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This charming photo is of Wheaten Goblins Dancing Queen, aka Holly.
Taken in a central Germany meadow surrounding the Rhön Mountains, by owner, Angela Richter.

Special effect added to cover by the editor
From the President

This is my last President’s Message for *Benchmarks* as my term comes to an end. I want to thank our SCWTCA members and for the honor and pleasure of serving as President. Our club is truly special, and it has been wonderful getting to know so many of the great people who offer their time and talents year after year. Your support, encouragement and yes, even criticism has been invaluable.

Over the past five years, the officers and delegates on the SCWTCA Board have changed as people termed out or moved on but all brought dedication to the club and the breed. I have appreciated every board member and each member brought an important perspective to our discussions. The friendships developed while serving together will last forever. While the daily workings of the club are always a focus, we have tried to bring positive changes and new developments in various areas.

With the establishment of the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015, we have been able to honor three longtime SCWTCA members for their outstanding contributions to the breed . . . Jacqueline Gottlieb, Nancy Butler and Carol Carlson. I look forward to this tradition continuing.

A revision to our Code of Ethics that addressed health testing and breeding was voted on, approved by our members and included in the current COE. The past few years have seen some exciting developments in Wheaten health. Testing for Degenerative Myelopathy markers has become a part of our pre-breeding testing along with PLN marker testing. While not yet specified in the COE, DM Marker testing has been embraced by some breeders as another important piece of information to be used in breeding decisions. A follow-up survey on dogs already tested for PLN markers will soon be sent to owners by the University of Pennsylvania. The survey will focus on updates on the health of dogs based on marker status. Additionally, the search for markers for PLE will be extensively pursued at Penn in the hope of developing a genetic marker test.

The SCWTCA Performance Committee proposed new awards to recognize the accomplishments of our Wheatens in all the new dog sports in which they compete. The Board instituted these new awards and we now offer several levels of Working Wheaten Awards each year!

*Benchmarks* continues to be an outstanding publication under the leadership of current Editor, Helen Fraguela and Co-Editor, Deb Van de Ven. With the addition of the Health Newsletter edited by Health Chair, Molly O’Connell in every issue, *Benchmarks* now provides information on all things “Wheaten” for the readers.

A detailed outline with a budget for both the National Specialty and the Roving National was developed by our Treasurer, Mary Ann Curtis with input from prior Specialty Chairs. The budget is reviewed annually and adjusted as needed. This new document has been a huge help for our Specialty Chairs as they work on plans each year.

Our SCWTCA website has always been an amazing source of information. New areas of interest have been added almost on a yearly basis and have made updating it nearly a full time job for our Webmaster! It has been discussed for many years that a re-vamp of the website is due in order to provide a platform that would allow approved SCWTCA members to update specific areas if needed. In 2018, the Board approved the development of a new website. Our Webmaster, Robyn Alexander and SCWTCA Vice President, Julie Burdick have been continually working with the web developer over the past year and we hope to debut the new site soon. It is fantastic!

I must say my time as President has really flown by! My “non-dog” friends frequently ask me what keeps me so involved with the club and with the sport of dogs. The answer is easy. In 1988, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers introduced me to the world of dog shows, dog sports and dog clubs. My involvement brought some wonderful people into my life. I count them as my closest friends. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met so many of our members these past years. I wish you all success in the ring, fun times with your dogs and friends who will be there year after year, sharing the joy and the heartbreak loving our dogs brings.

Cecily Skinner
Celebrating Long Life...

"Tashi"

CH Lontree Lord Macintosh of Fairhaven
CH Paisley Power Play x CH Lontree Desert Galaxy
2002-2019

Our beloved friend and companion, "Tashi," died peacefully on July 5, 2019 at Westlake VCA Animal Hospital in CA. Tashi gave us all 17 years and two months of joy, companionship, comfort and pure delight. We did EVERYTHING possible to prevent and ease his discomfort and prevent any suffering until his last days. Tashi will be buried in his private plot at Los Angeles Memorial Pet Park, Calabasas, CA. We thank his professional breeder, Joy Layon, for helping to bring Tashi into this world and always providing ongoing support, information and guidance during his long life. We thank EVERYONE who knew and loved Tashi so very much, and, who enjoyed and appreciated his gentle spirit, loving ways and kind, animal soul. We will miss TASHI so very much. We will always remember and appreciate the magnificent impact this special Wheaten being had on our lives.

Joel and Judy Kettler
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Tragedy When Traveling With Dogs

What started out as a very exciting day for us quickly turned to tragedy and devastation…

On Friday, May 24, our 28th wedding anniversary, Marv and I headed to Florence SC. Marv and Jammies started their trip from Florida and I left from Delaware. This is the third time we have stayed at the La Quinta in Florence, SC with dogs. A great hotel and is super dog friendly. I was greeted by Carlton at the front desk and told him all about Marv and Jammies arriving within an hour and us celebrating our anniversary. We talked dogs for a while, Carlton and his Chihuahua and me with our Wheatens. I spoke with Marv as he was approaching the hotel exit, and was told how excited Jammies was knowing she would be seeing Mommy real soon. Their last potty stop was great and all was well.

When they arrived, I told Marv to head straight back to the shade so Jammies would not have to walk on the hot pavement. I was so excited to see them and couldn’t wait to greet them. Marv first, just a quick kiss and hug and then to my Jammie girl! She was standing in her crate when we opened the back of the SUV. I immediately sensed something was not right. I gave her a second and waited for her to come bounding out of the crate. That never happened! I lifted her out and placed her on the grass thinking she was just a little spacy from riding in the car. She stood for a second, briefly looked at me, fell to the ground and that was it. As much as Jammies loves her Daddy, I was her person. I know that whatever was going on inside her body, she would hang on, and was not going to die without seeing her Mommy.

Not wanting to believe what I knew to be true in my heart, I ran with her in my arms into our hotel room, gently laid her on the bed and tried to bring her around. I wet a face cloth applied it to her belly and ran an ice cube along her mouth and gums praying that she was over-heated and would bounce back. Although it was very hot, Marv had the A/C at 60 and he wore his fleece jacket the entire trip. The comfort of the dogs always comes first. She had water and a fan, so she was not over-heated.

It was now 5:53pm and I was frantic to find an emergency vet in a town we knew nothing about.

Carlton, at the front desk was on it; the first vet I called said they were closing at six and with it being a holiday weekend, they would not see us. The second call I made was to Windsor Animal Hospital located about four miles from the hotel. They said they would wait for us. When we arrived, the entire staff met us in the parking lot and immediately took Jammies out of my arms and headed inside.

Sadly, Jammies was gone and everyone just started crying and hugging us. They brought us into a room and told us to take as much time as we needed.

My incredibly strong, level-headed, always calm when situations become difficult husband, became a full fledged “I love my dog” Dad and completely fell apart. I have only seen this side of him with the loss of each one of our seven dogs. I, on the other hand, seem to be very good during crisis mode, dealing with the situation at the time only to fall apart afterwards.

It’s now 6:30 at night and the office is closed, it’s a holiday weekend and Jammies is gone. I left Marv in the room with Jams and I headed out to the front desk to discuss our options.

This was the first time we have lost a dog while traveling. The first time we did not have our Vet involved in the process. What do we do now? The entire staff at Windsor was amazing. Here we are, complete strangers with a dog they have never seen and they treated us like family. Their compassion, caring, patience and efficiency were truly remarkable. They knew we were heading back to Delaware in the morning and made a call to Kathy at Pee Dee Pet Cremation. Jammies was picked up that evening and we were told we could pick up her ashes in
the morning. Kathy texted pictures of several different boxes and asked which one we preferred. With arrangements made, I went back to the room with Marv and Jammies for our final goodbyes. The Vet came back in and asked if there was anything more she could do for us. More tears and more hugs accompanied all the thanks and appreciation that words can provide. We said goodbye to an amazing Vet. I am embarrassed to say I don’t even know her name. She was off to take care of a sick goat!

Marv and I headed back to the hotel feeling completely shocked, devastated and heart broken. Definitely not in the mood to celebrate our anniversary.

Around 10:00pm I got a call on my cell phone from an unknown number in South Carolina. It was Kathy from Pee Dee Pet Cremation. She said she and her husband were on their way to our hotel with Jammie’s ashes. They wanted us to have her with us overnight. I wasn’t sure I heard her correctly so I repeated that they were on their way to our hotel at 10:00 at night with Jammies. Kathy said, yes that’s correct. I told her we would meet them in lobby. Carlton was still working the front desk and told us he had been looking for us to find out how we made out at the Vet. More tears, more hugs and genuine love from another wonderful person. Kathy and her husband Samuel arrived with a beautiful custom made bag carrying our Jammie girl in a beautiful decorative box.

Carlton came out and asked if we would like a picture. Even though our emotions were so raw, we felt so close to these wonderful people who provided us with comfort during this incredible difficult time. We thought yeah, take a picture!

We honestly have no idea what happened. At 1:30 in the afternoon Jammies was the picture of health with no recent illness and no health issues during her whole life. Jammies was the last of our original seven dogs who lived their entire lives with us. For the first time in 22 years we are without dogs...not a good feeling.

We were very blessed to be in the hands of everyone who helped us through this very tragic situation. As much as we have traveled with our dogs, I can honestly say we never really thought about what would happen if we lost a dog while traveling away from home.

There is something to be said for “Southern Hospitality.”

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*Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.*

*Princess Diana*
Your Role as a Member in The Membership Application Process

By Anna Marzolino

Years ago, I would look at Wavelengths and see who was applying for membership. Usually the first thing that would pop in my head was, “It’s about time so-and-so became a member.” The last few years when our Membership Chair has posted new applications on Discuss, I’ve realized I have no idea who the new applicants are. With social media and online groups going strong, it would seem we should know more Wheaten applicants, not fewer. In the last ten years, we have gained 134 new members: five are Associate members, one is an Honorary member, six are International members, and three are Junior members. Total membership 409, and while it is great to have new members, it is also surprising that SCWTCA had to cancel Obedience at our National Specialty in 2019 because we had no volunteer to manage it or the fact that we still do not have a Benchmarks Editor.

Sponsors’ Responsibility: The first question that comes to mind is, who is responsible for approving memberships to SCWTCA? While the SCWTCA Board has the only official vote, they rely heavily on the membership to review the applications and provide feedback prior to rendering a decision. The membership and Board both rely on the sponsors to vet an applicant and write a thorough, honest and earnest letter of recommendation of the applicant for review. It all starts with the sponsors’ recommendations.

Consider this: a new Individual or Dual member immediately has full voting rights on the SCWTCA Breed Standard. The first question every sponsor should ask herself is, “Is this applicant educated enough to vote on the SCWTCA Breed Standard?”

Second, “do she have enough knowledge of the club and the breed to make an immediate contribution as a member?” A prospective Regular member with full voting rights should come into the club with basic breed knowledge. If not, perhaps she or he should be an Associate member with the goal of becoming a full voting member in the future.

Board Responsibility: From my experience on the Board, application approvals were one of the hardest jobs of a board member. It is important the Board be given the essential information to make a sound decision. The membership approval process is also one of the most important reasons for geographic diversity on a board. The Board must rely on their fellow Board member who resides in that region, the sponsors, and club members to thoroughly review new applicants and give their input. If in doubt, the Board should send the application back or hold it over for additional information.

Bios and sponsors’ statements should be archived. I can find my application and my sponsors’ forms online, as they are archived for any member to review. In the past 10 years, however, new applicants and sponsor statements have been removed from the website and are not in Wavelengths. Maybe the Board should vote on membership applications at in-person board meetings only. A few extra months for the membership to get to know an applicant is a good thing; this is what our local clubs do. It shows the applicant Regular membership in the club is serious and we will not rush our decisions. If we must hold an applicant over for questions, then what is a few extra months to the process? It will save countless hours of Board work and potential damage to the club if membership is granted to someone whose intentions are not pure. This is not a business where customer response time dictates policy.

Members’ Responsibility: Review applications, look the person up on social media, drop the board a note of support, or if you see something disconcerting in an
application, please say so. Don’t suggest full membership to a person who would be a better Associate member. Above all, remember applicants are required to follow the SCWTCA Code of Ethics. If they are not willing to do so, they should not be allowed to become a member. If as a SCWTCA member or sponsor, you have any information suggesting an applicant cannot or will not adhere to the COE, it is your obligation to bring it forward to the Board. If anything in that application suggests that the person will not adhere to the COE, the Board must deny the application.

Board members and members who take the time to review an application often state that they have no reason to deny or object to an applicant based on the information that they receive. The applicant’s statement and the sponsor’s recommendation should be the obvious reason to approve membership; they should be thorough, detailed, and compelling.

This should never be a “Club of Friends of the Wheaten Terrier.” We are a restrictive group of people dedicated to the preservation of the breed. If an applicant’s goal is to keep up to date with “Everything Wheaten,” they should consider an Associate membership and joining a local club. SCWTCA should be a club of people who are passionate and educated about the breed and who, if it is threatened, will defend the standard. Every member is a guardian of the breed and the club. Their membership must not be taken lightly.

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Play: A Vital Influence on Our Dogs’ Behavior

By Gwen and Kent Meyer * Reprinted from Sept 2012 Benchmarks

Play is one of the four areas of influence that we can use to improve our relationship with our dogs. It is also the most misunderstood and neglected area. We have seen many dogs of all different breeds that have not been exposed to a wide variety of play. Just throwing the ball occasionally is not nearly enough. A high-performing dog will need many different play sessions daily to help maintain a positive attitude and willingness to work.

Now since we have Wheatens, we must also understand that they are genetically programmed to play differently than say a Golden Retriever. The SCWT has a different way of processing information than a Retriever. And a Retriever is vastly different than a Sight hound. A Sight Hound is usually too aloof for such menial tasks as chasing an inanimate object for its owner’s amusement. The Wheaten will be happy to fetch the ball a few times, but generally loses interest in this game within a few throws. However, we can teach any dog to want to play this game. We just need to understand them and how different breeds take in information. We will need to make the reward more than just the repeated joy of bringing the tennis ball back again.

First we need to define what a reward is for your dog. Quite simply, a reward is anything your dog is willing to pay a penalty to get. Sometimes it’s toy, a chipmunk, or a treat - whatever they are willing to pay a penalty to get. Understanding that your SCWT will be more sensitive than a Retriever, less willful than a Rottweiler, and more eager to please you than a Sight hound, will make your reward selection much easier. Remember that the reward needs to be highest in the teaching of the skill, and then lessened as the skill is mastered. Equally important is to be mindful that our dogs need to be rewarded randomly once the skill is mastered and practiced. Our training sessions have several selections in our arsenal and we can quickly reward the dog with the appropriate reward. A huge mistake that so many of us make is the elimination of the reward too early.

So how do we use play to influence our dog’s behavior? Remember from the previous articles that if a dog thinks he’s controlling one of the influences, he believes he’s controlling them all. An example of a dog that believes it’s controlling would be the Retriever that continuously wants to play ball with his owner and will keep bringing the ball back and nudging his owner to keep throwing the ball. The dog is not asking. Each time the owner takes the ball, the dog smirks and says, “Yep, I got ‘em again!”

This is a demanding behavior and should not be encouraged. When the dog is tired, he drops the ball and lays down and we say, “Poor Murphy is tired. I guess we’re done.” Did the dog control the game? Yes. He started and ended it. It is important for the owners to be able to start and stop play at will.

A better scenario to this interaction would look like this:

Murphy approaches you with the ball. You take the ball and thank him for bringing it to you. Put the ball up for twenty minutes and bring it out later and go to Murphy asking if he’d like to play. Who now has the influence with the game? You do, with the control to start and end the play.

The two classifications of play are interactive or independent. Interactive play is anything that causes the dog to engage with you. Independent play is anything that produces food.

When working with dogs we use a mix of interactive play and independent play. Of course, this should be introduced at an early age.

Independent Play

Independent play, as we said before, produces food. The most common type of independent toy is the Kong toy. To introduce the Kong it is important that we don’t make the toy too difficult. Start the Kong very easy with some leftover chicken shoved inside. Most dogs love chicken and will work the Kong until it is clean. The idea is that we want them to win-win this game and encourage independent play and thinking. After the dog wants the Kong, only then do we begin adding a lower-value treat. Soon, we are able to fill the Kong with her dry dog food. As we covered diet in our first article, if the reward is food, the rewards should be part of their daily ration-their paycheck. Another great analogy that we like to use is that your boss pays you the least rewarding stimuli to get you to do your job. We should also be able to do that with our dogs. We then seal the Kong with a bit of peanut butter or cream cheese. And don’t forget, occasionally we add the chicken to keep her motivated. She can never know when the jackpot is going to be given. She just has to know that sometimes she’s in Vegas.

Another example of an independent toy is a common empty plastic bottle. It is important to realize that a dog toy can be ANYTHING! Our young puppies are given these soon. They love to chew on them at first.
Before long, we have puppies that are tugging the water bottles and playing with their littermates with the water bottle. Each puppy learns to love the bottle and our adult dogs always have empty bottles in their toy collection. Remember that you can add food into the bottle and then the dog can be entertained with a recycled dog toy. It is also very easy to use water bottles and make them a more difficult game by keeping the lid on and cutting slits in the sides for the dogs to work with their paws to get the kibble out.

**Interactive Play**

Playing with your dog using interactive play is the most rewarding type of play and develops a strong bond between owner and dog. Most of us desire a dog that will play some basic form of fetch, whether with a ball or a stick. Yep, a recycled old stick is an excellent interactive toy. Your dog will need to win at this game, so don’t constantly be asking her to give up the stick. Let her chew on the stick and in small amounts it shouldn’t cause any adverse reactions if ingested. Remember, she’s a dog and in the wild this is one toy she would have found. Most competition sports require that a dog pick up a wooden article such as a dumbbell and return the article to her handler, so it is a very important skill to teach.

A second interactive game that is a favorite is the tennis ball. We start introducing balls at a very early age so that the puppies will play a simple game of fetch at about eight weeks. This exercise can also be used to help teach her to come when called. It is a simple game that most puppies are willing to do at an early age. When the puppy runs after the ball and if she picks it up (which most puppies will), call her back to you. As she is running back to you, be sure to praise her and make it a big deal, and give her a food reward as you tell her to give the ball.

Our favorite interactive game of all times is the game of chase. All puppies are born with the chase game as an instinct. It is a survival game that they learn to play with their littermates and other members of their pack. Since we are the highest ranking member of their pack, we can use the chase game to reinforce our rank. The highest ranked member always controls play and can start and stop play with all the other pack members at will. We have all seen dogs that cannot control their emotions during play, and that is primarily because they have not been taught the correct way to play. Our dogs get all excited with a quick game of chase and they all know that when the game is over, it is time to settle down and relax.

One of our favorite dogs was a male Wheaten that had the strongest work ethic of any dog that we have ever met. The first day that he arrived into our care, he zoned in on me, and you could see in his eyes that he had just become mine. Or maybe, I had become his! He was willing to do anything to get our attention; some things we liked and some things we didn’t. He came to us lacking coping skills, but the issue that we soon found out was that he was brilliant and he needed a high level of mental activity to meet his needs. He would play any game that we ever asked him to and he was always successful. It was like he was asking the question, “What do I have to do for someone to hear me?”

Once we satisfied his need to learn and be mentally challenged, we were able to teach him to relax and cope better. He learned everything very quickly, and he was willing to do anything that was ever asked of him. I will never forget the day that he was returned to his owner. It was the hardest thing I have ever done because he had become my constant partner and I knew that he would have given his life to please me. The importance of play, and what an important influence in changing behavior, was raised to a different level when working with this incredible dog. I have never met a dog like this since, and I doubt that I ever will. He was truly a once-in-a-lifetime dog and I learned more from him than all of the thousands of dogs I have had the pleasure to work with.

We hope that you have gained some insight into the wonderful opportunities that play can influence your Wheaten’s relationship with you. If you practice with her for a few lessons a week, you should see a remarkable change in her attitude. We believe that all of us can devote a few minutes every day to create a more balanced and happy dog. Good luck and have fun!
KENNEL BLINDNESS: A CLOSER LOOK

By Claudia Waller Orlandi, Ph.D.

A dog breeder’s knowledgeable use of genetic principles is of paramount importance to the success of a breeding program. But an all-too-common phenomenon known as kennel blindness can stop some breeding programs dead in their tracks. Most works on dog breeding devote relatively little space to the concept of kennel blindness, although the seriousness of this “breeder defect” and the lasting harm it can have on breeding success merit a closer look.

“The breeder, to be successful, must look his dogs...not only in the face, but in the body, front and running gear. Even to themselves many breeders will not acknowledge their failure when they fall short of their objective (p. 179)...and in an effort to convince others of the perfection of their dogs, [they] convince...usually only themselves” (p. 183).

–From The New Art of Breeding Better Dogs by K. Onstott

Found in many purebred dog kennels, kennel blindness is a “DISEASE” that results in breeders’ inability or refusal to admit to the failings in their own lines of dogs, whether they relate to conformation traits described in the AKC breed standards, behavior or genetic disease. Kennel-blind breeders are given to justifying the dogs they breed by developing warped and unrealistic interpretations of their breed’s standard, said Ann Seranne in her book, The Joy of Breeding Your Own Show Dog.

PROGNOSIS

Because a kennel-blind breeder can become “blind” to serious faults and health defects in their dogs, these problems may become fixed in a couple of generations. Unless quickly diagnosed and treated, kennel blindness can lead to the demise of a successful breeding program.

SYMPTOMS

Fortunately, most common symptoms of kennel blindness are easy to spot. Following are three of the most pervasive symptoms:

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<td>The tendency to ignore the virtues and focus on the faults of a competitor’s dogs. Kennel-blind breeders tend to focus on negative features in dogs that are not their own. Oftentimes, what they view as a fault in someone else’s dog may be an acceptable variation of a style in that breed.</td>
<td>Reread your breed’s AKC standard and understand that standards outline the essential aspects of a breed and that more than one style may be acceptable in your breed. Be sure you understand the difference between breed type and style. A dog’s breed type is defined by its breed standard, which is the written description of the ideal dog of that breed. Style, on the other hand, is how individual breeders interpret the standard and artistically express various elements of breed type in the dogs they breed. Each breeder’s interpretation of the standard can therefore result in a variation of styles within a breed. This may produce a range of excellence in a breed and allow dogs of various styles to be correct and fit their breed standard. Finally, pretend you are a dog show judge, and get into the habit of looking first for the virtues in dogs bred and owned by others. If a dog is consistently winning under a number of different judges, it usually means that the dog has obvious virtues compared to its competition.</td>
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ARE YOU AT RISK?

Kennel blindness is more apt to be a problem for …

1. **Breeders who do not have an "eye" for a dog.**
   An eye for a dog is an almost innate ability to view a dog as one piece and to recognize balance, quality and correctness in any breed. Some breeders are simply not born with an eye for a dog. Despite having read and studied their breed’s standard, they may be incapable of correctly evaluating structure and movement in the dogs they breed. Hence, they are blind to their dogs’ shortcomings.

2. **Novice or even long-time breeders who are strongly affected by a dog’s temperament and personality.**
   Many kennel-blind breeders think all puppies are cute. These owners usually decide to breed their dog, not to improve the breed, but because they love its personality and want more puppies just like it. Breeders such as these are blinded by the love they have for their dog and can remain “blind” to the fact that their dog may lack quality.

3. **Breeders who have produced quality animals in the past but are now struggling to stay on top.**
   Breeders who may have had a superstar in the past are usually looking for their next big winner. In some cases, their superstar may have resulted from good luck as opposed to thoughtful breeding practices based on genetic principles.

   One scenario is a breeding program based solely on non-genetic breeding practices, such as like-to-like matings. Offspring of like-to-like matings cannot usually be counted on to pass on their traits because their homozygous gene pairs are not identical by descent. It is an accepted genetic principle that offspring that carry higher proportions of identical by descent genes have a greater chance of passing on traits that are influenced by these genes. As a result, there may be less consistency and quality in the offspring.

   Good breeders are always aware of what they need to improve in their next generation.
A second scenario concerns the breeder who is confronted with inbreeding depression but refuses to consider outcrossing (the mating of unrelated individuals of the same breed) to bring in hybrid vigor. With each generation, the quality of dogs declines. In both scenarios, a burning desire to produce the next star may make breeders blind to the fact that they are producing below-average dogs.

4. **Breeders working with small numbers of dogs.**
Because small breeders have less to choose from, there is more pressure to make a litter “work out.”

5. **Breeders for whom every waking moment revolves around dogs.**
Making dogs a live-or-die situation can hamper the breeders’ ability to objectively admit to their dog’s shortcomings.

6. **Individuals who were mentored by kennel-blind breeders.**
In these cases, like may beget like.

**Characteristics of the non-kennel-blind**

- They are truly objective concerning what they produce and are always aware of what they need to improve in their next generation.
- Regardless of time and effort already spent, they are ready to remove dogs from their program that do not pan out, even to the point of starting over with new foundation stock.
- They have an eye for a dog and can appreciate an outstanding dog regardless of who bred or owns it.

**Tips for correcting vision**

If caught in time, kennel blindness can be cured before it has a lasting, detrimental effect on your breeding program. Try these tips:

- **Avoid over-emphasizing a certain feature in your breeding program to the detriment of overall correctness.** Although many breeders try to emphasize the excellence of the whole dog, its human nature to be drawn to certain features. In fact, the importance we give to a particular trait in our dogs may be part of how we express our breeding style. One breeder may be a stickler for fronts and another for backlines. The danger here is that by focusing on just one feature we can become blind to other faults that may be creeping into the breeding program.

- **To assess your kennel blindness level, ask someone whose opinion you respect to objectively evaluate your dogs.** Some of the best people to ask are knowledgeable breeders who have produced good dogs and who are not kennel blind themselves. Request they honestly critique the virtues and shortcomings in your dogs. Ask more than one qualified person, and compare their evaluations with your own.
The term “kennel blind” has been bandied about for years and those of us involved in the breeding of purebred dogs are more than aware of what it means or at least we should be. It is always used in a pejorative sense and rarely, if ever, said directly to the person accused of it. Instead, it can be heard murmuring snidely and disparagingly behind their back. It occurred to me recently that relative newcomers to the dog world, and perhaps some that have been around for while need to be enlightened about, or reminded of, what is essential in order to be free of the label, “kennel blind.”

Obviously, the first requirement would involve complete comprehension of a breed’s standard to the point that we have a clear and concise portrait of its correct silhouette (make and shape). Then we must pull the breed’s features apart, from sternum to pin bone, shoulder to feet, nose to occiput and occiput to withers to lumbar vertebra. This picture must then be clearly imprinted in our brains until it becomes obvious that any dog not matching the picture appears wrong. The tactile qualities must also be there; i.e., the proper texture of a breed’s coat and how it is to be presented. We must be fully aware of the intangibles, too...as in, what we know to be the correct temperament and that we fully grasp the job our particular breed was designed to do. The latter often tells us how we should expect our breed to move.

So, what I am saying here is that it is essential to know what goes into creating the ideal of any breed as early as possible in one’s breeding career. I don’t necessarily agree that “kennel blindness” is one’s refusal to see the faults in their dogs so much as it is not knowing that they have faults. We are told time and time again that “There are no perfect dogs.” Many either don’t understand or have a hard time grasping this concept in terms of the fine line that exists between perfection and what is deemed acceptable. If we are to become well-respected breeders, we are charged with a responsibility to get as close to perfection as possible.

Going back to my own beginnings, my foundation bitch, CH Innisfree’s Annie Sullivan (the breed’s first BIS Wheaten) was, among other traits, beautifully balanced with a dead level topline, tail set well up on her back and correctly sized ears. Her coat, however, was not her fortune. I well remember a fellow breeder chastising me for saying that Annie had a bad coat. That I could acknowledge this fault is the antithesis of kennel blindness. The belief that Annie’s coat was good and that there was nothing wrong with it would have been a prime example of kennel blindness.

Quite a number of years later, I was showing a bitch that I felt finish-able, but my sense of her quality ended there. The judge, much to my chagrin, gave her Best of Breed from the classes. A very special handler friend of mine later said to me that he had told the judge he liked my bitch. He added, “But I didn’t mean I liked her that much!” We both had a good laugh over it and her BOB in no way altered my opinion of her. Had my opinion suddenly changed because of this win, it would have been a clear indication that I did not have the capacity to be objective about her and was willing to be swayed by the judge’s opinion. As difficult as this is to say, many of our judges are not strong enough in their convictions to do the job. Put in more simple terms, many are not qualified to judge, regardless of the fact that they have met the necessary AKC requirements to function in this capacity. An enviable show career does not necessarily equate with a quality dog.

Kennel blindness is the fundamental inability of the breeder to look at one’s own dogs in an unbiased manner. Granted, this is not an easy undertaking. When we breed a litter, the resulting pups are almost always “adorable.” After all, no matter the breed, what’s cuter than a puppy? Well, I’ll tell you what’s cuter...a bunch of puppies! However cute they may be, there comes a time, as these pups begin to grow, that we breeders are mandated, to view them with an intensely critical eye. We must steal ourselves from the love we feel for them and get down to the nitty gritty.
This simply cannot be done without a keen knowledge of canine anatomy. That’s the first order of the day. Then, we must have a clear picture etched into our brains of correct breed type as dictated by the breed standard and further clarified by an Illustrated Standard. It also helps to save photos of dogs that display the correct silhouette and trim. I always pinned them up on the wall near my grooming area. Such are the fundamentals required before a breeder can hope to be objective when evaluating, initially a litter and eventually, the adults they will become.

Some are blessed with an inherent natural eye for a dog. We might want to equate this with an “artist’s eye.” It is a gift and one with which not all breeders are blessed. If you are one that has not been so blessed, there still is hope. One valid way is to seek out successful, long-time breeders by inviting them to evaluate your puppies and adults. However, if you are the sort of person that tends to take objective opinions personally, you will find yourself back where you started. If you’ve asked for an opinion and find yourself unable to accept negative feedback about your dogs, you are on the road again…the road to kennel blindness.

At the same time, it’s important to understand, that there are no perfect dogs…no dogs that are totally fault-free. So…it becomes a matter of weighing virtues against faults. More virtues and fewer faults. We also must be cognizant of which faults are considered serious. While sometimes this might be a matter of personal preference, our breed standards generally dictate which faults are considered serious. There is another facet to consider, however, and that is the degree to which a fault may be easily bred out and, conversely, which ones may stick around to haunt us for generations. This is where a successful long-time breeder may be of assistance. And don’t write off the possibility of reaching out to a qualified, well-respected breeder in another breed.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE

It’s important for breeders to understand the challenge those of us on the other side of the fence face when asked to evaluate a litter. As a long-time breeder with some success myself, I am often asked to do this. First of all, unless we are totally heartless, we face the job of establishing how honest we care to be…in other words, we must determine just how far we can go with our evaluation without leaving the breeder crushed and broken hearted. Needless to say, such a breeder is on the way to being kennel blind. The breeder who welcomes an educated opinion with no hurt feelings is on the road to success. From the evaluator’s point of view, it’s a piece of cake to walk in, spend a few minutes studying a litter and then saying, “This is the nicest litter I’ve seen in a long time!” It happened to me recently and I can’t tell you what a thrill it was. I also can’t tell you how rare. In a perfect world… but the world is not perfect, and we are more frequently faced with the question, “How honest can I be here?” I remember, many years ago, studying a litter for a number of minutes and wondering how old the puppies were. But instead of asking, “How old are these puppies,” the words that came out of my mouth were, “How long are these puppies?” Unfortunately, this Freudian slip lives on in my mind!

Those of us that wear the hat of AKC judge are frequently reminded to not “fault judge.” I find that applying this tenet to puppy evaluation is a good beginning and the least damaging to the breeder’s ego. Pointing out what’s good about a puppy soothes the path toward discussing what is not. It then becomes less difficult to determine whether a puppy is worth running-on or is better off placed in a pet home.

Finally, a word of advice for breeders expecting a puppy evaluation: TRIM YOUR PUPS! It is incredibly difficult to look at untrimmed pups with a discerning eye and just so you know…the evaluator does not welcome spending valuable time and effort with scissors in hand, trimming. Your litter should be, as nearly as possible, in show trim. If you can’t do it yourself, take them to someone who can. While you are at it, learn to trim your own dogs! Please understand that none of us were born knowing how to put a show trim on our dogs…it took dedication and hour upon hour of determination…but this is a subject for another time!
When you enter a dog show, what do you expect?

I imagine everyone would agree with “a fair evaluation of my dog”…I said expect, not want!

Yet it seems many exhibitors have expectations that begin and end with what they want. Over and over, people post online complaints about a judge not taking long enough or not looking at everyone for exactly the same number of seconds or doing something to bother their dogs.

And I haven’t even touched on the Owner-Handler competition. Or competitors with clickers, squeakies and bait. Or breaking majors.

Really. Each topic results in recurrent lengthy social media debates. Kudos to Wheaten exhibitors; it’s refreshing to see most people in my breed chose not to whine…publicly.

Presenting people with facts rarely helps…hey, there’s a surprise! Let’s start with a basic one…there is no rule or policy that says a judge must take a specific amount of equal time per dog. The guidelines say an experienced judge should do 25 dogs per hour…to those bemoaning a quick judge, that is NOT the same as each dog getting exactly two minutes and 24 seconds of examination and movement. Nor is a judge required to do specific things when examining a dog. Basically, the guidelines say do as much as the judge needs to do to evaluate the dog.

Everyone’s all in on the idea judges should only reward quality…when it’s their dog. Many are self-aware enough to know their complaints after losing will be put down to sour grapes. Instead they have a reason: the judge did something wrong. Unusual or imperfect procedure? There you are, bad judge. And withholding? Hoo-boy. That’s only called for when it’s someone else’s dog…and only a single point.

Hypocritical much?

I just don’t get it. I don’t think exhibitors go out there to screw up with their dog…I sure don’t, and I’d like to think the times I do, I just…well…screwed up. How come judges don’t get the same benefit of the doubt? That they are out there to do their best, that sometimes you don’t agree with their best and if they make a mistake, it’s just a mistake.

My beliefs have been put to the test. Earlier this year, my bitch had a shot to finish at a three-day cluster with dog majors every day. Day one, she was reserve to a nice bitch; our positions were reversed on Day three. Unfortunately, neither judge named either girl Best of Winners.

Day two was an adventure.

When I saw the dogs walk into the ring with a major on the number, I stopped paying attention, only vaguely noticing the Open Dogs leaving the ring. Winners’ Dog, a 12-18 bitch and then we all went in for Open. We won the class, stayed in and went Winners. Yay!

As Reserve was being judged and specials were assembling, I heard “the major broke.” Whaaaa’…? Then I was in the ring, judging was happening, and I couldn’t find out what happened. We received Best of Winners…to no avail. The judge had previously excused an Open Dog.

I thanked the judge for the wins, and she asked if my bitch had finished. I told her no, because the dog being excused broke the major. The judge looked puzzled for a few seconds and then a look of shock came over her face.

I told her I had no problem with what she’d done.

I don’t mean the reason for the decision, right or wrong. And I’d be lying if I said I didn’t wish fervently she had made her point on another day.
Judges don’t excuse or withhold lightly. With the ranting that occurs on social media, that’s understandable.

Some grumble a judge should just put the dog at the end of the line and never, ever break a major. Nope. Coming in last suggests the judge preferred the other dogs and maybe next time will be different. Withholding/excusing is the judge saying this dog is not show quality. As for breaking a major, remember why they exist: to insure dogs completing their championships have faced worthy competition. If a judge overlooks an unworthy dog, it makes a farce of the major.

Believe me, I understand getting incensed by excusals. I’ve had the excused dog, and it is no fun. Our young dog was zooming along with a lot of success. But he was also an idiot during the exam, losing when he shouldn’t have. Finally, he was excused. Those present thought it was unnecessary. Me…I was mortified I’d delivered an idiot to our handler. We pulled him for many months, he grew up, we worked with him and he finished easily and in style. I would have never gotten the message had he just continued to lose.

Beyond the hypocrisy, what bothers me is the utter self-centeredness of the complainers. They don’t grant the other dog might be better. They don’t consider the dog they love may have done poorly that day…or is a star in their eyes only. They don’t believe a different opinion can be honest.

Nor do they attempt to learn from the experience. I was taught early on to be self-critical after a loss…what could I have done better? I was taught to look at the winners and find their virtues…not their flaws…as if I’d not been in the ring with them. It’s much harder to learn from a win; while no one wants to lose, why not try to gain something from it?

Lately it feels like I end too many conversations and columns with “it’s about the dogs.” Still, remember it because really, THAT’S what your expectations should be at every show: a day where you and your dog gain some points or some lessons..or maybe even both.

(*A postscript: the WD who missed out on the major, our bitch and the excused dog have all finished. That’s dog shows.)
2019 SCWTCA Collectible Ornament

These beautiful ornaments, created by Darci Olson, epitomize the essence of a Wheaten Terrier.

There will be limited supply of ornaments available for pick-up at the SCWTCA Boutique for only $20.00. If you would like to reserve an ornament now for a pick-up at the Boutique, please e-mail Pam Tinnelly at pamwaggintail@gmail.com. After the Boutique, you can order this ornament on the SCWTCA website for $28.00 including shipping & handling.

All proceeds benefit the SCWTCA Health Fund which continues research that will make a difference to our beloved Wheatens.
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Presents

2020 DOUBLE VISION

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE ~ DOUBLE YOUR FUN
WE’RE HAVING
2 SPECIALTIES INSTEAD OF JUST 1!

PERFECT VISION
Indio, CA – Friday, January 3, 2020
• In conjunction with Desert Empire Terrier Club at the beautiful polo grounds
• Specialty Breed Judge – WILLIAM POTTER III
• Sweeps Judge – FRANCES CONNOR
• Presentation by Richard Urquart on Movement and Structure
• Hand-On Grooming Demonstration by Jeri Voyles
• Raffle Prizes - Specialty Dinner on Saturday, January 4th

VISION OF LOVE
Pomona Fairplex - February 28, 2020
• Join us at the Great Western Terrier Association Show & Kennel Club of Beverly Hills (taped by NBC)
• 2 Breed Shows In One Day
• Specialty Breed Judge – JOE WALTON
• Sweeps Judge – CAROL SCOTT
• Amazing raffle and club hospitality

Mark Your Calendars … more details to follow!
Buvette

Sam Hill’s Love at 42 Grove St NYC

CH Aran Nothing Ventured x CH Sam Hill’s Super Soul Sunday

Buvette was awarded a 5 point major over the SCWTCGSL Specialty Weekend

Kudos to this club for always hosting such a fun filled weekend of shows.

Owners: Amy Havely & Vicki Noah
Breeders: Amy Havely, Vicki Noah, Shari Boyd
WhindancerWheatens

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

Redford

Best In Sweeps | Bucks 2018
Best of Opposite In Sweeps | St Louis 2018
WD BOW | St Louis 2018
AOM | Bucks 2019
BOB Owner Handled | Garden State Terrier Day 2019
Group 4 Win | Twin Valley Cluster 2019

Thank you

• 5 pt major for Grand | Thank you, Dana Kline • Redford Bucks | Thank you, Ken Kaufman
• AOM Bucks | Thank you, France Godbout • Redford Group 4 | Thank you, Cindy Meyers & Marcy Kraus for showing him!

Owned & Loved by Susan Ratliffe, Art Miller
Susan Ratliffe | Whindancer Wheatens | wndancer@rochester.rr.com | 585-377-1994
Whindancer Wheatens

CH Whindancer’s I’m In Love With The Shape of You
GCH Rosheen All That And A Smile X CH Whindancer Up All Night for Good Fun

Wally

Thank you Ken Kaufman

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CH Lochlinear Fire And Rain

CH Waterford Just For Westridge “Cruiser”

‘TAYLOR’

Born while evacuated due to Napa “Atlas Peak” fire on October 12, 2017

Bred and owned by Pat Mullin
pat@lochlinear.com 550-867-2935
GCH Lochlinear This Girl Is On Fire

x GCH Lochlinear Atas Enigma “Puzzle”

‘BLAZE’

Bred for Breed Type, Soundness, Movement and Temperament

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THE CALM IN THE EYE OF THE STORM...

A NEW CHAMPION AT WHEATEN LANE!

CH Wheaten Lane's Eye of the Storm
GCHB CH Greentree Luellen Unbridled Song (Devin) x CH Wheaten Lane's Heart and Soul (Rory)

Beckett

Beckett completed his Championship with 4 MAJOR WINS:

**WD** - Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Ms. Gloria Kerr

**WD/BW** - 2018, Boca Raton Dog Club, Mr. Dana Cline

**WD** - Everglades Terrier Club Specialty, Mr. Norman B. Kenney

**WD/BW** - Sarasota Kennel Club, Ms. Jan N. Paulk

Bred/Owned by Nancy Griffin
wheaten@tampabay.rr.com
*NEW GCHI Heart of Gold’s Kween Nuala

*With limited showing

Thank you to Judges Ann Yuhasz, Patricia Mullin and Sue Goldberg for a great weekend at Purina Farms, SCWTC of Greater St. Louis Specialty

Handled by: The Garćinis

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BREEDER LORI CLARK of

Heart of Gold Kennel

Owner: Lori Owen-Fernandez
BLUEGRASS WHEATENS
bluegrasswheatens@gmail.com
LACEY ... Sassy and Sweet

GCH Clover’s Uptown Girl

CH Greentree Trinity Heartbreak Kid x GCH Greentree Clover Hurricane Havoc

AOM, Bucks County KC - France Godbout
BOS, Trenton KC - Jan Ritchie Gladstone
BOB, BOBOH-Greater Phila. Dog Fanciers Assoc - Sun Shu
Terrier Group 4, Greater Phila. Dog Fanciers Assoc - Sharol Candace Way
BOS, BOBOH, Reserve OH Best in Show, Burlington County KC - Sharol Candace Way
BOB, Terrier Group 3, Twin Brooks KC - Jan Ritchie Gladstone
BOB, OH G1, Twin Brooks KC - Terry Stacy/Jacqueline Stacy

Owned and bred by Liz and Mike Jamiolekowski
ljamiolekowski@yahoo.com

Photo by Erik Miller

Clover Wheatens
Best in DelVal Specialty Sweeps!

Piper

Bucks County PA
Thank you
Breeder Judge
Lori Kromash

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GCH KEEPSAKE TYRONE SURFNPipeline

BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED BY SYDNEY ROBINSON
OWNED & LOVED BY JUNE FRASER, LANA CAMPBELL, JACK SLACK & SHARI ROBINSON
TYRONE WHEATENS PERM REG'D
GCHB Summerland’s A Southern Comfort

"CRU"

GCH Raelyn Jewel of the Nile x GCH Marquee’s Pretty Little Love Song!!

Thank you to Tracy Szaras and Luiz Abreu for their expert handling and to Breeder Judges Cindy Vogel and Pat Mullin as well as all the other judges who recognized our boy!

Looking forward to Montgomery 2019

Owner: Steffen Schollaert and Jessica Schollaert  Breeder: Jessica Schollaert
Preserve your old photos on the SCWT Health and Pedigree Database

By Anna Marzolino

Why You Should Digitize Your Show Photos Before It’s Too Late!

Are your old Dog Show photos in danger of disappearing?

Many of us have stacks of old dog show photographs. They are likely to be in one – or many – old photo albums sitting in closets, attics, basements, or storage lockers. We know they are there, although we seldom look at them anymore. They mean a tremendous amount to the breed we love so much; not only to you, but to future breeders, exhibitors and pet owners. Your dog show photos represent the best repository of your past and the breed’s past, and are important pieces of our history. These memories of our dogs from an earlier time are modern artifacts.

Now, in the digital age, the answer, obviously, is to have all this photographic material scanned to preserve the history of our breed for generations to come. Ok, that’s what we should do. But, the vast majority of us just keep putting it off. In many cases we just haven’t thought through all the reasons that getting those photos scanned is important – but it is!

Here are some reasons to digitize your Dog Show photos before it’s too late:

1. All photographic materials deteriorate with time. The rate of decay is different for various materials, but it is happening to all of your photo memorabilia every single day.

2. As soon as you digitize your vintage pictures, the deterioration stops. Perhaps more importantly, the digitized images can, in many cases, be brought back to their original glory with relative ease.

3. Your past is important. By digitizing your photos, you can share them with everyone.

So, don’t keep putting off the project of rescuing our photographic past. It may seem like a large undertaking, but the team working on the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Health and Pedigree Database is here to help you. Mail us your photos and we will carefully preserve them. The SCWT Database will scan up to four of your photos for each dog and attach them to your dog’s record. They can be show win photos or candids.

Once you see your dog and all his ancestors on one pedigree, you can rest assured that an important part of your life is treasured by the custodians of the breed. We will preserve your contribution to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier worldwide.

What to do:

- Gather up all your photos – make sure the dog is identified by registered name with the call name.
- Mail them to: Kathy McIndoe, 3005 E. Angela Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85032-1912. Mailing them represents agreement to add the photos to your dog’s record in the database. If you have any questions, contact Kathy at paisleyspring@q.com.
- Let us know if you would like them back, either in hard copy or digital form (email or flash drive).
  - We will let you know when your photos are scanned for you to review.

If you already have digital photos, you can add them yourself. Find your dog in the database, go to the Photos tab, click the Upload Photos for this Dog button and follow the instructions.

See page 36 for a visual display of how photos will appear.

Preserve the breed…add your photos to the database today!
“How future generations will see your Wheaten”

Your 4-generation pedigree with extensive details and health information.

Your 4-generation pedigree with photos of ancestors.
Science really is our friend. It provides us with ways to maintain healthy lives for our pets, it explains sometimes erudite ideas in language we can understand and use, and it moves forward with research that will benefit our dogs in the future.

Following are several articles that illuminate how science works for us. In an effort to provide the most useful material for Wheaten owners, the annual testing protocols for Wheatens have been updated, combined and condensed to create a more user-friendly, accurate version. Meryl Littman DVM has approved these documents and they will appear on the new SCWTCA website in the near future. In the meantime, please make a copy and keep in a file that you can readily access.

Next is a link to comprehensive view of the urinalysis, how it is collected and interpreted. This is a handy document to help owners understand methods and results of a most commonly used test.

Following the handbook are updates of two AKC-CHF research grants that SCWTCA has supported.

Finally, read the five common questions you should ask your vet when your dog is scheduled to received anesthesia.

### ANNUAL HEALTH TESTING FOR YOUR WHEATEN

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Every dog needs an annual veterinary checkup. There are some diseases that are found more frequently in Wheatens than in other breeds. Since these conditions can lurk for years without showing any signs, during your Wheaten’s annual checkup, certain blood and urine tests should be done. In many cases, *early diagnosis and treatment can prolong your dog’s quality of life.* Jump to:

- [What are These Diseases?](#)
- [Annual Testing Protocols](#)
- [If Your Dog’s Testing Shows Abnormalities](#)

### WHAT ARE THESE DISEASES?

Please note that the links below are to articles that are general in nature on external websites. SCWTCA reminds readers they are not a substitute for the advice of their own veterinarians and/or a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (DACVIM).

**Protein Losing Enteropathy – PLE:** PLE is characterized as a loss of protein from the intestines due to intestinal disease. There can be many causes of PLE, but it’s important to note that there may be a hereditary component in Wheatens, predisposing them to inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and/or intestinal lymphangiectasia.

- The average age of onset is 4½ years (range 0.5-11 years).
- A PLE dog may exhibit diarrhea, vomiting, edema/ascites, picky appetite, and weight loss. Since these are symptoms of many types of illness, serious and minor, proper diagnosis is important. Left untreated, PLE can become serious and fatal.
- Treatment is with medication and diet and can result in extended life.

Learn more about PLE here: [Protein Losing Enteropathy](#)

Learn more about IBD here: [Inflammatory Bowel Disease](#)

**Protein Losing Nephropathy – PLN:** PLN is also known as glomerular disease. It causes significant protein loss through the glomerulus, a structure of the kidneys. While PLN can have several causes, it’s important to note that Wheatens can have familial PLN due to a podocytopathy causing glomerulosclerosis. Note that PLN is not “old age” kidney disease and is different than Renal Dysplasia. PLN can be associated with systemic hypertension, thromboembolic events, edema/ascites, and eventually chronic renal failure.

- The average age of onset is 6 years (range 2-11 years).
- Dogs will not usually exhibit symptoms until the disease is very advanced.
- Left untreated, PLN is usually fatal.
- Treatment is with medication and diet. Early intervention can result in a longer life span.
- Learn more about PLN here: Protein Losing Nephropathy
- Some useful links for your veterinarian: International Renal Interest Society (“IRIS”) Consensus Clinical Practice Guidelines for Glomerular Disease in Dogs

Renal Dysplasia – RD: RD is the abnormal development of the kidney (also known as Juvenile Renal Disease). This malformation can result in early renal failure.

- Average age of onset is under 1 year although it may not be detected until years later.
- Puppies are often characterized as “poor doers; they are not good eaters, are depressed, do not thrive. Frequent drinking and urination can be seen.
- Treatment for chronic renal failure may help prolong quality of life.
- Learn more about kidney failure here: Kidney Failure

Addison’s Disease: Addison’s Disease is also known as Hypoadrenocorticism. It is the insufficient production and secretion of certain endocrine hormones made by the adrenal gland cortex. Wheatens are predisposed to two types of Addison’s disease: typical and atypical.

- Addison’s is referred to as “the great pretender” because the symptoms are typical of other illnesses…a dog may have GI upsets, listlessness. Addison’s can mimic signs and blood test changes that are seen in renal failure cases (but reversible with treatment).
- Left untreated, a dog can go into an “Addisonian crisis” – a collapse, often after an exciting or stressful event. Addisonian crises are life-threatening emergencies.
- Once suspected by your veterinarian based on a combination of symptoms and blood test abnormalities, a specific blood test (ACTH stimulation test) confirms Addison’s disease. Treatment with medication for life can result in a long, good quality life span.
- Learn more about Addison’s here: Addison’s Disease (Hypoadrenocorticism)

**ANNUAL TESTING PROTOCOLS**

Early warning changes of PLE, PLN, and RD may be noted on the annual laboratory screening test results, so don’t wait until your dog shows outward signs of illness.

In the absence of symptoms or other health problems, annual health testing is recommended starting at 1 year of age to pick up early warning changes before your dog shows outward signs of illness, and to get a baseline for future comparisons should your dog become ill. These protocols are for healthy companion dogs. Please see below for breeding animals and those who have had the Genetic Testing for the PLN-Associated Variant Alleles

- Biochemical Profile aka Chem Screen (include total protein, albumin, globulin, creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (“BUN”), SDMA, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, etc.) Complete Blood Count (“CBC”)
- Urinalysis (including specific gravity, dipstick, and urinary sediment)
- Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio (“UPC”) or a Microalbuminuria (“MA”) test
Protocols for Wheatens being bred:

SCWTCA members must follow the requirements of the SCWTCA Code of Ethics. Breeders who are concerned about PLE may want to consider doing annual fecal API testing in addition to annual blood and urine screening tests on healthy breeding dogs but should be aware there are situations in which the test can produce a false positive result. Read more about the fecal API test here

Protocols for DNA tested Dogs:

No matter the result of your dog’s DNA test, testing at least annually is still important.

- **If your dog’s results are Heterozygous** (i.e., having 1 copy of the variant alleles), in addition to regular annual blood and urine screening tests, beginning at age 2-4 years a UPC or MA might be checked every 6 months. If abnormalities are found, further testing is warranted.

- **If your dog’s results are Homozygous Positive** (i.e., having 2 copies of the variant alleles), in addition to regular annual blood and urine screening tests, beginning at age 2 years, a UPC or MA is recommended **minimally** every 6 months. If abnormalities are found, further testing is warranted.

- **If you have not had DNA testing done**, it is recommended you follow the guidelines for a Homozygous Positive dog. For more information on DNA testing, visit our DNA Testing page

IF YOUR DOG’S TESTING SHOWS ABNORMALITIES...

Do not panic. There are multiple causes besides genetic diseases why there may be abnormalities. In many cases, one lab result or even one set of results is insufficient for a diagnosis. Your vet may wish to repeat testing in a few weeks to see what’s going on and to do additional testing to rule out other causes.

Treatment for PLE, RD and Addison’s disease are often part of a veterinarian’s standard practice. If you or your vet need additional resources concerning PLN or another kidney disease:

Meryl Littman, VMD, DACVIM, Professor Emerita of Medicine (Clinician-Educator), University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, who led the research into PLN in Wheatens for decades, created “Recommendations Concerning Protein-Losing Nephropathy (PLN) in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers” which you should give to your veterinarian.


If your veterinarian is unable to manage your dog’s care, seek the assistance of a veterinarian who is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (DACVIM). You can use this Find a Specialist tool to locate one near you…be sure to select “SAIM” which is a specialist in Small Animal Internal Medicine.

Dr. Littman has retired from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine but is available for paid consultations. Please contact her at merylitt@vet.upenn.edu

Shelly Vaden, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, Professor Internal Medicine, North Carolina State University is available for consultation ONLY with veterinarians. If you wish a consultation, please have your vet contact her at slvaden@ncsu.edu
This handbook can be accessed by going to https://www.purinaproplanvets.com/media/1315/pur-urinalysis-clinical-handbook.pdf

The handbook is one of a series published by Nestle Purina. It discusses collection methodology, interpretation of the collection and provides a useful glossary. Owners can use this handbook as a reference when consulting with veterinarians about urinalysis information and results.

The Interpretation of Canine and Feline Urinalysis
by Dennis J. Chew, DVM and Stephen P. DiBartola, DVM

Introduction:
Routine urinalysis is an extremely valuable yet inexpensive diagnostic tool that sometimes is overlooked in veterinary practice. The complete urinalysis includes both macroscopic and microscopic evaluation. Physical and chemical properties are examined and measured, and the urinary sediment is studied. The following lists common indications for performing urinalysis:

- Clinical signs of lower urinary tract disease (eg, pollakiuria, stranguria, dysuria, hematuria, inappropriate urinations) or polyuria and polydipsia.
- Change in character of urine (eg, darker, paler, bloody, sticky), either observed or reported by pet owner.
- Known or suspected renal disease or urolithiasis.
- Previous history of urinary tract infection. Urinalysis may also provide additional diagnostic and prognostic information in a number of other clinical situations, as follows:
  - In the evaluation of animals with non-renal systemic diseases (eg, animals with hepatic disease or portosystemic shunts may have bilirubinuria or ammonium biurate crystals).
  - In animals with suspected infectious diseases (eg, proteinuria due to glomerular disease may complicate several chronic infectious diseases).
  - In febrile animals (a urinary tract infection can elicit a fever due to sepsis).
  - In preliminary evaluation of renal function in dehydrated animals. Note: Urinalysis should always be completed before initiating fluid therapy (eg, a high urine specific gravity in a dehydrated animal may be reassuring with respect to renal function, whereas a low urine specific gravity in a dehydrated animal is cause for concern).
    - As a starting point for the evaluation of any animal with non-specific signs of illness (eg, anorexia, lethargy, weight loss) in conjunction with hemogram data and a serum biochemical profile.
    - As a baseline reference point for future evaluation in normal healthy animals.
    - As a screening tool for geriatric animals and animals that must undergo general anesthesia. Because test results can be affected by the method of urine collection as well as by sample handling, certain steps must be followed to assure accurate and reliable information. The following chapters discuss these important aspects of urinalysis.

The handbook is then divided into three parts.
Part I: Sample Collection and Sample handling preparation and analysis
Part II: Urinalysis Interpretation and Case Studies
Part III: Reference ranges index as well as a useful glossary of terms on pages 71-73.
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARY #1

Grant 02519: Prevalence of Bartonella spp. Infection in Dogs with Cardiac and Splenic Hemangiosarcomas Within and Between Geographic Locations
Principal Investigator: Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM
Research Institution: North Carolina State University
Grant Amount: $219,026.00
Start Date: 2/1/2018
End Date: 1/31/2020

Original Project Description:
Splenic masses comprise ~50% of all canine splenic disease. Despite advances in imaging and pathologic definition, the etiology and medical relevance of splenic lesions in dogs are often ambiguous. While some splenic tumors are benign, approximately two-thirds are highly malignant and carry a poor prognosis. Hemangiosarcoma (HSA) accounts for the majority of canine malignant splenic tumors and occurs in many large dog breeds, including mixed breeds. A less common site of HSA localization is the heart (cardiac HSA). Risk factors for both cardiac and splenic HSA remain unclear, confounding development of preventative strategies. The investigators recently reported a high prevalence of species of the bacterial genus Bartonella in dogs with HSA from North Carolina, suggesting a potential role in the initiation and/or progression of this cancer. Bartonella species exist worldwide and are transmitted by blood-sucking arthropods (e.g. ticks, fleas) and their presence in splenic tissue could potentially be explained by the fact that the spleen is primarily responsible for removal of blood-borne parasites from the systemic circulation. The investigators will perform a comprehensive examination of the potential association between Bartonella infection and HSA by comparing the prevalence of Bartonella DNA in tumor and blood samples from both splenic and cardiac HSA cases, and also within and between distant geographical locations in the US. Ultimately, demonstration of a robust association between Bartonella infection and the development of HSA may lead to new opportunities for improved diagnosis, treatment and prevention of this devastating cancer.

Publications: Not at this time.
Presentations: Not at this time.

RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARY #2

Grant 01780: Defining the Mechanism by Which Ticks Locate Dogs in Order to Better Prevent Disease Transmission
Principal Investigator: Emma Weeks, PhD
Research Institution: University of Florida
Grant Amount: $103,660.27
Start Date: 3/1/2013 End Date: 9/30/2019*
Progress Report: Mid-Year 6

*This study has been impacted by the recent government shut down, slowing progress. The grant period has been extended.

Original Project Description:
The brown dog tick (BDT) is common across the U.S. and is the most widely distributed tick in the world. BDT’s carry and transmit the pathogens that cause debilitating diseases such as canine ehrlichiosis and babesiosis. Prevention of these diseases is accomplished through tick control. BDT’s can complete their entire life cycle indoors, making management difficult. Records of infestations are increasing and unpublished data indicates that a high level of pesticide resistance is present in domestic populations. Consequently once introduced, these ticks are particularly hard to eradicate and as one female tick may lay 5,000 eggs, the problem soon gets out-of-hand. Pesticide resistance leads...
to aggressive treatment regimes, which in turn, lead to increased exposure of humans and pets to chemical residues. Alternatives to pesticides are needed. Studies have shown that BDT's are attracted to dog odor, a blend of volatile chemicals used by ticks to find a blood meal. In this study, Dr. Weeks will identify the chemicals BDT’s use to locate a dog. This will enable manipulation of tick behavior thereby facilitating management and reducing the need for extensive use of pesticides. Improved tick control without the need for increased environmental pesticide applications will improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners.

Publications: None at this time.

Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

The brown dog tick (BDT) is common across the US and the most widely distributed tick in the world. BDT's are capable vectors of pathogens that cause canine ehrlichiosis and babesiosis as well as other disease agents. Prevention of these diseases is accomplished through tick control. BDT’s complete their entire life cycle indoors, making management difficult. Records of infestations are increasing, and unpublished data indicates that a high level of acaricide resistance is present in domestic populations.

Consequently, once introduced, these ticks are particularly hard to eradicate and as one female tick may lay 5,000 eggs, the problem soon gets out-of-hand. Acaricide resistance leads to aggressive treatment regimes, which in turn, leads to increased exposure of humans and pets to acaricide residues. Alternatives to pesticide applications are needed. Studies have shown that BDT’s are attracted to dog odor, a blend of volatile chemicals used by ticks to find a blood meal. Identification of the chemicals BDT’s use to locate a dog (semiochemicals) would enable manipulation of tick behavior thereby facilitating management and reducing the need for extensive use of acaricides. Improved tick control without the need for increased acaricide applications will improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners or handlers. Work will be accomplished through four successive objectives to 1) collect dog odor, 2) identify chemicals that ticks can detect, 3) test chemicals for tick attraction and ultimately 4) evaluate efficacy of an attractant-based tick trap.

For the first objective, the collection of dog odor, all animals have been identified and the samples have been collected and analyzed by chromatographic techniques. Furthermore, the chemicals have been identified tentatively by mass spectrometry. For the second objectives the electrophysiological techniques have been established and ten ticks have been tested against each dog breed sample plus a mixed sample of all dog breeds (Total 60 ticks). Comparisons between the electrophysiological responses by breed have been made and those peaks producing consistent responses in tick sensory organs have been identified. For the third objective the behavioral assay has been established. Attraction has been demonstrated to whole dog hair samples and positive controls. Further studies have begun to test the electrophysiologically active chemicals in the behavioral bioassay to determine behavioral role and impact. The most attractive chemicals will be tested in a semi-field trapping system for potential use in a monitoring device.
Dogs and anesthesia can mix safely when there are appropriate protocols in place. Here’s what to know beforehand.

Advances in veterinary anesthesia techniques have made veterinary surgery considerably safer nowadays, but its usage needs to be tailored to the individual dog to make it as risk-free as possible. Here are the important questions to ask before your dog undergoes surgery.

1. **What types of testing will be done before anesthesia?**

   “Bloodwork to assess kidney function, liver function and bone marrow function should be done,” according to Robin Downing, DVM, founder and past-president of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management. “If there’s an abnormality in liver or kidney function or the dog is anemic or has a high white blood cell count, anesthesia may have increased risk for that animal, and drugs can be selected that will reduce the risk.”

2. **Will there be a qualified person monitoring my dog’s vital signs?**

   Your veterinarian’s technician should be trained in the latest anesthesia and monitoring techniques, including monitoring blood pressure. “The most sensitive parameter that we can measure in an anesthetized patient that gives us volumes of information is blood pressure,” explains Dr. Downing.

3. **Will my dog receive intravenous (IV) fluids while he’s anesthetized?**

   He should. IV fluids for dogs help prevent dehydration and low blood pressure, both of which are associated with anesthesia.

4. **What happens if there’s a complication with my dog’s anesthesia?**

   Emergency procedures and drugs should include intravenous catheters placed so that drugs can be rapidly injected in the event of a reaction to anesthesia or a change in heart rate.

5. **Will efforts be made to keep my dog warm after surgery and will there be a pain management plan?**

   Dogs – especially small dogs - can become cold during anesthesia and surgery. Maintaining their body temperature keeps them comfortable and helps the body do a better job of metabolizing the specific dog pain meds chosen for them. Each dog is an individual, so age and health are factors your veterinarian will take into account. For instance, a dog with diabetes should have his glucose monitored periodically, but that’s not necessary for a young, healthy dog being spayed.

Reprinted from the April26, 2019 edition News from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
The Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club’s specialty took place the first weekend in May. The weather kept us on our toes, but with a strong entry of Wheats, it was a busy and competitive weekend of showing, and a wonderful gathering of Wheaten friends old and new.

The Run for the Roses kicked off with Garden State All Terrier Club show on a cool, overcast Friday, judged by Ken Kauffman. Del Val supported the entry and trophies were embossed water buckets. Cherie Turner and Carole Clark hosted a wine and cheese party under the tent after judging; the beautiful selection of cheeses, fruits and cold beverages was enjoyed by members and friends.

The grooming tent was bustling with exhibitors and Wheatens early on another cool morning for the Del Val Specialty Saturday in Erwinna PA. Club volunteers (and several helpful husbands!) were setting up in the Hospitality tent, where coffee and light breakfast was 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 fundraisers. The display tables were overflowing with gifts! Some of the donors included very generous contributions from talented artists Dorice Stancher, Merrilee Ford, Harriet Billingham, Dominique Routhier and Katarzyna Stanczak. A beautiful stained glass decoration designed by club member Tom Neill was our raffle item.

A lovely entry of 21 puppies participated in Sweepstakes competition judged by Wheaten breeder Lori Kromash, and France Godbout judged an entry of 54 Wheats for the breed competition. The beautiful Specialty trophies were custom designed baskets created by club member Denise Bendelewski.

Lunch was offered under the hospitality tent after judging, and by this time the day was sunny and very warm. 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 are called!

The weather for the Trenton Kennel Club show on Sunday presented challenges to everyone participating, with rain, cold temperatures and lots of mud puddles! Boots and lots of clothing layers were the order of the day! The Del Val club supported this show’s entry also. Jan Ritchie Gladstone was our judge, as handlers and dogs did their best to avoid the many puddles in and around the ring!

Lunch was offered alongside the grooming tent for everyone after the competition.

We recognize all of the work and preparation that is needed to make a successful Specialty weekend. Special thanks to: Cherie Turner and Carole Clark for the Wine and Cheese party, Bev and Kevin McDonald for providing Sunday refreshments, and club members who contributed side dishes and desserts for Saturday’s lunch. Thanks also go to Peggy Love, Liz Jamiolekowski and team for organizing the auctions, Pat Robeski for the raffle ticket sales, and to the many club members and friends who assisted and contributed to these and all of the weekend’s activities.

The Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club extends its warm thanks to all the breeders and exhibitors who participated and helped to make our specialty weekend a big success once again!!
Sweepstakes Judge’s Critique - Lori Kromash

I would like to thank the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club for the privilege and honor of judging their Specialty Sweepstakes. Eighteen years ago this is where it all began for me as a breeder/exhibitor with my first litter of puppies. Four girls in one class were far more interested in each other than being a “show dog.” At one point I heard one of the spectators suggest that we drop all the leads and “whoever gets to the judge first would be the winner.” What was I thinking! Luckily for me I had a very impressive entry of 22 dogs to judge, 12 males and 10 females that were very well behaved! My overall impression was very positive. Bites were great, nice size teeth. Lovely coats with nice color. Laid back shoulders, nice top lines and good tailsets. Movement coming and going was very clean, a nice improvement. Size and substance was also nice. I only had one dog that was very thin.

Puppy Dog 6 - 9 Months
1st place went to Whindancer’s Walk Off Home Run – A very stylish young puppy with a lovely coat, nice color and a beautiful head. A little unsure of himself while moving, with a little more confidence he would have been a strong contender.

Puppy Dog 9 – 12 Months
1st place went to Orion Trebol Break The Box – The whole package, groomed and shown to perfection. Lovely type with a beautiful head and moved effortlessly around the ring.

Puppy Dog 12 – 15 Months
1st place went to Coventry I’m Your Man – And my man he was! Very impressive elegant mover, beautiful head, nice coat and handled beautifully. He never let down and went on to be my Best of Opposite Sex. It was very emotional for me when I later learned that this pup was sired using frozen sperm from Ch Amaden’s Sole Man. I have very fond memories of Opie and the beautiful puppies he produced in the late 90’s and early 2000’s. He left his mark then and will continue to do so.

Puppy Bitch 6 – 9 Months
1st Place went to Whindancer’s Dreaming in Rhythm – Beautiful bitch, lovely coat, nice outline and very sound mover. She is a littermate to my 1st place 6 – 9 month puppy dog. This was a very nice class of bitches. My 2nd and 3rd placements were very cute and a pleasure to go over. They made me smile!

Puppy Bitch 9 -12 Months
1st place went to Orion Trebol Break Through – Another lovely lady who caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Beautifully groomed and expertly handled. Nice length of head, beautiful outline and nice mover. She is a littermate to my 1st place 9 – 12 month puppy dog.

Puppy Bitch 12 – 15 Months
1st place went to Keepsake Tyrone Surfnpipeline – Wow, what a beautiful showy young lady! Excellent movement with very good reach and drive. Watching her move around the ring took my breath away. Beautifully groomed, expertly trained and handled to perfection. Very well conditioned. She never let down and went on to be my Best In Sweeps.

It is always a pleasure watching these youngsters strut their stuff in the regular classes. They did not disappoint. I look forward to seeing them at Montgomery so that I can judge them again sitting ringside.

Congratulations to all the breeders for their hard work and effort improving our breed. From the whelping box to the show ring your efforts have paid off!

BEST IN SWEEPS: KEEPSAKE TYRONE SURFNPipeline (b)
GCHS Sundance My Beau’s A Roxstar x GCH Keepsake’s Soul Surfer
Owners: Lana Campbell & John Slack & June Fraser & Shari Robinson
Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson

BOS SWEEPS: COVENTRY I’M YOUR MAN (d)
Ch Amaden’s Sole Man x Ch Coventry Searchai Penny Serenade
Owners/Breeders: Erma Heckman & Jim Heckman
Breed Judge - France Godbout, no critique

**WD: FEIS DANCER CAPTAIN FANTASTIC**
GCHB Greentree Luellen Unbridled Song x Ch Greentree Feis Dancer Dancin' On Air
Owners: Donna & John Baird
Breeders: Beverly & Kevin McDonald & Donna & John Baird

**RWD: GREENTREE SAGE’S JETT SETTER**
GCHG Sundance Second Chance x GCHS Greentree Sage’s Magical Enchantress
Owners: Beverley McDonald & Kevin McDonald
Breeders: Sandy & Frank Russo & Beverly & Kevin McDonald

**WB/BOW: ORION TREBOL BREAK THROUGH**
GCH Rosheen All That And A Smile x GCH Orion Trebol Breaking Bad RN TD NAJ NAP NFP RATO
Owner: Betsy Geertson
Breeders: Betsy Geertson & Guillermo Rueda

**BOB & GROUP 4: GCH KEEPSAKE’S RAISE YOUR GLASS (d)**
Ch Boreal Keepsake Immortal x Ch Keepsake Timtara I'm A Rockstar
Owners: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims & Cheryl Satherley
Breeder: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims

**BOS & BOBOH: GCH GREENTREE GOLD CHARM (Veteran)**
Ch Wheaten Rebel's Nelson For Navy x Ch Greentree Silver Charm
Owners: Beverly McDonald & Kevin McDonald
Breeders: Oleh Sharanevych & Beverly & Kevin McDonald

**AOM: CH CLOVER’S MOONSTRUCK ADMIRAL HALSEY (d)**
GCH Wheaten Rebel's Take A Ticket To Greentree x GCH Clover's Moonstruck Reflection Of Greentree
Owners: Morgan Glasspool & Liz Jamiolekowski
Breeders: Helen Fraguela & Liz Jamiolekowski
AOM: CH CLOVER’S UPTOWN GIRL (b)
CH Greentree Trinity Heartbreak Kid x GCH Greentree Clover Hurricane Havoc
Owner: Liz Jamiolkowski Breeders: Liz Jamiolkowski & Geri Farese

AOM: GCH WHINDANCER’S FIREWORKS AFTER MIDNIGHT (d)
GCH Whindancer’s Fireworks At Westwind x Ch Whindancer When My Heart Comes Home
Owners/Breeders: Susan Ratliffe & Art Miller & Abby Kochan

AOM: GCHB SUNDANCE’S LUCKY ROVER (d)
Ch Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane x Ch Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose
Owners: Kerrie Rousey & Susan Wuerz
Breeders: Susan A & Donald L Wuerz & Juliana McKamey

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The SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis welcomed Wheaten fanciers to its 2019 Specialty weekend, May 30-June 3. 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 Wheatens from 21 different states: all looking their best.

Pat Mullin, Lochlinear Wheatens, judged the SCWT Club of Greater St. Louis Specialty Show on Friday, May 31. She selected GCHG J’Adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn as Best of Breed. Judge Connie Clark awarded the Wheaten a Terrier Group 3 later that day.

Elena Landa, Doubloon Wheatens, judged the sweepstakes puppies. Her Best in Sweepstakes winner was Frolic’s Call Me Maybe from the Puppy Bitch 6-9 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 Purina Event Center. Cindy Shea designed centerpieces featuring hand-crafted pottery vases 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. Sweepstakes trophies were ceramic items hand-painted by Darcie Olsen, Deer Island Creations. Darcie’s design featured playful Wheatens and the Gateway Arch. In addition, Purina offered Pro-Plan logo items. Cindy Shea chaired the trophy committee.

The St. Louis Club supported the entry and offered trophies at the Thursday, Saturday and Monday shows also. The SCWT Club of America supported the entry on Sunday, offering medallions for the winners.

On Saturday evening the St. Louis Club hosted a complimentary barbecue for all Wheaten exhibitors and friends 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 to all the St. Louis Club members who made the weekend a success. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Candid photos courtesy of Lori Owen-Fernandez, Susan McGee and Bob Azerolo.
It was an honor to judge the St. Louis Soft Coated Wheaten Sweepstakes.

I had some beautiful puppies and was so happy and proud to see the quality of the classes.

I was pleased to see all the good bites and very good coats, which I saw in all stages. I was very impressed with the temperaments. It was a great feeling to see them all so showy and enjoying themselves. I feel the breed is going in the right direction and that is a great feeling. I do think we need to pay more attention to the front ends and side movement.

There were some hard choices to make in the classes and especially for Best in Sweepstakes. I found it enjoyable but hard to judge because of the quality of the puppies.

My winner, Frolic’s Call Me Maybe, was my choice for Best in Sweepstakes as she was true coming and going and balanced on the go around. She was very pretty in coat and outline.

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes was a very pretty boy. He was also good coming and going and had a very nice presence in the ring.

I had a great time and always enjoy the camaraderie and hospitality of the St. Louis Club.

Breed Judge Critique - Pat Mullin

I was honored to judge the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater St. Louis Specialty held in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club on Friday May 31, 2019.

I was extremely pleased with the entry of 38 Wheatens. Overall, I thought the entry was lovely.
with square outlines, balanced proportions, lovely coats, and a few exceptional heads. I did see a significant number of Wheatens, both in classes and Best of Breed competition with less than desirable rear movement: several cow hocked entries, moved under themselves (no drive) and a few who bicycled.

When judging, I follow the guiding principle of one of the dog fancy greats – Anne Rogers Clark who advised judges to

“first choose the individuals in your ring with the best breed type, and then reward the soundest of those typey individuals.”

12-18 Month Dogs
First in class and Reserve Winners Dog was Sam Hill’s Only My Love Calls Me Moon Pie: moderate puppy with lovely coat who held his own in the ring.

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs
First in class was Windancer I Am In Love With The Shape of You – true to his name, this puppy is square in outline. He also exhibits lovely movement both on the down and back and side gait.

American Bred Dogs
Cuilinn Fainne An Oir was new to the ring and will benefit from more experience.

Open Dogs
First in class and Winners Dog was Star No Shirt No Shoes No Service. This youngster has what I was looking for – typey with square outline and leg under him. His proportions of head, neck, back are spot on. He moved confidently and soundly. Lovely coated young male.

Veteran Dogs
This dog has been a favorite of mine since he was a youngster - GCHS CH Mirikal Double Top Breakout NA NAJ RATS TKN. At 8.5 years old, he did not disappoint. He is a moderate dog with lovely free movement exhibiting correct reach and drive. He is in excellent shape – only because he was entered in the Veteran Class would you have known his age. He was deserving of Select Dog.

Puppy (6-9 Months) Bitches
First place in this class was a difficult choice with Frolic’s Call Me Maybe edging out second place. This lovely young bitch went on to be my Reserve Winners Bitch. She is square with balanced movement and a lovely coat.

Puppy (9-12 Months) Bitches
First in class and eventually Winners Bitch, Best of Winners / Best of Opposite Sex demanded attention - Serendipity's Trip The Light Fantastic. This bitch is a joy to go over – neck to back transition, shoulders, headpiece. This feminine bitch carries a lovely jacket, moves effortlessly and was presented perfectly.

12-18 Months Bitches
First place in a class of two went to Heritage Sweetness And Light who presented a lovely outline while stacked.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches
Another class in which the first in class winner edged out the second place winner. The win went to Saddlebrook’s Rock’N The Yellow Brick Road. She is a well-made bitch – good on the move with a lovely coat.

Open Bitches
First place went to a typey, correctly moving bitch - Stratford Read All About It, a lovely example of the breed.

Best of Breed
My breed winner demanded his win - GCHG CH J’Adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn. This dog (while no dog is perfect) epitomizes the Breed Standard. A moderate dog with lots of presence. His personality lets him stand his ground and demand attention. He is correct of size, outline, and moves effortlessly while holding his outline. He has a coat to be envied which is in the best of condition. Head and expression also add to his typey-ness. My congratulations go to the breeder, owners and handlers. I was delighted to see that GCHG CH J’Adores Stanley Cup Toews At Raelyn went on to a Group 3!

Select Dog
GCHS CH Mirikal Double Top Breakout NA NAJ RATS TKN from the Veteran Dog class (described above).

Select Bitch
Select Bitch was awarded to CH Heart Of Gold’s Kween Nuala – a bitch who has matured nicely showing herself to her best.

AOMs
Award of Merits awarded to two very deserving dogs; CH Frolic’s It Was Up To Stiehl - lovely movement all around with balanced proportions. Covered ground effortlessly.

GCH CH Summerland’s A Southern Comfort – a dog deserving of this recognition.
WD: STAR NO SHIRT NO SHOES NO SERVICE
CH Bradberry's One Quintessential Love Story x CH Star Dream It
Owner: Denise Daniel  Breeders: Diane Kortgoede & Frank Kortgoede & Denise Daniel

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

WB/BOW/BOS: SERENDIPITY'S TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC
GCHB CH Reyem's Red Rover Come Over x GCHB CH Serendipity's Urban Legend
Owners: Susan McGee & Gwen Meyer  Breeders: Richard Allen Taylor & Camille Renee Taylor

SD: GCHS CH MIRIKAL DOUBLE TOP BREAKOUT NA NAJ RATS TKN
CH Melandee’s High Wire Act x CH Doubloon’s Playing For Keeps RATS TKN
Owner: Susan L McGee  Breeder: Susan McGee & Elena Landa

RWB: FROLIC’S CALL ME MAYBE
CH Bradberry’s Regent Street London x GCHB CH Frollic’s Caper To Coventry
Owner/Breeder: Cheryl Turner

SB: CH HEART OF GOLD’S KWEEN NUALA
Wheatnbrook's Long May You Run x Dromard’s Kween Of Them All
Owner: Susan Lorraine Owen-Fernandez  Breeder: Mrs. Lon J. Clark
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