly what makes you think you can pet me? Well, ok, fine…you can do it when I need my back scratched…but don’t let that wagging tail give you any ideas. It acts on its own; I can’t control it. And what is with these other dogs? Especially the youngest who thinks it’s her life’s work to bother me. She is just lucky I’m so good natured. I’m going back to bed.”

Gabby…we love you, we hope you’re around for many more birthdays and we will always be grateful to Gabriel for picking you, Meg Ryan for getting you to the East Coast and most of all, to Mary Peltier for sending you our way 13 years ago.

Pam and John Mandeville

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**CALL FOR PHOTOS!**

It’s time for the 2019 Calendar and we need your photos. Please use these guidelines:

- Photos must be high resolution
- Maximum of 5 photos per person
- No files or link to files
- We prefer photos to display dogs in a traditional Wheaten trim and no people in photo
- Send them to Dana Barton or Catherine Perron at jenduscwtaol.com
TWENTY QUESTIONS

Here’s how this column usually gets written: Something gets under my skin…good or bad. I chew on it and write a zillion too many words before editing it to a sensible length. It’s then turned over to my better half, who never tires of telling me about a long-ago teacher whose motto was “omit needless words,” always crediting Strunk and White’s The Elements of Style. Consequently, my prose gets edited to a length appropriate for Benchmarks…even after I sneak a few Pulitzer-winning phrases back in.

This column was different from the start…a friend talked me out of sending a ranting email. In lieu of my tantrum, she suggested a Cosmo quiz so people know if they are good breeders or not. For our XY chromosome readers likely unfamiliar with these quizzes…they’re blasted across the cover of Cosmopolitan magazine with titles like “10 Ways to Know If A Man Will “Send You To The Moon!”

This idea appealed to me as a potential Devil’s Advocate but since Pulitzers aren’t handed out for pathetic quizzes, I needed help. Hilarity ensued as we came up with questions based on experience with multiple breeds…this is the first column which should have a shared byline with two good friends. Smarty-pants that they are, they’re playing dumb now…but I still appreciate Anna and Kathy’s help.

So here you are, THE questionnaire: “Is Dog Showing and Breeding For You?” Be careful…some of these may have more than one answer:

1. When your friend’s dog wins a big BOB the first thing you do is
   a. Go look up the pedigree to see if it goes back to your dog
   b. Congratulate them and are truly happy
   c. Congratulate them and tell them your dog is in her dog’s pedigree

2. True or false: I have never bred a dog with a temperament problem.

3. At the last dog show you competed in, you thought:
   a. He had to know the judge
   b. What a nice entry!
   c. She only won because she had a handler
   d. He must have my pedigree in his dog’s pedigree
   e. I’m glad to be out of the house

4. I prefer friends who:
   a. Lavish praise on my dogs
   b. Have bred to my dogs
   c. Always “Like” what I say on Facebook
   d. Only own my dogs
   e. None of the above, I have no friends

5. True or false: When other breeders win they are congratulated by fellow exhibitors but no one ever congratulates me.

6. You see a judging panel at a specialty weekend on the other side of the country that will be great for you. However, you have a friend who you know has a better dog that should always beat your dog and for whom the shows are nearby. Do you:
a. Enter your dog, fly 3,000 miles, show your dog, and let the chips fall where they may?

b. Call your friend and ask her not to show her dog because this will be an expensive trip for you and you don’t want to go to all that expense and effort to lose!!!!

c. Save your money and stay home.

7. You arranged for a handler to show your co-owned dog. He went on to easily complete his championship and do well in a few shows as a special, including winning at a Very Big Show. He came back to his co-owner and you decided to show him a few weeks later where he lost to a dog being shown by your former handler. You:

a. Declare the judge a total crook who only looks at faces.

b. Get mad at the handler for showing against you.

c. Watch a video of your Very Big Show win and one of your losses and realize your handler highlighted your dog’s good traits and minimized his lesser ones.

d. Complain showing is only about grooming and presentation and great dogs are overlooked.

8. Another breeder goes over your dog and admires many of his traits but comments one doesn’t meet the standard. You say:

a. You’re interpreting the standard wrong.

b. I don’t care, I like the dogs that way.

b. I know and I hope to improve that in the next generation.

c. It’s not a serious fault in the standard so it isn’t important.

9. I have:

a. Never had a dog that died

b. Never had a dog that died of kidney disease and I know where every single dog is

c. I don’t claim to know what all the dogs I bred died from because I don’t have necropsies

d. My dogs only die of cancer

10. True or false: Since I stopped breeding regularly, the breed has gone down the tubes.

11. If a dog is absent you think:

a. His owner doesn't want to compete against me

b. His owner is purposely breaking a major because he knows I will win

c. I hope his owner isn’t sick

12. You devote a significant amount of time every day to:

a. Grooming, walking and caring for your dog

b. Looking at your dogs’ past wins

c. Studying pedigrees

d. Going on Facebook to see whose ugly dogs are winning

13. True or false: Everyone is jealous of my breeding program.

14. You’ve planned an exciting breeding for your 7-year-old top-producing bitch’s final litter. She’ll easily get that last champion for her ROM! She comes in season and you look at the calendar and see that the puppies will be born while you’re on Christmas vacation in Hawaii. You:

a. Skip the breeding, say you’re satisfied with what you’ve had from her, and go on vacation

b. Do the breeding then call everyone you know begging for someone to whelp your litter so you can go to Hawaii

c. Cancel your vacation and do the breeding.

15. You win unexpectedly in a very nice entry when you didn’t expect it; You:
a. Call the judge the greatest since Alva  
b. Take your ribbons and thank your lucky stars  
c. Say "finally, an honest judge!"  
d. Plan a specials campaign for your obviously superior dog.

16. The AKC Code of Sportsmanship is:
   a. My mantra  
   b. An articulation of the fundamentals of the sport of purebred dogs  
   c. My mantra but other breeders and exhibitors ignore it  
   d. Trick question...it doesn’t exist

17. The primary purpose of a greyhound comb is*:
   a. To throw in the set up when I lose  
   b. To steal from that woman who took my reserved grooming space  
   c. To comb out my dog’s coat  
   d. To chew in half when someone annoys me

18. The judge has made a really bad decision and you go third at the show where you expected to get your last point to finish; You:
   a. Glare at the judge, refuse the ribbon and walk away  
   b. Take the ribbon and walk away  
   c. Look him right in the eye and say “Are you ****ing me?” loud enough for everyone to hear.

19. You’re ringside, an undocked exhibit enters the ring and others start talking; You:
   a. Can’t look past the long tail to consider the dog’s other traits  
   b. Cover your ears to screams of "Barbarian!" and "AR extremist!" in the argument behind you  
   c. Hear the breeder of the dog say she only ever loses because she has a long tail  
   d. Look at the description of tails in the standard

20. An owner calls you to say the dog you bred has a behavior problem and he can’t keep him; You:
   a. Blame the owner  
   b. Wonder if you made a mistake in the placement  
   c. Tell the owner to call rescue  
   d. Discuss whether a behaviorist might work and help the owner find one  
   e. Are willing to take the dog back, even if it has to be put down.

A passing or failing score isn’t the point. I suspect most of you recognize the correct answers. But if some of the “wrong” answers don’t sound so bad, maybe you have some soul searching to do. Never fear, we have one final quiz question to help you with that, too:

When it comes to breeding and showing and I ponder the right thing to do, I ask myself:
   a. What would make me happiest  
   b. Silly question...I never have doubts  
   c. What will get me the most Facebook “Likes”  
   d. What’s best for the dog

No one should have any trouble finding the correct answer to that one.

*Answer (a) to #17 requires a point deduction because you used the comb as a weapon. After all, this is a family sport.
I have been in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers since the late 1970s... that’s a lot of miles.

I can’t begin to tell you how many times I have sat ringside in pouring rain, high winds or overbearing heat. I have seen hundreds...no, thousands of dogs make their “go around” and their “down & backs.”

I have seen so many different “types” dominate the scene for a while then fade into the abyss, just to have another grab the limelight.

We all love to sit and look at old pictures, remembering when “so & so” was the top-winning dog. We’ve certainly had some lovely dogs in the past, but we’ve also had some very serious issues that were not addressed at the time. Instead, they were whispered about in the grooming setups, at ringside, or over the phone. We had the same problems then that we have today, but they were never discussed openly and honestly.

I don’t want to cast a cloud over our great dogs from the past, but I for one don’t want to go back to those “good old days.”

So the next time you see a post about an old “stand-out” dog that has gone, keep in mind we have come a long way in this breed in many other ways.

We no longer do the close breedings we did back then to establish “type,” as we now understand that close breedings brought a lot of problems to the surface we never knew were there.

I am thrilled that now health and temperament are of the utmost importance in considering a breeding.

Sure, we sometimes see poor movement in the ring today, but from my experience we had pretty poor movement “back in the day” too. Frankly, it was worse back then because everyone bred to the same dogs. The light eyes and poor quality coats didn’t just show up in this present generation either. We now have a little more diversity with the introduction of imports and smarter breeding programs.

I am an avid user of Facebook, mainly to keep in touch with my fellow dog friends. We all like looking at pictures of each other’s dogs, but remember they are just pictures. You need to see a dog in person, watch it move and ask to go over it later if you are that interested. What you see may not be what you feel when you put your hands on a dog. Great grooming can cover a multitude of problems.

If you have questions... ask. It’s the only way you learn. Most people are more than happy to talk about dogs.

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.
Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine was recently nominated for the third time as judge of the year by the Show Dog of the Year Committee. A judge of four groups, Beisel-McIlwaine is well respected within the fancy for her over-arching mission to judge dogs as breeding stock. She’s judged the Garden, Montgomery and Great Western, as well as internationally. Her gentle hands on the dogs, discerning eye for a “good one” and her pleasant demeanor with exhibitors have made her a favorite.

Her first love, an Old English Sheepdog acquired after high school, eventually led Beisel-McIlwaine to work dog shows on weekends for Connie Gerstner (Miller). “I went to UWGreenBay. Eventually, I was going to classes less and less and dog shows more and more,” Beisel-McIlwaine said.

In the spring of 1977, at a local Wisconsin show, she encountered legendary dog man and Terrier handler George Ward. He was looking for full time help and Beisel-McIlwaine wanted to learn. “I never intended to be a professional handler, but I wanted to learn more about dogs and breedings. I fully intended to breed Old English Sheepdogs,” Beisel-McIlwaine said. She was impressed by the cleanliness and quality of his kennel and fell in love with Wire Fox Terriers. And, she says, she’s never looked back.

“It was great,” Beisel-McIlwaine said. “(Ward) had a special bond with the dogs. He said I was a great student because I didn’t have any bad habits to unlearn.

“I stayed until May 1980. George was not an easy person to work for. But I’m glad I learned terriers from him because I didn’t learn any short cuts. I don’t like to see terriers run in the ring. They’re not bred to be raced around the ring. To see proper movement, you need to see them at the right speed. I’m old school.”

Dogs Come First

“The kennels were clean. The dogs came first. We’d go to a show and if it was too hot, we went home. His clients understood that. Grooming and care of the dogs were number one.”

“He and Dick Cooper were good friends, so we were always set up together. I’d just sit there and soak up all the stories.”

“I remember going to shows, playing cards and it was so much fun. I think we’re a little too stiff some times these days. You’ve gotta have a little fun. Maybe because of the PC attitude, we’ve taken some of the fun out of it.”

Cairn Terriers and Sandy McIlwaine – Foxairn Kennels

When Beisel-McIlwaine left Ward’s employ, she married Cairn Terrier fancier Sandy McIlwaine. Together their Foxairn dogs have “finished a multitude of Cairns” and 15 homebred Wires. Foxairn has twice produced the number-one Cairn in the country, one of whom was a two-time national-specialty winner. Peggy was handling professionally and Sandy managed the kennel and the kids. “He was the original Mr. Mom,” she noted.

As her children grew up, Beisel-McIlwaine wanted to spend more time with them and less time on the road. So, she quit handling and started judging. “Family comes first. We had a couple slim years. But I was fortunate and I got the whole terrier group.”

What George Ward Taught Peggy:

“George taught me three things when I first started working for him:

♦ never keep your hands in your pocket, it makes you look like you’re not serious

♦ never chew gum in the ring

♦ talk to the dogs in the ring, don’t let them think they’re in there alone…. I like to see kids in Juniors talking to dogs in the ring.

Five Elements of Type

Beisel-McIlwaine strongly recommends Ric Beauchamp’s book “Solving the Mysteries of Breed Type” and understanding the five elements of type.
“Type is spelled out in the standard” said Beisel-McIlwaine. “There is only one correct type, but there are elements of style. If you took every Best in Show winning Wire Fox Terrier from the last 20 years and put them in the ring, you’d see big differences… Spot On, Dominator, Lonesome Dove, Special Edition… They are all so different.”

**Sparring in Judging Terriers**

One of the lost arts of judging terriers, Beisel-McIlwaine contends, is sparring the dogs in the ring.

“(Sparring) is so important to do,” Beisel-McIlwaine said. “Especially when you have a nice group of terriers. It is NOT fighting, and not all breeds do it. It is showing the confidence. One of my favorite lines (from Wire Fox Terrier standard) is ‘on the tip toe of expectation.’ We want that fire. It’s trash talk, (the dog is saying) ‘I own this ring, I’m allowing you in this ring, but not for long’…”

“Irish and Kerries are real tough…. they can set off real quick…. Cairns and Westies were bred to work together…. but they won’t back down… Scotties want to do it all themselves.”

“In (other countries) they won’t do it. It’s so frustrating. Instead of teaching people why we spar or dock or crop, we back down. We’re just saying, ‘OK, it’s bad, we won’t do it anymore… you win.’ The Animal Rights people are taking control. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing two or three terriers standing their ground looking at each other, probably saying a few curse words and then walking away…”

Beisel-McIlwaine worked with other judges at the Terrier Club of Michigan to create a “sparring seminar” that is available for purchase here. A discount is offered for judges who’d like to learn more about how to properly and safely spar dogs in their rings.

**Beisel-McIlwaine’s Advice to Owner Handlers**

Finally, Beisel-McIlwaine gives encouragement and a caution to owner-handlers.

“Nowadays (with all the shows) I don’t know when handlers have time to get dogs properly trimmed,” Beisel-McIlwaine said. “Owner- Handler dogs are often in better condition. I think Owner Handlers can do it.”

“But I get offended when people say they can’t. That judges only put up Professional Handlers. I’m sure there are those that don’t have confidence and they put up Professional Handlers. But I don’t think it’s fair to say Owner Handlers can’t compete. I know they get discouraged. The Owner Handled series is popular, but it’s sad they even had to do it.”

“(Unfortunately) people aren’t coming up and asking for help. (People) are in it for five years and get out because they know everything. Most people are more than willing to help people out. But you have to be brave enough to ask. We do want the sport to succeed. I’m a huge proponent of bench shows. I think it’s sad to see them dying out. We’d sit and listen to people. Go over dogs. They’d show you how to examine the dogs, what to look for. Today, half of the people don’t stay past 6-9 puppy dog if they don’t win.”

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**Movement…An Oldie, But Goodie**

Old article by George Ward Constantine, Michigan

I have to answer the article written by Andrew Brace in one of your recent issues which sounded to me like a rebuff to Ric Chashoudian’s references to movement, which were also published in one of your earlier issues.

I have been in this business all my life and have been seriously showing dogs since I got my first best in show 60 years ago. I have had the pleasure of knowing and listening to some of the great dog men from all over the world; to name a few-Walter Reeves-George Thomas-Charles Hopton-Phil Prentice-Ben Brown-Percy Roberts-My own father and grandfather-Tom Carruthers-George Hartman-Joe Braddon. The consensus of opinion from these and many more of the greats was Type and balance are of great importance-Size should be kept in line with the standards-coats and condition should be a factor-showmanship is of some importance but the real test is movement-never did one see a poor mover that was constructed properly. When you see fronts flopping around or flipping feet or elbows and no reach in front they are not made right-when you see rear legs moving
cow hocked or crises-crossing or moving up underneath the dog and no rear driving action, they are not made right behind. Whether they are hounds, toys or what have you, they have a desired gait for their breed and if they don’t have the freedom and proper action they are constructed wrong. Look what just pretty and elegant is getting us: Upright shoulders which encourages and makes for short necks, which turns to bad toplines and long backs, no forechest that’s just the front assembly.

Then the experts called for moderate angulation of hind legs which is turning into “more and more is better,” which makes them so over angulated they can’t walk properly in a straight line-the up-right front assembly can’t get out of the way of the over angulated rear legs reaching away up underneath them-for example Mini Schnauzers-Am. Cockers -German Shepherd- -Irish setters and more. Lets get back to the basics of balance and movement as written by the old experts and forget all this exaggeration before its too late-or is it already?
Here’s Nine Things You Should Know

1. **Show dogs aren’t easy to come by.** You can’t call a breeder and tell them you want a show dog right now and expect to get one. Most breeders aren’t going to give a show dog to someone they just met. You’re asking for their cream of the crop and if they have no idea who you are, your chances of getting a dog that can compete in dog shows is slim to none. So, don’t expect to get a show dog immediately. Some people wait years for a show dog from a specific line. You want a dog from this year’s Westminster winner? If he/she is being bred responsibly, that’s probably never going to happen but that doesn’t mean you can’t get an awesome dog from another responsible breeder; you just have to know where to look. If you call up a breeder out of the blue one day and tell them that you want a show dog and they say they have one ready to go, RUN away.

2. **Show quality vs. pet quality.** Those are actually terms I don’t like very much because I think it’s taken out of context by most, and some people get offended because they think their dog is considered flawed. Good breeders strive for dogs with few flaws all while keeping in mind that no dog is perfect. In some cases, the difference between a show quality dog and a pet quality dog is so small only a breeder or a judge would be able to see it. A dog sold as a pet can look exactly like a dog sold as a show dog. While it ultimately depends on the specific breed’s standards, small flaws can be an under or overbite, coat markings, coat texture, eye color…etc. Health and temperament should never have anything to do with a puppy’s flaws, and the single most important thing, whether it be a show dog or a pet, is that the dog goes to a home that will love and care for him his entire life.

3. **Show quality puppies may not always have to be shown, but don’t be a liar.** If you want a show quality pup but have no plans to show it, be up front about that. Some breeders may be fine with that while others will only allow a dog to go to a “show” home. Expect to pay a bit more for a show pup as it’s considered quality breeding stock. Don’t like the word breeding stock? Get use to it or don’t get a show dog. It’s a common term used in the dog show world and so is bitch. It doesn’t mean that your dog is any less of a dog or any less of a member of the family but he is a show dog and these words come with the territory.

4. **Be prepared to sign a contract.** If the breeder and you have agreed that your pup will enter into the conformation ring, you most likely will need to sign a contract stating that. I’m not a breeder, so I won’t go into detail, but show contracts exist and I have one. There are several different ways it can be drawn out and it ultimately depends on the breeder and you. A show contract may specify that every opportunity must be made to finish this dog in a reasonable amount of time or the breeder has the right to take the dog back and show it. I’ve never personally seen this done, but I can certainly understand it. You asked and maybe you begged for a show dog, so live up to your word. You’ll have to finish getting health clearances on your show dog too, such as OFA on hips and elbows.

5. **Be prepared to wait.** If you are looking for a specific type of dog, you might have to wait. For example, I wanted a brown male show Newfoundland from a specific line. I wasn’t the only one who wanted this, so I had to wait my turn. The first litter that came available was a small litter with one brown male that was of show quality. I had to wait for the next litter. Some people wait YEARS for a dog out of a specific line.

6. **Show dogs have to remain intact so be prepared to deal with that in whatever gender you choose to have and be responsible about it.** The show ring was originally meant to show off quality breeding stock. The dog’s conformation—his overall appearance and structure—is an indication of the dog’s ability to produce quality purebred puppies, and that is what is being judged in the ring. It’s been this way for many years.

7. **Be prepared to co-own.** In keeping with #1 and #6 above, if a breeder has agreed to sell you a show dog, they may only do so on a co-ownership, which means they retain partial ownership of the dog. There can be several reasons for this, such as the breeder wants to be able to keep breeding rights to the dog, they want to protect the dog, they don’t want the dog bred irresponsibly to any other dogs, etc. Read your contract carefully and ask questions if you don’t understand it! I do NOT co-own Sherman or Leroy, but my breeder still retains rights to use Sherman in her breeding program when or if she chooses to. (Since the writing of this post, if I ever get a dog from the same breeder it will be on a co-ownership because her contract has since changed due to people being dishonest.) Remember, you are representing your breeders work.
8. Be prepared to work. A show dog isn’t born a show dog. He’s born a dog. It is guided into being a show dogs with care, love and determination. They have to learn that and so do you. Conformation classes are a must so you and your dog can get familiar with the routine. Even if you plan to hire a handler to show your dog, they still will need to go to several conformation classes before they hit the real ring. Show dogs don’t just get in the ring and run around; they need to be shown at a proper gait, be properly socialized, be groomed properly and travel well. This takes time to learn for both the dog and the owner. You take the time to teach your dog agility or play Frisbee; I teach my dogs how to show.

9. Don’t expect to get rich off your show dog. Dog shows aren’t money makers. Actually they can get quite expensive. Your dog wins a first place ribbon that costs about $3.00, and you get bragging rights. I have 2 walls covered in $3.00 ribbons that cost me hundreds of dollars. We will never financially get back what we put into dog showing, but for most people it’s more about the ride than the money. If you don’t get that, you’re going to be very disappointed.

Of course there’s a lot more to the whole show dog thing, but first things first; let’s understand the show dog before we run and get one or before we criticize one.

Conformation...Get Started

He’s your best friend – and he’s quite handsome, if you do say so yourself. You think he has what it takes to compete in a dog show, but where do you begin? Here’s everything you need to know to start showing your dog:

1. Learn the Basics

First things first: The official term for dog shows is conformation — as in, the act of conforming or producing conformity. While a dog show may look like a beauty pageant, it’s not: Dogs are not being compared to each other; they’re being measured by how closely they conform to the standard of their particular breed. Why? Because the closer a dog’s appearance is to the breed’s standard, the better that dog’s ability will be to produce puppies that meet the standard. It’s also the reason why mixed breeds and spayed or neutered purebreds are ineligible to compete.

Eligibility:

- Six months or older on the day of the show
- Recognized breed by the AKC
- Registered with the AKC
- NOT spayed or neutered
- No disqualifying faults, as stated by their breed’s parent organization
- In sound health and up-to-date on vaccinations

The size of conformation events range from large all-breed shows, with over 3,000 dogs entered, to small local specialty club shows that feature only one breed. Each dog is exhibited (“handled”) by its owner, breeder or hired professional (“handler”). Most dogs compete for points toward their AKC championships. It takes 15 points to become an AKC “Champion of Record.” The maximum number of points awarded at an event is five. Males and females compete separately within their respective breeds. Learn more about the judging process here.

Lastly, make sure to review the AKC Code of Sportsmanship to learn more about the core values of participants in AKC Sports and Events.

2. Attend a Show in Person

We can’t stress enough how important it is for you to get familiar with what actually happens at a
conformation event. Go to a show, or several, and familiarize yourself with what happens in the show ring, and to experience the energy and camaraderie between the spectators in the stands and the competitors (also called "exhibitors"). It'll also give you an idea of whether you want to show your dog yourself, or hire a professional ("handler").

3. Join an AKC Club Near You

We encourage newcomers to get involved with their local AKC Club. Not only do they offer invaluable resources and training classes, you’ll meet new people with similar interests who are more than willing to share their knowledge and lend a hand.

4. Prep Your Dog – and Yourself

A conformation class will prepare you and your dog for your first experience – and for your best chances at winning. Classes are often conveniently held on weeknights and focus on how to handle your dog in the show ring. Contact a local AKC Club to ask about training opportunities.

In addition, your dog should know basic behavior like how to walk on a leash on your left side and how to stack. He should also be very comfortable around other dogs. On top of taking classes, we encourage you to visit dog public places to practice his socialization skills.

Finally, before your first show, your pet should be well-groomed—think trimmed nails, tangle-free fur, and no dirt.

If you think you’d be more comfortable engaging a professional handler, learn how to hire one here.

5. Try a Match Show

Wish you could have a practice run before going into a real show? That’s what Match Shows are for. Here, you and your dog socialize in an informal, educational show environment, meet other dog show enthusiasts, and swap stories. Another bonus? Seasoned handlers, judges, and fellow dog owners will provide guidance and feedback you’ll want to have before actually getting into the ring.

While it might seem like a lot to learn, don’t forget that the goal here is for you and your dog to have fun together! A competitive spirit doesn’t hurt either.
Some Tips on Training

Get the right lead. When your dog walks out into the ring, you’ll need to have it on the right kind of leash or "lead." The sooner you get one of these, the sooner your dog can get comfortable with being on it. Wheatens are best on a Resco “all in one” or you can use a martingale lead. Learn to keep your dog’s head from slipping out, and help train to keep its head held up high while showing judges their gait, and while stacking.

Practice gaiting. Gaiting is moving your dog in a way that allows the judge to see its movement and structure. The correct gait is usually a trot, with the dogs head up. The judge will assess moving from the front, side and rear.

To start, use treats to lure your dog to follow you around without a lead. The dog should remain at your left side.

Once the dog is comfortable wearing a collar and walking beside you, formal lead training can begin. Put a show lead on the dog, pick it up and carry it a short distance away from your home. Put it down and walk back toward your house at a speed that encourages the dog to trot, holding the other end of the lead. The dog should be happy to go toward home and follow you. Repeat this process, carrying the dog farther away from home each time.

If your dog fights the lead, back away and offer it treats to come toward you.

Teach your dog to "free stack." Free stacking is when your dog assumes the proper position on command, rather than with manual adjustment. This is most easily done with some training treats and verbal commands.

Start right away with puppy. Only give treats when the dog is standing and you are using a command like “stack.” Reward your dog whenever it stands on command... If it keeps standing, reward it again. Keep doing this until the dog offers the stand position spontaneously.

Teach the dog to align its front and rear legs with this command. Step back and pull the lead gently until the correct position is achieved. You may have to use your hand to get proper alignment at first.

Eventually, you’ll be able to just use the "stack" command for a perfect stack.

Teach your dog to tolerate examination. In a dog show, judges will physically examine a dog, touching its body and mouth. A successful show dog will need to tolerate this without complaint.

Put your dog in a stack position and get him accustomed to touching all over its body daily, including inside its mouth. If you start this at a young age, your dog will quickly grow accustomed to it.

Give your dog regular inspections that approximate those of a judge. Closely examine the dog’s teeth. For males, touch the testicles. Do this on both a table and the floor.

Finally, when the dog is comfortable with your inspections, bring in a second person and ask them to do the same. This way, your dog will get comfortable with inspection by strangers.

Learn how to groom properly. This breed requires significant grooming and can make or break your show career.
Use The “Tools of The Trade”

Molly O’Connell
Stratford Wheatens

Coat Handler All Purpose Coat Conditioner is a must product at my home. I use it diluted to comb and brush out coats. I use it full strength as a leave-in conditioner between baths. It is light and non-oily so it doesn’t rub off on furniture or rugs.

I can’t live without my #1 All Systems wide-tooth comb. I use it after brushing the coat with the orange slicker brush and before I go through the coat with a finer-toothed comb. It is also great for combing out coat after bathing to catch any tangles I missed in pre-bath combing.

Shari Boyd
Aran Wheatens

For those of you new to the breed, “welcome and congratulations.” Now, all you have to do is get it right. Most everyone you talk to will have a recommendation of favorite tools and products. You will have to decide what works best for you. Most certainly, you will need a water spray bottle, pin brush and comb to care for the coat and you will most certainly need to know how to use these tools and follow through. This short, preliminary list will get you far.

Brushes: Bass, Greyhound.
Combs: Greyhound, #1 All Systems

Jeanne Ferris
Bryr Rose Wheatens

When I bought my first SCWT, in 1985, I bought a comb, a slicker brush, a curved round tip scissor, and 44/20 Economy thinning scissors. I used the 44/20 thinning scissors for many years. As I got better at grooming I finally decided to buy thinning scissors that took more coat off, because it took forever to finish a dog, for show, with the 44/20. I bought the KU-40 Kurod. It works well but still wasn’t taking enough coat off as I was thinning. I then bought the Blue Breeze Speed-Cutter by Geib. I love that scissor. It works very well for thinning the coat. I still use the curved round tip scissor on ears and paws. For me it’s very easy to groom around the paw with a curved scissor. It’s also great for cutting the hair between the pads.

From the start, I was told to buy a Belgium Greyhound Comb. I use them still. I don’t like any other comb, and I’ve tried a few over the years. I still love the Japanese Doggy Man slicker brush. The metal bristles are still the softest that I’ve found. Once in a while a dog might have a mat. Then I use a rake. The blades basically slice through the mat. I try to use it as little as possible, obviously. As far as products go, I don’t use a lot. Right before I take a dog into the ring, I rub a tiny bit of Bed Head After Party in my palms. Then I smooth down fly away hairs on the dog. It doesn’t leave residue. So if you’re showing at a 4 day circuit, you can use it every day. It makes the coat silky and shiny and show-ready.

Cecily Skinner
Tara Wheatens

I have been using Crown Royale Magic Touch Grooming Spray for nearly 30 years. It is my “go to” finishing spray for show grooming. It is lightweight, leaves no film and adds silkiness and shine to all coats.

These very inexpensive hemostats are fantastic for getting out excessive hair in the ear canal. I now only pull hair if there is an issue or the hair is excessive. but when I do, I use these. I have found that using a non-locking tool makes it very easy to do a few hairs at a time so there is less discomfort for the dog. I use a little ear powder if needed.
You can spend a fortune on scissors and I have many. Starting out the best ones are Taperfine 44/20s. You can’t go wrong with them and I’m actually using them again despite having several Japanese pricey ones.

This double spray bottle is the best! It provides a very light spray. I will mist the coat many times while I am brushing or trimming Wheaten’s. This spray bottle does not get the coat too wet. My water spray bottle and the Magic Touch Grooming Spray are also my "must haves" at every show.

Another very inexpensive tool that works great! I think Millers Forge is the manufacturer. These nail trimmers allow you to remove smaller amounts of nail at a time to avoid cutting the nail quick. They work well even on a larger nail. I follow up the trimming with a quick filing with a Dremel.

This Dremel is terrific for filing nails and often dogs who don’t like getting their nails clipped will be ok with the Dremel. It is quiet and easy to use. I always do a quick file after clipping nails to smooth out any rough edges.

This is not a grooming product but I always carry Vetericyn in my show kit for unexpected cuts or scrapes. My vet loves it and you can get it over the counter at most pet supply stores. It is safe if the animal licks it too which is a big plus! It’s OK for people too.

I’ve had Oster and Andis clippers. Both are very good, but I like the weight of the Andis Ultra Edge. These clippers are quiet and fairly lightweight. Andis offers a variety of clipper blades and clip on combs.

**A Few Fundamentals**

Dog Crate 30” L (minimum)  Grooming table with arm 30” x 18” (minimum)  Show Lead  Illustrated
Addition of the COI to Our SCWT Database

SCWTCA Endowment, Inc.

Something new has been added to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Health & Pedigree Database.

Last year, the SCWTCA Endowment, Inc. launched this easy-to-use resource with data about the SCWT throughout the world and reporting tools useful to owners, breeders, and health researchers. This database enables individuals to make knowledgeable decisions about the care, breeding, and welfare of the SCWT.

The Endowment is excited to announce the launch of the SCWT Health & Pedigree Database 2.0 which includes the Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI). The COI is the “probability that a homozygous gene pair will be identical by descent from both sides of the pedigree”. (Quote from http://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeding/breeding-whelping/the-carefully-planned-litter/). Homozygous gene pairs allow recessive traits to be expressed in the phenotype, which could either be “good” or “bad.” The new feature is a statistic that estimates the level of inbreeding that would result from a particular mating so breeders have a quantitative way of evaluating both the risks and benefits. You’ll find the COI in each dog’s record. Additionally, if you create a Trial Mating pedigree, the COI will be calculated automatically. For more information, an excellent article on the COI can be found at:

http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/blog/coi-faqs-understanding-the-coefficient-of-inbreeding

If you haven’t been to the database recently, or are new to it, now is a good time to check out this new feature. Go to www.scwtdb.org.

As always, the Endowment welcomes donations to support the database with the new addition of the COI. Go to www.wheatenhealthendowment.org.

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.
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Emergency treatment and first aid for pets should never be used as a substitute for veterinary care. But it may save your pet’s life before you can get your pet to a veterinarian.

POISONING AND EXPOSURE TO TOXINS

Poisoning is a pet emergency that causes a great deal of confusion for pet owners. In general, any products that are harmful for people are also harmful for pets. Examples include cleaning products, rodent poisons and antifreeze. But you also need to be aware of common food items that may be harmful to your pet. The AVMA brochure Household Hazards offers a summary of what foods and common household items may pose a danger to your pet. Additional information and examples can be found on the other Web sites listed in this section.

If your pet’s skin or eyes are exposed to a toxic product (such as many cleaning products), check the product label for the instructions for people exposed to the product; if the label instructs you to wash your hands with soap and water if you’re exposed, then wash your pet’s skin with soap and water (don’t get any into its eyes, mouth or nose). If the label tells you to flush the skin or eyes with water, do this for your pet as soon as possible (if you can do it safely), and call a veterinarian immediately.

If you know your pet has consumed something that may be harmful, or if the animal is having seizures, losing consciousness, is unconscious or is having difficulty breathing, telephone your veterinarian, emergency veterinary clinic or the Animal Poison Control Center hotline (888.426.4435 — available 365 days/year, 24 hours/day) immediately. There is a fee for the consultation.

Have the following information available:

- Species, breed, age, sex, weight and number of animals involved
- Symptoms
- Name/description of the substance that is in question; the amount the animal was exposed to; and the length of time of the exposure (how long it’s been since your pet ate it or was exposed to it).
- Have the product container/packaging available for reference.
- Collect any material your pet may have vomited or chewed, and place it in a plastic sealable bag to take with you when you bring your animal in for veterinary treatment.

Additional Resources on Animal Poisoning:
The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) offers additional information and resources.

Animal Poison Control Center

Another resource is Killer Grapes and Other Concerns in Animal Poison Control, available on the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine’s Web site.

SEIZURES

- Keep your pet away from any objects (including furniture) that might hurt it. Do not try to restrain the pet.
- Time the seizure (they usually last 2-3 minutes).
- After the seizure has stopped, keep your pet as warm and quiet as possible and contact your veterinarian.
FRACTURES

♦ Muzzle your pet.

♦ Gently lay your pet on a flat surface for support.

♦ While transporting your injured pet to a veterinarian, use a stretcher (you can use a board or other firm surface as a stretcher, or use a throw rug or blanket as a sling). If possible, secure the pet to the stretcher (make sure you don’t put pressure on the injured area or the animal’s chest) for transport—this may be as simple as wrapping a blanket around them.

You can attempt to set the fracture with a homemade splint, but remember that a badly-placed splint may cause more harm than good. If in doubt, it is always best to leave the bandaging and splinting to a veterinarian.

BLEEDING (EXTERNAL)

♦ Muzzle your pet.

♦ Press a clean, thick gauze pad over the wound, and keep pressure over the wound with your hand until the blood starts clotting. This will often take several minutes for the clot to be strong enough to stop the bleeding. Instead of checking it every few seconds to see if it has clotted, hold pressure on it for a minimum of 3 minutes and then check it.

If bleeding is severe and on the legs, apply a tourniquet (using an elastic band or gauze) between the wound and the body, and apply a bandage and pressure over the wound. Loosen the tourniquet for 20 seconds every 15-20 minutes. Severe bleeding can quickly be life-threatening—get your animal to a veterinarian immediately if this occurs.

BLEEDING (INTERNAL)

**Symptoms:** bleeding from nose, mouth, rectum, coughing up blood, blood in urine, pale gums, collapse, weak and rapid pulse.

Keep animal as warm and quiet as possible and transport immediately to a veterinarian.

BURNS

♦ Chemical

Muzzle the animal.

Flush burn immediately with large quantities of water.

♦ Severe

Muzzle the animal.

Quickly apply ice water compress to burned area.

CHOKING

**Symptoms:** difficulty breathing, excessive pawing at the mouth, choking sounds when breathing or coughing, blue-tinged lips/tongue.

Use caution— a choking pet is more likely to bite in its panic.

If the pet can still breathe, keep it calm and get it to a veterinarian.

Look into the pet’s mouth to see if a foreign object is visible. If you see an object, gently try to remove it with pliers or tweezers, but be careful not to push the object further down the throat. Don’t spend a lot of time trying to remove it if it’s not easy to reach—don’t delay, and get your pet to a veterinarian immediately.

If you can’t remove the object or your pet collapses, place both hands on the side of your pet’s rib cage and apply firm quick pressure, or lay your pet on its side and strike the rib cage firmly with the palm of your hand 3-4 times. The idea behind this is to sharply push air out of their lungs and push the object out from behind. Keep repeating this until the object is dislodged or until you arrive at the veterinarian’s office.
HEATSTROKE

Never leave your pet in the car on warm days. The temperature inside a car can rise very quickly to dangerous levels, even on milder days. Pets can succumb to heatstroke very easily and must be treated very quickly to give them the best chance of survival.

♦ If you cannot immediately get your pet to a veterinarian, move it to a shaded area and out of direct sunlight.
♦ Place a cool or cold, wet towel around its neck and head (do not cover your pet’s eyes, nose or mouth).
♦ Remove the towel, wring it out, and rewet it and rewrap it every few minutes as you cool the animal.
♦ Pour or use a hose to keep water running over the animal’s body (especially the abdomen and between the hind legs), and use your hands to massage its legs and sweep the water away as it absorbs the body heat.

Transport the pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

SHOCK

Symptoms: weak pulse, shallow breathing, nervousness, dazed eyes.
♦ Usually follows severe injury or extreme fright.
♦ Keep animal restrained, warm and quiet.
♦ If animal is unconscious, keep head level with rest of body.

Transport the pet immediately to a veterinarian.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET IS NOT BREATHING

♦ Stay calm, If possible, have another person call the veterinarian while you help your pet.

Check to see if your pet is unconscious. Open your pet’s airway by gently grasping its tongue and pulling it forward (out of the mouth) until it is flat. Check the animal’s throat to see if there are any foreign objects blocking the airway (see the section above on Choking)

Perform rescue breathing by closing your pet’s mouth (hold it closed with your hand) and breathing with your mouth directly into its nose until you see the animal’s chest expand. Once the chest expands, continue the rescue breathing once every 4 or 5 seconds.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET HAS NO HEARTBEAT

Do not begin chest compressions until you’ve secured an airway and started rescue breathing (see the section above).

- Gently lay your pet on its right side on a firm surface. The heart is located in the lower half of the chest on the left side, just behind the elbow of the front left leg. Place one hand underneath the pet’s chest for support and place the other hand over the heart.
- For dogs, press down gently on your pet’s heart about one inch for medium-sized dogs; press harder for larger animals and with less force for smaller animals.
- Press down 80-120 times per minute for larger animals and 100-150 times per minute for smaller ones.
- Don’t perform rescue breathing and chest compressions at the same exact time; alternate the chest compressions with the rescue breaths, or work as a team with another person so one person performs chest compressions for 4-5 seconds and stops long enough to allow the other person to give one rescue breath.
- Continue until you can hear a heartbeat and your pet is breathing regularly, or you have arrived at the veterinary clinic and they can take over the resuscitation attempts.

Please remember that your pet’s likelihood of surviving with resuscitation is very low. However, in an emergency it may give your pet its only chance.
Your Pet’s First-Aid Kit

PET-SPECIFIC SUPPLIES

- Pet first-aid book
- Phone numbers: your veterinarian, the nearest emergency-veterinary clinic (along with directions!) and a poison-control center or hotline (such as the ASPCA poison-control center, which can be reached at 1-800-426-4435)
- Paperwork for your pet (in a waterproof container or bag): proof of rabies-vaccination status, copies of other important medical records and a current photo of your pet (in case he gets lost)
- Nylon leash
- Self-cling bandage (bandage that stretches and sticks to itself but not to fur—available at pet stores and from pet-supply catalogs)
- Muzzle or strips of cloth to prevent biting (don’t use this if your pet is vomiting, choking, coughing or otherwise having difficulty breathing)

BASIC FIRST-AID SUPPLIES

- Absorbent gauze pads
- Adhesive tape
- Antiseptic wipes, lotion, powder or spray
- Blanket (a foil emergency blanket)
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Gauze rolls
- Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting—do this only when directed by a veterinarian or a poison-control expert)
- Ice pack
- Non-latex disposable gloves
- Petroleum jelly (to lubricate the thermometer)
- Rectal thermometer (your pet’s temperature should not rise above 103°F or fall below 100°F)
- Scissors (with blunt ends)
- Sterile non-stick gauze pads for bandages
- Sterile saline solution (sold at pharmacies)
- Tweezers
- A pet carrier

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®), if approved by a veterinarian for allergic reactions. A veterinarian must tell you the correct dosage for your pet’s size.
- Ear-cleaning solution
- Expired credit card or sample credit card (from direct-mail credit-card offers) to scrape away insect stingers
- Glucose paste or corn syrup (for diabetic dogs or those with low blood sugar)
- Nail clippers
- Non-prescription antibiotic ointment
- Penlight or flashlight
- Plastic eyedropper or syringe
- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl) to clean the thermometer
- Splints and tongue depressors
- Styptic powder or pencil (sold at veterinary hospitals, pet-supply stores, and your local pharmacy)
- Temporary identification tag (to put your local contact information on your pet’s collar when you travel)
- Towels
- Needle-nosed pliers
Board Approves Significant Donation to Hemangiosarcoma Research

The Health Committee recommended that SCWTCA donate $2000 from the AKC-CHF Donor Advised Fund to go toward the new CVM Bartonella/Hemangiosarcoma Research Project. AKC matches this donation dollar-for-dollar. This grant supports a two-year examination of the prevalence of Bartonella infections in dogs across the country suffering from a blood cancer, hemangiosarcoma, that often leads to heart and spleen tumors.

The SCWTCA Endowment also has made a donation of $2,500 to this important research.

Clarification of Required Hip Testing

The Health Committee has received several queries about hip evaluation of dogs bred before two years of age. The Club’s Code of Ethics states that, “…Any breeding stock under two years of age will have a preliminary OFA hip certification or will meet the mean for SCWT using PennHIP.” When several breeders were contacted about the absence of an OFA result on the website, their responses were that they did it but didn’t submit to OFA.

What needs to be clear is that dogs bred under the age of two still need an OFA evaluation. The breeder can choose to opt out of posting the result on the website but should be able to provide a copy of the preliminary OFA report when asked by the Health Committee. When filling out the paperwork for the preliminary x-ray, the breeder needs to check a box saying results can be entered on the website. If this box is not checked, the results are not posted, but the breeder still receives an official OFA report.

Penn Hip is a different matter because it is a closed database, unlike the OFA database, which is open or public. Penn Hip can be performed once in a dog’s life at any age, and results are sent to the breeder. In the past breeders who have performed Penn Hip exams on dogs under two have sent a copy of the results of the Health Committee when asked.

The Increasing Threat of Leptospirosis – summary by Molly O’Connell

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Vet Vine, in association with AKC CHF, featured a webinar on Leptospirosis, titled, “The Increasing Threat of Canine Leptospirosis - Keys to Diagnosis, Therapy & Prevention.” Presenters were Drs. Jason Stull, VMD, PPVM, PhD, DACVPM and Michelle Evans, BCs, DVM, DACIM. The webinar is now available on demand at www.vetvine.com. Following is a summary of their findings.
Key Factors

Leptospirosis is bacteria shed in urine; there are 250 types of this bacteria and it is a multi-system disease, meaning it can attack various organs in the body. The bacteria like a wet environment such as stagnant water, puddles or is prevalent in periods of heavy rain or flooding. It can live for months in a moist environment, that can also include domestic environments such as water bowls and bedding that has had urine deposited in them. Dogs who work outdoors in or near wet environments are at a greater risk for lepto as are those who have not been vaccinated.

Clinical Signs

Leptospirosis can be difficult to diagnose as symptoms vary depending on which body system is affected. More often there is an acute onset of kidney or liver disease and the dog is severely ill. However, dogs can also present with subacute symptoms (the doctors describe it as ADR (Ain’t Doin’ Right) with symptoms such as difficulty breathing, neurological problems or unexplained pain. The key is to determine which system is affected.

Current Best Practices (Diagnosis, Therapy and Prevention)

Diagnosis often depends on the clinician thinking Leptospirosis may be the culprit. Blood and urine lab work may reveal the organism itself, or antibody testing, such as IgM or IgG, may be diagnostic. Often the two together will help. Lowish platelet count is often present.

Treatment with antimicrobials – Doxycycline or Penicillin, along with supportive care such as IV fluids, dialysis, and/or oxygen may be prescribed. Severity of symptoms dictates the complete course of treatment, but Leptospirosis can cause chronic kidney disease. Early diagnosis is key. When treated early, there is an 80% cure rate.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, that is, it can be transmitted from animal to human, who may present flu-like symptoms and can experience liver and kidney damage if not treated properly.

Preventing this disease starts with avoiding slow-moving water and puddles, especially in areas where there are rodent and/or raccoon populations. If your dog drinks from a puddle that has been contaminated with the urine of an affected animal, it is at high risk for the disease.

To vaccinate or not to vaccinate? – Assess your lifestyle. If living or traveling in an endemic area, vaccination is recommended. The protocol dictates vaccination begins in puppyhood, with two shots: the first followed two to four weeks later by the second. Immunity lasts 12 months, so vaccination should be repeated annually, preferably at a low risk time of year. Because there are so many bacteria, not all are covered by vaccination, but the most common strains are. The vaccination can reduce disease severity if Leptospirosis is contracted.

Genetic Testing for PLN-Associated Variant Genes; Testing Frozen Semen

- After years of research supported by hundreds of Wheatens, their owners and breeders, Drs. Meryl Littman and Paula Henthorn at Penn Vet identified mutations associated with PLN in two genes.

- As a result of the research, interest has increased in using some deceased dogs’ frozen semen. This guide is designed to assist those owners with how to submit frozen semen for testing.

- Continue to watch the website for more information http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm
What you need

- 100 microliters of semen is required for testing.
- Go onto the PennGen website, log into (or create) your account, create the submission for your dog and print it out. (See the PennGen guides if you need assistance with the website: http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm).

Preparation & Shipping

- Include the PennGen submission form with your semen.
- The semen does NOT need to be sent frozen or chilled.
- If you are sending a straw, please make sure it is in a tube or other sealed receptacle. The straws sometimes leak as they thaw.
- Do NOT use the US Postal Service as the package may be delayed at Penn. Instead, use a private service such as FedEx, DHS or UPS.
- Do NOT send it to arrive on the weekend.
- Contact Michael Raducha at 215-898-5703 prior to sending.

Results

- Results may take longer to receive so plan ahead.
- As with all samples submitted, you will receive an email when the results are ready. At that time, log into your account, pay the fee and you will receive the results.

For more information Check the SCWTCA website for:

- Audio of Dr. Meryl Littman’s presentation on May 5, 2012 FAQs for owners and breeders
- Research abstract presented at Tufts in 2011
- Guides to taking and submitting samples
- Contact information for more assistance
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Diagnosis of Canine Food Sensitivity and Intolerance Using Saliva

Summary by Molly O’Connell

For some time now, I have recommended that Wheaten owners submit a saliva test to Hemopet when owners suspect food allergies. In the past, the method for determining food allergies ranged from eliminating certain foods, trying novel foods, feeding a very strict homemade diet or submitting your dog to allergy testing. These methods are often very costly (throwing out or getting rid of food), frustrating (each food change needs to be gradual and last at least 30 days to see if there is a reaction to it,) and ultimately unfruitful if an appropriate food isn’t found.

W. Jean Dodds DVM has published the scientific report, “Diagnosis of Canine Food Sensitivity and Intolerance Using Saliva: Report of Outcomes” in the winter 2017/2018 issue of The American Holistic Veterinary Medicine Association (AHVMA) Journal. The objective of the study was to assess the efficacy of a novel saliva-based immunoassay of IgA—and IgM—antibodies in predicting canine food sensitivity and intolerance.
From the study:

Saliva is a source of body fluid for detection of an immune response to bacterial, food, and other antigens present in the oral cavity and GI tract. Indeed, salivary antibody induction has been widely used as a model system to study secretory responses to ingested material, primarily because saliva secretion is simple and easy to collect and analyze.

Food intolerance is stated to be the third most commonly recognized syndrome in dogs after flea bite sensitivity and atopy (inhalant allergy), and food intolerance makes up an estimated 10–15% of all allergic skin disease. It mimics other skin syndromes. Food intolerance is stated to have no age, sex, or breed predilection, although clinical experience indicates that it can be familial. In the author’s experience, most affected animals had been eating the offending foods for more than two years; the major complaint of their owners was bilateral pruritus, and there was often otitis externa. Secondary skin disease such as seborrhea (both dry or oily) and pyoderma was also common.

Avoiding additives and supplements, as well as avoiding frequent switching from diet to diet, is important too, as up to 20% of cases have concurrent other GI tract issues (2–4). Some canine cases have swollen peripheral lymph nodes, although this sign is more common in affected cats. Affected pets may exhibit tension-fatigue, malaise, and dullness. Effects are usually non-seasonal, and the primary disorder is poorly responsive to steroids.

The so-called “gold standard” for food sensitivity or intolerance until now has been either diet elimination trials for 3–12 weeks, micronized or hydrolysed prescription diets, skin patch testing considered by clients to be expensive and unsightly, and allergen provocation but, even these specialized, limited ingredient diets have been found to contain ingredients not listed on the label, and there is often poor compliance with the diet elimination trial approach.

The alternative diagnostic approach of performing serum allergy tests for food sensitivity is typically based on measuring IgE, IgG, and immune complexes bound to complement; these tests have high sensitivity but lower individual specificity, and measure only more immediate-type reactions. As antibodies to foods usually appear in saliva several months before the GI tract diagnosis of IBD or the “leaky gut syndrome” (intestinal dysbiosis), saliva testing can thus reveal the latent or pre-clinical form of food sensitivity.
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**Sample PLN Letter**

Several weeks ago I sent the following letter to all members of SCWTCA with the intent of gathering more certifications or test results to include in the database. The primary target of the letter was test results that are not part of a public database (such as OFA) but are private (PLN results or PennHip reports). When I receive any information on a dog, I also check OFA to see if the records for those dogs have been transferred. If they haven’t, I move the records to each dog’s individual database record.

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SCWTCA Health Chair
The SCWTCNC would like to thank everyone who made the trip to celebrate our 25th Specialty. The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Northern California was excited to celebrate its 25th specialty in Sacramento, California. No one could have predicted that our first Specialty, held outside, would take place in a severe wind and rain storm. We wanted to go back and remember that time, thus, our theme, “You had to be there.” This year though, we had lovely sunny California weather instead.

The Specialty weekend started off on Thursday, April 12th, with SCWTCA-supported entry judged by Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro. Friday, we celebrated our Specialty with Bonney Snyder judging puppy Sweepstakes and Mr. Harold “Red” Tatro III judging the regular classes showed inside without weather issues! Finally, we rounded out the weekend with supported entries at the Sacramento Kennel Club dog show.

At the banquet on Friday evening we celebrated our memories from 25 years ago of exhibitors holding down tent posts at ring side so the tents wouldn’t fly away to what our soaking wet dogs looked like. Placemats with the catalog entry and results from that Specialty displayed on them marked everyone’s place at the table and sparked lots of talk about our dogs over the years. We were happy to have 9 guests Friday evening who were also there for that first show. Special thanks also go to: Michelle Toland once again for making the amazing centerpiece Wheaten decorations (pictured below); Peter Barron for the ring decorations; Ilze Barron, Pat Mullin and Marcia Weisman for flowers; Ilze, Pat and Bette Kaiser for t-shirt sales; Tami Herzog for coordinating a delicious buffet; Jody Barron for coordinating the raffle and for Richard Urquhart’s auctioneer skills.
It was 25 years ago when I came to the first show for the Northern California Wheaten Terrier Club. It was most memorable because it was held outside on the grounds of the Cal Expo Center and it poured rain all day. We all got soaked, including the dogs!

25 years later I was given the honor and privilege of judging the Club’s 25th anniversary sweepstakes. This time it was held indoors!

The puppies that I judged were all lovely. Each puppy was presented beautifully by its handler. My choice for Best Puppy was from the 6 to 9 puppy bitch class: #20 Mackanme High Tea At Two.

This little girl owned the ring when she walked in. She had beautiful shoulders, long neck and a very clean head piece with pretty high set ears that she used well. Lovely wavy coat in wonderful condition. Her reach and drive and fluid movement captured my heart. She went on that day to take Reserve Winners Bitch.

Best of Opposite Sex was #35, from the 9 to 12 puppy dog class: Marquee’s Back To The Future.

This boy was a beautifully made dog. He has clean shoulders, nice leg underneath him and good reach and drive. Beautifully coated boy with a nice headpiece and good ear set. I was most impressed with his nice tight feet. He was a typical young male who showed some moments of greatness when he got it together.

I am seeing some of the puppies taller than I would like. I think we should be paying more attention to the standard. I also would like to see more attention paid to bites. Some of the bites were not correct.

I would like to thank all the exhibitors for entering and for giving me the pleasure of judging their dogs.
**BREED JUDGE: RED TATRO III**

**WD: PITTERPAT ROGER THAT!**
Ch Pitterpat Working On A Dream x Pitterpat Oonagh Maccoul
Owners: L Randolph Harris & Bridget McInemey & Sheryl Beitch
Breeders: Sheryl Beitch & William Lilla & Donna Poy

**WB/BW/BOS: LOCHLINEAR KEY TO THE RIDDLE IS ANOTHER RIDDLE**
CH Star Kaler Lord Nelson x CH Lochlinear Atas Enigma
Owner: Pat Mullin
Breeders: Pat Mullin & Jeanine Flavell

**BOB: CH J'ADORES STANLEY CUP TOEWS AT RAELYN (d)**
GCH Rosheen Sufferin Succotash x GCH Raelyn Jadore Eiffel
Owners: Kim Munson & Kimberly Wright
Breeders: Kimberly Wright & Lynn Cone

**RWB/BBE: MACKANME HIGH TEA AT TWO**
GCH Mackanme Without Warning x CH Marquee N Mackanme's Foreign Exchange
Owner: Jeri Voyles
Breeders: Sonya Urquhart & Jeri Voyles

**SD/BOBOH: GCH ATAS HARBOUR HILL TAKE A BAO**
CH Mackanme Bradberry High Flyer x CH Harbour Hill 30 Minute Meals
Owners/Breeders: Jeanine Flavell & Susan Sakauye

**AOM: GCH KOLOHE IT'S RAINING SUNSHINE (d)**
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
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Thank you Judge Harold “Red” Tatro III

“Riddle”

Handled by Gwen & Kent Meyer
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Lochlinear Wheatens
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McCLean... A little dog with a big heart!

We continue having fun together in spite of his age; 11 years old. It was challenging to keep him healthy and competitive. But, despite the loss of speed, we just always kept in mind our goal that both of us should have fun! We continued to evolve and remain competitive by learning different handling techniques and new strategies to adapt to new course styles.

Even in old age, many dogs still continue playing with us. It’s up to us to respect their rhythms and their needs, without losing sight of the fact that the only goal of our canine friends is to play and make us happy.

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Diane

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