“I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves.”

Unknown
Bogie

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OWNED BY
LINDA ROBISON

BRED BY
KATHI ELLIOT

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BRIAN TUEL, PHA

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CH Heirloom Dean’s Impossible Dream, bred by
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Diane’s backyard in Aurora, Colorado by Rick
Janson, https://rickjanson.smugmug.com/ just after
Duke earned his Championship title.
From the President

Fall is my favorite time of year! It marks the beginning of cooler days, leaves changing and of course, Montgomery. I always look forward to catching up with old friends and making new ones as I travel to Pennsylvania every October. This year’s specialty looks to be one of our best attended in several years. Our hotel block is sold out other than a few “random” days during the week, and dinner reservations are coming in quickly.

We are introducing a new event to add to the growing number of sports in which our Wheatens can excel. The SCWTCA will be hosting our first ever Scent Work Trial. This is a fun activity for the dogs and their owners. From the AKC: “In Scent Work, it is the canine who is the star of the show. The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress.”

Our Education Program on Thursday evening will feature Dr. Carmen Battaglia, discussing “Structure, Movement and Pedigree Analysis.” We are very excited to offer this popular program to our members at no charge. This seminar will likely run a little longer than those we have previously offered in the evening. Dr. Battaglia is well known among breeders and fanciers throughout the dog world but just in case you are new to dogs, the following is a brief biography.

“Carmen was given his first dog by his grandfather when he was five years old. That was the beginning of a lifelong fascination with all aspects of dog behavior, breeding, training and showing. He has personally bred and finished several Champions, Select Dogs, Futurity and Maturity winners. Today, he is considered an expert as well as a highly respected AKC judge of more than 40 breeds.”

By education, (holding the Masters and Doctorate from Florida State University), he is a researcher, lecturer and author. His articles have appeared in the “AKC Gazette,” “Dog World,” “Dog News,” “Canadian Shepherd Journal,” “South African Dog Magazine” as well as dog publications in Australia and Ireland. Being very active in the dog world, Dr. Battaglia is a Director of the American Kennel Club, and has served as Chairman of such important committees as: National Genetics Committee (German Shepherd Dog Club of America), the American Kennel Club Committee for the Future, the Operations and Planning Committee, as well as the Health and Education Delegates Committee. The AKC called upon his expertise in genetics to create and develop their DNA program. He is also a much-sought-after speaker on this topic for television and radio talk shows.

Author of several different books on dog breeding, Dr. Battaglia has gained worldwide recognition, most notably for the program he developed - “Breeding Better Dogs.” Popular demand has prompted the creation of a seminar for dog clubs which mirrors his book and a video of this method which has been presented across the country and considered an imperative foundation to any successful breeding program.

Dr. Battaglia’s columns are always thought provoking and I have no doubt this seminar will provide excellent information for breeders and owners. I hope to see many of you there.

Cecily Skinner

You can tell by the kindness of a dog how humans should be.

Captain Beefheart
Meet Your New Board Member...Dick Taylor

After living most of our lives in California, my wife Camille and I decided this past year that we wanted to retire to the Pacific Northwest, and so we moved to the Portland metropolitan area. We now live in Happy Valley on Mt. Scott and have a breathtaking view of Portland, the Willamette River and the mountains. We couldn’t be happier with our decisions to move. We are both retired school teachers/administrators. I was a high school technology teacher before becoming a high school principal. I have two grown children, both also school teachers, and 4 grandchildren.

Our love for Wheatens began on a trip to the coastal town of Mendocino in Northern California almost two decades ago. There we saw our first Wheaten, peacefully reclining in a local shop. We spoke to the dog’s owners and found out all about their wonderful dog. We loved his look, his size, his coat, and his energy, and we wanted him! Our quest to have our own Wheaten began right then. The internet was just getting started at that time, and we didn’t really know much about search engines. Luckily, our veterinarian told us how to find a Wheaten website and we were on our way. We started attending dog shows anywhere we could find one and began to meet breeders. We discovered the “look” we wanted in our Wheaten and were determined that we only wanted a “pet Wheaten;” no one was going to talk us into having a show dog! We went to dog shows for around a year before a breeder told us about a planned breeding and the possibility of us getting a puppy. We were ecstatic. Then we were told we were being given a “show” dog. We hesitated for a second to consider this, and then said “when can we have him?” and haven’t ever looked back. Our first puppy was named Bronx, CH Orion’s Ya’ Talkin’ To Me. We discovered wonderful mentors in the Northern California SCWT Club and enjoyed training Bronx and teaching him to show. Bronx became our best friend and went everywhere with us. When Bronx was 4 years old, he was used for stud and we kept one of the puppies, Brooklyn, CH Serendipity’s Talk of the Town. Our Brooklyn became a good show dog and later a wonderful therapy dog.

Serendipity seemed appropriate for our kennel name because our foray into the Wheaten world and dog breeding and showing was entirely serendipitous.

Our third Wheaten and foundation bitch is GCH Serendipity’s Urban Legend “Manhattan/Hattie.” Hattie has had a wonderful show career, better than we could ever have dreamed. She has had two litters and has produced dogs who are following in her footsteps in the show ring.

Camille and I have enjoyed our foray into the dog world. We have both been active in our local Northern California club. I was on the Board for 7 years and held the positions of Treasurer, Director and President. I am pleased to be a Director on the SCWTCA Board and am committed to giving back to the club and to the breed. Owning Wheatens and being a part of this organization has enriched my life. I am honored to serve on this Board.

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.
Happy Birthday Seniors!

“Cassie”
DOB: 5/19/05
CH Raelyn Lasting Impression NA NAJ CGC

MAKING A “LASTING” IMPRESSION

Cassie, age 13, is simply “a winner” in many ways, from her gentle and loving nature, to her wins in the show ring (finishing her championship as WB over 17 entries at the Garden State Terrier Show) to her AKC Novice agility titles, and her work with children as a certified therapy dog. She also produced 8 beautiful puppies. Cassie’s greatest achievement is actually being by her owner’s side for 13 years. Cassie lives with the Wheaten Lane gang and interacts well with the other dogs and her human family. Her only drawback is not wanting anyone to leave the house. A beautiful and loving Wheaten and an achiever as well, Cassie has lived up to her namesake by always making a “lasting impression.”

Owned and loved by Nancy Griffin
Bred by Lynn Cone

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.
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Congenital Eye Disease in Irish Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers

Some individuals who are using Optimal Selection for genetic testing will now see a report on a specific congenital eye disease. To understand this disease, please read the following. It is important to note that this is a very rare anomaly, and both dam and pup must carry the genetic mutation for the disease to manifest.

In brief
Congenital eye disease in Irish Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier causes the affected puppies to have abnormally small and underdeveloped eyes (microphthalmia) resulting in incurable blindness. The causative mutation in the RBP4 gene results in A vitamin deficiency leading to eye defects of the developing fetuses. Please note that this disease follows an unusual mode of inheritance, and typically manifests only when both the puppy and mother are homozygous for the RBP4 mutation.

Clinical overview
Puppies affected with this congenital eye disease, originally characterized in Irish Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers, suffer from bilateral microphthalmia (small and underdeveloped eyes) and blindness. Affected puppies may also have notch-like halos (coloboma) in their retina and choroidal hypoplasia. In milder forms of the disease, puppies are neither blind nor exhibit microphthalmia, but have coloboma and choroidal hypoplasia.

The causative mutation is a deletion in the RBP4 gene. The encoded protein (RBP) binds vitamin A and transfers it from liver to other tissues. The fetus receives vitamin A through the placenta during pregnancy. The mutation causes a defect in the transport of maternal vitamin A, leading to vitamin A deficiency in developing puppies. Vitamin A deficiency is a well-known risk factor for developmental diseases and the lack of this essential nutrient is known to cause abnormal eye development. Vitamin A deficiency associated with Congenital Eye Disease of Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers cannot be treated by feeding vitamin A supplement to the dam since the affected dogs lack the crucial carrier protein to transfer dietary vitamin A.

Congenital eye disease in Irish Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers follows a novel recessive mode of genetic inheritance; autosomal recessive with an unusual maternal effect. The disease manifests only if both the dam and puppy are homozygous for the RBP4 mutation. Normally, recessive diseases depend only on the individual’s own genetic makeup. Puppies that carry the mutation have increased risk for milder forms of the disease (coloboma or choroidal hypoplasia) if the dam is homozygous for the mutation. Therefore, the dam’s genes define whether the puppy will be affected or not, and the puppy’s own genes define the severity of the disease. A homozygous dam should not be used in breeding, even if its eyes are healthy upon eye examination, since its puppies will have increased risk for congenital eye disease. In addition, a carrier of the mutation should not be mated with another carrier or homozygous dog due to increased risk for eye defects in the puppies.

Disease severity
Considerable
Clinical signs
Micropthalmia (prominent third eyelids and small eyes which appear recessed in the eye socket)
Coloboma (part of the iris fails to develop)
Choroidal Hypoplasia (CH) (thinning of the vascular tissue in the back of the eye)
Blindness

Mode of Inheritance
Autosomal Recessive

Results of the genetic test are reported as follows: Clear, Carrier, At risk

Scientific articles

Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. elected to support this research grant in the amount of $2,500. Following is the final report from the investigating researchers.

RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARY
Grant 02292: Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease and Improved Diagnostics Using Next-Generation Sequencing
Principal Investigator: Pedro Diniz, DVM, PhD
Research Institution: Western University of Health Sciences
Grant Amount: $60,717.00
Start Date: 9/1/2016 End Date: 6/30/2018
Progress Report: FINAL
Report Due: 6/30/2018 Report Received: 6/29/2018
(The content of this report is not confidential and may be used in communications with your organization.)

Original Project Description:
Diagnostic tests based on the detection of DNA of infectious organisms from clinical samples have revolutionized veterinary medicine in the last decades. Currently, diagnostic panels for several tickborne organisms are available through universities and private laboratories in the USA and abroad. However, the vast majority of results from clinically ill dogs are negative for tick-borne diseases, which frustrates veterinarians and dog owners trying to reach a definitive diagnosis and improve treatment options. These panels are based on the detection of previously known DNA sequences of each pathogen, with little room for detecting new organisms. Consequently, the current assays may suffer from "myopia": a self-fulfilling effect that prevents the detection of new or emerging organisms.

Using an innovative approach, the investigators will employ next-generation sequencing (NGS) to overcome the limitations of current diagnostic technology. With NGS, the investigators can generate millions of individual gene
sequencing reads from each clinical sample, allowing for the identification and characterization of multiple organisms from a single sample. Testing samples from dogs naturally exposed to tick-borne diseases, NGS will detect not only new organisms but also characterize genetic differences among known organisms. The resulting dataset of a large number of DNA sequences of known tick-borne organisms and previously undetected organisms in naturally-infected dogs will support the development of diagnostic tools to simultaneously advance canine and human health.

Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

Dogs from any breed, age or gender can be infected with microbes transmitted by ticks or fleas. These diseases can cause devastating effects and even death not only to dogs but also to humans. Ticks are present everywhere in the US, and they bring the risk of transmitting the microbes to dogs and present everywhere in the US, and they bring the risk of transmitting the microbes to dogs and humans. It is still very difficult to diagnose these conditions, and approximately 95% of suspected dog cases are negative when we use current diagnostic technology.

One of the biggest limiting factors for the development of better diagnostic tools is the insufficient funding opportunities for large-scale projects. The long-term goal of our research team is to expand the current diagnostic tools to include a larger spectrum of potentially hazardous microorganisms. Our innovative approach is based on four pillars: (1) large-scale DNA sequencing to identify known and potentially new organisms present in blood of dogs naturally exposed to vector-borne diseases; (2) increase in sensitivity and specificity of large-scale sequencing by targeting major families of potentially hazardous organisms; (3) advanced bioinformatic analysis of millions of DNA sequences from a large number of dogs suspected of infection; and (4) comprehensive quality-control measures in order to support and validate the impact of our results. We confirmed that large-scale DNA sequencing can simultaneously detect one or more microbes in dog blood and can identify which microbe is present based on its unique DNA sequence. We confirmed this in both simulated infections as well as in samples from naturally infected dogs. We also detected potentially new organisms from sick dogs. With the crucial support from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, we were able to expand our expertise in using large-scale DNA sequencing technology for the detection of tick-borne pathogens in dogs and generate a large body of knowledge to support the further development of this technology. Ultimately, the results of this study will support early diagnosis and better medical care to dogs worldwide.

Cannabis for veterinary patients gets research attention, funding

Stigma begins to lift but legal questions persist...

More than five years after the first states legalized recreational marijuana, leading to a proliferation of cannabis products for pets and people alike, momentum is building to scientifically document whether cannabis makes good medicine for veterinary patients.

In the first study to attract substantial independent funding in the United States, a neurologist at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences has begun enrolling patients in a clinical trial to test the effects of the cannabis compound cannabidiol on 60 epileptic dogs who respond poorly to standard treatment. The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF) has awarded the research $356,022.

By: Edie Lau For The VIN News Service  March 29, 2018
At Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama, the director of the clinical pharmacology laboratory also plans a clinical trial of cannabidiol in epileptic patients, along with other cannabis-related research. Her work has received $150,000 in analytical equipment and pilot-study funding, with a promise of more to come, from a nonprofit called Pet Conscious. The organization is associated with Canna-pet, a Washington company that sells cannabis-derived capsules, oils and biscuits for cats and dogs.

For human patients, a large body of lore and a smaller body of science support the concept of cannabis as effective medicine for an array of conditions — pain, neurological disorders, nausea, anorexia, anxiety and sleep disturbances, to name a few. A report, "The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids: The Current State of Evidence and Recommendations for Research," published by the National Academy of Sciences in January 2017, is a comprehensive review of the hard evidence to date. In a few areas, the authors found conclusive or substantial evidence of medical benefit — specifically, for the treatment of chronic pain in adults; as antiemetics to quell chemotherapy-induced nausea; and to address spasticity in patients with multiple sclerosis.

People considering cannabis for their own ills inevitably wonder whether animal companions with similar conditions could benefit, too. There, scientific documentation has been scarce to non-existent.

Dr. Dawn Boothe, an internist and clinical pharmacologist at Auburn, 16 months ago lamented the dearth of support for cannabis research in veterinary medicine, owing to the federal government’s stance that marijuana has no medical benefit. Boothe told the VIN News Service that she’d tried to obtain private funding without success. Shortly afterward, Canna-pet offered her seed money.

So far, the most likely sources of financial support are businesses that sell cannabis products. The work at Colorado State attracted the substantial AKC CHF grant only because the researcher, Dr. Stephanie McGrath, had done a safety study. That early work was funded by Applied Basic Science Corp., a Colorado company interested in producing and selling cannabis as medicine for dogs.

McGrath’s promising early findings using cannabidiol oil produced by Applied Basic Science enabled the AKC CHF, a leading funder of canine health research, to support further work. "You don't just jump into a clinical trial with any product unless you have preliminary safety and dosing information specific to that species," said Dr. Diane Brown, CEO of the foundation. "All AKC CHF-funded research undergoes rigorous scrutiny through our Scientific Review Committee, and this proposal raised some unique questions."

The reviewers had to settle their nerves about supporting a study involving a plant that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) regulates as a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning that the federal government considers it to have no medical benefit and a high potential for abuse. "There was a lot of discussion about the potential backlash; the politics," Brown said. "Is this going to be frowned upon? Is this legitimate science?"

The foundation concluded that in addition to anecdotal evidence that cannabis has medicinal benefits, there’s a compelling safety reason to support research: "Some people are administering cannabis products to dogs based on [consulting] Dr. Google, so it really is important for the AKC CHF to take a leadership role, demonstrating responsibility and making an investment to acquire scientifically-driven data for dogs," Brown said.

Ultimately, the foundation was proud to take the step. "We are excited to be at the forefront supporting the first clinical trial for a cannabis product for drug-resistant epilepsy in dogs," Brown said.

To read the entire article, go to: http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=48152
You might be in the “Dog Fancy” if ....

You don't get excited when a friend says she's bringing a “stripper” to your house.
You know another use for matches other than starting a fire.
The most commonly heard phrase in your home is "who pee peed in the house."
Your parrot knows the phrase, "OMG, he just s—t on my rug."
You consider a freshly washed dog as “potpourri.”
You're pretty sure the people on the Jerry Springer Show were at last Saturday's dog show.
Your house doesn't have AC but your kennel does.
You've spent more on last month's ad than your sister's wedding present.
Someone in your family has ever said, "Come here and look at her poop before I pick it up."
The sound of dogs barking and generators humming makes your heart race.
You’re in a custody battle over frozen semen.
“Safe sex” involves a muzzle.
We (AKC Gazette) are proud to present exclusive excerpts from the new book *Let’s Make You a Winner: A Judge’s Perspective on Showing Dogs* by Pat Hastings and Erin Ann Rouse.

If you are a dog show old-timer, you require no introduction to Hastings, for several decades a familiar and highly respected presence on the show scene. For the benefit of newcomers, we can simply say that Hastings is among those rare fanciers who not only excels in our sport but also possesses a happy talent for communicating what she has learned during a lifetime in the ring. Her books, articles, videos, and lectures have helped guide two generations of fanciers from the whelping box to the winner’s circle.

Let’s Make You a Winner is geared toward those just getting started, but, as Bill McFadden says in his jacket blurb, the book serves as “a refresher for those of us who thought we knew it all.” We have gleaned from the book’s 167 pages the following selections that might be useful to experienced exhibitors and arranged them by category. For you newbies, buy the book and begin at page one.

**Ring Generalship**

- A courtesy turn, when you walk your dog in a small circle before moving it, is employed to settle or focus the dog before moving. Remember, you only have 2.4 minutes to show your dog. Every one of those courtesy turns takes time better spent showing off your dog, so only use it if your dog needs to settle or focus.

- Make sure the judge is watching when you move your dog. If there is a distraction while your dog is being judged, whether it’s inside or outside the ring, stop and wait until you have regained the judge’s undivided attention. How well your dog performs counts for nothing unless the judge is watching.

- If your breed requires some brushing in the ring, only brush the judge’s side of the dog. Wasting the judge’s time (and yours) by brushing the other side is unproductive and possibly undermines your chances of a serious consideration.

- A small, coated breed is best picked up by supporting its head on the bone structure of the underjaw with one hand and supporting the body under the dog between the rear legs with the other hand.

- Do not back up a dog in the show ring. When dogs back up, they move in a cow-hocked fashion. Avoid creating the illusion of a fault. Always move forward. If space is tight, circle the dog tightly around but always forward.

- When showing a large or giant breed that outweighs you, walk or nudge the big guy/gal into a reasonably natural position before setting him/her up. You’ll not win a weight contest here, and you might make your dog look bad if you try.

- If the judge is going to look at the mouth, there is a hole right behind each ear; if you lightly put your fingers in those holes, the dog will not move its head away from the judge. Again, don’t push; just lightly place your fingers there and if the dog moves, the dog figures out that it is causing the discomfort.

- Unless you know your dog is 100 percent secure about having its testicles handled, have your hand under the belly when the judge reaches for its testicles. (This is something best practiced at home before you come anywhere near a dog show.)

**Stacking**

- The first common mistake made when setting up the front is to pull the front legs forward, when 99 percent of the time the legs need to be set back. Remember, the neck should always be ahead of the front legs.

- When setting up your dog, if it has a soft or sagging topline and you push it under the belly to level the back, then you’ve just shown the judge (and everyone ringside) that your dog has a bad topline. I see this at every single dog show. If your dog has a soft topline, set up the front legs well under the dog; this helps stabilize the back during stacking. Then, on your side of the dog, gently put your fingers behind the last rib and push forward. This instantly straightens the back, and no one will ever see you do it.

- Bridging or racking (when a dog leans back) is usually caused by a short or straight upper arm. You can help hide this fault by making sure you have the front legs well under the dog while you are setting it up. One of the worst mistakes that handlers make concerning this fault is that they let the head tip upwards while stacking...
the dog. This shifts the weight to the rear, which is where racking happens. All it takes to prevent this is to teach the dog to have its nose pointing straight forward or slightly downward while being stacked. With a little bit of bait on the ground, the dog can easily learn what you expect. Be sure to reward with that bit of bait after you’ve stacked your dog.

- Over-correct a leg or foot fault in its placement to the same degree as the fault. For example, if you straighten a foot that turns out, it will turn back to where it was. However, if you turn it in to the same degree that it turns out, it will end up in the middle. This applies to all four feet and legs.

- When you have a table dog, please do not pick up the dog by the tail. I know this is a common practice in the terrier world. Terrier people will tell you that the tail is a handle with which to pull a dog out of a hole, and that is true. However, when pulling a dog out of a hole, you are pulling in line with the spine. When you lift their weight with the tail upright, you are pulling contrary to the line of the spine. This method of picking up a dog increases its risk of spinal injury. Is it worth it?

- Avoid putting your hand under the belly while stacking or positioning the dog. If the pressure causes the dog to roach its back, then you are showing the judge a fault that your dog might not actually have. Once the judge sees a roached back that should be level, that is what will stick in the mind.

**On Judges**

- Try to be as fair in your assessment [of judges] as you hope judges will be in assessing the presentation of your dog. When my late husband [E.R. “Bob” Hastings] and I were handlers, we and many others were wrong in our first impression of judges. (rather like a judge can be wrong in his/her first impression of you and your dog.) Thus, keeping files on judges does little good—so many first impressions are off-base, and many judges constantly change as they learn more and gain more confidence.

Defensiveness on your part will usually minimize your chances of getting constructive information from judges. And saying “Why didn’t you like my dog?” or “What didn’t you like about my dog?” usually puts judges on the defensive. Approaching judges properly and respectfully can be educational for both you and them. And if you don’t want to hear the judge’s answers, but only hope to hear what you want to hear, save your time and the judge’s. Don’t ask if you don’t want to learn.

- What most judges resent is receiving a show photo long after the show is past, but right before they are scheduled to judge in your area again. To be “solicited” in such a manner is tacky, to say the least and defeats an exhibitor’s misguided attempt to curry favor. And by all means, send Best in Show photos and pictures of National Specialty wins. Neglecting to do so is rather insulting to the judge who selected your dog above all others.

- The judge’s opinion is what you paid for, so congratulate the winner or enjoy the win, but either way, give your dog a big hug. And remember, the real winners at dog shows are those who share love and companionship with their dogs. Always cherish those opportunities.—originally excerpted in the July 2018 AKC Gazette
Spar/No Spar?

For those just tuning in, the best definition we’ve heard to explain sparring is “to gesture without landing a blow.” Sparring can occur in some terrier rings at a dog show at the request of the judge. He or she will select a few certain dogs to be brought to the center of the ring and “face off.” Contact is never made — ever. This is not to stir up an attack, but to encourage a terrier to show “terrier attitude” by seeing which dog, figuratively speaking, will draw a line in the sand and “double dare” the other dog to cross it. Done correctly, it shows which dogs are confident and full of themselves: Tails become stiff, necks become arched, ears stand up with alertness, and the dog will seem to stand on its tippy-toes and puff up its chest. It’s a sight to behold.

Not every terrier breed is sparred because it isn’t part of their breed nature, though there is one non-terrier breed that can be asked to spar. Can you guess it before clicking the link?

Teddy Roosevelt Terriers, Border Terriers, American Hairless Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Rat Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Staffordshire, Amstaffs, Norwich and Norfolk Terriers, Bull Terriers, Australian Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, and Manchester Terriers should not be sparred during conformation judging. Some folks are under the impression that the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier isn’t sparred because the breed standard says that the Wheaten “exhibits less aggressiveness than is sometimes encouraged in other terriers.” In fact, Cindy Vogels has written that when sparring terriers, “Wheatens should be allowed their turn.” In her article, The Essence of Type, she adds, “The question isn’t whether or not to spar Wheatens, but rather how they should react when asked to spar. Each terrier breed will respond uniquely to sparring, and Wheatens should be expected to stand their ground without “flying.”

Why Spar?

You wonder why AKC encourages dogs to spar.

First of all, AKC does not encourage dogs to spar. AKC has taken no stand on it all (that I know of anyway!). Terrier people, at least those who breed and show terriers that look best “standing on the tip-toe of expectation,” want their dogs to have the opportunity to do just that. Many terriers are not suited for this. Those that are would be Airedales, Irish, Kerry Blues, Wheatens, Fox Terriers, Welsh, Lakelands, Westies and Scotties. Unfortunately, in recent years, terrier entries have fallen such that it has become a rather hollow exercise. Therefore, we seldom see dogs sparred other than at specialties. Some judges, generally those that don’t come from terrier breeds, are not comfortable asking dogs to spar and frankly, if a judge is not comfortable doing it then they absolutely should not! It is very important that judges understand why it is done, what they are looking for and to know that once they get the “look,” the dogs are put back in line. Generally brought out in twos and not too close, terriers should not be allowed to fly or “lose the run of themselves.” Instead, they should be expected to show the terrier spark that proves they are at the ready if called upon to do what they were bred to do.
In a recent article, I expressed regret that the breeding of purebred dogs today was, in many ways, more difficult than ever before due to disappearing lines of dogs and random breedings.

I am grateful to the individual who inquired as to exactly what I meant by this.

Today there are few kennels able to house large numbers of dogs. There is less property available and less tolerance for the breeding and raising of dogs as well as multiple other factors involved. Lines of dogs as we once knew them are rare and have even disappeared in many breeds. For as I reflect on my long history in dogs, great kennels that produced valuable lines of dogs that bred true contributed so very much to the breeds that are strong today. Sadly, for the most part such establishments are but memories of days gone by.

Consider the strength of the Boxer breed as it appears in American show rings today. Where did all these glorious Boxers with their correct type, outstanding head pieces and overall balance come from? Indeed, we have several master breeders of this breed today in the United States. And they are standing on the shoulders of the giants who preceded them in the past.

Consider the master breeder Frau Freiderun Stockmann of the extraordinary von Dom Boxers during the first half of the 20th Century. This exceptional woman managed to keep her line of dogs alive during the deprivations of two World Wars that eventually tore apart her native land of Germany. Just the sacrifices she made to feed the animals from 1914 through 1918 and again from 1939 to 1945 could fill a book.

Her expertise at breeding was recognized early on by American breeders who were willing to pay huge prices for these wonderful dogs. Not only did these sales subsidize keep the von Dom line of dogs alive in Germany, these sales provided the foundation stock for the best of American Boxer breeders. John and Maizie Wagner based their successful Mazelaine Kennels on imports from Stockmann, including Dorion and Utz. Marian Breed's California Bormere Kennels imported Sigurd from von Dom and Edwin Freund's Tulgey Wood's program benefitted from importing Lustig. These four classic dogs comprised what was called "the Four Horsemen" of the Boxer world. Three Westminster BIS winners were of this von Dom background: Ch. Warlord of Mazelaine (1947); Ch. Mozelaine's Zazaroc Brandy (1949) and Ch. Bang Away of Sirrah Crest (1951).

Bang Away's pedigree was star-studded with the best of these von Dom lines, and accordingly he became America's most famous show dog-appearing in well-known magazines such as Sports Illustrated, Esquire and Time. His contribution can be seen in our own 21st Century across the Boxer rings. Bang Away bred true for the square profile, rib cages of correct length augmented by short loins, correct neck and shoulders and good feet and legs in the day when the breed very much needed these components. When a Boxer breeder sought certain elements in the 1940s, 50s and into the 60s, they could count on the dogs down from the von Dom lines to produce them. By using skills of selection, Boxer breeders of the 20th Century can be thanked for utilizing the right dogs to produce the great dogs we have in the 21st Century!

Consider what a young Norwegian Elkhound breeder of that era needed: My two best bitches of the early 1960s (a mother and daughter) had similar assets: good leg length, correct hunting profile and type, sound legs and movement, and outstanding color. The two also lacked sufficient bone and head- a combination that often goes together. All the available significant sires in the eastern part of the country had been used and were in their pedigrees. Thus a trip to the West was in order in the Summer of 1962. While benched at Santa Barbara with my BOS bitch next to the male that defeated her for the breed, this dog's outstanding head and bone simply stood out. Thus her daughter was bred to this dog and another to his brother establishing the beginning of a line of Elkhounds still active today.

It is a blessing to know when another's line is strong for producing virtues the breeder seeks. The unfortunate truth is that few lines today can be counted on to breed true for strengths. Obviously, the disappearance of large kennels housing strong producers one after another is of grave concern to today's breeders. We are thankful for those professional handlers who are also master breeders that can legally house large numbers. Their contributions to their breeds are evident in today's BIS rings. Sadly, their numbers are limited so not enough breeds get to benefit from their abilities.
Such modern circumstances contribute to random breedings that result in pedigrees that may look good on paper. After all, the sire and dam were both winners so why not? However, all too often the resulting animals do not live up to expectations.

Thus they aren’t able to make valuable contributions to the gene pool. Often such pedigrees that result from random breedings belong to nice enough dogs that seem to be free of major faults. Yet these same dogs may lack strengths and virtues they can pass on to their progeny.

Random breedings are in play when a dog and bitch of unlike type are mated in hopes of getting magical results. Over time, it appears to the studious observer that the best results are those that come from breeding mates of like type to one another. Breeding "like to like" reduces genetic variation of type traits while hopefully preserving the qualities already present in the respective families.

The breeder is not trying to make drastic changes. Because the breeder has shown confidence in the individual bitch’s correctness of type by selecting her for the gene pool, it’s retaining that type that matters. Thus selecting a similar mate with a "like to like" mating is in the best interest of the breeder. This is especially true when such a mate is very strong in areas where one’s bitch needs help. The breeder is assisted in this plan if the bitch has previously produced a litter to evaluate which strengths and/or weaknesses she produced when bred to another sire.

Amongst the many job descriptions of the breeder is to be both your own best critic as well as your own harshest critic. Objective evaluation of one’s stock recognizing both the strengths and weaknesses in your family of dogs will assist in guiding you to the best decisions for your breeding program. Such a breeder’s objectivity is aimed at preserving the purity of the breed. The saving grace in the modern world is the continuing strides forward in identifying disease and accordingly working to eliminate undesirable genetic material. Such technology will assist aspiring breeders in their road to master breeder status.
The sun shone warmly much of the weekend for the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club’s specialty, the first weekend in May. There was a very strong entry of Wheatens from 14 states and Canada, making for a busy and competitive weekend!

The Run for the Roses kicked off with Garden State All Terrier Club show on a very warm, sunny Friday, judged by Lydia Hutchinson. Del Val supported the entry and trophies were upcycled books. The club hosted a wine and cheese party under the tent after judging; everyone enjoyed the beautiful selection of cheeses, sandwiches and cold beverages.

A 9:00 ring time on Saturday for the Del Val Specialty in Erwinna PA. meant an early start on a milder morning. The hospitality tent was bustling with coffee and light breakfast available, while preparations were underway for the Silent Auction, Chinese Auction and raffles. Generous donations from club members and other supporters made the auctions one of our most successful. The display tables were overflowing with gifts! Some of the donors included very generous contributions from Beth Babos, Merrillee Ford, Shari Boyd and Katarzyna Stanczak.

A lively entry of 20 puppies participated in Sweepstakes competition judged by Michael Pawasarat, and Dr. Valeria Rickard judged an entry of 61 Wheatens for the breed competition. The beautiful Specialty trophies were custom designed pottery hand painted by artist Margaret Foxmoore.

A wonderful luncheon was offered under the hospitality tent after judging. This is always a time to relax, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, and to make last-minute bids and purchase tickets for the auctions and raffle items before winners were called!

The Trenton Kennel Club show on Sunday was another supported entry by Del Val club. Dr. Scott Kellogg was our judge, and the day proved to be quite windy, with the flowing coats on our dogs blowing in the breeze! Appetizers and snacks were offered alongside the grooming tent for everyone as they prepared for competition.

We recognize all of the work and preparation that are needed to make a successful Specialty weekend. Special thanks to: Cherie Turner and team for the Wine and Cheese party; Bonnie and Barry Ivler for coordinating and cooking Saturday luncheon, and club members for contributing salads and desserts; Bev and Kevin McDonald for providing Sunday refreshments; Liz Jamiolkowski, Peggy Love and team for organizing the auctions; Pat Robeski for the raffles, and to the many club members and friends who assisted and contributed to these activities.

The DVSCWTC extends its warm thanks to all the breeders and exhibitors who participated and helped to make our specialty weekend a big success once again!!
Sweeps Critique: Judge Michael Pawasarat

The breeders should be commended for continuing to improve the breed.

6 – 9 month dog
All of the dogs in this class have decent heads
1 – #67 Whindancer’s Fireworks After Midnight - Short-backed with a stronger topline
2 – #19 Cela Guardian Of The Sea - Short-backed, not as strong in the topline
3 – #9 Greentree Mombo In Margaritaville - Nice dog, but lacks confidence

9 – 12 month dog
1 – #27 Edgewood Problem Waiting To Be Solved - A nice, sound dog, but lacks confidence

12 – 15 month dog
1 – #25 Feis Dancer Captain Fantastic - Good color, good movement. A nice dog shown properly.

15 – 18 month dog
1 – #29 Coventry In The Driver’s Seat - A good dog with nice hindquarters, a decent front, and nice eye

6 – 9 month bitch
1 – #24 Cela Sunkissed Cutie - A nice dog overall, balanced with a good eye
2 – #10 Whindancer’s Autumn In New York - A nice dog overall, could have a stronger topline
3 – #56 Whindancer’s Moon Song - A nice dog overall, needs a tad more length of leg

9 – 12 month bitch
1 – #64 Southaven Spoonful Of Sugar - A nice dog with correct color
2 – #30 Edgewood Perfect Imperfections - This dog lacked “terrier temperament” today

12 – 15 month bitch
This class had nice heads and a nice spring of ribs overall
1 – #54 Whindancer’s Eleanor Rigby - Good movement from the side
2 – #40 Harbour Hill One In A Million - Could have better side movement
3 – #28 Whindancer’s Fire On The Mountain At Carillon - Good head and good movement
4 – #36 Bradberry’s The Story Of My Life - Good head, but could be stronger coming and going

15 – 18 month bitch
1 – #38 Lonestar What’s Up Buttercup? - A nice dog, but could have a better coat

My Best in Sweepstakes came from the 6 -9 month Puppy Dog Class, #67 Whindancer’s Fireworks After Midnight. He has a beautiful head and expression, and is a complete package coming and going. He has beautiful type, and was shown properly.

My Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes came from the 12 – 15 month Puppy Bitch Class, #54 Whindancer’s Eleanor Rigby. She is a nice bitch, with beautiful expression and good movement.
Breed Critique: Judge Valeria Rickard

Many thanks to the DelVal SCWT club for the absolute honor of being invited to judge your Specialty - it was truly a pleasure to judge your amazing breed. I love this breed and having to “sort through” such a nice entry was a delight of my day!

The quality was present throughout. The specials class was absolutely breathtaking – having such depth of quality - with several strong contenders, each of which could have been the winner on a different day. My decisions were made based on the 5 key parameters of the SCWT type: proper soft, silky, wavy flowing coat, square silhouette of proper size with well-set tail, efficient ground-covering movement with reach and drive with keeping level topline on the go, correct rectangular head with proper size in proportion to the body, ear set and bite, and of happy and steady temperament.

My BOB winner made an impact on me the second he walked in the ring. Dog of excellent breed type and powerful movement. He owned the ring from the second he walked in. Lovely head, perfect proportions of head, neck and back, good shoulder layback and topline that kept staying and going. It was a pleasure to have him in my ring.

My BOS was a stylish and beautifully conditioned bitch of square outline with a lovely head and smooth neck-into-back transition. Toplevel was level both on stack and on the go with well-placed tail. She had a nicely proportioned rectangular head with well placed ear. Her coat was correct and flowed beautifully. She moved soundly and gracefully.

My WB/BOW came from the open class, and she was another good mover that covered the ring with ease. Lovely head, ears and expression, beautifully arched neck flowing well into the level back and ending in high tail set. I would have loved to see her with just a tad more leg.

My WD came from the BBE class. He was a squarely built, compact dog with correct head, neck and back proportions. Strong level topline and good tail set. Well coated and good front angles. Would have loved just a tad more rear angle on him. Well done for a youngster first time being out.

My Select Dog was another well-balanced and perfectly proportioned stallion of a dog with gorgeous coat. He covered the ring well and was a very close contender.

My Select Bitch was a lovely feminine girl of good type. Correctly coated with beautiful head, level topline and high tail set.

My AOMs were also outstanding exhibits and excellent representations of the correct breed type.

My overall impression of the entries is that the coats were better in majority of the dogs. I saw very few dogs with greying of hair on the neck this time. Movement has improved, especially on the side gate, but still needs some work with several dogs being too narrow behind. Temperaments were much better, but there is still some room for improvement. Bites were mostly good, but still some misaligned teeth seen. And lastly even though well-proportioned, some dogs were approaching a pretty large size.

Thank you again to the club for the honor of your invitation and to the exhibitors for presenting so many beautiful dogs to me. It was an unforgettable experience.

I wish you all much success in the future. I believe the breed is in good hands.

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"The Devil is busy getting ready for MCKC weekend... with some help from friends, here's everything you too will need to be ready..."

January

- Decide to go to MCKC
  - Oops. The hotel is booked. Find another one.

February

- Buy a beautiful wool suit at a season-end sale.
  - Find great leather boots... full price. You’ll use them again.
  - Your closet contains no matching top. You find one... at full price... that matches nothing else you own.
  - Call VISA to check your credit limit.

March

- Call the airlines for you and your dog.
  - Call the bank for a loan.
  - Call your handler... he must be cheaper.
  - Consider moving to PA before October 1st.

April - June

- Decide to show your dog sparingly so he doesn’t finish before MCKC so you can show in Sweeps
  - He goes into adolescent coat, barely winning his class.
  - He gets bored and refuses to show.

July

- Create your catalog ad.
  - You don’t like your dog’s win photos. Groom him and take photos in your yard.
  - Regroom him and take photos in the local park.
  - Decide to use his cute puppy photo instead.

September

- You decide your dog needs a warm up at a small show on Labor Day with a judge who always dumps you.
  - The show draws a major on the nose.
  - There’s a substitute judge.
  - Your dog finishes.

Last week of September

- Check the weather and pack!
  - Forecast: cold and rainy. You pack your gorgeous suit and rain boots instead of the pricey leather ones.
  - New weather report... hot and sunny. You unpack your gorgeous suit and repack light summer dresses.
  - Judging program shows your handler’s first call in another breed is at the same time as Wheatens.

October 3rd

- It’s a perfect fall weekend... clear and brisk!
  - You max out your credit card at the King of Prussia Mall on warm clothes.

And... it’s MCKC Weekend!

You have a wonderful time with old friends, meet new people, see beautiful dogs, your handler just makes the ring and you are proud of how your dog does as a new special!
SCWTCA Education Seminar Presents:

Structure, Movement & Pedigree Analysis with Dr. Carmen Battaglia

Dr. Battaglia is a renowned breeder, author, AKC Delegate and Professor. His vast knowledge in the areas of genetics, breeding, competition, structure, movement and pedigree analysis have been published in a number of reputable veterinary and animal journals.

This seminar was specifically developed for National Specialties. Dr. Battaglia will have books and DVDs for sale and will be doing book signing.

Seminar Contents:
- Principles of structure and movement
- Movement types
- Why dogs are built as they are
- Understand the difference between the faults of conformation and aesthetic flaws
- How to analyze and code the Pedigree

When: Thursday, Oct, 4th
Where: Double Tree by Hilton
Time: 6:30 pm (2-3 hrs)

The seminar is free to members and preregistration attendees. There will be a $10 fee at door if not preregistered. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Go to... http://www.scwtca.org/mckc2018/events/category/pawpal/ to pre-register for this wonderful seminar
RESCUE; SILENT AUCTION

SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
and
Some of the fabulous TREASURES at the Boutique Friday Oct 5

Irish Cottage doll house. 20x12; Still under construction. Roof will be thatched, all furnishings and two carved Wheatens included. Designed by Paula Knight, also an author. A signed copy of her book will accompany the doll house.

Example of Paula’s work. This house was made for the Whippet club

Pin. 2x2, enamel over sterling, donated by Bobbi Salmon

Necklace, designed by Llewellyn, donated by Genie Kline

Oodles of other treasures!

Treasures donated by:
Jackie Gottlieb Elena Landa
Norma Wilson Genie Kline
Judy Downing Bobbi Salmon

See you at the MCKC Boutique!
Those not attending who want to bid, please contact Mary Yourich, myyourich@yahoo.com
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GCHB Harbour Hill
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Owned by Alla Bezkrovny & Susan Sakauye

Beautifully presented by Jorge & Susie Olivera

MR. UTLEY

GCHB Harbour Hill
Double Dog Dare

Owned by Dave and Sherrie Wight & Susan Sakauye

Beautifully presented on the East Coast by Susan Burrell. On the West Coast by Jorge & Susie Olivera, assisted by Kate Batzner

Harbour Hill Wheatens
Harbour Hill One in a Million
By GCHB Greentree Cayenne Dancer “Tonelly” x CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs “Sally Carrera”

Best in Sweepstakes SCWCSC specialty show - Judge Mrs. Bergit Coady Kabel
Best in Sweepstakes Great Western Terrier Assn - Judge Mr. Peter Gaeta
WB & BOW Great Western Terrier Assn. - Judge Mr. Gier Flyckt-Pedersen
-Sweepstakes Group 2 - Judge Mrs. Bergit Coady Kabel

A heartfelt thanks to the above judges, Mr. Bruce Schwartz and Mrs. Pamela Peat

Owned by Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith

Susan Sakauye  (805) 967-0953  ssakauye@aol.com
Ainle Littermates...
CH Tara I Get Around “Seamus” x GCHG Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South “Gabby”

CH Ainle Ain’t No Saint-“Higgins”

Earned his CH title with three five point majors at the St Louis Specialty weekend at 8 months old.

Owned by Marsha Zeagler and Kathi Elliot
And Two New Champions

CH Ainle Life Of The Par-Tee

“Bentley”

Earned his CH title exactly 2 weeks later in Tampa with three 5 point majors from the BBE class.

Owned by Bill Matson and Kathi Elliot

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MULTIPLE GROUP & BEST IN SHOW WINNER
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Thank you Judge Mr. Dona Cline

Owned by Kim Munson and Kim Wright
Presented by Kent & Gwen Meyer | kgmeyer@meyerspetcare.com

All Breed Number #1 all systems 7/31/18
Thank you Breeder-Judge Ms. Sharol Candace Way

BEST IN SHOW

SOUTHEASTERN IOWA KENNEL CLUB
JULY 2018

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Peace, Love, and Patsy!

CH Connemar She Moves in Mysterious Ways RN CGCA TKN “Patsy”

BOW, Yosemite KC, June 7, 2018
BOW, Contra Costa KC, June 10, 2018 (FOUR-POINT MAJOR)

New Champion

Thanks to Judge Rosalind Krause Kramer

Sire: GCHS Am./Can. CH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man ROM
Dam: GCH CH Marymore Circle of Friends THDN CGC TKN

Breeders: Constance Lynch Koehler and Mary Peltier
Owner: Constance Lynch Koehler
Presented in Conformation by Ivonne Rangel, Rangel Kennels
Owner/Handled in Conformation, Companion and Family Dog Events
Patsy’s Cookin’ Up Something… 
[as a] Special!

Select Bitch  
(Five-Point Major)  
SCWTSCC Independent  
Specialty, June 22,  
2018

Thanks to Judge  
Gary Vlachos

Award of Merit  
SCWTSCC/GWTA  
Specialty, June 24, 2018

Thanks to Judge  
Geir Flyct-Pederson

Connemar Wheatens; Rancho Palos Verdes, California
Ghilley’s big adventure in St Louis!

GCHB Bradberry's The One I Love
GCH Mackanme One Love One Heart x Ch Bradberry’s Summer Fiona Lilly

SD at SCWTC Greater St Louis Specialty under Judge Wood Wornall
BOS at Mississippi Valley KC under Judge Edd Bivin

Thank you Shari for your expert presentation and handling

Owners: Sarah & Allen Berry and Deb Van De Ven

Deb Van De Ven  deb@bradberryswheatens.com  702-308-9542
Introducing New Champion...

CH Bradberry's Regent Street London
CH Hullabaloo The Rookie VCD1 RE x CH Bradberry's Alexandria Jillian

"Hunter"

Thank you to Elaine Nerrie for sharing "Rookie" and to Kathy McIndoe and Anna Marzolino for suggesting him!

Breeder/Owner: Deb Van De Ven

Bradberry WHEATENS
New Moonstruck
Grand Champion:

Frankie “cruised” to his Championship in 5 shows with 4 majors...

and then to his Grand Championship with 5 majors, including BOB over ranked specials.
GCH Moonstruck Cosmic Cruiser

GCH Wheaten Rebel’s Take A Ticket To Greentree - GCH Clover’s Moonstruck Reflection Of Greentree

Frankie

Making a cosmic connection.
Beam me up, Scotty!!!

HELEN FRAGUELA
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Breeders: Helen Fraguela & Liz Jamiolkowski
Owners: Sarah Romano & Helen Fraguela
Am GCHB Can CH Clover’s Mr. Blue Sky
INT CH Wheaten Rebel’s Nelson for Navy x CH Greentree Clover OohLaLa

Blue

Earned his Bronze GCH with BOB win at Bryn Mawr KC under Terrier Judge Cindy Meyer
Thank you to Handler Malissa Ruchak

Breeder/Owner: Liz & Mike Jamiolekowski
Co- Breeders: Beverly & Kevin McDonald

Became a new Canadian CH with a BOB win under Judge Dianne Miller

ljamiolekowski@yahoo.com
CH Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without A Cork

CH Mackanme Patriotic Justice x CH Saddlebrook’s Champagne Fizz

Pagne

Best Puppy in Show at 4 months

Oklahoma: WD, BOW 3 Days...5 pt, 4 pt, 4 pt
Owner Handler Group...Group1, Group 3

St Louis: WD 4 pt
BOB over top specials, 5 pt major

New Champion at 8 months of age!

Saddlebrook Wheatens

Owners: Lynn Denton and Jinx Moore
Bred by: Jinx and Stan Moore
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Cailin Isle Wheatens
A Great Western “Super” Weekend for...

“Brody”
Best Of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps
Thank you Judge Peter Gaeta and Bonney Snyder

Winner's Dog/3rd Major 6 and under 9mo
Thank you Judge Gier Flyckt-Pedersen and Amy Rutherford

Breeders: Marshall & Barbara Ostrom, Bonney Snyder, Pat Rutherford
Owners: Marshall & Barbara Ostrom
CailinIsle@aol.com
Breed Photos  Continued...Delaware Valley SCWTC Specialty from page 22

**PART 2**

**WD: WICKED CHARMING**  
CH Sam Hill's Ps I Love You NAJ x GCH Lismore Past Forgetting  
Owner: Catherine Pikul  
Breeders: Catherine Pikul & Meg Ryan

**WB & BOW: EDGEWOOD YOU HAD ME AT MERLOT**  
CH Lismore Mccormack's Dragon Song x CH Edgewood Rush  
Owners: James and Jessica Jackson & Carl McGill  
Breeder: Carl McGill & James & Jessica Jackson

**BOB: CH MARQUEE’S STORM WARNING (d)**  
GCH Mackanme Without Warning x CH Marquee N Mackanme Foreign Exchange  
Owner: Sonya Urquhart  
Breeder: Sonya Urquhart & Jeri Voyles

**BOS: GCHB KEEPSAKE TIMTARA IM A ROCKSTAR**  
CH Mackanme One Love One Heart x Keepsake Timtara Remember Me  
Owners/Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims

**SD: GCH KEEPSAKE’S WAVE RYDER**  
CH Wheaten Rebels Take A Ticket To Greentree x CH Keepsakes Soul Surfer  
Owners/Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson

**SB: CH LISMORE THIS MUST BE THE PLACE**  
CH Tara I Get Around x GCH Lismore Catching Fire  
Owner/Breeder: Meg Ryan
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The SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis welcomed Wheaten fanciers to its 2018 Specialty Weekend, May 31-June 4. The weekend featured five shows with five-point major entries and two social evenings. All events were held at the comfortable Purina Event Center in Grey Summit, MO. The Specialty showcased 52 Wheatens from 22 different states, all looking their best.

Mr. Wood Wornall judged the SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis Specialty on Friday, June 1. Mr. Wornall selected GCHP J’Adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn as Best of Breed and awarded him a Terrier Group 3 later that day.

Pat Mullin, Lochlinear Wheats, judged 22 sweepstakes puppies. Her Best in Sweepstakes winner was Star Little Big Shooter from the Puppy Bitch 12-18 class.

The Specialty dinner, planned by Susan McGee, and silent auction, organized by Bonnie Kanter, were held Friday evening at the Checkerboard Cafe in the Event Center. Cindy Shea designed centerpieces featuring hand-crafted pottery votive candle holders which were awarded to lucky guests as attendance prizes. Cindy also coordinated the snack-filled welcome bags for Wheaten exhibitors.

Specialty trophies were artisan pottery items hand-crafted by Mississippi Mud Pottery. Best and Best Opposite in Sweepstakes received ringside grooming bags. The St. Louis Club offered trophies at the Thursday, Saturday and Monday shows also. Jinx Moore chaired the trophy committee. SCWT Club of America supported the entry on Sunday, offering medallions for the winners.

On Saturday evening the Club hosted a complimentary barbecue for all Wheaten fanciers on the covered patio outside the Purina Center. Guests visited with friends while enjoying the meal catered by Annie Gunn’s Smokehouse. Jeanine Salivati and Jinx Moore organized the barbecue.

Thank you to the Wheaten exhibitors and St. Louis Club members who made the weekend a success.

Sweeps Critique: Judge Pat Mullin, Lochlinear Wheatens

I was honored and delighted to be asked to judge Puppy Sweepstakes at the SCWT Club of Greater St Louis Specialty. I have exhibited in the past at this Specialty and I love the Club members and the venue. It was a pleasure to judge!!!

I was thrilled to see an entry of 22 puppies – recently we are seeing a limited entry in Sweepstakes and in the classes, which may mean fewer puppies are being shown or there are fewer breeders. Neither are good for the future of our breed.
I was pleased with the quality of the entry. Overall, I was very impressed with coat, top line and tail set. My choices were made on the basis of the puppy on the day. For some puppies, a little more ring experience and maturity may have changed the outcome. For other young puppies – I was very impressed with their ring presence.

Puppy 6-9 Dog

The winner of this class and ultimately my Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes, Windancer’s Fireworks After Midnight, is a young dog with confidence, ring presence and much more. He has a lovely coat, correct tail set with tail carried appropriately. His side gait easily covers ground and he is true coming and going. This boy has a bright future!

Second place in this class was Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without a Cork who loves the show ring. Underneath a lovely coat, this dog has a smooth neck to back transition and shoulders, level top line and correct tail set. I am looking forward to watching this dog mature.

Third place went to Star Hot Dam.

Fourth place went to Greentree Mombo In Margaritaville.

Puppy 12-18 Dog

The winner of this class, Orla Donegal Bay, was beautifully handled. This dog has a level top line and tail well set on.

Second place went to Orla Acacia Blackwater River. I learned after judging that this dog is a littermate to the first in class. This dog was new to the ring and will benefit from additional ring experience.

Third place was Heart of Gold Bleestar’s Sine Metu.

Fourth place went to Edgewood Problem Waiting To Be Solved.

Puppy 6-9 Bitch

The winner of this class, Saddlebrook’s Rock’N The Yellow Brick Road, has a smooth transition from neck to back under a lovely jacket. She has excellent angles front and rear. She is square with beautiful length of neck and head. Nice bend of stifles.

Second place in a competitive class was Star Fuzzy Naval Of Woodmore. This little girl loves the ring! She moved and stacked like a champion! Again – I learned after judging that this puppy was six months and a day! Another to watch as she matures.

Third place was Windancer’s Autumn In New York.

Fourth place went to Bradberry’s Havana Ooh Na-Na In Love.

Puppy 12-18 Bitch

The winner of this class, Star Little Big Shooter went on to be my Best in Sweepstakes. This girl has balanced proportions and angles. Her side gait shows reach and drive. Piloted by an experienced handler, this girl did not put a foot wrong.

Second place was Star Of The Sea. This bitch is a nice overall package – compact, correctly sized bitch.

Third place went to Orla River Shannon.
Breed Judge: Wood Wornall

WD & BOW: WHINDANCER'S FIREWORKS AFTER MIDNIGHT
GCH Whindancer's Fireworks At Westwind x CH Whindancer When My Heart Comes Home
Owners/Breeders: Susan Ratliffe & Art Miller & Abby Kochan

BOS: CH VILLANOVA ADAKO SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON
GCHB Villanova Blame It On The Bossanova x GCH Villanova Good Golly Miss Raleigh
Owners: Ray and Melissa Pickett & Cindy Phelps  Breeder: Cynthia Phelps

WB: HEART OF GOLD'S KWEEN NUALA
Wheatnbrook's Long May You Run x Dromara's Kween Of Them All
Owner: Susan Lorraine Owen-Fernandez  Breeder: Mrs. Lori J. Clark

SD: GCHB BRADBERRY'S THE ONE I LOVE
GCH Mackanme One Love One Heart x CH Bradberry's Summer Fiona Lilly
Owners: Sarah and Allen Berry & Deborah Van De Ven  Breeder: Deborah Van De Ven

BOB & GROUP 3: GCH J'ADORES STANLEY CUP TOEWS AT RAELYN (d)
GCH Rosheen Sufferin' Succotash x GCH Raelyn J'Adore Eiffel
Owners: Kim Munson & Kimberly Wright  Breeders: Kimberly Wright & Lynn Cone

SB: CH EDGEWOOD YOU HAD ME AT MERLOT
CH Lismore Mccormack's Dragon Song x CH Edgewood Rush
Owners/Breeders: James and Jessica Jackson & Carl McGill
**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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**AOM:** GCHB SUNDANCE'S FINNIGAN WAKE ME WHEN THE DREAM IS OVER (d)  
CH Knorra Tara Life In The Fast Lane x CH Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose  
Owners: Maureen MacSweeney & Sue Wuerz  
Breeders: Susan A. & Donald L. Wuerz & Juliana McKamey

**AOM & BOBOH:** CH STAR LITTLE BIG SHOT (d)  
CH Kaler Kick It Up A Notch x CH Star Dream It  
Owners: Maggie Evans & Denise Daniel  
Breeders: Diane and Frank Kortgoede & Denise Daniel
SCWTC Southern California Specialty

Cookin’ Up Something Special

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California welcomed Wheatens from all around the country to come enjoy their Specialty in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association Specialty Weekend June 22nd, 23rd & 24th. There were three days of fun and adventure at Santa Fe Recreational Park. Our Saturday show was a supported SCWTCA entry. We were honored to have the largest entry each day at Great Western Terrier Association’s show again this year. Our recipe for success - the weather delightful, the grounds green and beautiful, the ribbons and smiles plentiful!

This year’s theme was “Cookin’ Up Something Special” and our ring was decorated in a cooking theme by the amazing and talented design crew of Laura Virant, Joan Johnson & Carolyn Filling. The detail was incredible; the decorations that surrounded the ring were painstakingly painted to match our actual logo drawn by Beth Babos. Even the Wheaten ring markers were dressed in chef outfits lovingly sewn by Laura Virant. The trophy table was darling with a big white chef hat along with Wheaten characters complete with aprons and cookie sheet adorned with ribbons. The trophies were all handmade pottery thrown and painted by club member, Merrillee Ford.

A big hug and thank you to our faithful and wonderful ring stewards – Lynn Aquirre and Wilma Johnson. They keep our ring running smoothly every year and help the judges so very much… always smiling.

An army of wonderful volunteers helped make the ring and club tent perfect - a special thank you to those who lent a hand setting up and taking down, as well as their time each day: Allison & Paul Van Wig, Debbie Bowen, Conrad & Laura Virant, Joan Johnson, Carolyn Filling, the Fawley family, Jim Cohen, Bonney Snyder & Gilberto, Marilyn & Lauren Smith, Miriam Kahan, Beverly Streicher, Randy & Nancy Graves and Ann Leigh.

Our hospitality had its own tent this year and the table was heavily laden every morning with delicious sweets and savories donated by club members and incredibly organized by Hospitality Chair, Paula Radin. Lunches were little treasure boxes of deliciousness. We had umbrellas and lovely tables and chairs for our lunch and for dinner. Flowers and herbs decorated the tables and SCWT was spelled out in flowers on the head table. Extraordinary and beautiful!

Our boutique was chaired by the wonderful Miriam Kahan and we had many different artists who sold their wares. Miriam also took reservations for hospitality.

Lauren Smith was in charge of advertising and our “Cookin’ Up Something Special” inspired cookbook.

Thank you to Jackie Whitham for your ever diligent Specialty accounting.

Ann Leigh along with the help of Debbie Bowen presented a fabulous array of embroidered items for sale at the club table with the theme of the weekend. Our Rescue side of the club had hot mitts for sale, created and donated by Allison Van Wig.

Our awesome raffle was chaired by Allison Van Wig, along with the help of Sue Banas. They had an unbelievable collection of Wheaten artwork, jewelry and grooming aids – something for everyone! Thank you to all the kind people who donated the wonderful items. The lucky winners were awarded their treasures on Saturday afternoon before our “Dinner on the Green.”
Later in the evening our annual “Dinner on the Green” was held in the park and it was dazzling. Paula Radin and her husband Jim Anderson arranged a fabulous dinner of salmon, lobster, chicken and steak with grilled vegetables cooked right in front of us. A beautiful celebration cake for dessert was brought by Ann Leigh to celebrate new champions. It was a wonderful, happy evening. Ben Fawley was our auctioneer and he successfully raised monies through the sale of the Wheaten centerpieces endearingly made by Laura Virant.

That’s what our weekend was all about...dogs, friends, competition, eating extravagantly and having fun making memories. A temporary retreat from everyday living that slows the world down just long enough to give those ever-elusive moments of happiness ample opportunity to occur.

Our club would like to take a moment to thank our exhibitors, our judges, our volunteers, our friends and family...your involvement made the weekend so wonderfully tasty and delicious!

Sue Banas & Karla Baer Cohen – Specialty Chairs and the entire SCWTCSC clan

Sweeps Judge: Bergit Coady Kabel

BEST IN SWEEPS: HARBOUR HILL ONE IN A MILLION (b)
GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer x CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs
Owners: Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith  Breeder: Susan K. Sakauye

BEST SWEEPS: LEGACY KALOHE WINTERS TALE (d)
GCHS Pitterpat Allons-Y! x GCH Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind
Owners: Carol Kleinmaier & Jon Caliri & Karen and George Davis
Breeders: Karen and George Davis & Jon Caliri & Mary Brown
Breed Critique: Judge Gary Vlachos

I have so many fond memories of the Great Western weekend over the years. Being asked to judge this latest Southern Cal Wheaton Specialty will be yet another. The weather cooperated in that it wasn’t onerously hot. Having not been at this site, everyone was telling tales of last year about how oppressively hot and humid it was. Glad I wasn’t there!

While I have been ringside, it’s been a while since I have judged our breed. I was looking forward to getting my eyes up close, and my hands on the exhibits put before me. Overall my general impression was a positive one. Transitions through the shoulders were much improved. I saw very few necks “stuck” abruptly into the body. The shoulders were cleaner, less loaded. We still need to strive for greater reach of neck. While the proper “set on” helps, it will vastly improve with proper length in proportion to the entire dog.

For the most part, tail-sets were level, with a few rewarding me by being “set up and in” with plenty of rump behind! The body and bone of the exhibits were good. I don’t recall finding any dog being objectionably thin, or lacking appropriate musculature. On the contrary, I took the time to compliment those that I felt were exceptionally muscled up. We are a working terrier!

Movement on this day was generally balanced. While we strive for balance and moderation and indeed shun extremes, we still need to work on our angles so we can get the freer gait that befits a sporting terrier. My winners covered the ring nicely while still maintaining silhouette. I was delighted with the picture my WB/BOW presented to me on the go-around. The downbacks (mainly the downs) are a project for the breeders to work on for the next few generations!

Heads were vastly improved. More heads matched the bodies! Our heads do not exist in isolation. They must be relevant to the overall proportions of the body. There were a few, especially in my specials class that had exceptional balance and length of the head in relation to the entire dog. Back skulls, while better, still need to reach for best. Thick heavy back skulls do detract from the proper Wheaton expression when looking at the dog head on.

As does...

Ear size, and ear set! I am happy to say, dare I (?) that we may have turned a corner in what I feel has been a drag on our breed for the past few years.

While some of the sets could have been better, in general, gone were those awful houndy ears that would hang pendulously to the sides, begging the question if indeed, the Wheaton had been placed in the wrong Group! Many medium, a few small ears, set well, were apparent, lending to a much improved Wheaten expression.

Eye color and pigmentation was good. Bites while predominately scissor, still struggle with lower incisor alignment. It seems all too often as we strive for length of head we lose strength in the muzzle, especially in the under-jaw. Without the proper width and depth of the under-jaw, there’s no place for those teeth to sit. A terrier with a weak jaw is like a lumberjack with a hatchet and not an ax!

One final thought on heads. Our breed, for the most part, has escaped the “down-faced” syndrome that has befallen some of its other terrier brethren, but not entirely. It is there. It is so easy to overlook in our breed because we can pile on the hair in appropriate places to counter what’s going on underneath. It does not go unnoticed. Planes, parallel from the top of the skull to that of the muzzle, are a building block foundation to the headpiece and proper expression. My BOB this day ticked many of the boxes in the “head” department which added to his overall type and appeal.

The perceived hallmark of our breed and certainly the most nuanced is the coat. I usually leave it till last in my observations. It is because of its variability in color, texture, shine, and interpretations thereof that many prefer either to dwell on it ad nauseam or to, pardon the pun, brush over it lightly! I choose somewhere in-between. I recognize puppy coats can be somewhat plush, but should show signs of a wave, and have an open quality that is easily separated with the fingers. It also should demonstrate a willingness to flow as long as an appropriate amount of length has been left on in key areas. Color short of a dead white should be clear. Any preponderance of grey except for ears and muzzle, that isn’t age-related and shows no sign of clearing gets dinged! Wave to loose curls I love, especially when it lends itself to breaking up a too manicured look. Sheen, sheen tells me it is the proper hair structure, it will be open and will flow as asked for in our standard. My SD on this day carried the banner for all we look for in an outstanding Wheaton coat.
My winners on this day were:

Winners Dog- From the Puppy 9-12 class
Serendipity’s National Acclaim had a pleasing overall balance. Spot on tail-set with plenty of rump behind. Lovely headpiece, in balance with his body. His overall balance and make were apparent in his movement. Balanced gait without losing his silhouette.

Reserve Winners Dog- Callin Isle Autumn Runin’ Like The Wind was my Puppy 6-9 entry. I liked this dog a lot. He had the correct size, very square in outline, nice leg under him. Coat and color were good. He bowed to the eventual winner when he became a bit unsure of himself and dropped his tail. He will only improve with age.

Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners- Escapade By The Light Of The Moon captured my eye and held it throughout her time in the ring. I liked this bitch’s silhouette. She had good length of neck. Nice leg under her. A picture on the go around, holding her top-line, legs moving freely under her. Her down and back could have been tidier, but nothing to interfere with her movement. Topped off with a typey coat with the proper wave and flow!

Reserve Winners Bitch- Again came from my Puppy 6-9 class! Whindancer Under The Tuscan Sun was not as strong in her silhouette as my winners, but her transitions were very good, a nice tail-set, excellent coat and color, and a balanced gait to carry her to this win.

Best of Breed- CH. J’adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn ticked so many of our Standard’s boxes! Proper size, overall balance. Good leg under him. He covered the ground freely without losing his outline. Lovely up on your toes attitude without being aggressive, and of course that killer headpiece. When he looked at you, it said Wheaten!

Select Dog- was another dog ticking the boxes! CH Rosheen All That And A Smile, as I said earlier... had the best coat of the day. Excellent transitions.

Solid well-muscled body. A beautiful length of head added to his expression. He bowed to my breed winner in that he could have had a bit more leg under him for his overall balance, and his back skull, while not clunky, was not as clean as my breed winner.

Best Of Opposite Sex- GCHS Serendipity October Quest was a very appealing bitch. Good balance. I liked this bitch’s solid construction. She had good leg under her, a spot on tail-set and a lovely coat. Good type!

Select Bitch- a move up from the classes, Connemar She Moves IN Mysterious Ways RN, CGCA TKN obviously by all of her titles is a very busy girl! I think she’ll be busy in the conformation ring too if she wants! Again, another well-built girl (no pun here), that used herself well, beautiful type, good coat quality. Not quite as upstanding and square in silhouette as my BOS, but very much of the same ilk.

Cudo’s to my AOMs. All fine standard bearers!

GCHB Kolohe It’s Raining Sunshine (d)
GCH Atas Harbour Hill Take A Bao (d)
CH Lismore This Must Be The Place (b)
CH Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind (b)
CH Escapade Bonney Kolohelani (b)

The weekend was capped off with an outstanding raffle and catered picnic in the park. Who doesn’t love the work and camaraderie of the Southern Cal Club?!?!

Thanks again to all of my Southern Cal friends for this assignment. Always a pleasure, Always an honor.

Gary Vlachos
WD: SERENDIPITY'S NATIONAL ACCLAIM
GCH Reyem's Red Rover Come Over x GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend
Owner: Gwen Meyer    Breeders: Richard Allen Taylor and Camille Renee Taylor

WB & BOW: ESCAPADE BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON
CH Hullabaloo The Rookie x GCH Escapade Just A Minute
Owner/Breeder: Cynthia Lilly

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

SB: CH CONNEMAR SHE MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS RN, CGCA, TKN
GCH Greentree Moonstuck Mombomo Man x GCH Marymore Circle of Friends CGC
Owner: Constance Lynch Koehler    Breeders: Constance Lynch Koehler & Mary Peltier

BOS: GCHS SERENDIPITY OCTOBER QUEST (b)
GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend
Owner: Susan Solsby    Breeders: Richard Taylor and Camille Taylor & Patricia Mullin

SD: CH ROSHEEN ALL THAT AND A SMILE
CH Whindancer Tied Together With A Smile x CH Rosheen Acacia Christmas Isle
Owners: Eric Von Godenschwager and Reginald Martin & Melisa Lopez
Breeder: Melissa Lopez and Barbara Smith
SCWTCSC Specialty at Great Western

June 23 2018

Sweeps Judge: Peter Gaeta

Best in Sweeps: Harbour Hill One in a Million
GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer x CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs
Owners: Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith  Breeder: Susan K. Sakauye

Bos Sweeps: Cailin Isle Autumn Runnin Like the Wind
GCHS Bonney Bushel And A Peck CGC x GCH Bonne Antic Piece Of My Heart
Owners: Marshall and Barbara Ostrom  Breeders: Marhsall and Barbara Ostrom & Bonney Snyder

AOM: GCHB Kolohe It’s Raining Sunshine (d)
CH Legacy Wildest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Owner: Paula Radin  Breeders: M. Brown & S. Amorosia and G. Amorosia

AOM: CH Escapade Bonney KoloheLANI (b)
GCHS Bonney Bushel And A Peck CGC x GCH Legacy Escapade Kolohe Coille
Owner: Bonita F Snyder  Breeder: Cindy Lilly
Breed Critique: Judge Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

Thank you for this opportunity that I looked forward to for a long time. And I thoroughly enjoyed judging this entry- even if at times difficult decisions had to be made. Most dogs were clean and with one exception, temperaments were excellent. Immediately following Great Western I sold my house, judged in Wisconsin and from there, directly to Australia. My attempt to keep all paperwork available even after the movers had done their job failed due to a number of misunderstandings, but lo and behold, I just found my notes from the show- although barely readable.

As some of you might have heard already, I keep bragging about the fact that I made up the very first Wheaten terrier Champion in Norway in 1966-67. A lovely girl named CH Binheath Sweet Sorrell, imported from the UK along with a male who sadly ended up undershot and without coat! Binnie was never bred as we could not find a suitable male, but regarding show preparations and trying to find a partner for her, I was in touch with Maureen Holmes in Ireland by phone- and wish I had taped the conversations…

Anyway- I mention this experience not to claim any kind of expertise regarding the breed, but only to prove that it has for decades been a breed I have followed with great interest.

As those present at the show might have noticed, I made notes about the three first placings in every class, but reading through them I decided not to write an individual critique, but just comment about my impressions of the breed in general, based on the entry at this show only!

As most of you hopefully know, the breed standard in the US differs significantly regarding body length and proportions from the European version- and most remarkably regarding head proportions which here says, “skull and foreface of equal length,” while the UK version says “distance from eye to nose not longer, preferably shorter than from eyes to occiput.”

But regarding both body length and head proportions: When in Rome…. So judging the breed in the U.S. you go by the AKC standard, but it can be difficult to completely ignore what you once were taught.

Another issue which in many ways surprises me is that the breed standard here allows for a level bite, when the original asks for a scissors bite. For a breed with a history of serious bite issues, I personally think that is a huge mistake, but again: When in Rome… But still bear in mind that “level” means level – and not just all over the place.

The majority of the dogs were of good type, with pleasing heads although some appeared unbalanced due to extra length of foreface. Most of the class winners had acceptable ear carriage and size, but a number of exhibits had too large and heavy ears, which of course spoil the expression. The U.S. standard asks for slightly almond shaped eyes, but a number of dogs had too large, round and light eyes.

One of the puppies shown had eyes and expression to die for- and I wish I could have brought you into the center and shown it to you all!!

I keep boring the world by saying that by simply looking into a pair of eyes you should be able to identify a breed if you have sufficient knowledge- but, I suppose in today’s world that is too much to ask for???

If there are any reasons for real concerns, it has to be coat texture and color.

The part of the standard which says “Dogs that are overly trimmed shall be severely penalized” seems to be generally ignored by exhibitors as well exhibitors as judges- and I also realized that if I were to follow these instructions, there would be very few dogs left in consideration for top placings.

The only exhibit which stood as a natural example of these requirements was my BOW, a lovely bitch of proportions, coat and color acceptable anywhere.

I think it is important to remember that the standard asks for a soft, silky and gently wavy coat- and I suppose that many of the exhibits could live up to these requirements if just bathed and left to dry naturally without hours of repeated exposure to blow dryers, which sadly removes one of the most significant breed features!

As already mentioned, all my winners were in good body condition, moved well and showed typical SCWT attitude, which based on my experience is different from any other terrier.

I loved my BOB, BOS, BOW & WD who were all sound moving, well-built animals.

Many decisions could have been reversed, but “on the day” my BOB winner stood out.

And to finish on a positive note: Compared to the level of quality within this breed in Europe some 50 years ago, American breeders have done a great job bringing the breed to its current level- and also contributed to the improvement of the breed globally.

Thanks for the opportunity and Good Luck, but please try to follow the standard’s requirements for coat and presentation….
WD: CAILIN ISLE AUTUMN RUNNIN LIKE THE WIND
GCHS Bonney Bushel And A Peck CGC x GCH Bonne Antic Piece Of My Heart
Owners: Marshall and Barbara Ostrom  Breeders: Marshail and Barbara Ostrom & Bonney Snyder

BOS: GCHS SERENDIPITY OCTOBER QUEST (b)
GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x GCH Serendipity's Urban Legend
Owner: Susan Solsby  Breeders: Richard Taylor and Camille Taylor & Patricia Mullin

WB & BOW: HARBOUR HILL ONE IN A MILLION
GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer x CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs
Owners: Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith  Breeder: Susan K. Sakauye

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CH Harbour Hill Toy Story x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO
Owners: Dave and Sherrie Wight & Susan Sakauye  Breeders: Susan Sakauye & Jeanine Flavell

BOB: GCH J'ADORES STANLEY CUP TOEWNS AT RAELYN (d)
GCH Rossheen Sufferin' Succotash x GCH Raelyn J'Adore Eiffel
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We feel the Specialty coverage on these pages is diminished by the absence of numerous win photos, especially AOMs.
This, in spite of our diligent efforts to locate them, and the efforts of our regional Specialty chairs who work so hard to showcase the dogs that participate and win at their shows.
If your photo is missing, and should be included... we sincerely apologize.
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- BOS Sweeps - Legacy Kaloho Winters Tale (d)

**Best in Seeeps**
- Best in Seeeps - Harbour Hill One In A Million (b)
- BOS Sweeps - Cailin Isle Autumn Running Like The Wind (d)
In the nearly 20 years that I have been involved in the SCWTCGM’s Independent Specialty, the weather this year was the best that I can remember. The temps were in the low 70s, partly cloudy skies, with a nice breeze. The dogs were neither too hot, nor too cold, and the breeze gave nice flow to their coats. Each year we pray for great weather. We must have been especially good this year because we were blessed with fantastic weekend weather.

Our day started with Meet the Breed. This was a wonderful opportunity for those interested to learn about our SCWTs, their grooming requirements, temperaments, and health. Meggie (who owns Suzanne and Larry Larson) served as ambassador for our breed. Next, our sweepstakes (2 - 5) was held under the careful eye of Judge Nancy Liebes. She really enjoyed those puppies!

After a short break, our 31st annual summer specialty commenced under Judge Ms. Virginia Latham Smith (3 - 10 (2-2)). Nancy Andersen and Geoffrey Bilda served as our ring stewards and kept things organized for the judge. We were fortunate to have a 5-pt major in bitches. We don’t see that much in our area anymore. Congratulations to all of the winners!

After the award of Best in Specialty and the official picture taking, all who attended were invited to our complimentary luncheon. This gave everyone a chance to relax and visit and make plans for the weekend.

Thank you to hospitality chairs Carmen Glazier and Karen Lemke for organizing the food and making sure everything ran smoothly. There was some exciting competition for our fabulous raffle baskets. Congratulations to the lucky winners. Thank you to the raffle chairs Suzanne and Larry Larson and to Nancy Andersen for serving as emcee. And a gigantic “thank you” to those who donated items to the raffle. And, “thank you” also to the SCWTCA for supporting our show. It really means a lot for a small show like ours to have that support.

The Waukesha Kennel Club shows were held on Saturday and Sunday at the same location. Two more chances for 5-pt majors. Who could resist entering? Three Wheatens finished their championship in the shows on Friday-Sunday. The Wheaten entry at the WKC all-breed shows were supported by the SCWTCGM on both days.

We really appreciate all of our entries for making the trek to Wisconsin. We couldn’t – and wouldn’t - do the specialty without you. See you next year! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 26, 2019. We already have our judges lined up, but “shh” it is a secret.

Sweeps critique: Judge Nancy Liebes

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge the sweepstakes at your summer specialty. It’s always exciting to judge a new breed because you never know what’s going to happen. So imagine how excited I was when the entry number came in. An entry of that size is a great educational experience for a new judge.

It’s always a relief when the first puppy you judge is of exceptional quality. And he even ended up being my Best In Sweeps winner. He was a lovely, balanced, sound dog with a powerful balanced head with good fill and a strong muzzle. I also enjoyed finding his sister who was of equal quality. On any given day I would be thrilled to have her as a winner but her brother bested her this day.

The entry in general was very good. I enjoyed experiencing the different coats and then being able to see how they develop over time in the older dogs. Most
of my entry was of acceptable size, and temperaments were all good. I would have liked to see more reach in some of my exhibits and better drive off their rears, but puppies develop differently and you judge on the day. It will be fun to see some of these youngsters as they grow up.

**BEST IN SWEEPS:**  **STAR HOT DAMN**
GCHB Sundance Lucky Rover x CH Star Living The Dream.  
Breeder/Owner: Denise Daniel

**BOS IN SWEEPS:**  **STAR FUZZY NAVAL OF WOODMORE**
GCHB Sundance’s Lucky Rover x CH Star Living The Dream  
Breeders: Denise Daniel & Matt Milko  Owners: Mark A. Yourich & Denise Daniel

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**Breed Critique:** Judge Ms. Virginia Latham Smith

Thank you for the invitation to judge at your specialty. It is always an honor to receive an invitation.

The entry, in general, was good quality and I was very happy to see that most exhibits were medium sized, balanced and square, as specified in the standard. I will advise breeders to pay attention to the mouth and dentition. There were several exhibits who technically had a scissor bite but the teeth were not aligned in a neat row. Deviations of this type may lead to more serious issues in the future. Most were happy and self-confident.

Best of Breed – A medium sized, balanced dog with a square outline. His head is masculine and in proportion to his body. On the move he maintained a level topline and carried his tail properly. He moved freely with good reach and drive.

Best of Opposite – This bitch has a balanced head with a pleasing expression. She exhibited with self-confidence and moved easily, with reach and drive.

Winners Dog/Best of Winners – This is a young dog with a lot of promise. He is balanced and square in outline and exhibits with confidence. On the move, he maintains a level topline and proper tail carriage.

Winners Bitch – A young bitch with a square outline, level topline and high set tail. Like the other winners, she moved with reach and drive while maintaining her outline.

Thank you again for the opportunity to judge your specialty.
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