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RESERVE BEST IN SHOW MCKC

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DOUBLON WHEATENS
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About The Cover

This captivating photo takes a few seconds to decipher. Three adorable Rocky X McGill pups wagging tails. Litter bred by Gail Johnston, Sunrise Wheatens. Photo by Lindsey Smith.
From the President

It was with deep gratitude that SCWTCA members said goodbye to Cecily Skinner as president of our club, and to Mary Ann Curtis who has completed her term as Treasurer. Cecily and Mary Ann have devoted themselves to our club and its members. We owe them both a heartfelt thank for their years of service on the Board.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who make our club’s purpose and activities possible. This year’s MCKC coordinators, Amy Havely and Vicki Noah, ran the show week and all its activities with polish. In their post-show report to the Board, they provided useful suggestions for making this event run even more efficiently. Good luck to Barb Smith and Janet Snoddy as they assume the role of 2020 MCKC coordinators.

We also need to give our thanks to Benchmarks editor, Helen Fraguela and her assistant editor, Deb Van De Ven. Over the past four years, the issues have focused on matters that are directed at breeders and pet owners alike. The thoughtful representation, accompanied by charming graphics, has elevated our club magazine to a new level. Taking over as editor is Holly Craig. Holly has been in the publishing business since the ’80s and looks forward to maintaining the excellence we have come to expect in Benchmarks.

As I step down as Health Chair, my shoes will be amply filled by longtime Health committee person, Susan Jacobsen. Susan has a medical background and is deeply interested in all health issues pertaining to our dogs. Then we have two new club members who have stepped up to volunteer to chair other committees. Carol Perrotta begins her stint as the Public Education Committee chair. Just as she is excited to learn everything she can about our breed, she wants to share all things Wheaten with others. Sadly, Gail Richvalsky passed away earlier this year. Gail had served as the contact for litter registrations for our club. Taking her place is Jill Miller. Additionally, Jill has assumed the mantle of Award Chair. Jill is excited to be part of a new crop of members who willingly volunteer to help.

That brings me to volunteerism. We always need YOU! There are many jobs, both large and small that you can assume. Consult pages four and five in your club directory. Committee are listed so you can contact any one of the chairs. Sometimes Rescue needs someone to transport a dog. MCKC coordinators need people who can help in a variety of places. Performance events on the MCKC week may need your help. We need a volunteer willing to assume the role of Archives Chair. Step up. Raise your hand. Your talents are myriad, and we need you!

As our club moves forward, I am excited to see what we can accomplish in the coming year. Currently, Paula Henthorn at University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School is launching a comprehensive survey that will be sent to owners of approximately 5,000 dogs. This survey will give her insight into how dogs are faring who have one or two markers for PLN. It will also gather information on PLE as Dr. Henthorn’s study expands to find similar genetic anomalies for that disease.

To continue support for Wheaten Health, please see the ad in this issue for a new holiday ornament. All proceeds go towards health projects supported by both SCWTCA and the Endowment. This is an easy way to shop for the holidays AND support health! You also should also see other beautiful items in our boutique. Be a frequent shopper and know your dollars provide beautiful gifts while supporting many aspects of our club.

Happy Holidays and the best hopes for the new year.

Molly O’Connell
This is the only word that can adequately describe my feelings as our last Benchmarks goes to print.

When I took on this endeavor (with significant arm-twisting), I had absolutely no experience with desktop publishing...just some skills in marketing and design, excellent computer skills, and a deep love and sense of devotion to our breed.

With help from Gary Vlachos, we convinced Deb Van De Ven to help out as assistant editor. Deb shared my enthusiasm and we worked together to develop our own design and establish some new goals for the magazine. They were simple: to be inclusive, educational, supportive, fun and informative for our breeders and exhibitors.

We put together a long-range plan to cover education about the breed, from understanding the standard, in-depth reviews of structure, movement to temperament. The Wheaten IQ also featured some puzzles and quizzes for both fun and learning. The plan then went on to breeding; from evaluating your brood bitch to selecting studs, breeding and rearing puppies. Significant effort went into showing, presentation, understanding judging, and some special tips from the experts. The plan went on and on, and laid out a path for what we wanted to accomplish.

In June 2015 we were fortunate to obtain Board support to combine The Health Newsletter within Benchmarks, making it a truly comprehensive magazine of all things Wheaten. Molly O’Connell, the previous Benchmarks Editor (a hard act to follow), joined our team to develop this section.

The addition of the center section of color ads, started by Gay Dunlap and extensively expanded by our team, has proved to be a great success and a wonderful showcase for our breeders. The income from ads has made Benchmarks a self-funding endeavor. It has also given me, personally, a terrific opportunity to work with so many of you on a one-to-one basis while developing new friendships. This has been the best creative outlet for me.

While this volunteer job is not for the faint of heart, after five years of editing Benchmarks, I’m proud of the work we have done together, and I hope you have enjoyed and gained something from our efforts.

In addition to Deb and Molly, we must thank Pam Mandeville for her Devil’s Advocate column that has always been fun and provocative, sparking some important discussion.

For those of you who have written articles, chased down judges’ critiques and photos, participated in open discussions, and supported our efforts in so many ways...we sincerely thank you. We especially want to acknowledge Gay who has been a regular participant in discussions/articles in our Breeder/Judge Perspective. Her knowledge is incredibly deep and has challenged us to become more knowledgeable about this breed.

Holly Craig will be taking over as Benchmarks Editor beginning with the March 2020 issue. Holly has many years of publishing experience and I’m certain will do a wonderful job. I will help with the transition and continue to work on the advertising.

Deb moves on to her exciting new role as Treasurer, and we wish her the best.

Over the years we occasionally received comments and suggestions for topics, but not nearly as often as we should have. Please support Holly with your ideas and more importantly, pick up that notebook, iPad, laptop, whatever... and contribute!!!

We thank you all for your support. I cherish the friendships made, and the wonderful learning experience.

Helen Fraguela
Meet Your New Board Members

New President: Molly O'Connell

Dogs, dogs, dogs. Since my earliest memories as a child, there has been a dog in my life. When I was eight, I had a stuffed pink poodle with rubber feet that I could walk on a leash. I guess it was in my blood to move into live dogs with a passion. Thirty-four years ago, I bought my first Wheaten and I have never looked back. Over the years, 75 Wheatens with the Stratford moniker have earned their AKC championships and a few also have grands. I have had five dogs lucky enough to attain the ROM designation and one go BIS/owner-handled. It’s been thrilling, so forward I go, working with a new puppy now, which is the part I most enjoy.

And kids, kids, kids. I enjoyed a 25-year career as a middle and then high school English teacher. I miss the kids every day, but I don’t miss grading papers! I have three grown children and three grandchildren who are my utter delight and who live very close to me, so I get my kid fix often. I love to travel with my sister, Jane, because we are both silly and adventuresome together.

Post retirement, I determined that giving all I can back to the clubs and dogs I cherish was my primary goal. I returned to the Greater Denver board, and I assumed the position of Benchmarks editor. After five years, I moved on to become Health Chair. Now in my new role as club president, I hope to continue to devote myself to all things dogs... and I’ll tickle some kids along the way too.

New Treasurer: Deb Van De Ven

I’ve loved dogs from the time I was young and so in 1988 when I decided to get my first Wheaten, I thought a show dog would be a fun hobby. So, here I am 31 years later still loving my dogs and this hobby.

In my professional life, I had a very rewarding 25-year career in the Air Force and lived in many places around the US, the Middle East, and Europe. Not only did I get to work with great people and enjoy my travels, I also met many breeders and saw a variety of dogs along the way. I feel fortunate to have so many wonderful friends in our breed and the saying “related by dog” is one I truly appreciate.

Something that I’ve benefited from in dogs, are many people who have been exceedingly generous with their time and talent along with their friendship. Without great mentors, I think very few of us would be here at all, let alone have achieved some success with our dogs. Some of the things that bring me the most pride in my time in Wheatens are 35 Bradberry dogs who are AKC champions or grand champions, achieving an ROM title on one of my stud dogs, and several of my “puppy people” who have become avid enthusiasts of our wonderful breed.

As a board member and Treasurer, I hope to give back to this club that has given me so much. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Celebrating Long Life...

“MONTY”

CH Greentree Skellig Samba ParTi
9/29/04 – 11/16/19

Monty came into our lives on Dec. 24th, 2004 and life as we knew it was never the same. Although he was supposed to be my younger daughter’s dog, he quickly became a mama’s boy. Monty slept on the floor on my side of the bed and on weekends, when I wanted to sleep in a little later, he would jump onto my side of the bed and gently tapped my shoulder and snuffled in my ear to let me know it was time to wake up and take him for his walk. It was amazing to watch the process as he trained my husband to give him a piece of string cheese every morning. Talk about training a middle aged man to learn new tricks! When Monty got bored, he would bark and let us know it was time for a car ride. Taking car rides in the summer to Rita’s Ices was a favorite activity for him, where he attracted all kinds of attention from the children eating their ices as he happily wagging his tail. He made friends, both furry and human wherever he went; people just seemed to gravitate to him and admired his good looks and his engaging personality.

Monty became an AKC champion when he was 18 months old and went on to sire many litters from various kennels. His progeny went on to become champions, grand champions and international champions. But first and foremost he was a wonderful family dog, playing hide and seek with my daughters in the house, cheating a little bit by not waiting when I counted to ten. Our thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Berman and his wonderful staff at the Ft. Washington Veterinary Hospital for the excellent care Monty received throughout his life. Also, our thanks to Sandy and Rod Ives and Beverly and Kevin McDonald for giving us the opportunity of making Monty a part of our family. We miss him terribly but are happy to know that a part of him lives on in his children, grandchildren and great-grands. Rest in peace handsome boy.

The Sappir Family

Happy Birthday Seniors!

“Kenzie”

Kajun Kenzie CDX RA NF NAJ CGCA TKN
DOB: 9/25/07

Happy Birthday to my sweet baby girl! It’s hard for me to believe that you are 12 already. It seems like just yesterday I was bringing home this cute little teddy bear puppy. You were my first Wheaten and my introduction into the Wheaten world and the show world. You were always willing to try whatever I asked of you from conformation to performance. It has been a great adventure and we’ve made lots of new friends along the way! Spectators and judges love your exuberance and your “bunny hop” in the performance ring. Even though you are starting to slow down, you still like to run zoomies in the yard and you always meet me at the door with your tail wagging. I can’t wait to see where our next adventure leads us!

Sandy Settoon
A Tribute To Jean-Paul and Layla

Contributed by Joy Laylon

Jean-Paul Gaultier and Layla Lacroix are our globetrotting sidekicks; they’re by our side sharing in our outrageous adventures from Las Vegas to Tokyo and Bangkok. Moving animals to Japan is a very strict and thorough process. Upon their arrival, we received a call from quarantine about a discrepancy and our hearts dropped. We hired professionals to handle the paperwork, so what could be wrong?! It turned out that Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers were not on the list of well-known breeds in Japan, so they were confused, but more fascinated and curious to know more about these friendly, lively, gentle and beautiful, exotic dogs that were stealing their hearts. The Japanese were mesmerized as if they were a mythical creature, spreading joy and smiles to thousands.

When we met J-P he had a red ribbon around his neck and he ran to us with the most enthusiastic energy. He was exactly what we were waiting for. We fell in love with him, as he did with us, and he didn’t seem to care that his new parents were two flamboyant boys. He was the most energetic, playful, strong-willed, super soft, (better than a teddy bear), affectionate, handsome dog we had ever seen.

A year later when Layla came home, she smothered us with her kisses and cuddles. We were disappointed when she stopped the love attack, “Wheaten Greetin.” When Layla was introduced to Jean-Paul, she wanted to be the center of attention. With elegance and a slightly coy manner, she batted her brown eyes that look like she’s wearing perpetual black eyeliner. She was so tiny when she entered our lives 14 years ago. Layla was smaller than J-Ps head, but she made it clear who was going to be the queen of the house... Not us, and certainly not Jean-Paul.

She had already made her mark in our hearts and in our home. Layla barked and jumped at Jean Paul’s head while sort of dominating him. He showed us his sweet nature and basically just let her do what she needed to do to mark her territory as queen of the house.

We opened our modeling company and dance studio in Japan. The pups immediately became superstars since this breed with human-like personalities and a teddy bear look had not been seen there.

These two are so natural with people and especially in front of the camera, and we love it because they are a reflection of us. They are outstanding models as you can see in the photos.

Note: The owners, Brad Hayes and Kike Yamakawa, have published a book, Outrageously In Love. A full chapter is devoted to their Wheatens.
This is who we are.
This is what we do.

Those two sentences were in a couple of SCWTCA Facebook posts. Those 10 words tell our story.

Breeders worry about the impact of the animal rights movement on the future of dog sports and breeding. Some think it’s a matter of “when,” not “if,” breeding will be outlawed. Many believe every single breeder should be supported or we will lose all our rights, since the AR people lump us all together anyway.

I can’t believe in This is who we are, This is what we do and agree with that approach. How can any of us after Fauquier County, VA finally shut down Vernine Gipstein and seized 80 dogs, many Wheatens and Wheaten mixes? That’s not who we are.

So why do we cede “who we are” to the AR movement? We know there are big differences between scuzzy puppy mills and us, between even the “good” commercial breeders…the ones who mass produce puppies in a clean environment and are attentive to health…and the mills. If we blindly say we must always defend the worst, then we are saying the AR movement is right.

Nuance exists. It’s even possible in legislative battles…remember the flood of anti-pit bull legislation in the early 90s banning specific breeds right and left? AKC’s Legislation Department helped recast the problem as “deed not breed” and successfully turned breed specific proposals into dangerous dog laws.

We can demonstrate all breeders aren’t alike. Legislation can be crafted and arguments made to support responsible breeding without getting into bed with the scum of the earth.

How? Always show up as responsible breeders. I don’t mean at state houses and council meetings although of course that’s necessary. Nor at the big “Meet the Breed” events which are great opportunities to show us at our best.

I mean every day. In every interaction with the public, we must show them what a good breeder is. Each of us must take the approach that we may be the only breeder a person ever encounters.

This is who we are

Sure, that’s playing small ball. But just as walks and singles can add up to a win, so can good interactions with individual breeders. When that person hears all breeders are bad, you’ve given them a reason to think “no, they aren’t.” When they hear “adopt don’t shop,” they’ll think why not go to a good breeder like the one they met. When anti-breeding legislation is proposed…those are the people we can call on for support.

Let’s play a game: pretend you never had a dog. You have absolutely no understanding of responsible breeding. You’re a nice person, you want a puppy to love and you want to do it right. What would impress you about a breeder? What would turn you off?

This is what we do.

I’d like hearing there’s a Code of Ethics that breeder follows. I’d like learning what those things mean and why they are important.

I’d like a response to my inquiry. I’d like that response to treat me with a reasonable amount of respect, to not assume I’m evil, to overlook my innocent mistakes, to answer my questions, to tell me what’s important…even when I didn’t ask.

In a recent Discuss conversation, Emily Holden pointed out commercial breeders and BYBs respond to inquiries when many responsible breeders don’t. I wish I could’ve argued she was wrong…but she isn’t. I’ve heard it from people getting no response to inquiries, and I’ve heard it from breeders who say there are certain inquiries they won’t respond to.
I understand. You put your heart and soul into this and all someone asks is “Do U have puppies? $$$” Look, unless one was born into this sport, no outsider really gets it. I certainly didn’t and if I’d been born into the texting era, I probably would have been that person. They aren’t being jerks, they’re just communicating the way people do today. Stop being a snowflake, suck it up and respond. No excuses.

It’s manageable, especially via email. Save a document with what YOU want anyone to know. Cut and paste it into a reply. Done. I can get through 10 replies in about 15 minutes…20 if I’m updating referrals or answering a specific question. Based on the responses I’ve gotten, people will love you.

Consider: how do people find information? Well, Google, duh…even all but the most off-the-grid of us does it. To strangers, we are our online presence. While I’m not promoting living in cyberspace, I’d encourage having a presence there. It can be done simply.

If you’re already there, remember those novice eyes. What’s the message your website delivers? Go away if you aren’t interested in showing? I only breed cutesy pets? Or something else entirely?

Don’t think those potential owners aren’t looking you up on social media, too. Repeat after me: if you are on Facebook, everyone knows you. Be who you want…be political or not, religious or not, share everything or not, it’s up to you. But want to know what really makes me cringe? Complaining about owners and potential owners and whining about judges on your publicly accessible wall.

Really, is it helpful when the image someone has of a breeder is no one is good enough for their puppies or someone who makes a mistake will be shamed online or they throw temper tantrums if they don’t get a scrap of ribbon? There are private, moderated groups for venting…if you must. I hate to break this to anyone but today, they aren’t lucky to get a puppy from us; WE’RE lucky they want to get a puppy from a breeder.

This is who we are.
This is what we do.

Hey, none of us is perfect. You’re busy and miss emails or are caught in a bad mood or misunderstand a comment. Apologies help. Remembering to do better helps more.

“We” are all depending on you.
Who are we anyway? What separates us from the breeder who has a litter of puppies for a fun educational experience for the kids, from the breeder who is running a business breeding dogs in their basement or garage, or from the large-scale mill like Vernine Gipstein and her 80 dogs. A breeder is the owner of the dam at the time of breeding – so, just like us, all of these people are breeders.

Communicating effectively with puppy buyers about the differences that separate us from those “breeders” is essential to our survival as hobby breeders and to the survival of our breed. Our future is in the hands of our puppy people and their understanding of why and what we do. That first-time owner going home with their new puppy today could be the active SCWTCA member and specialty winning breeder in 15 years. I still remember the excitement of riding home on August 2, 1980 with our first Wheaten (I’m showing number 11 now) sitting on my lap.

If we want to compete with these other kinds of breeders, first we need to define who we are and then communicate the difference between us and them across to the puppy buying public.

“Who we are”? In a word - RESPONSIBLE. We are responsible for our dogs, for their offspring, for our breed and for the world of purebred dogs. Our job is to tell puppy people what that responsibility means. Gone are the days when we handed our cards to people at dog shows. Today in the world of Google, websites have taken the place of cards and we are competing for the attention of the puppy buyer with increasingly sophisticated websites from BYB and mills. We need to make sure that the puppy buyer understands the difference between us and them. Websites should not only be used to place our puppies but educate the puppy buyer about “Who we are.”

How do we do that?

Start with our club. List the fact that you are a member of SCWTCA - the parent club for the breed and a member club of the AKC. Effective talking points are the fact that new members must be sponsored by members who have known the applicant for a period of time and that members are governed by a Code of Ethics that they are held accountable to. Links to the Club website and the Code of Ethics drive the point home.

Emphasize that we are breeding to produce a better dog - a dog that is healthier and matches the breed standard (a link to the breed standard is handy) better than the dog we have. Or look at it this way – the buyer wants a Wheaten and we want to produce a Wheaten that looks and acts like a Wheaten. People who contact you about a Wheaten puppy have already made the decision that they want a dog that looks and acts like a Wheaten. As I explain it, if you breed several generations of the worst examples of the breed (as you may find with a BYB or mill dog) you will very quickly end up with a dog that may be registered as a Wheaten but doesn’t look like a Wheaten. Dog breeds are the result of selective breeding for specific traits and if you don’t continue to breed selectively you will lose them – quickly. A quick lesson in genetics can go a long way.

We all learned many years ago that anyone can say anything on the internet and that certainly goes for claims of health testing. Show buyers what health testing is required by our Code of Ethics and have available all documentation to demonstrate the testing done on your breeding stock. Show that they have CHIC numbers. Provide the registered names of your dogs (and the names of the sire and dam of the litter you have) with a link to the OFA website and tell people how to verify the testing status of your dogs. People give more credence to information they can verify independently – doing this shows you as an honest person and highlights the importance we place on the health of our dogs and their offspring. There is such a huge wealth of information in this data base and it makes good breeders look so good – the ability to put in your kennel name and see generations of health tested dogs is a great advertisement – let’s use it.

Contracts – be upfront about contracts and list on your website that all puppies are sold under contract. And the purpose of a contract should be to protect the puppy you are selling as well as the breed. When you send information about your litter, attach a copy of the contract. Be upfront with buyers – if you don’t ship, say so.

Always act as if you are the only purebred dog breeder that a buyer contacts – a bad experience with you may send them straight to the local BYB or a puppy purchased online. I’m saying that with the knowledge that some buyers can’t be educated – the ones that hang up on you when you won’t sell them a bitch to breed or a breeding pair. But you have to keep trying – the next call may come from the show home of your dreams.

We aren’t the only show in town. We’re competing with people who put more thought into their websites than breeding their dogs (and probably more money too). This is a battle that we have to fight and win.
## THIS IS WHO WE ARE... COMMUNICATE IT!

### A REPUTABLE BREEDER...

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**IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS NO MATTER HOW OLD YOUR PUPPY IS.**
What we think, we and our dogs often become.

Mental preparation starts with early training when simple concepts become the foundation for more complex behaviors required in the show ring. Starting in basic puppy competition class, many trainers advocate creating a positive experience when approaching the ring, putting the behavior on cue and praising when the dog is near the gate or entering. This increases motivation.

When training humans or animals, patience and consistency are essential for ourselves and the dogs that are our partners. We cannot expect to excel without allowing the opportunity to learn from mistakes and creating the environment necessary to do our very best. We want to train in multiple settings, allowing time to acclimate to each new environment. Most of all we need to learn to breathe and focus on our mental clarity and create a positive image in our minds of successful outcomes.

I recently taught a therapy class that reminded me of this fact. I was meeting the group and their dogs for the very first time. Everyone was eager to prove their dog could do the obedience requirements. Some dogs needed multiple commands, while others were too busy sniffing and one even eliminated. Remarks of “he never does that at home” and “she sits on the first command in her CGC advanced class” were expressed. There was also a lot of physical corrections, pushing rears to the floor and very little praise when the dog got it right. At this moment I realized that the owners were anxious and so were their dogs.

The first thing I asked them to do was to remain calm and breathe. I then asked them to relax the tension in their leashes, to feel the soft leather in their hands and focus on their dogs rather than one another. I had them warm up slowly with Look and Touch and to really praise and treat the dogs for getting it right. I asked them to visualize success. After about five minutes they acclimated to the sights, sounds and smells of the room. They were all successful when they tried again.

When we create structure, routine behaviors become more reliable. Many professional athletes will visualize their performances’ and even walk through the steps in order to better prepare themselves mentally. As dog competitors we can provide our dogs with the opportunity to learn to become comfortable at the show site prior to competition. We can allow ourselves the opportunity to rehearse briefly what is expected once we are called into the ring. It is also essential that handlers connect mentally and remain focused on their dogs once the moment arrives to compete. It is tempting to speak with others, but they can wait. Remember to breathe, visualize success and enjoy the thrill of competition. It is your moment. Enjoy the ride and success will follow!

This beautiful watercolor by Dorice is of Bill Hamilton with her Krista.
Degenerative myelopathy (DM) is an inherited, adult-onset disease of the spinal cord causing progressive weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs and eventually all limbs. DM has clinical, histopathologic, and genetic parallels to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS - Lou Gehrig’s disease) in humans.

Mutations in an enzyme that converts superoxide to water and hydrogen peroxide, superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1), have been linked to DM and human ALS. These discoveries have guided studies to further understand the natural history, establish biomarkers, and initiate clinical trials for therapeutic strategies.

Dr. Coates’ presentation discussed the clinical signs of DM and the progression of disease once the symptoms present. There are four stages of the disease:

1. Ataxia (loss of coordination of the muscles, especially of the extremities.)
2. Need for walking devices (dog becomes non-ambulatory)
3. Ataxia moves to front of dog with lack of reflexes; urinary and fecal incontinence
4. Difficult swallowing and loss of ability to breathe.

The mean age of onset of stage one is nine. From the onset of signs to the non-ambulatory stage is only 10 months.

The webinar continues by discussing the genome-wide study of DM in Pembroke Welsh Corgis, a breed that ranks #2 in all breeds affected by DM. The disease is mostly an autosomal recessive one (two copies of an abnormal gene must be present in order for the disease or trait to develop) and is age-related, with incomplete penetrance. This means that some dogs with both mutant alleles will express the disease and some will not. This leads researchers to believe that there may be other genes or environmental factors preventing the dog from getting the disease. PLN is also an autosomal disease with incomplete penetrance. The expression of the mutant alleles is the same:

Homozygous normal – no mutant alleles: dog is normal
Heterozygous – one copy of the mutant allele: dog is a carrier
Homozygous affected – both mutant alleles; dog is at risk of getting the disease

OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) has examined 68 breeds of dogs who have reported DM gene testing results. Of the 65,000 dogs tested, The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier ranks in the Top 10 breeds affected with this disease.

While attempting to avoid passing on the DM mutated alleles, it is important – as with PLN – that not all carriers or at-risk dogs be removed from the gene pool.
DM Management

Once a dog is determined to be in the early stages of DM, there are several things to do to manage the disease.

- Physiotherapy
- Monitor for Urinary tract infections
- Maintain quality of life

There are no proven effective treatments for DM and the long-term prognosis is poor.

Daily controlled physiotherapy increased survival in dogs with DM. Recommended therapies include:

Active exercise
Passive exercise
Massage
Hydrotherapy
Paw protection

Currently there clinical trials using biologic therapy to attempt to slow down disease progression.

To see the entire webinar, go to https://www.vetvine.com/article/503/akcchf-canine-degenerative-myelopathy-from-gene-mutation-discovery-to-clinical-trials

Journeys End

By Jackie Tucker

I have had an exceptional journey with my Tige for 15 years, but there was a part that was so horrible, I have to include that part of our history: Degenerative Myelopathy.

On October 18, 2003, his world began. Written on his temperament testing sheet was a comment, “This one thinks the world revolves around him.” Eight weeks later, yes, my world revolved around this little one, “TIGE in a Shoe.” I was baffled; with my other two Wheatens, I had had were nothing like this little stinker, smart, handsome, and full of himself!

Who was going to win between the two of us? Of course at the end of puppy classes, I knew my position was 2nd place. Yes, I was at his command, and he got his yogurt on the side of his dinner because he did not like it mixed in. He loved to play, teach, and challenge my abilities at training. He was so tenacious about anything we attempted. When Tige was right, he would scold me for not paying attention to his way. My heart soared when working for him. I laughed,

I became frustrated, and I cried, but he became my soul mate. It was my job to create games as he was so willing and learned so quickly. We achieved all kinds of ribbons, titles: conformation, obedience, rally, agility, tracking, dancing and, at the last, nose work, because he loved to work.

Suddenly there was a change. In agility he began to drop bars as his right leg was not clearing the height. Correcting work just was not working, so we retired from agility. Around this time, DM testing was circulating. My breeder did the correct thing and tested him. Tige’s results read “at risk.” Of course I heard it only affects dogs in later years. We were still active and continued our fun. I thought to myself, “Whew, we are in the clear.” At 13 he survived major surgery to remove a large, non-cancerous tumor. Onward we went because that was our job. January 2018, we went in for an annual exam and I asked my vet, “Do you notice his right foot drags a bit?” We went outside to watch his gait. Yes, there was a bit of drag so physical therapy was suggested. One week we would do physical therapy, and the next acupuncture. Then came the boots. His right toenails were down to the quick and he could not place his paw
correctly on the ground. At this time nose work was our fun, and he excelled.

We titled in nose work that March of 2018! What a boy! The rest of the time we worked to keep his right side strong.

By May things had deteriorated further. Out came the Help Me Up brace which he would look at me with questioning eyes every time it came out. Then came what I called his “rick-shaw.” His right side was starting to collapse. We improvised a lot to make it work for him so we could still do nose work as that was still a happy time for both of us.

October 18th came around and he turned 15. The Help Me Up was on all the time now. His eyes started to become sad. My heart was just broken. We went to therapy and his effort was so genuine. I just had to keep going. He did everything I asked him to do. You could see that the quality of his efforts were going downhill. Physical therapy stopped as he was too weak, and acupuncture was every week. He would be good for five days, then the days dwindle down to three days.

Then the worst began. In February he began to avoid eye contact with me. My buddy was trying to tell me something. On March 4th, 2019, I said good bye to my “Tige in a Shoe.” The hole in my heart too deep to grasp, and the tears never stop flowing for my soul mate.

I don’t tell my story to be negative. It is to bring awareness about the need to take advantage of the science and testing available in each breeding program. It is a step to try and eliminate this devastating disease. It is horrifying to watch.

With all this said, I would never trade the beautiful life I shared with Tige. He awoke my soul, and all we did together was learning and loving our time together. He will always be by my side, and I must give credit to Tige, my husband and my breeder for allowing me to have this joy in my life.

Thank you for reading my story.

THE GULPIES

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The "gulpies" as I know the term from the description of many owners and breeders, and videos sent to me, is often associated with GI (gastrointestinal) reflux, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and food allergies (all of which Wheaten terriers are predisposed to getting). The signs are suggestive of a possible association with a transient abnormal positioning of the pharyngeal and laryngeal structures (soft palate and epiglottis) with stimulation of cranial nerve IX (glossopharyngeal nerve) and/or cranial nerve X (vagus nerve), and/or irritation of the esophagus with stimulation of the phrenic nerve. Sometimes the dogs get into a paroxysmal or spasmotic uncontrollable/involuntary bout of gulps/gags/coughs/retches, etc., almost like a burst of repetitive violent hiccups, until they can clear their pharynx or esophagus of some offending material. This may take several minutes. Eating roughage or fiber (leaves, rugs, towels, etc.) may be a way of ‘clearing their throat’. I usually put these dogs on antacids (e.g., an H2 blocker such as famotidine or a PPI such as omeprazole), motility modifiers (e.g., metoclopramide), strictly hypoallergenic diets (I have a list I recommend), and I stop any chews, bones, bully sticks, jerky, rawhides, ears, antlers, hooves, etc. Some owners have asked about using ‘slippery elm’ in these cases. I have no clinical experience with its use, and I don’t know its efficacy, safety, or possible side effects, e.g., whether slippery elm (which is a demulcent and soluble fiber) might change the absorption of other oral medications given.

Sometimes having the gulpies is a precursor for more severe IBD, PLE (protein-losing enteropathy), and/or pancreatitis. These GI predispositions do not have any DNA tests available yet (whereas we do have the DNA test for the PLN (protein-losing nephropathy)-associated variant alleles). I don’t know if dogs with gulpies are predisposed to
other problems that Wheats are predisposed genetically for, such as Addison's disease (typical or atypical) or renal dysplasia (juvenile renal disease), and if these are found, they may be just coincidentally concurrent and not necessarily associated or causative.

Please share this information with your vet if your dog suffers from the gulpies or GI reflux.  Realize that they are the best ones to help you, since they have examined your dog and I haven't.  Here in this article I am talking very generally.  Your dog may have other problems if they have GI troubles.  If an owner wants a more individualized consultation, I would need to see the history, full medical files, test results, etc.  Of course getting a consult in person from an internist nearby would be better, so I'm never offended if owners take that route.  You can go to www.acvim.org and find a DACVIM, SAIM (small animal internal medicine) specialist near you.

**Early Diagnostic Test for Chronic Kidney Disease**

Following is the report from Mary Nabity concerning her grant.  SCWTCA supported her research.

**Grant 02152: Translation of MicroRNA into an Early Diagnostic Test for Chronic Kidney Disease**

**Principal Investigator:** Mary Nabity, DVM, PhD  
**Research Institution:** Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
**Grant Amount:** $26,988  
**Start Date:** 1/1/2015  
**End Date:** 6/30/2019  
**Progress Report:** FINAL

**Original Project Description:**

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a significant cause of illness and death in dogs and is often due to glomerular diseases. Dogs with glomerular disease often have poor outcomes with standard therapy, and specific treatment recommendations are difficult without performing a kidney biopsy to determine the type of glomerular disease present, since treatment and outcome among these diseases differs substantially. Even then, there lacks an understanding of the mechanisms driving these diseases, limiting the ability to optimally treat these dogs. Therefore, tests to non-invasively diagnosis the type of glomerular disease would help veterinarians more appropriately treat these patients and provide insight into the mechanisms that cause the diseases. This could lead to better therapies that slow disease progression and improve quality and length of life in dogs with CKD.

One area of emerging importance in CKD is the role of microRNAs (miRNAs) in disease pathogenesis and progression. miRNAs are small molecules that can regulate gene expression by up or down regulation of messenger RNA transcripts and proteins in target tissues. Many studies have found that increases or decreases in miRNAs can serve as biomarkers of diseases, including human CKD. They also contribute to the development of diseases. The goal of Dr. Nabity’s study is to identify miRNAs in serum and urine of dogs that are specific for the three major causes of glomerular disease in this species. They also aim to identify miRNAs associated with disease progression for each of these diseases. Successful completion of these goals will support the translation of miRNAs into diagnostic tests and viable targets for future drug development. **Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:**

MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are small, non-coding RNAs that can alter gene expression, and they can serve both as biomarkers of disease and instigators of disease progression. The goal of this project was to identify miRNAs as new biomarkers in the serum and urine of dogs with kidney disease due to primary glomerular diseases. In particular, our goal was to identify miRNAs that can non-invasively (i.e., with a blood or urine sample) distinguish among the 3 most common glomerular kidney diseases in dogs. Currently, such non-invasive identification of these diseases is not possible; yet, their treatment and prognosis vary considerably.
The first objective of this project was to identify and quantify all miRNAs present in the serum and urine from dogs with each of the 3 glomerular diseases, both early and late in the disease process. This was performed using a technique called small RNA-sequencing. Data analysis revealed a number of miRNAs that were either increased or decreased in the urine and serum of dogs with kidney disease compared with healthy dogs. Additionally, several miRNAs were increased in the urine of dogs with late disease versus early disease. Our most exciting finding was that there were 3 miRNAs that appeared to differentiate among the 3 most common categories of glomerular disease in dogs.

The second objective aimed to verify the sequencing results using a faster, less expensive, more clinically feasible technique (PCR) and a larger number of samples. Based on testing of 25 urine samples from dogs, most with CKD due to glomerular diseases, 2 of the 3 urinary miRNAs identified in the first objective appeared promising to identify immune complex glomerulonephritis and amyloidosis. This is impactful because immunosuppressive therapy is currently recommended when immune mediated disease is identified. For amyloidosis, however, there are no additional therapies beyond supportive care that currently appear to impact disease progression and survival. It is important to recognize that testing additional samples is still necessary to verify these results. We have obtained additional funding to continue this investigation.

We are optimistic that the results from this study will provide a way for veterinarians to determine whether immunosuppressive therapy is warranted in a dog with proteinuric kidney disease without obtaining a kidney biopsy. While non-invasive tests are unlikely to ever provide as much information as a kidney biopsy, being able to accurately determine appropriate therapy using a urine sample would benefit those patients that are poor candidates for having a kidney biopsy or for owners who can’t afford it.

Overall, this project has provided my laboratory and graduate students with substantial experience with methods for RNA evaluation in urine and serum. For instance, throughout this project, we tested 10 different urine and serum RNA isolation methods. This resulted in a method comparison study that, in the future, can contribute to the development of a standard method for RNA isolation and preparation from urine and serum samples. The experience gained through this project also helped the AKC

Please remember to support Wheaten Health with your tax-free donations. Checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment. Keep in mind the Open Registry is an important tool in our tool box as breeders. We need your continued support and participation.
The weather was perfect (we showed indoors), the camaraderie was congenial and the dogs were Wheaten.

Everything was in place for the show ring, awards table and boutique on Thursday evening because sweeps judging by Ms. Barb Smith (Acacia SCWT) started at 9:30 am on Friday morning. We went straight into Specialty #1 with Mrs. Keke Kahn filling in for Mr. Goran Gladic who was unable to make it from Finland. After the Specialty and photos, GDSCWTC provided Panera box lunches for all in the reserved grooming space the club had purchased for other Wheaten owners. Everyone had time to relax before preparing for the 2:00 pm Specialty #2 with Ms. Candy Way judging. For both Specialties, the GDSCWTC provided each entry a prize so everyone felt like a winner.

Then it was on to an early dinner hosted by our club in an upstairs room at an outstanding local family-owned Italian restaurant. The tables were decorated with fairy light arrangements, chatter was lively and loud and everyone left relaxed.

The next day, Saturday we showed at 10:30. This was our SCWTCA supported entry. It seemed like a long wait until 3:30 pm when the wine and cheese party started under the canopies at the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier RVs right outside the show building. At 5:30 pm the drawing was held for our raffle item, a SCWT watercolor. Susan Jacobsen (Saltnsea SCWT) held the winning ticket. A large group then excused themselves to observe the Terrier group competition. Elena Landa (Doubloon SCWT) and Mister well represented our Wheatens receiving a Group II. Most supporters also stayed for the Best in Specialties Competition where each Specialty Winner competed for a cash prize. Sadly it was not awarded to our Specialties BOB winners.

On Sunday and Monday the Greeley Kennel Club all-breed shows continued. Elena and Mister once again received a Group II on Sunday. We will never know what would have happened in Groups on Monday because a power outage prevented groups from being held that day. Thank you to all local club members who made our Specialty and boutique possible through the generous donation of their time and energy. And a huge thanks to all the entrants, many of whom traveled a long way to join us!

**SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE’S CRITIQUE: BARB SMITH**

I want to thank the Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier club for the privilege of judging the puppy and veteran sweeps this year. I so enjoyed myself and hope you all had a good time.

I would like to make just a few comments on the puppy entry:
To start, some of the improvements we as breeders have made, shoulders- these were greatly improved, and that isn’t an easy task. I also think we have improved the ear size and set as well as the coat textures.
What I was surprised to find was the lack of confidence in the puppies, not just one or two but several of the puppies appeared to have issues to one degree or another. This could be an issue in the future if we don’t work on this; remember puppies need lots of socialization and classes to help with this.

We also need to keep an eye out for tail sets (not carriage but set) they seem to be slipping. But overall the entry gives me hope for our breed’s future.

As for the veterans, both were still in great shape, a mother and son and I was amazed when I learned the age of the dam, just shy of 14 and so happy to be in the ring. Best veteran went to the son, to me he was an improvement from mom, and she is still a lovely girl.

Thank you again, Barb
BREED JUDGE, SPECIALTY #1: KEKE KAHN, NO CRITIQUE

WD: STRATFORD THE EYRE APPARENT
Stratford The Weaver of Oz X CH Stratford The Eyere Affair
Owners: Jeff & Lauren Utigar & M. O’Connell
Breeder: Molly O’Connell

BOB/GROUP 2: GCHB CH DOUBLON’S EXTREME GAMER (g)
CH Tarel Get Around X GCHG CH Doublon’s Extreme Play
Owner/Breeder: Elena Landa

WB/BOW: ROSHEEN JOLLY ROGER
CH Ellora Bastion X GCH CH Rosheen Espressione Suprema
Owner/Breeder: Melisa Lopez

BOS: CH STRATFORD WEST WITH THE NIGHT
CH Stratford Please Remember Me X CH Stratford Hey Boo
Owners: Krista Dembeck & M. O’Connell
Breeder: Molly O’Connell

RWB: CELA SALT WATER PEARLS
CH Bradberry’s One Quintessential Love Story X GCH CH Cela iota Be Sweet N spicy.
Owners: Michele Lomax & Peggy Gardner
Breeder: Michele Lomax

SD: GCHS KOLOHE IT’S RAINING SUNSHINE
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower X CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Owner: Paula Radin
Breeder: M Brown & S Amorosia & G Amorosia

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On Friday The Wheaten Specialty (#2 of 2…the first judged by Keke Khan) was judged in a beautifully decorated ring with colorful circles all around the edge. A lot of work by the Show Committee headed up by Patrice Chevalier. And great prizes of totes with wine.

I was happy to be back in Greeley (and inside in air conditioning) to see old friends and make new ones.

The entry of 4-7-3-3 was very consistent in overall type, proper size and proper grooming. The good news was that earsize is small with proper carriage and set, all of these breeders should be very proud of this Improvement.

Also there was good shoulder layback with a prosternum and good leg length resulting in nice and smooth movement and backlines that held firm. It is always fun to judge a group like this consistent group.

BOB to GCHB Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer owned and shown by Elena Landa. A beautiful outline, sound movement and a masculine presence he looked the part. He also received two Group 2 in a very tough Terrier Group.

BOS to CH Cela Vision Within The Web shown by Breeder Michele Lomax. Very feminine with good ears, wavy coat of proper length and square outline. Moved and presented very nicely.

WD/BOW To Rosheen Black Pearl bred and presented by Melisa Lopez. A youngster (13 months) of great promise. Good size, outline, movement and headpiece.

WB was Cela Salt Water Pearls shown by (if I remember correctly) Michele Lomax. Another youngster (13 months) of proper size, coat texture, ears and nicely proportioned head piece.

The Selects were GCHS Kolohe Its Raining Sunshine and CH Stratford West With The Night.

After the show there was a very, very fun Italian dinner, with entertainment by Patrice and a raffle for an original watercolor. It was a good chance for me to catch up with members I have known for so many years.

BTW, the 2024 Roving will be with this Club on this weekend in August. They are already planning for it and I am sure it will be a blast so put it on your calendar to join the members of GDSCWTC

Hugs to all of you and Thank You.
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CH Ellora Bastion X GCH CH Rosheen Espressione Supremma
Owner/Breeder: Melisa Lopez.

RWB: HEIRLOOM BANG-A-BOOMERANG
CH Saddlebrook's It All Started With A Big Bang X CH Heirloom Take A Chance On Me RN AX AXj
Owners: P Chevalier & H Rember & M Rosenbaum & R Bergman
Breeders: P Chevalier & R Bergman

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GCH CH Bradberry’s Divine Fitzpatrick X GCH CH Cela Royal Hawaiian Night
Owner/ Breeder: Michele Lomax
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The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California invites you to our 2020 Specialties

PERFECT VISION
Empire Polo Fields, Indio, California, January 3

VISION OF LOVE
Held with Great Western Terrier Association February 28

DOUBLE VISION
The SCWTC\*A National Roving Specialty held with the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills on February 29

For more details please visit our website at www.wheaten.org
"Kane" A New Champion!

US CH Orion Trébol Break The Box

Multiple Best of Breed and OH group placements!
Thank you judge John T. Ward for this BOB win over specials at the DVSCWTC supported entry

Sire: US GCH Rosheen All That And A Smile
Dam: US GCH Orion Trébol Breaking Bad BN RI TD NA NAJ NJP OFP RATO TKN

Owners: Guillermo Rueda, Sandy & Martin Durbin & Betsy Geertson
A Fabulous Specialty Win! "Colbie"

Orion Trébol Break Through CGC, TKN

Thank you Judge Kent Meyer, for this Best in National Specialty Sweepstakes win!

Orion Trébol

Breeders/Owners: Betsy Geertson & Guillermo Rueda
INISHKEENS HOTTOTROT A RAGTIME WALTZ
GCH Greentree Feis Dancer Midnight Tobasco Waltz
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Inishkeen’s Buxxom Lady

BERLY

Dad Dempsey giving show tips

#1 in 9-12 puppy class at SCWTCA National Sweepstakes

Thank you Judge, Kent Meyer, for recognizing Berly with a first place win in a large class. And special thanks to Lana Menser for showing our girl.

Berly also won 2 majors her 2nd weekend out, taking WB & BOBOH at Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club and WB at Everglades Terrier Club shows in July.

Bred by: Ann & James McCormick
Owned by: Ann & James McCormick and Kimberly & Bart Johnson
"RED"
Can CH Antic Bonney Hocus Pocus

Best of Winners Montgomery KC 2019

With great appreciation to breeder judge Shari Boyd for recognizing Red’s qualities.

Breeders: Pat Rutherford, Bonita Snyder
Owned and handled by: Kristen Williams
IN JUST SIX MONTHS COMPETING, MILLIE EXPLODES OUT THE SPECIALS GATE;

"MILLIE"

GCHB HARBOUR HILL ONE IN A MILLION

- 53 Best of Breeds
- 18 Group Placements
- Major wins at all four MCKC weekend shows
- #1 SCWT bitch and ranked in top five overall

Thank you for her group placements:
Mr. Ralph (Sonny) Ambrosio, Mr. Kenneth Berg,
Mrs. Terry Berrios, Mr. John Booth,
Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark, Ms Christine Erickson,
Mr. Philip Freilich, Mr. James Ham,
Mr. Dana Kline, Ms. Wendy Paquette, Mr. Terry Stacy,
Mrs. Jacqueline Stacy, Mrs. Cindy Vogels,
Mr. Harold "Red" Tatro III, Mrs. Patricia Trotter,
Mr. Joe Walton, Mr. Bruce Schwartz
and others for recognizing Millie

Owners: Susan Sakauye and Lauren Smith

Harbour Hill Wheatens
INTRODUCING THE THREE PEEPS:

“REESES”
HARBOUR HILL REESTER BUNNY

And, watch for littermates...
Harbour Hill Marshmallow Peep “Ms Peeps”
Harbour Hill Choc Easter Bunny “Bunny”

CH Bradberry’s Divine Fitzpatrick (Fitz) x CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs (Sally Carrera)

PRESENTING NEW:

GCHSILVER HARBOUR HILL A CHRISTMAS STORY

“GUINNESS”

❖ Multiple Specialty Winning

❖ Multiple Group Placing

Owners: Alla & Ed Bezkrovny and Susan Sakauye.

Susan Sakauye ~ 805.967.0953 ~ ssakauye@aol.com
GCH Greentree Westwhind Quite Enchanting

CH Greentree Quite The Charmer x GCH Whindancer’s Fireworks At Westwind

"Ellie"
New
GCH

Thank you Bev and Kevin McDonald, Marla Braun and Chuck Rodamer for this feisty and determined little girl.

Owned and loved by Cindy & Kristin Pierson, Bev & Kevin McDonald

Photo at MCKC by Cheryl House
LACEY
GCH Clover’s Uptown Girl
CH Greentree Trinity Heartbreak Kid X GCH Greentree Clover Hurricane Havoc

National Specialty Weekend
AOM MCKC National Specialty under Judge Shari Boyd*
AOM Hatboro Dog Club under Judge Cindy Meyer

*Thank you to Shelly Serafin for handling Lacey

Bred, Owned and Loved by Liz and Mike Jamiolekowski
IJamiolekowski@yahoo.com
"Thank you, SCWTCA Board and Dorice and Mark Stancher for this incredible honor of Bammie’s years of community service."

"BAMMIE"

"Making a difference in the lives of others"

Owned by: Constance Lynch Koehler, Mary Peltier
Bred by: Jon Calliri, Robert Hale and Mary Peltier
CH SERENDIPITY TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC
GCHB CH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over (Bogie) X GCH CH Serendipity’s Urban Legend (Hattie)

SHALL WE DANCE?

TANGO

Beautifully Presented by Gwen & Kent Meyer

Finishing with four majors

Dancing at Susan McGee’s

Mirikal Wheatens
kcswheatie@aol.com

Bred by Dick and Camille Taylor
 Owned by Susan McGee and Gwen Meyer
AMADEN INTRODUCES

“WINSTON”
Amaden’s Smokin Hot
Owner: Karyn Miller
Best of Opposite Sweeps
SCWTCa National Specialty

“JASPER”
Amaden’s Keeper of the Treasure
Owners: Dane & Cesar Caolo

Breeder, Co-owner: Emily Holden
Handler and Trainer for all, Brian Tuel
LITTERMATES

GCH Bryr Rose Symbol Of Paris x Amaden’s Funny Valentine

“BACALL”
Amaden’s She’s Got the Look
Owner: Linda Robison

AMADEN WHEATENS
MACKANME WHEATENS
Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers
2019 Canadian National Specialty
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada

Siren won from the classes over top ranked specials

BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW

BISS AM Can Ch Mackanme Monarch Enchantress
Am Can Ch Mackanme
Patriotic Justice x
Am Ch Mackanme What Goes Around

OWNED BY: Jeri Voyles
BRED BY: Frank & Marji Baumann & Jeri Voyles

SELECT DOG

AM Can Ch Larkhill Mackanme Prime Import
Am Can Ch Mackanme
Patriotic Justice x
Can Gr Ch Larkhill’s Ginger Snap

OWNED BY: Jeri Voyles
BRED BY: Kate Judge

Thank You • Breeder Judge • Sue Goldberg

Greg & Jeri Voyles, Gig Harbor, WA
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NEW ROM
BIS (BBE) US CH TARA I GET AROUND
GCH Stratford Top Brass ROM x CH Tara Life’s A Beach

SEAMUS

Seamus finished in 3 weekends with all majors including two at Great Western.

Breeder/Owner: Cecily Skinner  Co-owner: Celeste Lassiter Sokoloff  tarascwt@aol.com

Tara Wheatens
WANTED

MISSING and WANTED... Your Wheaten’s Data
names, photos, physical and health information on thousands of dogs
in the SCWT Database.

The Database serves the Wheaten community as an historical archive, a
breeding tool, a data repository for health research. But to meet everyone’s
needs, it has to be robust, with complete data.

Is your dog’s information missing? Turn it in for a reward!

Check your dog’s page... if any of this information
is missing, provide it on the Individual Submission
Form found at
http://scwtodb.org/SubmitData.aspx

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➤ Photo      ➤ Health records

REWARD

A Scraggles Bear
The first 35 people to complete their
dog’s SCWT Database record with
the information shown above will
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companion sporting a scarf hand-
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Gleenngay Wheaten hair.

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Oh my! What a fabulous entry we had at the 32nd annual summer specialty of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Milwaukee on Friday, July 26! The entry count of 6-14, 6D, 4B was the most we have had in years. People traveled from as far as Colorado, Ohio, Canada, Washington, Missouri, Kentucky — and from the states near us — Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and of course, Wisconsin. Everyone stayed for the Waukesha Kennel Club Shows on Saturday and Sunday and some moved to the second site for the Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club Shows on Monday and Tuesday.

Weather in Wisconsin can be unpredictable, but we had a nice day with gentle winds that helped the dogs look their best. It was maybe a little warm for those who needed to run around the ring, but overall a nice day.

Our show this year was dedicated to the memory of Herb Glazier, long-time Wheaten lover and club member.

We started at 9:00 am with Meet the Breed. Meggie, with owners Suzanne and Larry Larson, enjoyed greeting visitors, while Suzanne and Larry gave information about the breed, their temperament and grooming requirements.

At 10:00, our Sweepstakes began with Jan Van Ness of Tarlu Wheatens officiating. The twelve (4-8) pups were impressive, some better behaved than others, but all were entertaining to watch. Showing on grass can be fun, especially if it is a puppy’s first time. Each puppy received a plush toy, no matter what their placement. Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite were awarded roomy duffle bags.

After a short break, John Constantine-Amodei evaluated the entry in the specialty. It was so wonderful to see such beautiful dogs in the ring. Head Ring Steward Nancy Andersen and Assistant Ring Steward and Show Chair, Geoffrey Bilda, kept things running smoothly. Each entry was awarded a stuffed toy for placement in their class; Winners Dog and Winners Bitch received embroidered hand towels; and Best in Specialty, Best of Opposite, and Best of Winners were presented with special artwork featuring SCWTs.

After the award of Best in Specialty and pictures, the Club hosted a complimentary luncheon and celebrated Suzanne’s birthday. (I won’t say which one.) The camaraderie amongst those who had been competing just a short time before was great to see. Lots of laughter and story-telling going on. Everyone who attended the luncheon received a Welcome Bag filled with candy, dog treats, granola bar, lint roller and other great things. It was the Club’s “thank you” to those who entered our show. The group patiently waited for the results of the raffle of baskets full of all kinds of goodies. Thank you to Suzanne Larson for overseeing the basket raffle and to Carmen Glazier for playing host at the luncheon.

A very special “thank you” to all who participated, donated, and attended our show. Thank you also to the SCWTCA for supporting this entry and suppling medallions designed by Darcie Olson to the winners. It was truly delightful to see such great dogs and wonderful friends.
SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE’S CRITIQUE: JAN VAN NESS

Thank you, members of the SCWTC of Greater Milwaukee for asking me to judge sweeps at your 2019 Specialty Show. The show was dedicated to Mr. Herb Glazier, a long-time member of the club. I don’t remember having met Mr. Glazier, but I have known his wife Carmen for many years. There were 12 entries for Sweeps, and they were all very nice. Heads were good, eyes were dark, eye pigmentation was good, noses big and black, tail sets were mostly good (only two entries had slightly low tail sets), toplines were level, and movement was mostly good with nice reach and drive. There were some naughty youngsters, but it was still fun to watch them go-around the ring. And, I was very pleased with the whole entry. It made my choices very difficult to make.

Best in Sweeps was the 12-15 month dog class winner, Cela Voyager of the Sea (by GCH Bradberry’s Divine Fitzpatrick and GCH Cela Royal Hawaiian Night, breeder/owner Michele Lomax). Best of Opposite was from the 9-12 month bitch class, Serendipity Trip the Light Fantastic (by GCHB Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over and GCHB Serendipity’s Urban Legend, breeders Richard and Camille Taylor, owners Susan McGee and Gwen Meyer).

I had a great time! I saw adorable puppies and beautiful dogs in the class entries. I also got to see people I had not seen in several years, as well as those who I’ve seen more recently. It was a wonderful day! Thanks to everyone who entered their puppies for me to judge.

BREED JUDGE’S CRITIQUE: JOHN CONSTANTINE-AMODEI

I was pleasantly surprised to find such a lovely entry of Wheatens. The dogs were in great condition overall and most had lovely, happy temperaments. Even though the weather was warm the dogs were up and showed well.

RWD - was a very nice sized dog, beautifully square with a very nice topline and tail set. Although being a bit straighter in angles than I prefer, he was very balanced front and rear. He had very nice wavy and soft coat. He showed beautifully and really gave me the impression of sporting terrier able to work through the day.

WD/BOW - has an outstanding outline, strong topline and good tail set. He made a beautiful picture of a proper Wheaten. He had a nicely abundant and soft coat, although a bit straighter then I would have liked, but I believe he was young and will see improvement in wave with age. He had a very nice head of good length and clean. He moved well and was a very good showman. He held his outline very well both standing and on the move.
RWB - Was a very nice young bitch. She had a great outline and good head with good planes. She was nicely up on leg and showed nice elegance. She had a nice soft coat that flowed nicely on the move. She was very feminine and a great size. She was very close to going WB, but needs more confidence to give her that edge.

WB - was very nicely square in proportion with a nice short back and had good substance for a bitch of her age. She had a lovely soft, thick and wavy coat. I would like a tad bit more neck on her. She moved around the ring nicely and presented a good picture. Her temperament seemed very happy and she remained steady throughout.

SD - was an older dog, 8 years old, I believe. He was in exceptional condition for his age and I was surprised when I learned his age. He had a beautiful very thick and wavy soft coat. He was nicely square and up on leg. He had beautiful substance without any coarseness. His topline was strong and his outline beautiful. He was a lovely mover covering much ground.

BOS - had a lovely long clean head with good planes. Her outline was beautiful displaying a great neck and shoulder transition and solid topline. Her coat was very soft and had good density, but could have used a bit more wave. She moved nicely around the ring holding her outline as when standing.

BOB - Wow! What a beautiful example of a Wheaten. Square, very short back, great tailset, outstanding neck and shoulder transition and outline. He had a great soft, dense and wavy coat that flowed as he exhibited his great reach and drive around the ring. His angles were excellent and balanced. He had a long head with proper planes and ear carriage.

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE

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**Wheatens, Witches, and Wizards!**

Wow Wow Wow what a great time Performance Wheatens had in Palmyra! There was much to do. Agility for four days, Obedience & Rally, Fast Cat, Vendors, and the usual Terrier Fun and Camaraderie! Each Terrier Breed decorated their own Village according to the theme Witches and Wizards! Linda Hallas started us off with a homemade Banner illustrating our theme; Wheatens, Witches, and Wizards. Mary Whiting made us a poster board for our Wizards to pose in! Everyone brought lots of snacks and decorations for the dogs and crating area, it truly was a joint effort.

When the Judges came to inspect, all the Wheatens donned their Wizard hats made by Barbara Fleischmann and surrounded the Judges with Wheaten Love. So it was no surprise when we saw our Breed had won Best Overall Large Group! As usual, Wheaten Performance teams rolled in from all over the USA and Canada to join in on the fun. 15 Wheaten teams signed up to show in Agility, and six teams showed in Obedience and Rally. We had all skill levels, from top teams to beginners. Betsy Geertson couldn't help but notice the amazing talent representing our breed. I know I speak for everyone in appreciation for all the Wheaten friends who came to help, watch, and join in on the festivities.

The Qualification Ribbons for this day are listed below, and we did have a couple big celebrations worth mentioning as Mary Whiting and MACH Rory Red King Of The Links MXS MJG PJD MFB TQX T2B3 THD CGCA TKP earned their 2nd MACH (Master Agility Champion for the second time)! Also, Annie Gélinas and Pinehome’s Sybelle Anime earned their Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers Titles! In Rally we saw Maria Barnum and Barnum’s Pumpkin Pie Sage RE MXP3 MXPB MJP2 MJPB MFP CA BCAT RATO CGC TKI earn a Combined High in Rally Trial of 199! These are just a few of the amazing moments!

Thanks to all the teams who came and made it special! It was great to see old friends and make new ones. The only problem was it ended all too soon! Thanks to our Agility Chairperson Betsy Geertson and our Co-Chair Linda Hallas who toiled endlessly to make everything a success. And there can be no harder worker than Diane Guillette who travels from Canada each year to join us. Anytime you look up she is volunteering for another job! Last but not least, thanks to SCWTCA for supporting our Performance Wheatens and for Sponsoring a Day of Agility. Also a thank you to Robyn Alexander and Anna Marzolino, who both made sure our wins were reported on the website, Twitter, and Facebook. Great Job.

**SCWTCA DAY QUALIFIERS IN AGILITY**

**Ex/Master Standard**
Diane Guillette and (Highway) Marolou Highway RN MX MXJ MJB OF
Kim O’Neill and (Dani) CH Lil’Town Everland’s Daenerys Morn Of Ardncasssa AX AXJ NF SCA SIA SBA

**T2B (Time To Beat)**
Lynn Denton and (Payne) CH Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without A Cork AX AXJ OF

**Premier JWW (Jumpers with Weaves)**
Mary Whiting and (Rory) MACH Rory Red King Of The Links MXS MJG PJD MFB TQX T2B3 THD CGCA TKP

**Ex/Master JWW (Jumper with Weaves)**
Mary Whiting and (Rory) MACH Rory Red King Of The Links MXS MJG PJD MFB TQX T2B3 THD CGCA
Lynn Denton and (Payne) CH Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without A Cork AX AXJ OF

**Open Jumpers with Weaves**
Annie Gélinas and (Sybelle) Pinehome’s Sybelle Anime NA NAJ

**Open Agility**
Annie Gélinas and (Sybelle) Pinehome’s Sybelle Anime NA NAJ

**FAST**
Lynn Denton and (Payne) CH Saddlebrook’s Wyldwood Rebel Without A Cork AX AXJ OF
It all began with a fourteen-hour car ride, in a cram-packed Subaru, filled with fundraiser items, table decorations, luggage and poop bags! Then, many trips of unloading with our favorite bellhop Smiley and several dusty trips to the storage unit to retrieve trophies and all remaining specialty items. We were now ready to begin our “Southern Soiree.”

The week began with performance events in Palmyra. The SCWTCA sponsored one day out of four at the all terrier agility trials. Wheatens also participated in a terrier only obedience and rally trial sponsored by the Airedale Club of America. There was a much better agility entry than in years past. FAST CAT was also offered for the second year in a row.

Day one of the Hatboro shows was well attended. Many thanks to the Del Val club for their support and refreshments provided on this cool and dry weather day.

Hatboro on day two was not as pleasant due to a continual misting rain most of the day. Many exhibitors spent their evening bathing dogs due to the messy showing conditions earlier in the day.

Thursday evening education was presented by Dr. Carmen Battaglia and it was part two of his 2018 presentation on structure, movement and pedigree analysis.

The annual dinner and boutique were also well attended with 130 reservations for dinner. Thanks to Mary Ann Curtis who was in charge of the video awards presentation and congratulations to all of this year’s national specialty award winners! The boutique had many vendors with unique Wheaten items that sold quickly. The SCWTCA sold out of the green velvet crate pad fundraiser however, there are still a few Wheaten towels and Buff scarves available. We have a few Camouflage back packs and Wheaten stickers available on the website too. Please check out the SCWTCA website, fundraiser page for new pricing on all of these items.

Sweepstakes is always a day everyone looks forward to. We love watching the youngsters entertain us with their antics in the ring. This year, club member Kent Meyer had the grand task of judging a wonderful group of puppies. The entry consisted of 31 Wheatens. Congratulations to all of those who presented their puppies in this fun event.

Sunday morning came very early as we assisted Gary Vlachos and Bill Behan in setting up the trophy table and putting the finishing touches on our beautiful ring. Kudos to Gary and Bill for pulling off another award-winning ring presentation.

The club hospitality tent offered pastries and coffee that were a big hit amongst our members. Nothing went to waste as only a few crumbs were left.

Another life-long Wheaten adorer, Shari Boyd had the honor of judging our National Specialty. With a beautiful entry of 101 Wheatens to sort, in the end Shari chose Mister, GCHB Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer as BOB. He is bred, owned and handled by Elena Landa. Congratulations to these two as they went on to place Group 2nd and reserve Best in Show in a line-up of top winning terriers.

Sunday evening post show dinner was hosted by the Motor City Club. Several hundred dollars were raised in the annual auction and three soft sided coolers were given away. The raffle items were a framed water color from the collection of Jackie Gottlieb and an Impact brand crate donated by Betty Chapman and Beth Verner.

A huge thank you to all of those who served on a committee and those who stepped up to help with last minute jobs: your help was much appreciated. We hope that a good time was had by all at the 2019 “Southern Soiree” and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2020!

Warm Regards, Amy Havely
AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Kayce Healey

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

I would like to nominate Kayce Healy for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. She has been a dedicated, long-serving member of the SCWT club.

Kayce became a SCWTCA member in 2001 and during her time in the club she has served as both a Director and Corresponding Secretary on the Board. She has co-chaired the National Specialty, and currently serves as Mailing Coordinator for SCWTCA Publications.

Kayce is a hard worker, always willing and anxious to help and participate in all things Wheaten.

Her most distinguishing characteristic is her incredible, cheerful attitude. You will never hear a discouraging word from her. She is always there to cheer people on and offer her sincere support to all.

I'm very proud to call her my friend.

Kathy Clarke
JAN LINSCHEID FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Dorice Stancher

The Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award is presented when deemed appropriate to a member of SCWTCA who has made an extraordinary contribution to the club and to the breed and who epitomizes the outstanding human qualities of Jan Linscheid. The SCWTCA Board selects the recipient.

Dorice’s amazing adventure with our wonderful breed began in 1999, when she purchased a pet Wheaten from Bill and I. Little did she know how her love of her Wheatens would become a major part of her life. She joined the SCWTCA in 2004, and became a certified dog trainer. She has published articles on training in the AKC Gazette Breed column, SCWTCA Benchmarks and SCWTAC Wags. Dorice won the prestigious Maxwell medallion from the Dog Writers Assoc. of America, “Best Writing about Canine Good Citizen” for her article “Your Wheaten Can Make a Difference”. This article was published in the Sept. 2011 issue of Benchmarks. She has also appeared with her Wheaten on Fox Good Day NY and four times on “The Pet Stop with Dr. Brian Voynick” showcasing the AKC CGC and Trick Dog Program.

Dorice is active in pet therapy and was part of the public relations team organizing the Dogswalk Against Cancer for the American Cancer Society. She and her Wheaten appeared on television promoting the event which raised more than $240,000. This is her 17th year visiting Camp Dream Street for children with cancer. She now evaluates and recruits other teams to participate.

Dorice has competed with her Wheatens in conformation as well as many performance events including Obedience, CGC, Barn Hunt, Pet Therapy, Sheepherding, Tricks Training, Scent Work and Dock Diving. She has had her Wheatens experience Dogsledding, Skijoring and Kayaking as well. She has volunteered to be a part of the Meet the Breeds on numerous occasions and has assisted with booth and artwork design.

Dorice and husband Mark sponsor the SCWTCA’s Wheaten Ambassador Award...donated and funded by them annually. The award is presented to the Wheaten Terrier that has made a difference in its community. The primary emphasis of the award is on community service and diplomacy through therapy work and/or exceptional fund-raising activities for the greater good.

I am pleased to nominate Dorice Stancher for the Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award. Dorice certainly qualifies because of her extraordinary contributions to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America and to our breed while she epitomizes outstanding human qualities.

Sylvia Hamilton
Wheaten Terrier Ambassador Award:

GCH CH Marymore Circle of Friends THD CGC TKN

“Bammie”

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

Bammie, owned by Connie Koehler, showed an early aptitude for both voluntarism and obedience. En route to her grand championship, Bammie earned her CGC and participated in intermediate and advanced obedience classes.

This outstanding therapy team brings lots of Wheaten love to those they visit two to three times a month at branch libraries of the Los Angeles (City) Public Library and Los Angeles County Library systems in L. A.’s South Bay through BARK (Beach Animals Reading with Kids), a therapy-dog group whose initial focus was as a library and school-based literacy program for elementary-school children. BARK has since expanded its repertoire to include visits to hospitals, women’s shelters, senior facilities, and even colleges and universities during final exams to de-stress students. It is an AKC-recognized therapy-dog organization that operates throughout California and Arizona. Bammie and Connie have also brought cheer to Los Angeles Unified School District Elementary Schools in San Pedro, and a senior assisted-living center in Rancho Palos Verdes. In July 2016 they were selected to represent the Los Angeles Library System at the inaugural Port of Los Angeles Positive Vibes Expo.

“Selfies with Bammie” have become a major hit of their library sessions. The children “Bammie” visits have excelled in reading through the BARK therapy group thanks to her positive Wheaten Terrier attitude.

Bammie went on to earn her AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN) title in 2015, and subsequently her Therapy Dog (THD) title in 2018, the latter after more than 50 volunteer visits. The combination of her conformation and obedience training also enabled Bammie to pass her evaluation for the new AKC Trick Dog Novice title in 2018.

Bammie began as a community volunteer at the tender age of eight months for the SCWTCA Meet the Breed booth at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach in 2010, as well as for SCWTSCS’s booth at America’s Pet Expo several times since 2011. Tragically she has been called upon to assist her own human dad, Jeff, who suffered three major strokes in 2018. Bammie has brought comfort to him and those she visits at skilled nursing centers where he has been a patient.

Bammie is loving, versatile, intelligent and demonstrates that she is so much more than just a pretty face.
Some of you may remember the story of the 7 dogs rescued from a puppy mill in early 2018. Softy was one of those rescued. Everything frightened him, he cowered in his kennel, he ran from humans and any human interaction. In April, Dan & Tamsen Spengler came into Softy’s life and chose to give this boy the loving home he so deserved after years of abuse and mistreatment.

While the journey hasn’t been easy, and there have been many challenges, the Spengler’s have been dedicated to working with Softy and teaching him what it’s like to be loved and how to act like a Wheaten.

Working with Nancy Butler and Julie Burdick, they began their journey with Softy as if he were a new puppy, from potty training to learning to walk on a leash, accepting human love and enjoying life. It took nearly 6 months of training to get Softy to be comfortable on a leash, and now loves his walks around the neighborhood and has even ventured to their local park.

While he often exhibits fear, in the Spengler’s words, ‘it doesn’t dominate his life’ as it once did. When he is fearful he now sits in her lap and snuggles.

We are recognizing the Spengers as our Rescue family of the year for the dedication and love they have shown Softy and giving him the loving home he so richly deserves. The Spengers are both in their 70’s and are previous Wheaten owners.
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Congratulations to all the Winners!
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6-9 Puppy Dogs
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A dog of correct size and nice coat color. He showed his lack of experience in the ring, and will only improve with time.

9-12 Puppy Dogs
1st. Amaden’s Smokin’ Hot
A moderate sized dog with a nice coat color. He showed well in his class and made a very pretty outline. He did not have much reach in the front. He was my Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes.

12-15 Puppy Dogs
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A pretty coated dog that was of proper proportions.

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A beautiful coated young bitch with just the right amount of desired wave. She was the best behaved in her class.

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An absolutely stunning Irish coated bitch. She had a lovely soft and silky coat. I loved her on the go around. She had a smart expression and a nice head. She was very well knit in her neck into shoulders and was a square package. I think I surprised myself the most when I awarded her this tough class. She could easily have edged out the Best in Sweepstakes winner had she had a stronger rear.

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BREED JUDGE’S CRITIQUE: SHARI BOYD

It was an honor to judge this National Specialty at the greatest Terrier show on earth. Thank you for your vote and entry.

To my mentors, many in number, this would not be possible if not for you. It is always pleasing to watch your breed represent in the next round. This year’s winner stood in the exact same place as I did with Brett just a few years ago- a great memory.

Overall I found the entry to be more consistent in size and shape than in years past. Coat quality and color is better on the whole. Temperaments, presentation and condition were quite good.

Forever amazing is how we are brought together and stay together through our dogs. Congratulations to the entrants. Keep up your good work and willingness to learn.

The following are areas of concern in need of attention now:

• Course, heavy heads were far too common.
• Flat feet numbered in the double digits!
• Mouths in general. Plentiful were misaligned incisors, missing premolars, malocclusion/a couple open bites, dirty teeth.
• Open angles (straight front/rear), long second thigh.
• Leaving excessive hair on “top knot.” This does not help, lends to a foreign expression and is NOT TYPICAL.
• Save the use of artificial color enhancement for NEVER.

My selections as follows:

WD & BOW
Antic Bonney Hocus Pocus
Despite much of his hair having been trimmed off, this dog was an easy winner as he is typical in moderation and balance.

RWD:
Serendipity’s What A Trip
A masculine dog. A tad larger than I prefer. Could use a smaller ear.

WB & AOM
Star Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong
Harmoniously made and light on her feet. This bitch lost a higher award as I prefer just a tad more leg under her.

RWB
Jendu Southern Spirit
This bitch was so close to a higher award though not fully gathered on this day.

Veteran Dog
CH Greentree Real Quiet
Presented in good physical condition. Carried himself well.

Veteran Bitch & AOM
CH Waterford Coventry Caper
A true classic (both dog and handler), a highlight of the day. More like her please!

BOB
CH Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer
Quite masculine and in solid condition, this dog was presented well. He showed and had good command of his legs. In a breed of moderation, this dog pushes the envelope on being overdone. I prefer a smaller, higher placed ear.

BOS
CH Keepsake Timtara I’m A Rockstar
Classic in moderation. Presented well and in fine condition. Had she a tad more leg, she would have pressed the winner.

The following dogs were pleasing to have in the lineup and complimentary to the final winners.

SD:   GCHB Keepsake Raise Your Glass
SB:    GCHB Harbour Hill One In A Million
AOMs (in no order)
CH Bradberry Born Of Enlightenment Bodhisattva
CH Summerland’s A Southern Comfort (no photo)
CH Clovers Uptown Girl
CH Lochlinear This Girl Is On Fire
CH Waterford Coventry Caper (veteran Bitch)
Star Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong (WB)
WD/BOW: *Antic Bonney Hocus Pocus (9-12 Puppy Dog)*
CH Mackanme Patriotic Justice X CH Bonney I Put An Antic On You
Owner: Kristen Williams
Breeders: Patricia Rutherford & Bonita F Snyder

RWB: *Jendu Southern Spirit (9-12 Puppy Bitch)*
CH Jendu Right In Time X GCH Jendu Joyful Spirit
Owners/Breeders: Dana Barton & Catherine Perron

RWD: *Serendipity’s What A Trip (12-15 Dog)*
GCHB Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over X GCHB Serendipity’s Urban Legend
Owners/Breeders: Dick & Camille Taylor

Veteran Dog: *CH Greentree Real Quiet*
CH Greentree Skellig’s Samba Par Ti X Greentree Preakness Clover
Owners: Diane & Jacob Horst & Kevin & Beverly McDonald
Breeders: Kevin & Beverly McDonald

WB/AOM: *Star Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong (Open Bitch)*
CH Bradberry’s One Quintessential Love Story X CH Star Dream It
Owner/Breeder: Denise Daniel

Veteran Bitch/AOM: *CH Waterford Coventry Caper*
CH Dhowden American Dream X CH Waterford Frolic O’Prescott
Owners: Erma & Jim Heckman & Marjorie Shoemaker
Breeders: Marjorie Shoemaker & Cheryl T Fogarty
BOB/GROUP2: GCHB Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer (d)
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
CH Tara I Get Around X GCHG Doubloon’s Extreme Play
Owner/Breeder: Elena Landa

BOS: GCHB Keepsake Timtara Im A Rockstar (B)
CH Mackanne One Love One Heart x Keepsake Timtara Remember Me
Owners/Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims

SD: GCHB CH Keepsake’s Raise Your Glass
CH Boreal Keepsake Immortal X CH Keepsake Timtara Im A Rockstar
Owners/Breeders: Shari Robinson & Sydney Robinson & Priscilla Tims & Cheryl Satherley

SB: GCHB Harbour Hill One In A Million
GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer X CH Harbour Hill Radiator Springs
Owners: Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith
Breeder: Susan K Sakauye

AOM: CH Bradberry’s Born Of Enlightenment Bodhisatta (D)
CH Bradberry’s Best Of My Love X CH Bradberry’s Born For Love
Owners: Lyn Chin & Deborah Van De Ven
Breeder: Deborah Van De Ven

AOM: GCH Clover’s Uptown Girl (B)
CH Greentree Trinity Heartbreak Kid X GCH Greentree Clover Hurricane Havoc
Owner: Liz Jamiolekowski
Breeders: Liz Jamiolekowski & Geri Farese
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| SHOW                          | 10/3/19 Hatboro DC Wrightstown, PA  
| Judge                         | 10/4/19 Hatboro DC & DelVal SCWTC Specialty, Wrightstown, PA  
| • Judge Cindy Meyer           | 10/5/19 Devon DSA Ludwig’s Corner, PA  
| • Judge Wood Wornall         | 10/6/19 SCWTCA Nat’l Specialty @ Montgomery County KC, Blue Bell, PA  
| • Breed Judge Shari Boyd     | • Sweeps Judge Kent Meyer |
| WD                            | Westwhind How Do you Like Me Now |
|.RWD                          | Silkcroft Freeze Frame |
| WB                            | Star Little Miss Can’T Be Wrong |
| RWB                          | Boreal Brewed With Love |
| BOB                          | GCHB Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer (d) |
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| AOM                          | GCH Culleann Dirty Laundry (b) Veteran class |
|                             | GCH Clover’s Uptown Girl (b) |
|                             | GCH Trinity’s Par Ti At Fairy Tale (d) |
|                             | CH Star No Shirt No Shoes No Service (d)  
|                             | CH Keepsake Boreal Sea Clear (b)  
|                             | GCH Coventryfarm Kennally Second B’Fast V Wheatn Wagn (b) |
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| Sweeps                       | Best in Sweeps - Orion Trebol Break Through (b)  
|                             | BOS Sweeps - Amaden’s Smokin’ Hot (d) |

AOM: GCH Lochlinear This Girl Is On Fire (B)  
CH Waterford Just For Westridge X CH Lochlinear Atas Enigma  
Owner/Breeder: Pat Mullin
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