Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.

-Socrates
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This charming photo is of “Eiffel,”
BISS GCH Bryr Rose Symbol of Paris
chasing snowballs.
Photo, taken by owner, Michele
Connor, at her home in CT.
When I think of Montgomery and our National Specialty, I think back to memories of years past with chilly fall weather and a show ring of beautiful Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. While we weren’t graced with the cool weather this year, we certainly had a wonderful entry of Wheatens. I was especially happy to see so many lovely males in both the classes and Specials. The number of class dogs has been so lacking this past year even at specialties. Our entry at Montgomery bodes well for that trend to change!

Specialty Chairs Jinx Moore and Lori Kromash kept the entire week running smoothly. Their good humor and endless energy were evident at all events. Dr. Carmen Battaglia presented an exceptional education program and we received many, many positive comments. We are looking at the possibility of offering Part 2 of his presentation in 2019.

SCWTCA sponsored the first Scent Trial held in conjunction with the Performance events at Palmyra. It was an overwhelming success! Agility and Barn Hunt continue to gain popularity. As more and more sports are offered by AKC we continue to struggle with finding volunteers to help with Obedience and Rally. Participation in all the new events open to Wheaten's has shrunk the number of people available to help. The Board is looking at options for our Obedience/Rally Trial as we look to the future.

Our Grounds Chair Nancy Butler suffered an injury in September and sadly was unable to make the trip to Pennsylvania this year. This is a very important committee and fortunately, our Specialty Chairs, the Board along with many volunteers kept the hotel grounds in great shape. Thank you to all our members who pitched in to help and also to those with dogs who were so conscientious about cleaning up. I’m also happy to report that barking dog complaints were virtually non-existent!

Our annual dinner was a great success and I was happy to see several new members enjoying the evening’s festivities. The boutique, as always, was the ultimate shopping experience for those looking for that special Wheaten themed item. The awards presentation gave us all a chance to honor the accomplishments of our fellow members. For anyone new to the club, most of the awards are always presented the year following the achievement. This year the presentation was especially entertaining when Julie and Josh Burdick’s daughter, Jaelyn, came up to accept their Rescue Family of the Year award. After a quick boost onto a chair, Jaelyn happily took over the microphone and proceeded to tell us all about the dogs they had rescued. Could a SCWTCA presidency be in her future? We were also very pleased to award the AKC Sportsmanship Award to Bonney Snyder and our club’s Jan Linscheid Award to Cindy Shea. Please read more about these award winners and all the other honorees in the December Benchmarks and also in Wavelengths.

The warm Pennsylvania weather cooled a bit, just in time for our Sunday judging. The ring looked fabulous and was by far the most beautiful ring on the show grounds! Mums were difficult to find this year because of all the warm weather so a big thank you to Bill Behan and Gary Vlachos for driving all over the countryside to find the perfect ones for our ring. Morning hospitality was delicious and people returned many times to enjoy the hot coffee and pastries.

Sweepstakes and Specialty numbers were excellent again this year. The quality of dogs and bitches was evident as class after class of beautiful Wheaten’s filled the ring. Congratulations to all who earned wins and thank you to our Sweeps Judge Denise Daniel and Breed Judge Cindy Vogels! For the second time since being offered by the AKC, our Reserve Winners Dog qualified to receive a 3 point major based on the large class entry. Unfortunately, the bitch entry did not quite meet the number needed for major eligibility for Reserve Winners Bitch. Let’s hope that both will qualify again next year!

Everyone loves a party and Motor City always delivers as hosts of the “Farewell Gathering” on Sunday evening. This event is an annual favorite and offers a fun, casual finale to our specialty week. The Motor City “complimentary” raffle was fabulous and after a last minute flurry of ticket buying for the SCWTCA Raffle items, the winning tickets were drawn for the one-of-a-kind, Robyn Alexander designed necklace and the iPad with a custom cover!

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents to make this week such a success. Your dedication, hard work and love of the breed make our specialty celebration truly special and are why. . . “This is Us”

Cecily Skinner
From The Editors

Another Montgomery, another great event for SCWTCA.

Those of us who have been around for a few decades, remember and lament for the huge entries we once had at Montgomery and other shows. Nearly all breeds have seen a decline in entries. The AKC has also recognized the drastic drop in dog show entries across the country, and have made numerous changes and enhancements to conformation shows in an attempt to attract more people and retain those in the sport.

In 2010, the AKC introduced the Grand Championship title. Since that time, one can see from the chart (right) that the percentage of Champions competing has increased in comparison to the number of class entries. No total entry increase, just a shift in entry types. Other efforts by the AKC to make the sport more appealing have included introduction of the NOHS, BBE, 2 shows per day, 4-6 mos puppy class and awarding points to reserve winners at large specialities.

But, the fact remains that AKC registrations on the whole are in decline. The responsibility to keep this sport alive remains in our hands.

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Our goals for Benchmarks are to be informative, educational, provide health updates, cover summaries of our specialties, share worthwhile articles and support the Wheaten community. We strive to cover topics that interest our readers.

This last year has been a challenge to cover our specialties properly; missing summaries, judge’s critiques, and missing photos have hindered our ability to do a comprehensive job reporting. So again, on page 9, we have recapped what we need for Benchmarks to “make your specialty count.” We depend on local clubs for this information.

In a continuing effort to meet our Benchmark’s goals, we look to our readers for feedback and suggestions. This is our club’s publication...your publication. so if you have ideas and/or suggestions for topics please pass them on directly to Deb or me.

Helen Fraguela

Aftter the MCKC weekend Gay Dunlap posted this to FaceBook and Discuss ...

"Heading home this morning following MCKC ... I have a few free moments to comment on the Wheaten Terriers. I am so proud of our breeders, for what I saw was nothing short of awesome! What an amazing improvement in my breed! Soundness!!!...coming and going and on the go-around as well! I could have cried with delight! Onward and upward people. And heartfelt thanks for all the care and thought you people have so obviously put into your breeding programs!"

As you know these comments are in sharp contrast to the many years of criticism from the original breeders of the demise of our breed with loss of type, inconsistent quality, oversized dogs, gray in coats, long dogs and dogs lacking leg .... Finally, a glimmer of hope. Gay wasn’t the only one who noticed. I think the general buzz around the ring this year was positive.

So, breeders take heart; we may have turned a corner. Our efforts to breed healthy, well-tempered dogs, while also achieving breed type may be gaining momentum. Let’s keep it going and continue to keep our eye on breeding for all of those things at once. Be proud of the progress we’ve made and continue to strive for outstanding type and soundness in all of our dogs.

Deb Van De Ven
Meet Your New Board Members

New Recording Secretary:  Karen Bilda

I met my first SCWT during Meet the Breed at our Wisconsin State Fair in the early 80’s. At the time, we had an Old English Sheepdog and I knew our next dog needed to be smaller, but still furry with lots of character.

Our first Wheaten was Misty, who fit the bill perfectly. She was a great dog for our family and we were hooked. After we lost Misty, it took some time to find our next Wheaten. We wanted a female and the only dogs available from local breeders were males. Fate took us to North Carolina to get Kinsey (CH Galway K is for Kinsey). The breeder thought she was something special and wanted her to go to a show home. My husband, Geoffrey, and I decided we would make that commitment and have her shown to her championship. Many group placements later, we continued to have Kinsey compete for almost four years. Kinsey was a multiple Best in Specialty winner, multiple group winner, Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel Club, multiple AOM at the SCWTCA National Specialty, and a Best in Show Winner.

Since most of you already know, it is difficult to have only one Wheaten. Kandi (CH Winterwheat Kinsey’s Kandi Kiss) came to us as a puppy about two years after we had Kinsey. Next, we added Wexford (CH Winterwheat Klassic Kombo). Wexford originally belonged to friends of ours who both became ill and could no longer care for him. We couldn’t say “no” when they asked if we would take him. Shamrock came into our lives from the SCWTCGM rescue program.

Currently, we have Darcy (Jendu Darcy’s Wild Life). She is a joy, loves everyone and is a great fit for the two of us who are not so active anymore.

I am President of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Milwaukee, Treasurer of the Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (a group of breed clubs that hold their specialty shows on the same day in July), and a member of the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee. I have been a member of the SCWTCA since 2013 and co-chaired the 2017 National Specialty.

I retired in 2012 as Assistant Dean of the College of Business and Management at Cardinal Stritch University after 17 years of employment there. Prior to working at the college, I worked at AT&T in various capacities for 18 years. I have been married to my husband Geoff for 45+ years. He is a retired Deputy Sheriff’s Sergeant. We have one son, Andy, who has followed in his father’s and grandfather’s footsteps and is a Deputy Sheriff in Milwaukee County. We have 4 grandchildren ranging in age from 20 to 6, and two step-grandchildren. In my spare time, I am an avid reader and am a member of the Friends of the Oak Creek Library.

I am honored and thrilled to serve as the Recording Secretary of the SCWTCA.

New Director:  Kent Meyer

Having grown up in the sport of conformation dog shows I cannot remember a time when a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was not an integral part of our family. Apparently, I attended my first show dog when I was two weeks old. I began showing my first dog in junior showmanship and breed competition when I was 10. I met my wife in junior showmanship and later in the Wheaten breed ring, and we’ve been married since 1995. We have bred or shown four National Specialty winners and more dogs to their Championship Titles than we can recall. Our nine-year-old son, Luke, finished his first championship title on his Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, “Cutie,” winning a 5-point major while beating both Mom and Dad. He has gone on to get her first trick dog title also. We own three pet care facilities, employing a team of 50+ . We enjoy travel and have been to Italy and most recently on African safari. I’m hopeful that the experience I bring will contribute to the betterment of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier and the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs.
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Make Your Specialty Count!

Every local SCWT club holds at least one specialty each year, and we recognize how much work goes into planning and managing a specialty...it’s no “cake walk.” We (Benchmarks) want to highlight all that work and effort to “make your specialty count.”

This is an opportunity to make your club shine. All of us love reading about your shows, the judges critiques and seeing all the win photos.

In order to prepare a comprehensive report on your specialty, we rely on the show chair to work with us and arrange obtaining what we need for Benchmarks. Two or Three months ahead of time, we send you an email outlining our needs:

1. A brief write up (200-300 words) from you or your assignee discussing the overall weekend of events, activities themes, etc...

2. A copy of any art used to promote the Specialty

3. A couple of candid photos of the line up and perhaps the trophy table (with the coordinating team)

4. A written critique from both the sweeps judge and breed judge. It should be an overall commentary of the entry; what’s good, what needs improvement. Some judges like to go through each class with comments on each.

5. High resolution copies of the win photos for sweeps and breed. These are most effectively emailed to Helen by the photographer if that can be arranged.

6. We create a “Weekend at a Glance” listing winners for all other shows on the same circuit.

With this information, we can do a comprehensive job of covering the show., and highlighting you and your team’s role.

Most of these items must be planned well in advance of the show. Discuss all this with your judges and photographers to ensure they are well informed and can comply with our needs. If you are overwhelmed with details...make assignments and get the team involved.

Please do not wait to send each item... forward to Helen as soon as you receive them. This gives us the opportunity to begin a layout and avoid a last minute crunch. Keep in mind, Helen is also creating the complete issue layout, so the sooner we get pieces, the better.

We are happy to work with you and chase items down when necessary. We can also provide examples of critiques should you or judges need any guidance. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Remember, those who entered your specialty want to see this as well.
Understanding, Preventing, and Treating Dog Anxiety

By Anna Burke
Nov 29, 2016

If you or a loved one suffers from anxiety, then you know how difficult it can be to get through the day. What you might not know is that some dogs also suffer from anxiety.

Dog anxiety affects all breeds of dogs and can lead to serious behavioral problems if left untreated. Luckily, there are steps owners can take to help their dogs live with canine anxiety. Here are the symptoms, treatment options, and prevention techniques owners need to know about.

What Causes Dog Anxiety?

Dog anxiety can have several causes, according to the Merck Veterinary Manual. The most common are:

- Fear
- Separation
- Aging

Fear-related anxiety can be caused by loud noises, strange people or animals, visual stimuli like hats or umbrellas, new or strange environments, specific situations like the vet’s office or car rides, or surfaces like grass or wood floors. These fears may seem inconsequential to us, but they create a lot of anxiety for dogs.

Separation anxiety is estimated to affect around 14 percent of dogs. Dogs with separation anxiety are unable to find comfort when they are left alone or separated from their family members. This anxiety often manifests itself in undesirable behaviors, such as urinating and defecating in the house, destroying furniture and furnishings, and barking.

Age-related anxiety affects older dogs and can be associated with cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS). In dogs with CDS, memory, learning, perception, and awareness start to decline, similar to the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease in humans. This understandably leads to anxiety in senior dogs.
Symptoms of Anxiety

So how can you tell if your dog has anxiety? There are several important symptoms to look out for:

- Aggression
- Urinating or defecating in the house
- Drooling
- Panting
- Destructive behavior
- Depression
- Excessive barking
- Pacing
- Restlessness
- Repetitive or compulsive behaviors

By far the most dangerous symptom of dog anxiety is aggression. This aggression can be targeted directly or indirectly, depending on the situation. Direct aggression occurs when a dog acts aggressively toward people or other animals. Indirect aggression can be equally dangerous, and often happens when a person comes between the dog and the source of the dog’s aggression, such as another dog. Even if a dog is prevented from harming others, aggressive behaviors such as growling or barking can lead to dangerous situations for humans and dogs alike.

Urinating and defecating in the house are common symptoms of separation anxiety. Anxious dogs often work themselves up to the point that they pee or poop in the house, even if they are housebroken. This is frustrating for owners and can cause damage to property, not to mention the unpleasantness of the cleanup.

Destructive behavior is also common with separation anxiety. The damage is usually located around entry and exit points, like doorways and windows, but dogs in a state of heightened anxiety are also at risk of harming themselves. Attempts to break out of dog crates, windows, and even doors can result in painful injuries and expensive veterinary treatments.

Treating Dog Anxiety

The best way to treat anxiety is to talk with a veterinarian. She can help you identify the type of anxiety your dog suffers from and the possible causes and triggers. Veterinarians can also rule out any other medical conditions that could be causing your dog’s symptoms.

Your vet will help you come up with a treatment plan. Since anxiety is often caused by a variety of factors; the best way to treat it is usually through a combination of training, preventative strategies, and in some cases, medications.

Training and Counterconditioning:

There are several training strategies dog owners can use to treat anxiety. One way is counterconditioning. The purpose of counterconditioning is to change your dog’s response to the stimuli responsible for anxiety, usually by replacing the anxious or aggressive behavior with a more desirable behavior, like sitting or focusing on the owner.

Another training strategy is desensitization. The owner slowly introduces the dog to the source of anxiety, preferably in small doses and at a decreased intensity. Repeated exposure and rewarding positive behavior can go a long way toward managing anxiety.

You might want to contact a professional dog trainer to help you choose the best approach for your dog, as training an anxious dog is not always easy.

Anxiety Medications for Dogs:

Some cases of anxiety are so severe that your veterinarian may recommend medications or natural therapies. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRIs) and antidepressants are occasionally prescribed for dogs with anxiety, including fluoxetine and clomipramine. For predictable anxiety-producing events like thunderstorms, fireworks, or car rides, your vet might prescribe a medication such as benzodiazepine in conjunction with an antidepressant to help your dog cope with the stress.
Senior dogs with cognitive dysfunction syndrome may benefit from the drug selegiline, which can help reduce some of the symptoms of CDS. Selegiline is also used for treating chronic anxiety in Europe.

The Merck Veterinary Manual also states that natural therapies and products can help dogs with anxiety. Some products work best in conjunction with other medications, while others can be used alone, depending on your dog’s case. Natural products use pheromones and aromatherapy to reduce anxiety. Talk to your vet about the natural products best suited for your dog.

**Preventing Dog Anxiety**

It is hard to predict if a pet will develop anxiety, but there are ways to help a new dog or puppy avoid anxiety-related problems.

**Body Language**

One of the best things you can do is learn to **read dog body language**. Knowing when your dog is uncomfortable or scared can help you avoid negative experiences or use them as a positive training moment. Body language can also tell you when a dog is getting anxious, which is especially useful if your dog has a history of aggression-related anxiety.

**Socialization**

Proper **socialization** can prevent the development of anxiety. Introducing your dog to new people, dogs, animals, places, and experiences can help them avoid an exaggerated response down the road, and helps them become well-adjusted canine citizens.

**Obedience**

Obedience training is an essential tool for preventing and managing anxiety. It lays the foundation of a healthy relationship and establishes trust. A well-trained dog is easier to socialize than a dog without training, and obedience classes are a great place for dogs to meet other dogs in a controlled environment.

**Exercise and Nutrition**

Regular exercise and stimulation are crucial for a dog’s development, physical, and mental well-being. A stimulated dog is less likely to pick up destructive behaviors, and **good nutrition** is equally important for your dog’s health. Making sure you take care of your dog’s physical and mental needs can help you prevent any behavior problems that don’t stem from anxiety, letting you know the areas where your dog needs the most help.

**Situation Avoidance**

If your dog has been diagnosed with anxiety, you can also try to avoid or prevent situations that trigger your dog’s anxiety. For example, if you know that your dog grows anxious around large groups of dogs, you should avoid dog parks. Avoidance does not mean that you need to put your life on hold, but it can reduce some of the stress on you and your dog.

If the source of the anxiety cannot be avoided, preventative measures like leashes, body harnesses, and, in some cases, basket muzzles can prevent dangerous situations. Once you know your dog’s triggers, you can prepare for these situations ahead of time.

**Take Action Now**

Don’t let your dog’s anxiety take control of your life. With the right treatment strategy, you can help your dog overcome his anxiety and prevent dangerous and destructive situations from happening in the first place. If you think your dog might have anxiety, talk to your veterinarian today about a treatment plan that best fits your dog and your lifestyle.
Healthy Ear Maintenance for Your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, like most dogs, require regular ear maintenance. It is important for you to periodically check your dog’s ears to ensure that they are healthy and free of bacteria or yeast. Bacteria and fungi can build up and cause an infection, especially in long-coated, drop-eared breeds such as Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. To avoid problems, keep your dog’s ears clean, dry, and well-ventilated. It is important to recognize and treat ear infections early as recurring ear infections may be caused by an underlying skin disease.

To pull or not to pull:

There are different schools of thought on pulling the hair in the healthy ear or cutting the hair inside the ear. You should discuss this process with your breeder and veterinarian to determine which approach to take. Remember, we are only talking about a healthy ear. Make it a point to smell your dog’s ears when you pet them. If the ear smells fine you don’t need to do anything; if it starts to smell ripe, then you must start treatment.

Cutting the hair: Many vets and breeders believe that unless there is a problem, you should not pull the hair but rather cut the long hairs away with small scissors. The belief is that if the ear is dry and clean, it does not need to be plucked. The hairs in the ears serve as a protectant. If there is a discharge, redness or odor take your dog to the veterinarian immediately. The rule of thumb is if the ear is healthy, leave it alone except for basic grooming. This would include the elimination of ear cleaning solutions for regular maintenance as those are considered a foreign contaminant to the ear.

Pulling the hair: The other school of thought is to periodically pull the long hairs out of the ear. Keep the inside of the ears free of excess hair to avoid accumulation of wax and debris. “In a healthy ear either you, your groomer, or your veterinarian can either use your fingers, use a blunt-nosed, sterilized hemostat or tweezers and gently pull the hair out of the ear cavity. A small amount of ear powder sprinkled on the hair will make it easier to grip. The ears are sensitive, so work slowly and considerately. Do not remove too much hair at once; rather, remove small quantities at frequent intervals. Check ears regularly for redness or odor, which may indicate infection. (If there is a discharge, redness or odor take your dog to the veterinarian immediately, see below). Cut away excess hair from around and beneath the ear.”

Be aware that there are external conditions that negatively affect your Wheaten Terrier’s ear canal. Swimming, excessive bathing, other animals licking the ear, and damp environments are examples of these external conditions. If your dog is exposed to these conditions, extra precautions should be taken. If you find that your pet gets ear infections after swimming, bathe the dog with a hypoallergenic shampoo after swimming or, at the minimum, rinse your dog’s coat with water and then, dry out the ears with a cloth. Consult with your vet about topical ear-drying products.

Grooming the healthy ear:

“Clean off the ears using a #10 blade on the inside and a #7 blade on the outside-BUT only clipping the bottom 2/3 of the outside ear with the #7 blade. Clip from the center of the ear towards the outside edge, to avoid nipping the folds on the inside edge of the ear. Scissor off the fringe of coat around the leather of the ear”.

Photos of an ear before, during and after grooming:
Ear Infections:

Signs your wheaten has an ear infection:
1) The dog is scratching and/or shaking his ear
2) Head tilt
3) Loss of balance
4) Odor
5) The infected ear may droop

If your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier has an ear infection, it is important to seek immediate veterinary care. Do not attempt to clean or groom the ear at this point. Ear infections are very painful for the dog. These infections can be caused by either allergies, or the introduction of some foreign material such as a foxtail, or a parasite, and for some dogs that would include water or a cleaner/powder. This creates an unhealthy environment for the otherwise normal flora of the ear canal.

Allergies, skin rashes, and sores can manifest within the ear as well as other areas on the dog’s body. Ear infections may be the only sign your veterinarian has that the dog has environmental or food allergies.

Yeast is a particularly difficult and stubborn medical condition. If you suspect a yeast infection, it is important to see a veterinarian right away. Ask your veterinarian to examine your dog’s skin under a microscope or perform an ear cytology. Many dogs will need to be sedated to have this procedure performed. Sedation is a humane way to clean the ears and perform necessary medical procedures. A pain reliever may be prescribed by your veterinarian. Treatment of yeast skin or ear infections will require either topical or oral medication including antibiotics. Be diligent in treating the infection and do not stop the medication prior to the prescription directions. It is important to always finish medication. As with all chronic ear problems, it is also important to investigate any potential underlying diseases which may be triggering the yeast infection.

Going untreated or as the result of chronic infections, the infection may reach the middle ear; affected dogs may have a head tilt, a lack of balance, and unusual back-and-forth eye movements. These symptoms are called “vestibular signs” and represent a serious complication of the middle ear infection. Middle ear infections can also cause paralysis of the facial nerve, leading to a slack-jawed appearance on that side of the face. Dogs with ear infections endure chronic pain. Left untreated or because of chronic infections, the ear drum becomes permanently damaged, which can then spread to the middle ear. The dog can go deaf, possibly requiring an expensive surgery that can include removing the entire ear canal. Chronic infections permanently damage the ear drum. These dogs can require medication and treatment for the remainder of their lives. Regular maintenance can aid in reducing recurrent infections, but understand that the dog will always be at risk for future infections.

   http://www.scwtca.org/pubs.htm
   http://www.scwtca.org/groom/index.htm
The **FDA launched an investigation** into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grain-free diets. We’ve compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

**What is the FDA Investigating?**

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog’s health is important to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog’s well being. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

“The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received a number of reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease.”

**What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?**

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include **Doberman Pinschers**, **Great Danes**, **Newfoundlands**, **Irish Wolfhounds**, and **Saint Bernards**. While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, **English** and **American Cocker Spaniels** are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like **Golden Retrievers**, **Labrador Retrievers**, **Whippets**, **Bulldogs**, and **Shih Tzus** all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

**Should you be Concerned About Grain-Free Diets?**

According to Dr. Klein, “At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs.”

As a general rule of thumb, the best thing you can do for your dog’s dietary health is to consult your veterinarian, not the internet. Together you can weigh the pros and cons of your dog’s diet and if necessary monitor your dog for signs of DCM.
It was at dinner with a group of Wheaten breeders during MCKC several years ago that I had the opportunity to share what Take The Lead had done for me. Someone suggested that I share my story with the Wheaten community, which I am finally getting around to doing.

Take The Lead was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit foundation under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS code. The goal of Take The Lead is to provide direct services, support and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who suffer the devastation of life-threatening or terminal illness. The goal expanded in September 2016 to provide one-time emergency disaster relief to those affected by disasters such as floods, fires, earthquakes and similar life altering events.

My story. I was diagnosed with Metastatic or Stage IV Breast Cancer in March 2013. At the time I was a commissioned sales person; if I couldn’t work I wasn’t earning money. I had to take five months leave after leaving the hospital upon diagnosis. Short-term disability lasted two months and didn’t begin to approach my income while working. March to July of 2013, Jackie Gottlieb called me weekly to see how I was doing. Over the course of several conversations, Jackie convinced me to apply to Take The Lead for financial help. I asked Gay Dunlap if she would also sponsor my application. Gay readily agreed.

The process of applying was simple, done online at www.takethelead.org. I asked for help with my car payment for a month or two. I heard back from Take The Lead in a matter of days. TTL was going to pay my mortgage for four months. I never asked for this amount of aid and was embarrassed that I was in this situation yet ecstatic by Take The Lead’s generosity.

I returned to work part-time in July but had to take long-term disability in November due to the side effects of Chemo making it impossible to work. If Take The Lead had not read through my application as thoroughly as they had, calculated my monthly financial commitments and realized my application request was greatly understated, I would have lost my house, my car and who knows what else.

Every year I make as many donations to Take The Lead as I can. It is my way of thanking them and hoping I can help others who need TTL’s help.

Please understand that all applications to Take The Lead are strictly confidential. By sharing my story, I hope you have a better understanding of what TTL does. Ideally, please add Take The Lead to the list of organizations that you donate to. They are visible at many shows, you can stop by and donate in person or go to www.takethelead.org and make a donation online.

Follow Take The Lead on Facebook. TAKE THE LEAD is there to help the fancy.

Thank you Jackie Gottlieb, Gay Dunlap and Take The Lead for helping me fight my cancer battle. I truly believe that your support has helped me in beating the odds along with retaining my home as well as my dignity.

Take The Lead relies upon membership, donations and fundraising events held around the country. There are many ways that you can help: through your donations, by becoming a member and being a participant in fundraising events. https://takethelead.org/product/donation/
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.
Are responsible breeders outlaws?
Of course not, you say. The Animal Rights movement thinks we’re outlaws but we aren’t.

A better question: Do responsible breeders operate outside the law?
Again, of course not... more or less. Early this year, The Washington Post reported the arrest of a prominent, accomplished breeder and handler for cropping ears. Dogs were seized. In the state of the breeder’s residence, cropping must be done by a veterinarian and this person isn’t a vet. Allegations the cropping was done without anesthesia were vehemently denied. Ultimately the person negotiated a plea deal for probation.

The person had been turned in by someone who had worked at their kennel. Rumors suggested this person was operating undercover, perhaps at the behest of the humane society or an animal-rights group. The situation was not made any better by the interview given to the newspaper in which the breeder/handler came across as imperious and unrepentant, pointing out her late spouse was a vet who had taught her what to do, that they could crop ears better than any vet and that the whole thing was ridiculous. (Lest one think the reporter took comments out of context...well, I wasn’t present at the interview but it sounded like the person whom I’ve encountered at shows for the last 30 years.) Days before Montgomery, they were rearrested while still on probation.

As one can imagine, there was PLENTY on social media from the dog fancy. People fretted, “it could happen to any of us.” They blamed the animal-rights movement for spying. They defended the person as an outstanding breeder who could crop better than anyone. They debated whether anesthesia was used.

Here’s what I think: it’s a shame the person’s great career ends this way. But the “spy” didn’t crop the ears. The breeder didn’t magically become a vet by virtue of marriage. She could have relocated if they didn’t like the law. She could have worked with a vet.

She broke the law, but I’m not manning the ramparts in her defense. Nor should any responsible breeder.

Wheatens aren’t cropped but responsible breeders should still take this story to heart. The obvious comparison: if you’re docking tails yourself, is it legal in your state?

There are lots of other laws to think about. Dog limits in your municipality...that you take great care of your dogs, rotate them in and out, keep your yard clean and make sure they are quiet doesn’t change the fact that if you are over your municipality’s limits, you may well face unpleasant consequences. All it takes is one call from a neighbor who isn’t a dog fan.

Licensing goes hand-in-hand with dog limits...I know, you’ve got one or two extra and don’t want to raise eyebrows. Or you aren’t happy about giving the rabies vaccination. It’s still the law. As an aside, many years ago, I had friends with Kerries who went on vacation. One dog got out and bit someone. The dog wasn’t licensed and the dog sitter didn’t have access to vet records. It took a lot of phone calls, a lot of cooperation from their vet, and it was touch and go to keep the dog out of quarantine.

“Puppy Lemon Laws?” Yep, they exist in a lot of states and you’d better know them. If you’ve been doing this long enough and dealt with enough potential owners, you’ve surely come across someone who you could picture dropping a dime on you.

Before you start complaining about the animal-rights agenda and how all of this is going to decimate responsible breeding, fair warning: I don’t want to hear it. Back in the day, I took a few constitutional law courses and I didn’t see anything suggesting “a Right to Breed Dogs.”

Consider this column a call to arms: read those legislative alerts and respond.

But I also want you to think about something else: everything that’s involved in being a responsible breeder. We know it means taking care of your dogs, breeding thoughtfully, nurturing parents and puppies and...
supporting owners. It’s those things that separate “us” from “them”…the commercial and backyard breeders.

I believe responsible breeding is more. More than our dogs, our litters and those who have put their trust in us. We…every one of us…has a responsibility to the world of purebred dogs.

When one of us behaves as if we’re above the law, the image of responsible purebred dog fanciers is diminished. When we don’t respond to phone inquiries and emails, when we brush off the public, when we let our dogs misbehave at a hotel, when we act out online, when we are jerks at a dog show….we’re saying the rules of good manners don’t apply to us. And do NOT even mention fake service dogs to me because unless you’ve been under the care of a physician who will provide an affidavit that without Poopsie, you’ll have an anxiety attack on the plane, I just don’t believe you’re doing anything other than gaming the system.

All that’s a lot more privileged and entitled than charging a lot for a puppy. When the public sees it, they’ll turn away…and the day we need them to support us against anti-breeding legislation, they won’t be there.

You can still embrace your inner elitist…a favorite phrase of mine. But understand it means that purebred dogs are important, they need to be bred, raised and placed responsibly and we don’t need to apologize for it.

I’m privileged to be able to breed and raise purebred dogs. I’m so lucky to be able to show my dogs, something I have never appreciated more than I do now. Let’s all be grateful for the world of purebred dogs and drop the air of entitlement…while we still can.
Sweeps Critique, Judge: Beth Sorenson

I had a small but nice entry for sweepstakes at the GDSCWTC specialty on August 17, 2018.

6-9 puppy bitch

First to Stratford Read All About It who had good length of leg under her and a beautiful head.

9-12 puppy bitch

First to Stratford Better By Design who had a beautiful coat, ears and shoulder layback.

Best in Sweepstakes to the 9-12 bitch who was the better mover of the two on the day.

There were two entries each in veteran dogs and bitches.

Veteran Dog

1st place to GCHS Mirikal Double Top Breakout NA NAJ RATS who had a beautiful outline, topline and tailset.

2nd place to Rosheen Acacia Jack Frost who had a long head and correct ears.

Veteran Bitch

1st place to GCH Lismore The World According To Me, a nice mover and compact package.

2nd place to CH Touchstone First Love (at 13!) had nice ears and shoulder and apparently likes her dinner!

Best veteran to the dog who was in beautiful condition and showed like he never left the ring.

Thanks to all who showed, I enjoyed my judging assignment.
Greater Denver SCWTC Independent Specialty #1, Judge Robert Shreve (no critique available)

**BOB: GCHB CH HARBOUR HILL DOUBLE DOG DARE**  
CH Harbour Hill Toy Story x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO  
BREEDER: Susan Saauye  
OWNER: David & Sharon Wight & Susan Sakauye

**WB: STRATFORD BETTER BY DESIGN**  
CH Stratford Top Priority x CH Stratford Better than Betty Monroe  
BREEDERS: Traci Mumm & M. O'Connell  
OWNERS: Ellen Mumm & Molly O'Connell

**RWB: BLESSING STRONG AND KIND**  
CH Rosheen All That and A Smile x GCH Blessing All In The Family  
BREEDER: Lise & William Morgan & Robyn Reid  
OWNER: Lise Morgan & William Morgan

**SD: CH LISMORE RETURN OF THE KING**  
GCHG CH Lismore McCormack's Dragon Song x GCH Lismore World Without End  
BREEDER/OWNER: Meg Ryan

**SB: GCH CH TOUCHSTONE SPOOK-TACULAR**  
CH Reflections Here Come The Son x CH Touchstone Polka Dot  
BREEDER/OWNER: Shelly Sumner

**BOS: GCH CH LISMORE THIS MUST BE THE PLACE**  
CH Tara I Get Around x GCH Lismore Catching Fire  
BREEDER/OWNER: Meg Ryan
Greater Denver SCWTC Independent Specialty #2 Critique: Judge Lorraine Bisso

I would like to thank the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club for the invitation to judge the August 17 Specialty. The standard is an excellent blueprint for this working, all-purpose Terrier. Coat, silhouette, head, and attitude are hallmarks of the breed and uppermost in mind when judging this entry. Overall I would commend the exhibitors for the correct size of most entries, the lovely condition, good coats in various stages, and the good temperament characteristic of the breed. One class bitch in particular had unbelievable muscle tone that was much appreciated. There were however unbalanced heads with short and/or weak muzzles, round eyes, and poorly placed ears, as well as low tailsets which detracted from the desired breed portrait.

Winners Bitch was the Bred By Exhibitor winner, Stratford Better By Design whose balance of muzzle to back skull, eye and ears were pleasing.

Feminine and moderate in size, her smooth shoulder and overall balance enabled her to cover ground easily and efficiently.

Reserve Winners bitch to the 6-9 month puppy Stratford Read All About It. She is a promising puppy of moderate size, good coat for her age with a lovely eye and expression.

Best of Breed was GCHB Harbour Hill Double Dog Dare who offered a square silhouette with a good tailset, a balanced rectangular headpiece with a beautiful eye, ears, and expression, and balanced angles which he used to great advantage in sound and efficient movement both on the down/back and from the side. Presented in good coat, the overall picture carried him to this award.

Best of Opposite to Stratford Better By Design from the Bred By Exhibitor class

Select Dog was GCHG Ainle Something to Talk About. A handsome dog pleasing in silhouette both standing and moving. Coat and texture are quite lovely.

Select bitch to GCH Lismore This Must Be the Place whose coat texture, side gait, and overall appeal are among her virtues.

Award of Merit to GCHB Kolohe Its Raining Sunshine, a masculine dog possessing a strong headpiece, good bone and a solid, level back.

Award of Merit to Ch Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without A Cork who radiates SCW personality! The catalog reveals him to be not quite 10 months old and his self confidence and alertness mark him as a Wheaten through and through while showcasing his outline!
**WB/BOS: STRATFORD BETTER BY DESIGN**  
CH Stratford Top Priority x CH Stratford Better than Betty Monroe  
BREEDERS: Traci Mumm & M. O'Connell  
OWNERS: Ellen Mumm & Molly O'Connell.

**SD: GCHG AINLE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**  
GCH Lochlinear Glenngay Cha Ching x GCHG Aine Villanova Mouth Of The South CGC.  
BREEDER: Kathi Elliot  
OWNER: Linda Robison.

**RWB: STRATFORD READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
CH Stratford Please Remember Me x CH Stratford Bestseller  
BREEDER: Molly O'Connell  
OWNER: Ted & Trinna Eckles and M. O'Connell.

**SB: GCH CH LISMORE THIS MUST BE THE PLACE**  
CH Tara I Get Around x GCH Lismore Catching Fire  
BREEDER/OWNER: Meg Ryan.

**BOB: GCHB CH HARBOUR HILL DOUBLE DOG DARE**  
CH Harbour Hill Toy Story x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO  
BREEDER: Susan Saauye  
OWNER: David & Sharon Wight & Susan Sakuye.

**AOM: GCHB KOLHOE IT’S RAINING SUNSHINE**  
Ch Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige  
BREEDERS: M Brown & S Amorosia & G Amorosia  
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Whindancer Wheatens

NEW CH Whindancer’s Fireworks After Midnight

Redford

GCH Whindancer’s Fireworks At Westwind X
CH Whindancer’s When My Heart Comes Home

Thank you,
Gwen & Kent Meyer
for showing
our boy!

Finished with 5 majors at 12 months
- Best In Sweeps Bucks 2018
- Best Opposite in Sweeps St. Louis 2018
- WD BOW Devon 2018

Susan Ratcliffe, Art Miller and Abby Kochan | 585-377-1994 | Macedon, NY 14502
IT STARTED WITH A MORNING GLORY

#2 Bitch 1985 ~ CH Wildflower Morning Glory ROM “Jennifer”

First litter 1987 ~ SIX CHAMPIONS OF FIRE, including:

#1 SCWT CH Harbour Hill
Fire Starter “Ian”

#4 SCWT CH Harbour Hill
Firestorm “Sean”

WE HONORED THE LATE CHARLES SCHULTZ WITH CLASSIC PEANUTS AND 5 SPECIALTY WINNING KIDS

CH Harbr Hill Where’s My Blanket? “Linus”

CH Harbour Hill Rerun van Pelt “Rerun”

CH Harbour Hill Peppermint Patty “Snickers”

WE HIT THE RED CARPET WITH DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

CH Harbour Hill at Wisteria Ln ROM “Mary Alice”

#4 specialty winning CH Harbour Hill Mike Delfino “Mikey”

WE TOURED CONCOURSE D’ELEGANCE

CH Harbr Hill Delorean Palm Run “Lori”

CH Harbour Hill Ferrari Palm Run “Frankie”

CH Harbour Hill Porsche Palm Run “Porsche”
WE CELEBRATED DISNEY WITH THE PIXAR KIDS

WE CRASHED AT HOTELS

CH Harbour Hill Penthouse Suite “Snickers”

CH Harbour Hill Ritz-Carlton “Scamp”

WE GOT OUR JUST DESSERTS

CH Harbour Hill Choc Souffle “Sugar”

CH Harbour Hill Creme Brulee “Taylor”

WE SHOPPED AT RODEO DRIVE

Harbour Hill Revisits Rodeo Drive, Winnie, Marcus, Gil and Kit

76 CHAMPIONS LATER, IN 2018 WE BRING YOU 5 CHs OF CHRISTMAS STORY, INCLUDING;

CH Harbour Hill Deck the Halls “Holly”

GCHB Harbour Hill A Christmas Story “Guinness”

BISS GCHB Harbour Hill Double Dog Dare “Mr. Utley”

THE FUTURE

MEET THE IRREPRESSIBLE

Harbour Hill One in a Million

MILLIE

HARBOUR HILL WHEATENS

Striving for consistency, soundness, movement & temperament

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2018 SCWT CANADIAN NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREED, BEST PUPPY & BEST CANADIAN BRED at just 9 months of age!

We are very excited to announce that Piper is now...

BISS CH Keepsake Tyrone Surf'n Pipeline

Bred by Shari & Sydney Robinson
Owned & Loved by June Fraser, Lana Campbell, Jack Slack & Shari Robinson - Tyrone Wheatens
Beckett finished in three weeks with four majors!

Thanks to Diane Byra, Michele Connor, and his great handler, Brian Tuel for this exciting new Amaden champion!

Amaden Wheatens

(717) 350-8443

Breeder: Emily Holden
Owners: Diane Byra & Emily Holden
CH Star Little Big Shot
CH Kaler Kick It Up a Notch X CH Star Dream It

Junior is Kicking It Up a Notch in the Ring!

Finished in three weekends at 10 months of age, and then went on to receive an AOM & BOBOH at the St. Louis Specialty

Breeders: Denise Daniel and Frank & Diane Kortgoede, Owners: Denise Daniel and Maggie Evans
CH Star Hot Damn
GCHB Sundance Lucky Rover x CH Star Living The Dream

Wisconsin Specialty; Harvey takes WD/BOW to complete his Championship, then on to OH Group 2 and BIS sweeps

Harvey and sister Claire do a “double-take” winning both Best in Sweeps and Best of Opposite

Denise Daniel 734-558-8442 ddddddstar@comcast.net Owner/Breeder: Denise Daniel
Emerald Isle Wheatens Celebrates Another New Grand Champion

GCH Harbour Hill At Neiman Marcus CGC, TKN
CH Pitterpat’s Blue Bayou x CH Harbour Hill French Pastry

“Marcus”

Breeders: Joan Wright, Rebecca Smith and Susan Sakuye

Emerald Isle Wheatens

Owner-handled
Owners: Greg & Sandy Reburn, Susan Sakuye
Walnut Creek, CA
reburn@sbcglobal.net
Breed Critique: Judge Jamie Hubbard

Firstly let me say what an honor it was to be asked to judge your specialty on such a prestigious weekend. Although somewhat new to judging your breed, I have been fortunate enough over the years to have some great long-standing mentors.

Your standard is very specific about certain qualities, most importantly the silhouette. This was first and foremost in my mind, and on some occasions I forgave some faults in preference to the overall outline. Secondly your head properties are again very specific which is what makes their heads different to some of the other Irish terrier breeds.

As an overall view, I will say that I thought the Wheatens today were better than I observed at your national two years ago. This pleases me to no end. I had no incorrect bites and might have had 2-3 coats which I found unacceptable. Now on to some specific dogs.

Let’s start at the top. My BOB dog from the 9-12 class. Upstanding, square, great tail set and excellent coat. His head was truly rectangular with clean cheeks and good eye. He was a standout in WD. It never really crossed my mind that he might win the breed, until the end when I started comparing him to the specials. I also think he somehow knew towards the end that, he himself, was at an important event in the way he carried and collected himself. The handler let him stand alone on most occasions which is where he looked his best. I was besotted.

BOS was a champion bitch of excellent type. I loved her size and how she felt to the touch. I am a sucker for short hocks and she is blessed here. Again she was the correct shape with a great head and in excellent coat. Imagine my surprise when the young lady told me it was son/mother. That made my day.

Winners bitch from the bred by class was also gorgeous. She was the correct shape and carried herself beautifully around the ring. She was great to the touch with excellent parts to her.

Reserve Winner dog from Open was a well-made dog, short-backed and of correct size. I loved his clean rectangular head and again he looked his best free standing. I would clean up his color a little if I was being ultra picky.

Reserve winner bitch was from the 9-12 class. A wonderful-size dbitch and correct shape with good head and eye. She is young and has some time to fill out a little in front and body but her type is exquisite.

The final ribbon winners which included the AOM were no slouches either. They were still there at the end mostly because of their correct silhouette.

Thank you again for bringing your dogs to me to evaluate.

WD & BOW & BOB: KEEPSAKE’S RAISE YOUR GLASS

CH Boreal Keepsake Immortal x GCH Keepsake Tintara I’m A Rockstar
Owners: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Cheryl Satherley & Priscilla Tims
Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims
**RWD: ORLA DONEGAL BAY**

CH Acacia Orla Lil Fish Brandon x CH O’Lorcán’s Mystery Writer’s M.E. Confidante  
Owners: Ava Leise & Laura Leise  
Breeders: Nancy Draper & Janet Snoddy

**AOM: GCHS BANRIONS BIBBIDY BOBBIDY BOO (b)**  
GCH Salt N’ Sea Running Down A Dream x GCH Banrons Give The Girl A Kiss  
Owner: Tiffany Walter  
Breeder: Jeffrey Bratton

**AOM: GCH BRADBERRY’S DIVINE FITZPATRICK (d)**  
CH Bradberry’s Schnitzel Maguire x CH Bradberry’s Born For Love  
Owner/Breeder: Deborah Van De Ven

**AOM: GCHB KOLOHE IT’S RAINING SUNSHINE (d)**  
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige  
Owners: Paula Radin  
Breeders: Mary Brown & Sandra and Glenn Amorosia

*NO OTHER PHOTOS AVAILABLE*
Hours in the car, late night dog bathing, trimming those last few wild hairs, hugs, lots of laughing, dinners and just catching up with friends who may only be seen once a year--------“This Is Us”! The weather gods were in a good mood, and all two-legged and four-legged participants were comfortable all week.

Palmyra was the scene for a variety of performance events beginning with agility, obedience, rally, and barn hunt, which is gaining popularity across the country. Coursing ability testing and nose work were new opportunities that were added this year, as well.

Hatboro was well attended and many thanks to the Del Val SCWT Club for their refreshments and support on Friday. The weather was cool, and the dogs seemed to enjoy being in the ring showing off.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Carmen Battaglia as our presenter for Education Thursday evening. Dr. Battaglia is well known in the dog world and is a revered authority on structure, movement and pedigree analysis. Due to all the positive comments made, there may be an effort to have him present again in the future.

The Annual Dinner and Boutique were great fun with over 150 in attendance. Many thanks to Mary Ann Curtis who was responsible for the slide show showcasing all our National Specialty winners from the very beginning. Thank you to all our vendors who provided good shopping opportunities for all. The fundraiser items were very popular, and by the end of the weekend, they were all sold out.

All the attendees at the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes could feel the fun Denise Daniel was having judging on this very fine day. She shared her difficulty in selecting class winners due to the quality of the entry, and Denise was looking pretty good herself in her sequined tuxedo jacket!

Sunday was memorable, as always, showcasing our wonderful breed. Beginning with coffee and pastries, exhibitors were busy in the grooming tents preparing all the beautiful dogs. Everyone who entered should be proud of the quality they brought to the ring. Many thanks to our fellow club member and judge, Cindy Vogels.

Sunday night farewell dinner has become a crowd favorite, and this year was no exception. Anticipation was high for the announcement of the winners of the Robyn Alexander original necklace and iPad with cover. Competitive bidding over the Darcie Olson original specialty artwork brought the house down. Kudos to the Motor City Club who coordinated the evening event. They definitely have earned the reputation for putting on a great party!

Overwhelming thanks and appreciation to all who stepped up to make the week fun for all. Please remember to say “yes” when asked to participate next year by Amy Havely and Vicki Noah, our 2019 Specialty Coordinators. It’s a big job!

“Celebrate the breed!
Celebrate the friendships!”
Bonita Snyder has been a member of both SCWTCA and SCWTCSC for more than 20 years. Her dedication to the breed is unquestionable.

As a noted breeder, owner and exhibitor, Bonney has also become a respected Sweepstake judge. Bonney is a mentor to new members and has always offered to help club members in grooming and in the show ring. Her conduct in the ring is befitting of a good sportsperson, and she observes the rules of fair play, respect for others, and is gracious in losing.

She has been involved in every event that we have had, Fun Day, B Match, and our Specialty. She was elected to the board, and progressed to president. Throughout her presidency she focused on improving our rescue program. She has devoted more than 15 years as the head of SCWTCSC Rescue. She is involved physically and emotionally with each and every rescue.

The members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California would like to, in the spirit of admiration and love, recommend Bonney Snyder for the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award.

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.
JAN LINSHEID FELLOWSHIP AWARD:

Cindy Shea

The Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award is presented when deemed appropriate to a member of SCWTCA who has made an extraordinary contribution to the club and to the breed and who epitomizes the outstanding human qualities of Jan Linscheid. First awarded in 1983, there have been 20 SCWTCA members so recognized. The SCWTCA Board selects the recipient.

Service to SCWTCA

Cindy immediately began to help with SCWTCA activities when she became a member in 2000. Her most recent role is that of yearbook committee chair. This is her eighth year in that role. She also served as co-chair for two additional years. During this time Cindy implemented the addition of color in the printed books, beginning in 2009 and added digital editions on CDs in 2010-2012 and downloadable PDFs beginning in 2013. Currently, she is completing work on the 2017 issue of the yearbook. As yearbook committee chair, Cindy maintains a pedigree database, collects and formats photos and data and works with the printer. She also handles yearbook marketing, sales, shipping and storage.

Cindy also served on the 2013-2016 SCWTCA Boards as recording secretary, Wavelengths editor and as a director.

In pre-digital days, Cindy served as SCWTCA’s publication mailing coordinator for 13 years. She received orders and mailed Club publications to members and the public almost daily. Her 2011 annual report lists 1226 items sent. Cindy arranged for reprinting publications, updated content and reformatted revisions of the Owner’s Manual and Grooming Chart with Board approval. Cindy saved SCWTCA storage and shipping fees by storing publications in her home and transporting publications to sell at the SCWTCA Montgomery County boutique. SCWTCA archive materials are currently being stored at her home.

Additional service to SCWTCA includes preparing the annual awards presentation, awards booklet and certificates for two years, assisting with SCWTCA’s Canine Phenome Project blood collection clinic at Montgomery and organizing the St. Louis area clinic. Cindy has served on several committees including Board nominations and the Code of Ethics health section review.

Contributions to the Breed

Cindy helps showcase the breed and educates owners in her community by participating in local out-reach events such as meet the breed, grooming seminars and Wheaten club picnics. She exhibits her dogs in conformation and agility and assists owners learning to train, groom and handle their dogs. In addition, she helps with rescue situations.

Cindy is active in her local club, the SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis. She has served as president, treasurer and in other board positions. She was St. Louis specialty show coordinator for 10 years.

Cindy, with her husband Dennis, has bred 13 Eringlo litters. She does health testing, places puppies carefully and supports owners of all puppies bred. She has bred over 20 Champions, most breeder or owner handled. Her dogs have achieved Grand Championships and specialty wins. Multiple dogs have earned both conformation and performance titles.

Cindy is an asset to SCWTCA and to the breed. When told that she had been recognized for her contributions, she said, “I’m honored to receive this award.”

Elaine Azerolo
Wheaten Terrier Ambassador Award:

GCH CH Dromara's Huggable Quinn
RN FDC THDD CGCA CGCU TKE

Presented in recognition of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers that have made a profound difference in the lives of others. It is sponsored by Dorice and Mark Stancher in memory of their precious Duffy who was an outstanding therapy dog.

When Quinn began therapy work with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs in August 2013, it was obvious he had the natural ability to make people happy. He and his owner Sharen Fisher visit retirement centers, libraries, hospitals and schools bringing Wheaten love and smiles wherever they go. Having earned the AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished Award after completing more than 400 visits in their community, they decided to set their sights on the grueling test for HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response. Becoming the very first Wheaten Terrier to pass, Quinn visited those affected by tornado devastation in Florida and wildfires in Georgia. His steady temperament and sweet demeanor brought comfort to those he visited in these highly stressful environments. One particularly emotional encounter occurred when he met a young family that had just lost their home and personal belongings. During the Georgia fires, Quinn also visited the Forest Service command and met with workers that were exhausted from fighting the raging blaze. Quinn also recently earned the AKC Farm Dog and Tricks Elite Performer title.

Co-owned by Sharen Fisher and Maggie Snow. Bred by Maggie Snow (Dromara Wheatens)

SCWTCA Rescue Family of the Year Award

Presented to the person or family who exhibits extraordinary care, dedication, and personal sacrifice in the performance of rescue efforts on behalf of SCWTCA Rescue.

This year, SCTWCA Rescue recognizes 8 such individuals or families.

Josh & Julie Burdick: The Burdicks rescued 7 older Wheatens from a puppy mill. There were 4 girls and 3 boys, all with various health issues and concerns. While the Burdicks had them at their boarding kennel, they also rotated them into their home, and into a home of a friend to provide the dogs with socialization and a home environment. The dogs all needed to be on various medications and were all spayed or neutered while in the Burdicks' care. It took over 4 months to get the rescues placed, however they were successful in finding homes where the dogs can now thrive.

Karen Hall: Karen has been a valued helper to Rescue from behind the scenes for a number of years. We provide her with older applications asking that she make contact with the applicants to update any information. It’s a time-consuming task, and not exciting, but certainly provides a great value to Rescue. She had adopted a rescue, Hammy, who recently passed.

Ann Henneker-Foster: Ann is always willing to help in any way she can. She is willing to foster some of the not so easy rescues, adopting one of her own.

Rick Lemmons: Rick has an active career, but is always willing to drop anything to transport one of our rescues. No matter when, Rick is ready to help. He has two Wheatens and is a true advocate for rescue. He works closely with Mary Yourich for transport.
Rescue Family, con’t...

Laura Meyer: Laura adopted Georgia Peaches, who came from a puppy mill with serious medical problems. She never gave up on her emotionally or financially, giving her a wonderful quality of life. She then adopted Olive, at 12 years old, who came with significant emotional issues. Laura’s perseverance and dedication to these dogs was a genuine gift to them.

Sandy Scott: Sandy joined the rescue team several years ago and has had “baptism by fire.” Living in Arizona, she has been challenged with many situations. She has been instrumental in placing dogs, creating a network of Wheaten pet owners who aid in fostering and placing rescues. Sandy is always eager to learn, devoted to our breed and willing to help in any way.

Howard Silverman: Our devoted benefactor, Howard will always dig deep into his pockets to assist with expenses. We see him annually at our Nat’l Specialty, and we always know he has our back. Howard never hesitates to assist us in any way.

Gordon & Rebecca Thorne: The Thornes adopted a young male who was suspected to have a kidney disease. Rescue paid for Dr. Littman’s consult, while the Thornes took care of every other test expense. He’s a wonderful dog and was thankfully found not to have kidney disease. Dr. Littman, the Thornes and their vet have become a great team.

“Rags to Riches” story

Nancy Butler wanted to recognize a ‘Rags to Riches’ story from one of our clubs rescues. As you have heard, seven dogs were rescued from a puppy mill where they were used for nothing more than breeding. They were in various states of poor health, but through the hard work of the Burdicks, they are all now thriving in wonderful homes.

The story may have ended there, but it goes further. When one of the girls was taken in to be spayed, and already under a general anesthetic, a living puppy was found. This little guy weighed just over 4 oz, but was indeed a fighter. The Burdicks took him home and began the long process of nurturing and caring for him, which required tube feeding, hourly at first, then feeding every two to three hours. Needless to say, there wasn’t a lot of sleep in the Burdick household for the first few weeks of this guy’s life.

While Julie was the primary care giver, as he began to thrive and grow, her children, Jacob and Jaelyn began taking an active role in his socialization and development. Jacob affectionately named him Luke, and Jaelyn played with him wrapping him up in blankets and taking him into her tent to play. As he was introduced to the rest of the Burdick Wheaten Clan, he became quite a little character, full of life and energy, and as smart as a whip. Often, more than one person would say ‘Oh for Pete’s Sake’ as he pulled one shenanigan after another. It wasn’t long before the name Pete stuck, so Luke became Pete.

Fast forward four months – it was time for Pete to find his forever home. While Julie and rescue interviewed several candidates, none seemed to be the right fit for this fun loving, affectionate boy. Then one day, a call came in from a trainer in California who had a client looking for a Wheaten. After multiple phone calls with the trainer and the owner, the decision was made to place Pete in this home. As it turned out, the new owner is a well-known author and playwright. Pete is now living in the lap of luxury in a mansion in Beverly Hills – with an 8 year old little girl.

This is definitely a rags-to-riches story, and Nancy and rescue would like to thank all the Burdicks for the compassion and love they showed this sweet boy. I would also like to recognize the important role that Jacob and Jaelyn played in this story.

Mary Ann Curtis
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Congratulations to all the Winners!
Sweeps Critique: Judge Denise Daniel

To start I would like to thank SCWTCA for dedicating this show to Rosemary Berg. She was a great lady and will be missed. I would also like to thank the membership for inviting me to judge this special event - it was a great honor. Thank you to my Ring Stewards Mary Yourich, for keeping me organized, and Jan Schoenherr for videotaping the puppies. Thanks, also, to all who entered Sweeps - there were a lot of great puppies and veterans this year.

With so many beautiful puppies, it was very difficult to choose my winners. We have such amazing coats and color in our breed right now. Almost every puppy had a good bite, and I really didn’t see any with light eyes or pigment. I also saw some confident, well-trained puppies - which was great.

Another positive observation is that all of the Veterans were in great condition, with beautiful and well maintained coats. Kudos to their owners!

There are a few things I think we need to work on in our breed: we need to get back to a square outline; many of the puppies seemed off-square, too long in the loin and lacking length of leg. Also, tail sets have fallen off the top of the back and are coming out where the butt should be. The tail should sit on the puppy’s back and lean forward. The neck and tail should be on close to the same angle to show proper balance.

Overall, I was very pleased with the puppies I saw today. Thanks so much for this experience. I loved it!

6-9 Puppy Dog
1st: Westwind How Do You Like Me Now
This puppy walked in with good movement and confidence, and with a beautiful coat for such a young dog. Nice square in outline and layback of shoulders. He had good expression. He will be one to look at as he grows up!

2nd: Bradberry’s Born Of Enlightenment Bodhisattva
My second place puppy moved well and confidently around the ring. He has small properly placed ears and great expression. He had the best tail set of the three, but was a tad longer in back.

3rd: Canopy Road’s Paralympic Sled Hockey Gold
This boy has lovely small ears and good expression, with a beautiful wavy silky coat. I would like to see more rear angulation.

9-12 Puppy Dog
1st: Charmax Bea ‘Cause Your Mine
This is a moderate dog with good type and proper coat. Square in outline, showing nice expression with those little ears. He has a correct tail set with nice rear angulation. His movement will be something to watch.

2nd: Keepsake’s Raise your Glass
This puppy is a natural in the ring, and on any given day could have been my first place puppy. He is elegant in type, has great movement and a good tail set.

3rd: Charmax Enchanteur of Oz
This puppy is moderate in size with good type. He has a nice square outline, and great ears and expression.

4th: Keepsake’s Riptide
This boy seemed older than the rest, having the confidence of an adult dog, with good bone and in great condition. I think his coat will be amazing someday. Loved his head and his great movement.

12-15 month puppy dog
1st: Frolic’s It Was Up To Stiehl
This puppy is moderate in size with good type. Square in outline with nice expression, and has a nice coat for his age. He has a good tail set with nice rear angulation. His movement on the go around was done at a proper speed and he moved well. The layback in the shoulder was the best of the day which made him my Best In Sweeps.

15-18 month Puppy
1st: Sandcastle’s Buzzard’s Bay
This boy is moderate in size with good type. He is a really nice boy that also could have been my pick if he had a confident tail.

2nd: BonAquarel Those Who Could Move Clouds
This boy was confident coming into the ring and has a beautiful head and neck. He has a beautiful long, flowing shiny Irish coat for his age. Can’t forget to say lots of butt behind that tail.
6-9 puppy bitch

1st: Lismore Let’s Put On a Show
This little girl has a beautiful coat and is very short in back, with a very nice head for her age. She moves nicely on the go around.

2nd: Greentree Westwind Quite Enhanting
This puppy has a beautiful coat and good movement. She has a nice head and neck, and with a little more training could have been my first place.

9-12 puppy bitch

1st: Keepsake Tyrone Surfnpipeline
This girl came into the ring very confidently and ready to win. She is moderate in size with good type. I would have loved to have seen a little longer head. Her movement was great overall and she never put her tail down.

2nd: Keepsake Seniorita Margarita
This little girl is a natural in the ring and is very confident. She is elegant in type and is well-conditioned. Would have liked to see more coat.

3rd: Lochinear This Girl is on Fire
This girl moved lovely around the ring, with lots of confidence. She has a beautiful head, neck and coat. Nice expression.

4th: Windancer Under the Tuscan Sun
This little girl has a fabulous coat. I liked everything about her except she needed a tad more leg under her.

12-15 puppy bitch

1st: Tyrone High Society
This little girl is a natural born show dog with confidence, attitude and expression. She moves well over all and has a lovely tail set. Her coat color is just fine for her age. I love her type. It was that expression and those little tiny ears and attitude that had me choose her as my Best of Opposite!

2nd: Whindancer Moon Song
This girl has a beautiful coat, head and rear angulation. She moved very well on the go around.

3rd: Windancer Autumn In New York
This girl had one of the best coats of the day. She also has a beautiful head and neck and nice movement.

15-18 puppy bitch

1st: Doubloom’s Extreme Adventure
This little girl was well-trained, elegant in type with a beautiful head and neck. She has a nice tail set and moved well around the ring.

2nd: Southaven Spoonful Of Sugar
This is a moderate-sized girl, with a beautiful head, neck and top line and pretty little ears. She moved well around the ring.

3rd: Harbour Hill One In A Million
This girl is elegant in type with a beautiful head and neck, and great expression with those little ears.

4th: Cuileann Too Hot To Trot
This little girl has an amazing beautiful shiny Irish coat. She has a beautiful head and neck.
Veteran Dog 7-9 years:

1st: GCHS Mirikal Double Top Breakout NA NAJ RATS TKN  This dog is moderate in size, square in outline, with a beautiful coat and color. He has great expression and moved well around the ring. This beautiful dog would become my Best Veteran of the day.

2nd: GCH Diamonds Cactus Cash  
I love this dog - he also could have been my winner on any given day. He has great attitude with beautiful little ears and expression. His tail is well set on his back with great angulation. He looked amazing moving around the ring.

3rd: CH Dromara’s Huggable Quinn  
This boy is moderate in size, with a beautiful wavy coat with some shine and good color. He has great expression and I love those ears!

4th: CH Acacia Orla Lil Fish Brandon  
This dog has a beautiful head, neck and top line and great angulation in the rear. Just an amazing shiny, soft, wavy, silky WELL taken care of coat.

Veteran bitch 7-9 years:

1st: GCH Cuileann Dirty Laundry  
This girl is moderate in size, square in outline with a nice tail set and good angulation in the rear. She has nice expression and I loved her ears. She earned BOS in Veterans Sweeps.

2nd: GCH Orion Trebol Hot like Me TD RATO RN ACT2  
This girl has a beautiful head, neck and layback of shoulders. She is moderate in size, square in outline and has a nice coat and color.

3rd: GCH Greentree Gold Charm  
This girl is very confident, well trained and loves to show. She has a beautiful head, a nice long neck and ears with great expression. Her coat and color are very nice.

Veteran bitch 9-11 years:

CH Sandcastle’s It’s Great to be Queen  
This girl has a nice head and expression and moved well. Again, another beautiful, well cared for coat.

Veteran bitch over 11 years:

Eringlo Go for the Gold  
This girl is square in outline with a beautiful coat and color. She moved well around the ring with her owner’s son, who was in the show ring for the first time. She is in fabulous shape for her age. Her owner had recently passed away and her son had taken her into his home and wanted to show her one last time for his mother. He did a great job, I’m sure his mother would be pleased.

Tell me again Mom...what am I supposed to do?
Sweeps Critique, Judge: Cindy Vogels

I would like to thank the members of SCWTCA, Inc. for once again honoring me with the privilege of judging the National Specialty. I believe it’s the third time I’ve judged the breed at MCKC, and it’s always a thrill.

This year’s judging was made more difficult by my father’s sudden health issues. I am so thankful for the gracious understanding exhibited by everyone in attendance. You all helped me through what was a daunting day. Special thanks to Cecily, Gary, and my wonderful ring stewards.

Although most of you are familiar with my priorities when judging SCWTs, I’ll reiterate what, for me, is the essence of type:

**Square outline** – including make, shape and balance. In every breed, I consider silhouette to be the first and defining attribute. If the silhouette is incorrect, the dog cannot be of correct breed type. And, when the shape, make, and balance are correct, chances are the dog will move soundly.

**Head Characteristics** – The head must be large enough to balance the rest of the dog, decidedly rectangular appearance, parallel planes with moderate stop, skull and muzzle equal in length without too much width of back skull and well-filled muzzle; small to medium sized ears, appearing to break level with the skull, inside edges held close to cheeks; dark, oval eyes, and of course, large black nose.

**Coat** – Silky, wavy and of warm, wheaten color

**Temperament** – Steady, merry.

And, always keeping in mind Annie Clark's famous edict: From the most typical, reward the soundest.
Here’s the good news. I found the overall quality of the entry far superior to the last time I judged the breed at MCKC.

Probably the biggest improvement was in movement, which directly relates to proper structure. The vast majority of the entry was quite acceptable to very good from the side and rear. Fronts were much less reliable which is not surprising as its much more difficult to breed consistently good fronts. That’s why I always award extra credit to a really good front.

Heads were greatly improved; the broken planes that had been prevalent were few and far between, with most having proper stops and level planes. Eyes were uniformly dark. Bites were almost all acceptable. That said, I still found too many heads that were broad in the back skull and short in the muzzle. There was a tendency towards small heads that didn’t balance with the rest of the dog. Ears have improved, but are still an issue. Too many were large, the tips pointing out, the inside edge laying off the skull. An issue that lurks is a lack of proper pigment. Noses and eye rims should be black. While extended pigment – mascara – around the eyes is very attractive, it’s not mandatory. However, I saw a number of exhibits with faded pigment particularly around the eyes. While not tied directly to coat color, in my experience, care must be taken breeding self-masked dogs together.

Front and, especially, rear construction were vastly improved. Most exhibits had adequate to good reach and drive. The biggest movement fault I saw was in exhibits where excellent rears overpowered straight fronts. I did see a number of flat feet which will always hamper efficient movement.

There will always be a tendency for nature to lower and lengthen, so only due diligence ensures proper length of leg, with long ribcages and short loins. Particularly, leg length was much improved. A number of exhibits were longer in loin than I would prefer, creating rectangular, rather than square outlines.

Substance was adequate on most, with only a few exhibits being over-boned. Most were in good flesh and condition.

Top lines, too, were uniformly acceptable to very good. There were still quite a number of low tail sets, and too few that were ideally set high on a flat croup allowing for plenty of “butt behind the tail.”

Coat and color really have not been an issue for years. With few exceptions, every entry fit the wide parameter of what I consider to be acceptable coat. As I noted above, if it’s silky, wavy and of a warm color, I’m fine with it. I’ve noted the particular dogs that I thought sported exceptional coats. I accept a wide range of color, but as most of you know, I take great exception to excessive gray in the body coat.

Temperaments were super. I tried to give each dog the opportunity to spar, as I think too few judges use this helpful tool. Predictably, the bitches were much less likely to show any interest in each other, but it’s still nice to see each exhibit stand on its own.

All in all, a very positive report card. Now, on to the individual winners:

**Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months (6)**

1st: Summerland's A Southern Comfort. Very handsome and upstanding. Good substance. Good expression. Ears could be a little smaller, but are well set and carried well. Good outline, uses himself well. Pretty coat. Hopefully, he’s done growing.


3rd: Marquee’s Tropical Storm. Much less mature than first and second. Very small ears that need additional attention


**Puppy Dogs, 9-12 Months (6)**

1st: Keepsake’s Raise Your Glass. Lovely Outline and balance. Has that “coltish” look I think is necessary in a pup. Up on leg. Head nicely shaped. Pieces all fit together for remarkably smooth movement for such a young dog.

2nd: Charmax Enchanteur of Oz. Used himself well. A bit low on leg.


4th: Keepsake’s Riptide. Sound moving. Larger, longer, and a bit coarse.

**Dogs, 12-15 Months (2)**

2nd: Greentree Mombo in Margaritaville. Sound moving, but small head with big ears. Would raise his tail up a bit.

**Dogs, 15-18 Months** (3) – close between 1 & 2.

1st: Cheshire Vitameatavegamin. Good fronted dog. Less than ideal coat.


3rd: Sandcastle’s Buzzard’s Bay. Longer cast.

**Dogs, BBE (3)** – all in adolescent coat all had pleasing heads and ears

1st: Frolic’s It Was Up to Stiehl. Nice length of leg. Excellent coupling. Didn’t move as well from the side as his conformation should allow. A bit of a low tailset.


3rd: Bendacht Believe in Magic. Very good topline, tailset and rear. Could use more neck and less length of body.

**Dogs, American Bred. (2)** – both dogs heads were broader than I prefer.


2nd: Dromara’s Oh So Brave of Derrylin, CGC. Lost out because of gray on head and in body coat.

**Dogs, Open. (6)**

1st: Orla Donegal Bay. Well-constructed, but a bit long and low.

2nd: Saltnsea Pretty Boy Swag. Very pretty coat. Front is not his fortune. Larger ear.

3rd: Orla Acacia Blackwater River. Sound moving, but more coarse and longer.

4th: Lochlinear Fire and Rain. Pretty coated. Well put together, but wasn’t moving right on the day. Would prefer less of him everywhere.

**Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months** (3)

1st: Kaler Too Cool For School. Used herself well. Good headed with good ears. Very pretty coated. A little more than I prefer.

2nd: Lismore Let’s Put On a Show. Nice size and shape. Lost out to first place in head and movement.

3rd: Greentree Westwind Quite Enchanting. Pretty coat and color. Longer, lower, could use more neck.

**Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months** (5)


2nd: Keepsake Tyrone Surfnpipeline. Moves well, but not as good headed or coated as #1.

3rd: Keepsake Boreal Sea Clear. Very sound, but larger than I prefer.


**Bitches, 12-15 Months** (3)

1st: Whindancer’s Autumn in New York. Pretty outline. Would raise her tail and could use more head. Very pretty coated and very sound.

2nd: Reyem’s African Queen. Well-constructed. Good head proportions. Could use a bit more leg. Didn’t move as well as she should be able to.


**Bitches, 15-18 Months** (2)


2nd: Cuileann Too Hot To Trot. Nice Irish coat. Larger, and more “doggy.”

**Bitches, BBE (7)**

1st: Adako Sugar Pie Honey Bunch. First and second were very close. Very attractive puppy. Just the right “coltish” look for her age. Won on the virtue of her good head qualities. Could use a better tailset.
2nd: **Whindancer’s Monn Song.** Well-constructed. Very sound moving and very pretty coat. Nice reach of neck and used herself well. Would shorten her up a bit.

3rd: **Acacia’s Lil Bit of Curry.** Sound moving. Good topline and tailset. Larger, and longer than 1 and 2.

4th: **Frolic Everything Means Something.** Well-constructed, but didn’t move as well as she should. Her coat is not her fortune.

**Bitches, American Bred (1)**


**Bitches, Open (7)**

1st: **Serendipity’s Lady Liberty.** Lovely size and shape. Uses herself well. Won on the virtue of her head.

2nd: **Whindancer Let’s Stay Together at Westwind.** Well-made with an appealing outline.

3rd: **Lochlinear This Girl Is On Fire.** Very sound, but more all over than I prefer.

4th: **Whindancer’s Wavy Gravy.** Well-constructed. Would like to add a little leg and take away a little back.

**Winners Bitch – Keepsake Seniorita Margarita**

**Reserve Winners Bitch – Keepsake Tyrone SurfnPipeline**

**Veteran Dogs (4)**

1st: **Ch. Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over.** Well-balanced, used himself well. In fabulous condition.

2nd: **GCHS Mirikal Double Top Breakout.** A little more dog than #1. Very attractive coat and color. Well-constructed and moved well.

3rd: **GCH Diamonds Cactus Cash.** Great ears and expression. Sound moving. More dog than ideal and his coat was not in great condition.

4th: **Ch. Acacia Orla Lil Fish Brandon.** Sound moving. Would shorten him up.

**Veteran Bitches (2)**

1st: **GCH Greentree Gold Charm.** Beautiful mover in great condition. Good outline with lovely reach of neck.

2nd: **GCH Cuileann Dirty Laundry.** Very attractive. Also in great condition. Was out-moved and out-shown by the winner.

**Best of Breed, Best of Winners: Keepsake’s Raise Your Glass**

**Best of Opposite Sex: Keepsake Seniorita Margarita**

**Select Dog: CH Doublloon’s Extreme Gamer.** A stallion of a dog with great ring presence. He’s a lot of dog, but in beautiful balance making a striking appearance on the go. Was beaten out by his front movement.

**Select Bitch: CH Keepsake Tintara Im A Rockstar.** No stranger to me, this bitch gets extra credit for her smooth, effortless movement and her particularly excellent front assembly. Her coat was not as I remember, possibly related to her maternity duties.

**Awards of Merit.** All the awards of merit were properly-sized, very typy and good-moving. They were all good-coated.

**GCHB J’Adores Stanely Cup Toews at Raelyn.**

**GCH Dhowden Funny Business**

**GCH Reyem’s If She Hollers Let Her Go**

**GCH Greentree Gold Charm**

**GCH Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind.**

**Best Bred By Exhibitor: Frolic’s It Was Up To Stiehl**

**Stud Dog.**

**Ch. Acacia Orla Lil Fish Brandon**

**GCH Whindancer’s Fireworks At Westwind**

There were many champions who might have been kept longer, but I kept my cut to a minimum number. In the end, the young Winners Dog filled my eye and my expectations. I could deny him the honor of Best of Breed in an outstanding entry. Although I realized they might be related, it was his litter sister who pressed him hard. The icing on the cake was their mother won Select Bitch. I had given her a specialty win in the past, but I was unaware she had been bred. Finally, I must apologize. I mis-counted the number of Awards of Merit. Otherwise, I would have awarded GCH PitterPat Allons-Y, a dog I have always admired.

Once again, my congratulations to all of you, and particularly the breeders of the dogs entered. It is so uplifting to see so many worthy Soft Coated Wheatens. My beautiful gift will serve as a special memory of the day.
WD & BOW & BOB: KEEPSAKE'S RAISE YOUR GLASS
CH Boreal Keepsake Immortal x GCH Keepsake Timtara I'm A Rockstar
Owners/Breeders: Shari & Sydney Robinson & Cheryl Satherley & Priscilla Tims

SD: CH DOUBLON'S EXTREME GAMER
CH Tara I Get Around x GCHG Doubloon's Extreme Play
Owner/Breeder: Elena Landa

WB & BOS: KEEPSAKE'S SENIORITA MARGARITA
CH Boreal Keepsake Immortal x GCH Keepsake Timtara I'm A Rockstar
Owners/Breeders: Shari & Sydney Robinson & Cheryl Satherley & Priscilla

SB: GCHB KEEPSAKE TIMTARA I'M A ROCKSTAR
CH Mackanne One Love One Heart x Keepsake Timtara Remember Me
Owners/Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims

RWB: KEEPSAKE TYRONE SURFPIPELINE
CH Sundance My Beau’s A Roxstar x CH Keepsake’s Soul Surfer
Owners: Lana Campbell and John Slack & June Fraser & Shari Robinson
Breeder: Shari Robinson

AOM: GCHB REYM’S IF SHE HOLLARS LET HER GO (b)
GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over x CH Geragold Paparazzi Of Reyem
Owner: Kathy Clarke  Breeders: Meggan Abboud & Gwen Meyer
AOM: GCHB J’ADORES STANLEY CUP TOEWS AT RAELYN (d)
GCH Rosheen Sufferin Succotash x GCH Raelyn J’Adore Eiffel
Owners: Kim Munson & Kimberly Wright
Breeder: Kimberly Wright & Lynn Cone

AOM: GCH DHOWDEN FUNNY BUSINESS (d)
GCH Dhowden American Dream x Dhowden A Winters Tale
Owners: C. Denise Bendelewski & Emily Henry
Breeder: C. Denise Bendelewski

AOM: GCH GREENTREE GOLD CHARM (b)/Veteran
CH Wheaten Rebel’s Nelson For Navy x CH Greentree Silver Charm
Owners: Beverly McDonald & Kevin McDonald
Breeder: Oleh Sharanevych & Beverly McDonald & Kevin McDonald

AOM: GCH LEGACY KALOHE SUMMER WIND (b)
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Owners: Karen and George Davis & Mary Brown & Jon Caliri
Breeder: Mary Brown & Sandra and Glenn Amorosia

BBE: FROLIC’S IT WAS UP TO STIEHL (d)
CH Harbour Hill Rerun Van Pelt x CH Frolic’s Road Runner To Fenris
Owners/Breeders: Cheryl Turner & Emily Skoglund
Entries for all of the SCWTCA events filled with the exception of a few spots in Rally. Obedience and Rally included both All Terrier events along with our SCWTCA National Obedience/Rally Specialty.

FAST CAT was also offered and Wheatens participated in this event also.

We’re looking forward to next year with plans going forward now. We hope to see more Wheatens participating next year.
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