Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Northern California
2020 Specialty

April 9-12
CalExpo - Sacramento - CA

SCWTCA Supported Entry † April 9 † Bruce Schwartz

SCWTCNC Specialty † Friday April 10 † Bergit Coady-Kabel & Sweeps Denise Daniel

SCWTCNC Supported Entry † April 11 † Ken Murray

SCWTCNC Supported Entry † April 12 † Rosalind Kramer

Specialty Chairs
Pat Mullin & Tami Herzog

Show Entries:
MBF at www.infodog.com
April 9-10: Northern California Terrier Assoc.
April 11-12: Sacramento Kennel Club

Hotel:
Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard St, Sacramento (916) 922-4700

Dinner:
At Hilton host hotel
Friday April 10. Cash bar 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm
Cost: $55 Send check to: Tami Herzog
8647 Elk Ridge Way, Elk Grove CA 95624

Trophy Donations:
Pat Mullin
1518 Rockville Rd
Fairfield CA 94534

Deadlines:
Entries: March 25
Dinner Reservation: April 2
Trophy donations to Pat Mullin: February 20

Hand Painted Wheaten Trophies

Dinner and Raffle Friday April 10 at Hilton Sacramento Arden West

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Northern California www.scwtcnc.net
Our first home bred Champion

CH Greentree Kaden Midnight Spell

NEW CH “LOLLY”

Am GCh & Can Ch Greentree Feis Dancer Midnight Tobasco Waltz x GCh Greentree Quite A Spell

Owned by Kate & Dennis Heller & Bev & Kevin McDonald
Bred by Kate & Dennis Heller & Bev & Kevin McDonald

Kaden Wheatens

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BOB and GROUP 2: AKC National Junior and puppy stakes
BOW and AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: AKC National from 6-9 class
WD and BOW: Central Florida Kennel Club

Thank You Sydney Robinson for your expert handling!

Owners: Kevin & Beverly McDonald & Dr. Jill C Miller
Breeders: Dr. Jill Miller & Erik & Royal Miller and Beverly & Kevin McDonald
GREENTREE CHARM DYNAGRIFFE

WB: AKC National for a 5 pt Major from a competitive bred-by class

Littermates by:
GCHB Keepsake’s Raise your Glass “Blaine” x GCHB Greentree Nugget’s Charm TKN “Charm”

Owners: Dr Jill Miller & Erik & Royal Miller, Beverly & Kevin McDonald
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About the cover

This adorable pup is “Nya,” CH Ceili’s Sister of Fire OA AXJ AXP CGC TKA. Nya is bred by Beth Sorenson. Photo also by Beth, taken in Beth’s yard. Butterfly added by Helen Fraguela
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Flashback/Flash forward. As I write this, I look forward to the 2020 National Roving Specialty which will occur February 29 in Pomona, CA. Preceding the Roving are two Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California Specialties in one day in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association.

The Roving is in conjunction with The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills which will be televised and broadcast by NBC on Sunday, April 5, 2020. It is very exciting to be included in what is now a premier dog event in the United States. I am really looking forward to it! Also, don’t miss the Northern California Soft Coated Wheaten Specialty on the 11th in Sacramento, California.

One thing of which we can all be assured: nothing stays the same, especially not in the fast-moving world of technology. For many years, we have enjoyed communication via the Yahoo group Discuss. In recent months, Yahoo has made some major changes to the way it manages its internet groups and a couple of those affect our group. The following features have been removed as part of the Yahoo group: files; polls; links; photos; folders; calendar; database; attachments; conversations; email updates; message digest; and message history. We have already heard that the loss of the message digest is a problem for several of you.

The Board is currently looking at options: one, we can keep Discuss on the current yahoo platform; two, we move Discuss to Groups.io. Several members are on other Groups.io and like how it functions. The difficulty with moving Discuss to Groups.io would be getting members signed up. Another option would be to start a private, members-only Facebook page.

There are pluses and minuses to each so I hope the Discuss members will talk about this on the current Yahoo page.

Because some of the features are lost in the current Yahoo world, I will communicate with you through a MailChimp newsletter to bring you Updates and Board Bytes.

Sadly, we lost one of the titans in our club. On December 24, 2019 Carol Carlson died after a long battle with several illnesses. I first remember Carol’s guidance as I took on the 2001 MCKC Specialty as coordinator. I’m not sure how I would have survived that job without her inside knowledge and patience with my myriad of questions. As she touched me, she touched so many others, not only in the practicalities of running our club but in the history and lore of our breed from the time it was introduced in the U.S. The 2020 National Specialty at Montgomery County Kennel Club will be dedicated to Carol.

I want to thank and publicize the current committee chairs for the club. Please reach out to anyone whom you might be able to help. Turn to page17 for the list of 2020 Committee Chairs.

Molly O’Connell
She'll make you **Believe**

2019 Number **One**

WHEATEN BITCH • BREED & ALL-BREED

Thank You Judges, Ms. Wendy Paquette, Ms. Christine Erickson and Mr. Jay Richardson for these honors.

Reserve Best In Show
Judge Mr. Sidney Marx
Canada Del Oro KC

Millie
GCHS HARBOUR HILL ONE IN A MILLION

Owned by Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith
Bred by Susan Sakauye
The Endowment Board:

Is Pleased To Announce That Anna Marzolino Has Been Elected Chair Of The Endowment Board

Anna has been active in Wheaten Health issues for over 20 years. She began serving on the SCWTCA Health Committee in 2002. Anna was Chair of the Geriatric Project through Penn and worked on the Informative Family Project as well. Her work included the development of Health Tracker, and was a speaker at the Keystone Conference. Anna joined the Endowment in 2006 and later became Vice Chair under Carol Carlson. Anna’s passion and dedication will help lead the Endowment well into the future.

Welcomes Pam Mandeville To The Endowment Board As A Director

Pam has been appointed as a Director to the SCWTCA Endowment Board. Pam is a long time Wheaten breeder and SCWTCA member. Among Pam’s many of achievements in Wheaten health include creating materials for owners and breeders on various aspects of testing, the roll-outs of the DNA PLN test to breeders and the SCWT Database. She is a long-time supporter of the Endowment. Pam’s knowledge of Wheatens and their health issues allows her to be a valuable asset to the Endowment Board.

Donors & Supporters

The Board of the SCWTCA Endowment thanks the following for their generosity. These donations fund grants selected by the SCWTCA Endowment Board or providing matching funds for grants approved by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation.

Dog Clubs

- Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Great Britain, In Memory of Carol Carlson with sincere condolences to Carol Carlson’s family and friends at this time.
- Wheaten Health Initiative, In Memory of Carol Carlson from all at the WHI Steering Group of the UK and for the PLE Project

Fundraiser Events

- Network for Good in partnership with Facebook’s Tuesday Giving Organized by Connie Koehler with contributions from:
  - Jim Anderson
  - Kay Baird
  - Carol Carlson
  - Kathi Elliot
  - Tami Herzog
  - Connie Koehler
  - Pam Lewis
  - Anna Marzolino
  - Coralie Eddy Murray
  - Paula Radin
  - Bobbi Salmon
  - Suzanne Schwartz
  - Toni Vincent
  - Barbara Zapf

- Network for Good in partnership with Facebook’s Network for Good & Holly Million Birthday Fundraiser via Facebook and 9 anonymous donors

- Network for Good & Emily Skoglund Birthday Fundraiser via Facebook and 10 anonymous donors
Individuals & Corporations

- Bob & Elaine Azerolo, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Heather Bailer
- Yvonne Bates
- Jacqueline Beaver
- Berger Picard Research Fund
- Canines Can Do
- Chapman Verner Charitable Fund, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- JPMorgan Chase & Co Workplace Giving Employees Fund
- George Condos, In Honor of Carol Carlson
- Shell D. Cook, In Memory of 'Maze' - GCH Lismore The World As I See It
- Shell D. Cook, In Honor of 'Zeke' - Lismore Off Broadway
- Ronnie Copland, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Holly Lynn Craig
- Denise DeAngelis, In Memory of Gail Richvalsky
- Leslie DeMattia
- Anthony, Renata & Gabby DiMarco, In Honor of 'Bella' and 'Norah'
- Stephen Donohue, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Kathryn Elliott
- Lynne Gaither
- Shirley Gee
- Shirley Gee, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Mel & Marcia Granick, In Memory of McClaren's Comedy Central, 'Squash.' We will remember her always.
- Randall Graves
- Randall Graves, In fond Memory of Carol Carlson
- James Hansen
- David Hickman
- Susan Jackson, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Cindy Jansen, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Yvonne Lawson
- Kathleen Lesbirel, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Ann Leigh, In Honor of Beverly Streicher's birthday
- Pam & John Mandeville, In Honor of the Luke x Berry puppies: 'Norah' and 'Sprite'
- Pam Mandeville, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Anna Marzolino, In Memory of Carol Carlson. Thank you for 53 years of dedication to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America. Thank you for 20 years of dedication to the SCWTCA Endowment and thank you for being a champion of our breed, club Endowment and MCKC.
- Anna Marzolino, In Honor of Operation Bobdog
- Anna Marzolino, In Honor of Dorice Stancher and 'Charly'
- Evelyn McAdams - McAdams Family Foundation
- Susan McGee
- Carl McGill, In Memory of my five puppies, RIP little ones
- Janice McIlhenny, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Terri Mitchell
Individuals & Corporations, con’t...

- Jinx Moore, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Helen J. Moreland, In Honor of Carol Carlson
- Marcy Nadel
- Network for Good - Anonymous
- The Norman’s Gang Family, In Memory of Laura Virant’s ‘Sophie’
- Bonnie O’Connor, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Shannon Reilly, In Appreciation of Dr. Littman’s expertise and guidance for our Wheaten, ‘Striker’
- Denise Reniere
- Linda Robison, In Honor of Pat Mullin and in loving Memory of her ‘Chip,’ a very special Wheaten
- Linda Robison, In Honor of Amanda Wheatens
- Rose Rose, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Dorothy Rosenthal, In Honor of Connie Koehler
- Meg Ryan, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Pat Rutherford, In Memory of ’Scandal,’ Marguee’s Fooling Around
- Sara Schliough, In Memory of Carol Carlson, ’Elmo,’ ’Woody’ and my heart dog, ’Dewey’
- Sandra Scott
- Christine Shields, in Memory of ’Murphy,’ my first Wheaten that made me love this breed
- Pat Simrell, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Bonita Snyder, In Honor of Beverly Streicher’s birthday
- David & Sally Sotirovich
- Sally Sotirovich, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Enid Stiles DVM and Sherwood Park Vet, In Memory of ’Whiskey’ Borenstein, a beautiful soul that left this earth far too soon
- Cyndi Stokvis, In Memory of CH Woodland’s Rhapsody N Love, ’Libby’
- The Vertex Foundation
- Cathy Tinnelly, In Honor of ’Bobdog’
- Cathy Tinnelly, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Robert & Pamela Tinnelly
- Robert & Pamela Tinnelly, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Bob & Pam Tinnelly, In Memory of CH Marymore Banner Gabriel’s Choice ’Gabby’
- Deborah Van De Ven, In Memory of our beloved friend, Carol Carlson
- Toni Vincent, In loving Memory of Carol Carlson, my friend and mentor. In honor of Operation Bobdog
- The Vertex Foundation: Apple, Inc.
- Sharol ’Candy’ Way, In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Margaretta Wood, In Memory of my friend, Carol Carlson
- Jane Wright, George R. Wright, ’Mulligan’ & Sawyer’s ’Buddy,’ In Memory of Carol Carlson
- Cathy Yuen

Thank You To All!

To make your tax deductible gift, please visit our web site: www.wheatenhealthendowment.org
In baseball it’s three strikes and you’re out. In my case, it’s the third time is a charm! I initially applied to be Editor when Carol Carlson announced she was stepping down many years ago. Strike one - Gay Dunlap was named the new Editor and, rightfully so. Five years later Gay announced she was retiring as Editor. I didn’t bother to apply this time and Molly O’Connell took over the job. Then Molly five years later takes over as Health Chair and steps down from Benchmarks. This time I put together what I thought was a very sound rationale as to why I should be the next Editor. With over 30 years of publishing experience working at magazines starting with Playboy and ending with Phoenix Home & Garden and in between five years at The Washington Post and two years at the Vail Daily. I really couldn’t think of anyone who would be a better fit for the job! Strike two – Helen Fraguela and Deb Van De Ven were selected and did a fantastic job as had Molly, Gay, Carol and all those before them. At this time the Board felt that someone who had recently been diagnosed with Stage IV Breast Cancer would not be the best choice. Another five years pass and Helen and Deb announce their retirement. I didn’t immediately put my name in. Weeks passed and no one stepped forward. I finally decided what the heck I’ll give it one more try. Well, a new Board and a President who understands what it is like to be a cancer survivor herself, they said YES! So, the third time really is a charm for me.

I grew up with dogs and had my own dogs once graduating from college. It wasn’t until 1999 that I learned about the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier from a colleague at The Washington Post. I had recently lost a terrier mix dog and my Bichon was moping around. The Wheaten sounded like the perfect next dog. My colleague had purchased his Wheaten from a really nice lady, Vernine Gipstein. If that name rings a bell to those of you who followed the Fauquier County, VA rescue horror story from last fall, over 80 Wheaten and Wheaten mixes were rescued from horrible circumstances. The owners were Vernine Gipstein and her husband. Well, I called Vernine and she just happened to have a male puppy available. She was an incredibly convincing salesperson. Cut to the chase, that male puppy became my Reilly. In1999 Vernine wasn’t yet breeding, she was a broker for an enormous miller in Iowa.

Once I received Reilly’s AKC Registration paperwork I realized Vernine wasn’t the breeder, but Steven Kruse was, and he had over 800 dogs of many breeds registered to his “kennel”. Lesson learned. I was terrified that I had bought a puppy mill dog. To pay penance for my mistake I became involved in rescue and fostered 13 Wheatens for Wheatens In Need (WIN) over the next three years. One of those years I was awarded Rescue Person of the Year for WIN.

We all know you can’t have just one Wheaten. This time I was going to do it right and went to some dog shows. The dog shows seemed fun. I talked to a handful of breeders but once they found out I worked fulltime with 12-hour days including my commute to/from NYC, lived in an apartment and had two other dogs, people became less interested in placing a show potential puppy with me. I persisted and met Carl McGill of Edgewood Wheatens. Carl was not put off by my work/home life. We stayed in touch and in late December of 2011, Libby came to live with me.

Libby was shown to her CH by Shari Boyd who also helped me figure out how she should be bred. Libby had two litters and I kept Sizzle out of her 1st litter and Tanner from her 2nd. Sizzle went on to easily finish with some really nice placements MCKC weekend. Sizzle was bred twice and then placed. Scandal is the girl I kept from her 2nd litter. Scandal also had some nice placements during MCKC and became my first BBE CH and GCH. I now live with Scandal, Bandit a failed show dog from Scandal’s 1st litter and Spice from her 2nd litter. Spice has an Irish coat which is finally coming into it’s own at 2.5 years of age.
I became a member of SCWTCA in 2005 after a hiccup with my application. Carol Carlson was the person from the Board that shared with me what was going on and she rallied my Vet, George Jeitles (former Health Chair as well as SCWTCA Board Member), to dispute the charges.

George during his tenure as Health Chair asked if I would join the Health Committee and Carol Carlson put me to work as the Liaison for the Colony Dogs at NCSU Vet School with Dr. Shelly Vaden. Carol was critical in the fundraising process as we needed to raise $2,500 per dog per year to keep the work with the Colony Dogs moving forward. I sponsored one of the dogs as well as put together the Pet Grooming DVD fundraiser with Shari Boyd which is still available for sale on www.scwtca.org.

When the last of the Wheatens and Wheagles in the Colony passed on, my work with the Health Committee was done. I then stepped up and with the help of Cindy Shea, we produced the 2008 and 2009 Yearbooks. Cindy then took over and continues to do an incredible job with our Yearbooks!

Two years ago, I moved from Montgomery County, PA to Myrtle Beach, SC. I made the move because Patricia and Marcel Tremblay decided no more PA winters. Patricia co-owned and co-bred several litters with me and they have a bitch from Scandal’s 1st litter and I had placed Tanner with them several years earlier. I couldn’t stay in PA without them because Patricia helps me by bathing the dogs, going to dog shows and training classes with me and those times when I ended up hospitalized, she takes care of the dogs for me.

I am now Secretary for the local dog club - Myrtle Beach Kennel Club. I miss the camaraderie of the members of DelVal SCWTC and the frequency and size of entries at shows within easy driving distance.

I miss being in the ring yet by taking on Benchmarks it will allow me to remain connected to the wonderful world of our Wheatens and the great friends I have made through my dogs. I honestly believe my dogs are what keep me going and the reason why I remain stable in my disease. I can’t imagine living without my pups.

Benchmarks is a huge undertaking. It is not my magazine but SCWTCA’s publication. It’s ongoing appeal to our community is going to be dependent upon contributions from all of our members. We all have our strengths and expertise in different areas. It is so important that this knowledge be shared. You should view contributing articles to Benchmarks as helping to mentor all of those people who can benefit from your experiences.

If you come across an interesting article in one of the many dog magazines, please share it with me. If you see something interesting online, send me the link. If you see a dog cartoon that resonates with you, send it to me. If you come across a dog quote that I can use, let me know. Do you have wonderful photos that exemplify a Wheaten, share them with me. I won’t turn anyone away from contributing to Benchmarks. We all have something to share. Let Benchmarks be all of ours and not one person’s vision. Email me at hollycraig@mac.com or call me at 843-331-3881 (just not early in the morning!). I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Holly Craig
I want to start off by thanking the many people who helped make this issue come together. Starting with Ann Leigh, Ann was kind enough to provide me with critiques from the Breed and Sweeps Judges of the SCWTCSC Specialty Show. Anna Marzolino rounded up the photos of the winners and Laura Vincent Virant for sharing photos from around the ring.

Moving east to Orlando I thank Linda Hallas for sharing Meet the Breeds photos during the AKC National Championship Invitational. Dorice Stancher for her article on participating at the AKC North American Diving Dogs (NADD) Nationals also in Orlando. And, Mary Whiting for both her article on the AKC Agility Invitational along with securing photos and a tidbit from the owners of those wheatens who were invited to Orlando.

Pam Mandeville has agreed to continue to provide us with her thought-provoking column, “Devil’s Advocate”. Something new is from Dorice Stancher on the Ins and Outs of Training your wheaten. Speaking of training, we don’t want to forget how important a role SCWTCA Rescue plays in the breed. Every issue you will learn about a few of the recent SCWTCA rescues and what goes into adopting a wheaten rescue dog.

Susan Ratliffe is the new editor of Wheaten Health News. Susan Ratliffe and Susan Jacobsen, Health Chair, will be sharing with us the latest information on ongoing health research projects and new research opportunities. General dog health will also be covered here.

Benchmarks will continue to Celebrate Long Life and Happy Birthday Seniors. There is a really nice turnout in this issue.

New Titleholders will continue to appear. Don’t be shy. Why not place an ad to let the SCWTCA community see your accomplishment(s). The different advertising options appear later in this issue. Advertising is not limited to conformation wins! We have a multifaceted breed and people need to know this!

The focal part of this issue is Puppy Culture. Thank you to Maggie Snow, Patrice Chevalier, Susan Ratliffe, Lana Campbell and Emily Skoglund for sharing their experiences and photographs. Hopefully you will gain something from what they have gained by raising a litter using this methodology.

Last but not least there are tributes to Carol Carlson from Emily Holden; Dr. Meryl Littman, VMD; Pam Mandeville; Anna Marzolino and from across the pond - Sandra Jeffries and Barbara Penney. If you never had the chance to know Carol, you will want to read these tributes. Carol was one of the most important people in our breed for many reasons. Carol was not a breeder per se but a problem solver. Carol traveled the country encouraging wheaten owners to show their dogs which was necessary for AKC breed recognition. Along with Emily Holden, they established the 1st local wheaten club, DelVal SCWTC. Realizing there were health issues in the breed, Carol and Emily Holden found Dr Littman and convinced her to work with our breed to delve into PLE and PLN. Out of this came the Open Registry and then the Endowment. Carol will be missed greatly by so many, especially our Wheatens and of course, Carol’s BobDog.

Holly Craig
**DOG-FRIENDLY OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS**

Always ask a veterinarian before giving any medication to your dog. Even "safe" human meds can be toxic to certain breeds or pets with preexisting conditions.

**BENDADRYL**
For allergies and itching
1 milligram per pound of dog

**BUFFERED ASPIRIN**
To relieve pain and inflammation
- 1/2 baby aspirin for dogs under 10 pounds
- 1 baby aspirin for dogs 10–30 pounds
- 1/2 regular aspirin for dogs 30–50 pounds
- 1 regular aspirin for dogs 50–100 pounds
- 2 regular aspirins for dogs over 100 pounds

**DRAMAMINE**
For motion sickness
- 12.5 milligrams for small dogs
- 25 milligrams for medium dogs
- 50 milligrams for large dogs

**HYDROGEN PEROXIDE**
Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of toxic substances
10 milliliters by mouth

**HYDROCORTISONE**
For itching or irritated skin
Small amount applied topically up to twice daily

**PEPTO BISMOL**
For diarrhea, vomiting and gas
1 teaspoon per 20 pounds of dog’s weight (toxic to cats)

**GAS-X**
To minimize flatulence or gas discomfort
- 1/4 adult dose for small dogs
- 1/2 adult dose for medium dogs
- 1 adult dose for large dogs

**PEPCID AC (FAMOTIDINE)**
/ **ZANTAC** (RANITIDINE)
To reduce stomach acids caused by ulcers, acid reflux or bellyache
- 1/4 tablet for dogs under 20 pounds
- 1/2 tablet for dogs 20–60 pounds
- 1 tablet for dogs over 60 pounds

**IMODIUM A-D**
For diarrhea
1 milligram per pound of dog

**ROBITUSSIN DM**
For coughing or hacking
1 teaspoon per 10 pounds of dog’s weight
Happy Birthday Seniors!!

“Boone”
MACH3 PACH Dunfrais’ Red Gate Renegade MXC, MJB2, MXP2, MJP3, MJPB, MXPB, PAX, OF, CGC
DOB: December 29, 2004
Breeder: Brenda Frasier
Owners: Dina M. Melendez

Happy Birthday to our sweet boy Boone who turned 15 years old in December 2019. It’s unbelievable how fast time flies! Thank you for the incredible journey and teaching moments Big Guy! May you continue to enjoy your senior years watching over chickens, going for walks and snuffling cookies. Everyday is a beautiful gift. Thank you my friend.

“Sabrina”
CH Doubloon’s Playing for Keeps RATN, RATO, TKA Achiever Dog
DOB: December 15, 2006
CH Windisle Medoc X CH Doubloon’s Playing the Field
Breeder- Elena Landa
Owner - Susan McGee

To this day, I remember the thrill of traveling to Bothell, WA to pick up a Doubloon bitch. At the last minute, Elena glued the ears of a barky, loud mouthed girl and suggested her, instead of “Peach” who was the designated girl bound for Kansas City. No way ... little did I know! Bonnie Kanter put her first major on her due a conflict attending a SCWT CA board meeting. After that, she was my girl to show. I fondly remember her second major under Sandra Goose Allen, finishing her at the St Louis Specialty and receiving an Award of Merit under Candy Way at Great Western in June 2008, as my mentors sat ringside watching my handling skills, giving the “thumbs up”.

She whelped her first litter, producing a keeper, a very barky, loud-mouthed male, Race - Mirikal
Double Top Breakout (#3 Owner Handler in 2014, #4 SCWT 2014, Westminster winner in 2015). Sabrina was an excellent mom, loving and gentle to two subsequent litters.

Sabrina has excelled in Barn Hunt and Scent Work, starting at the age of 10! She loves to eat, serves as a sentinel in the yard and house, wisely choosing when to alert in a deep voice. She discovers forgotten food/treats in pockets, the van, counters - no place is safe! In July 2019, a cancerous tumor was removed from her lower left lip - soft tissue sarcoma and spindle cell melanoma ... it will return. She is my shadow and I am blessed to share each day with her. Love her!

“Willow”

CH Star Of Mystic’s Last Dance OA OAJ AXP AJP NF RATS
DOB: January 11, 2005
Ch Villa Rosas Dun Dryk Star O’Kaler x Star of the Mystical Art
Breeder: Denise Daniel
Owner: Amy Martin-Piesz

Happy 15th Birthday Baby Will...This is how Willow has been affectionately known for fifteen years. Willow is the third Mystic baby to join our household and became one of the three musketeers along with her half-siblings Webster and Winnie who were Mystic babies from her two previous litters. Her conformation name is “Star of Mystic’s Last Dance” to signify her place as the “star” of Mystic’s last litter. Mystic’s third litter was the first litter that I used the Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test results to make my puppy selection. As the saying goes, “Be careful what you wish for”. From the start, Willow had stronger terrier characteristics than her half-siblings. As a puppy, she was the first puppy to ever dig in our yard and still has the longest kill list of vermin of any of the six six wheatens that I have owned. As a young dog, she loved getting dirty and being a hunter. As a homeowner, these traits can be annoying, but for a conformation, performance, terrier dog owner, her drive is exactly what I asked for. Willow’s first “job” was conformation with Grandma Denise Daniel. Willow loved being in the show ring with Denise. She loved the attention and demanded to be noticed. Willow had a signature move in the ring. She would invariably bow and stretch right before the judge went to examine her structure. When it came time to be a Mama, Willow was one of the best that Grandma Denise has ever had. She loved her two litters of babies and the time spent at Grandma’s house. Willow’s performance career began with agility. Her first run in novice jumpers with weaves included a lengthy butt tuck run around the ring which resulted in a non-qualifying score due to not completing most of the jumps, but was certainly entertaining to the spectators. Once again, she loved the attention from the crowd. She came back the next day and crushed it with a 100 and first place. She continued to compete in agility till we discovered barn hunt when she was nine. She loved being able to use her nose to find vermin and now Mom was okay with it. She competed in barn hunt until her body decided it was time to retire at the age of twelve. At the age of fifteen, Willow’s legacy continues to live on in her granddogs and great-granddogs, three of which we own and show in con-
formation and barn hunt. We still take Willow to barn hunt practice with her granddogs and the look of pure joy returns to her face when she finds a rat hidden safely within her senior reach on the ground. She loves to eat, go for short walks, stroll around the yard to sniff, bark at the sweeper, and feel the wind on her face from the window as she rests her feet on the armrest of the car. I do believe that each dog that comes into our lives is here to teach us a lesson on our journey. I think that Willow’s lesson for us thus far is to go after life with gusto even if it gets messy, hold on to the things that make you happy, and let the pure joy of it all exude from your face... We love you, Baby Will. May your fif-

“HAMISH”
Cuileann Take a Chance on Me CDX RM RAE TKI
DOB: October 19, 2006
CH Villa Rosas Felyan x CH Edgewood Liberty Rising Cuileann
Breeder: Holly Craig & Carl McGill
Owners: Mari & David Phipps

From his first night in our house, it was clear that Hamish expected to have a voice in how the house was run. My neighbors teased me that his name was “Dammit Hamish!” because they heard me say it so often. The creativity and confidence that enabled this puppy to open his own crate, open doors, and liberate food off the kitchen island, made him a dynamite teammate in Obedience and Rally. He loves competing and he loves doggy nights out with his friends at Obedience and Rally classes. And luckily for me, he is alert. When I fell down in the sea and couldn’t get up, he realized I was in trouble and dived under the water to give me a boost. I think I could have drowned in 2.5 feet of water without his help! But it’s not all work for this lad. He enjoys relaxing on a bed in the swimming pool, hiking on cool days, weekends away in nice hotels, and his annual beach vacation in San Diego. We have met many lovely people because they just had to say “hello” to our handsome boy. Hamish is gracious to all, even a male Elk that came to hang out with us when we were camping at the Grand Canyon and (unfortunately) the roof rat that periodically trots across our patio. At 13 years young, Hamish is retired from competitions that require jumping, but he still scrambles up onto a hay bale in Barnhunt and finds the right container in Nosework. We are so proud of you, Hamish. Thank you for making us laugh every day.

“TANNER”
DOB: October 19, 2006
Cuileann I Got Something
CH Villa Rosas Felyan x CH Edgewood Liberty Rising Cuileann
Breeder: Holly Craig & Carl McGill
Owners: Patricia & Marcel Tremblay
Tanner spent the first five years of his life with his Breeder, Holly. Holly showed him a couple of times a month and he had 7 points but gave up because it was so difficult showing a dog with an Irish coat when everyone else had a heavier coat. Holly wasn’t looking to place Tanner but it all came together as a surprise to all of us.

Tanner, known to me and my wife Patricia affectionally as “Toody”, has lived with us for over 8 wonderful years, since 2011, as a result of having crossed paths with Holly at a dog show in Oaks, Pennsylvania. At 13+ years of age he is still fit and looking forward to his 2-mile walks and occasional car rides. Like me, however, he’s starting to show his age as a result of deteriorating eyesight and hearing. A 2’ jump to up onto the bed is no longer easy. Getting up at 7 is still an uplifting experience as he looks forward to getting some crunchy samples of Classic Italian Biscotti. His 4-1/2 year old Wheaten companion, Aoife, has kept him young and well offering him the daily challenge of keeping up with her antics. As a cherished family member, Tanner has been a source of great happiness and joy.

“MAGGIE”
CH Diamonds Magic Moments
DOB: October 19, 2004
Ch Islander’s Jamakin Me Krazy x Diamonds Special Delivery
Breeder and Owner: Betty Ann Hillwig

She certainly fits her name and has given me so many magic moments to tuck away in my memories. She has been the family matriarch since birth and loved all from the start. At almost 13 years she wanted to do one more dog show in the veteran class at MCKC and was so happy to be back in the ring. She topped that by then catching a squirrel before the 5 other younger dogs. She still rules the roost but isn’t so excited about having puppy Breeze annoy her. Maggie is just the most wonderful member of my family and will always and ever have a special place in my heart. She still checks for those outside critters and chased another just the other day. Didn’t catch this one, though. She currently lives with her daughter, one grandson, two granddaughters and one great granddaughter and is the boss of all, including me. Love this wonderful and loving girl and all that she has shared with me!
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“ZOE”
CUILEANN MY FRIENDS
DOB: JULY 18, 2005
CH GREENTREE DARCOVE FAIRY TALE CD RN x CH EDEGWOOD LIBERTY RISING
CUILEANN
BREEDERS: HOLLY CRAIG & CARL McGILL
OWNERS: SALLY & CORT ALCOTT

Zoe came to our family in October 2005 as a puppy. From the beginning, she has been a loyal, sweet and very protective dog to our family. Our boys are grown now and all in college. When they were young, Zoe herded and protected her pack of boys. She is also a wonderful traveling companion on family vacations. She is a dog who loves a long walk who rarely stops to sniff or do her business. Only recently has she slowed down on her daily walks. Zoe also has a tendency to tell you what she wants in a howl like bark. If you don’t pay attention to her or pet her she will let us know! Through the years, Zoe has rarely had any illnesses. In 2018, Zoe had colitis that was cured with steroids and low fat food.

People can not believe her age because she still looks pretty. Zoe continues to be a loyal family companion and a friend to her 7 year old Scottish Terrier brother Monty.

“SKY”
AMADEN’S THE LIMIT
DOB: MAY 25, 2006
CH ISANDER’S KISS THE GIRLS x CH AMADEN CULTURED P’EARLECROFT
BREEDER: EMILY HOLDEN
OWNERS: MEREDITH & O’MALLEY MCGEE AND EMILY HOLDEN

Sky was our first SCWT and my daughter’s (now 16) first dog. Sky taught us so much and continues to be the center of attention at the house. She spends her day with pointers, vizslas, a treeing walker coonhound, and an American Hairless Terrier. She was never a show dog but I learned to groom using her and she was always so patient with me. She could also be found in my daughter’s room with clothes, necklace and clip on earrings. She is the most gentle dog in our home! We love you Sky Sky!!! She still gets in the trash and refuses to come in if she does not want to......13 years lol
“ROSEY”
CH GLENAMON ABSOLUTELY ROSEY
DOB: MARCH 4, 2004
CH MARQUEE’S TRICKS OF THE TRADE X CH GLEANN GAY QUINTESSE ROM
BREEDERS: SHERRIE & SCOTT AMON, GAY DUNLAP & DANA FRADY (BARTON)
OWNERS: MAGGIE MATHews & TOM ANDERSON

Rosey was born to the first litter of Glenamon and we never regretted Gay Dunlap’s choice of sire for our Tessa. It was a lovely litter that resulted in four AKC Champions. While we did place Rosey in a “potential show” home and kept her sister with us to show we were very pleased to have Rosey come back to us at six months old due to her being “too Wheaten” for that family. Rosey was a higher energy girl that would fetch and return a tennis ball all day long if she could. We have seen her love of tennis balls follow through in the three generations of pups coming down from her.

While at the Northern California specialty in 2005 Dana Barton commented that either girl would “kick butt” back in her home area and offered to take one to show. As still novice exhibitors, and because attitudes were “tense” between the two girls, we were pleased to accept that offer! Because Rosey had just completed a season she became the chosen one to go. Dana did very well with Rosey but commented she was “always the bridesmaid” at the specialties she attended. Meaning she would win on the “other” days rather than Specialty days. In gratitude for Dana finishing Rosey for us we, gave her the pick puppy from Rosey’s first litter and Glenamon Bjorn Free Of Jendu “Elsa” went on to produce Joy, the 2009 National Specialty Best of Winners. Not a bridesmaid! Yay!

Rosey was quite the producer for Glenamon with two litters and 21 puppies including Champions and Specialty Winners. After her first litter we placed Rosey in a wonderful home in Seattle, WA. Her owners write:

When Rosey came to live with us and our male Wheaten Bailey she was always the alpha girl, not letting him into the car when we took them out until he eventually started to ignore her. Rosey and Bailey were not close, but when coming to my office, they would race up the stairs shoulder to shoulder while exploring so that neither one got ahead. Bailey died after a couple years and Rosey did not show much response, but never went to his favorite spot again, as she had done repeatedly while he was around.

When going for walks, Rosey always strutted with her head held high, looking straight ahead, rarely sniffing around or attempting to get attention from anyone she saw. (Remembering being a showgirl, I expect.) She did teach Bailey how to bark though. She hated going to the groomer, so Tom has been doing that chore for a few years now.

Rosey can’t go up or down stairs anymore, but Tom carries her every night and morning so she can sleep on our bed. When we are gone all day (usually) and at night we put her in little girl “pull-ups” with a hole cut for her tail. She is fine having it put on and wearing it as she mainly just sleep.
Rosey still likes to play and wander for about an hour each day. All of our Wheatens have been very picky eaters and she is no exception at her age, people food seems OK to get started. We spoil her a lot since she had 21 pups in 2 litters. Boy, was she happy when we came to get her after the last litter of 11!

So, HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSEY! We are so pleased and honored to have had you in our lives and breeding program.

“DIXIE”
CH Lonestar Song Of The Prairie
DOB: December 6, 2003
CH Islander’s Jamakin Me Krazy x CH Lonestar Prairie Moon
Breeders: Tom & Wendy Neill
Owners: Ruthie & Richard Feldman

Dixie turned 16 December 6th! She’s happy to have the company of her breeders (us), her owners, Ruthie and Richard and of her Dachshund cousin Obie.

Dixie would just love to sleep and eat her special diet and chicken. She lives in Haverford with our friends Ruthie & Richard Feldman and is a much loved and pampered pet.
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## Essential Oils for Dogs

### What are Essential Oils?
- Natural aromatic compounds
- Extracted by steam distillation or cold-pressed
- 50-70 times stronger than herbs
- Powerful and safe

### Effective against Viruses & Bacteria
- Antibiotics cannot penetrate the cell membrane to fight viruses
- Essential Oils CAN penetrate the cell to kill viruses and bacteria

### Therapeutic Grade
- Sourcing plants from their native growing region
- Distillation
- Rigorous 3rd party testing assures the presence of desired therapeutic qualities and the absence of impurities.

## Precautions

- Dogs’ sense of smell is 50-100 times greater than ours! (See dilution chart below)
- Do not put oils directly into the ears, eyes, nose, or any other sensitive areas.
- Use Wintergreen in small amounts due to its methyl salicylate content. Do not use Wintergreen in dogs with bleeding disorders or epilepsy.
- Puppies 8 weeks and under or x-small dogs (under 10 pounds) – 1-2 drops EO’s to 2 Tbsp’s carrier oil. Small dogs (10-30 pounds) – 2-3 drops EO’s to 2 Tbsp’s carrier oil. Medium dogs (30-50 pounds) – 3-5 drops EO’s to 1-2 Tbsp’s carrier oil. Large dogs (50+ pounds) – 2-3 drops EO’s, dilute as needed. This is the safest dilution, once you are more experienced dilute to what you know your dog is comfortable with. ALL HOT OILS MUST BE DILUTED WITH 1 TBSP CARRIER OIL.
- When oiling your dog, please make sure they are well hydrated. The oils are detoxifying, if they aren’t properly hydrated the toxins will just sit in their system with no way out. If they are severely sick they may need IV fluids from your veterinarian.

## TIPS

- When oiling a wound, the key for quickest healing is to remove all the hair from around the wound with CLIPPERS (NO SCISSORS) and keep the dog from licking it (use a sock, t-shirt, shorts, bandage, or e-collar when necessary).
- When cleaning dogs ears, be sure to thoroughly clean out the crevices with a cotton ball (not recommended). Do not let the oils drip into the ear canal. If using a cotton swab, be sure to not put the tip so deep it is out of site. Brace your hand on the top of the head so if they shake the swab will NOT go deep into canal. Sprays or bottles with a dropper work best for applying oils. The size of the bottle depends on how often you will be using the blend.
- Diet plays a major role in our dogs health. Do your research and make sure your dogs are on a high quality kibble or raw diet. It is recommended to have an annual check up and blood work with your veterinarian to make sure your dog is in optimal health. After 8 years old, more than one visit a year might be in order.

## 3 Ways to Use

### 1. AROMATIC
- Diffuse
- Apply to your hand and hold up to the nose (DO NOT PUT ON NOSE)
- Apply to bandana, collar, bed, or toys (1-3 drops)

### 2. TOPICAL
- Nape of the neck
- Groin (CAUTION around genitals)
- Paws (between toes or pads)
- Directly on affected area
- Spine
- Pinna (hairless portion of inside of ear flap)

### 3. INTERNAL
- In water bowl
- On food
- In capsule
- Directly on the gums (diluted)
- Via dropper into mouth
## Essential Oils Safety Guidelines

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**Dilution Ratios Based On Dog’s Weight**

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SPLAY RECIPES

All recipes listed are safe to use on all dogs over 2 months of age with no underlying health condition, such as seizures. These are highly diluted mixtures, and more of the listed essential oils may be added if you are not achieving the desired effect with your pet. Omissions for cats are listed below.

SEASONAL THREATS
10 drops Lavender
10 drops Lemon (OMIT for Cats)
5 drops Peppermint (OMIT for Cats)
5 drops Frankincense
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

BREATH
10 drops of the Protective Blend
10 drops Myrrh
10 drops Peppermint (OMIT for Cats)
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

BUGS
15 drops Lavender
15 drops Cedarwood
5 drops Geranium
5 drops Arborvitae
5 drops Eucalyptus
1 Tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar (with the mother)
1 drop Dish Soap (use a pipette to make it easier than trying to get a drop from a large bottle)
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

DIGESTION
10 drops Ginger
5 drops Peppermint (OMIT for Cats)
5 drops Coriander
5 drops Fennel
5 drops of Myrrh
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

LUMPS
10 drops Frankincense
5 drops Sandalwood
5 drops Arborvitae
5 drops Wild Orange (OMIT for Cats)
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

MUSCLES
5 drops Frankincense
5 drops Myrrh
5 drops Helichrysum
5 drops Cypress
5 drops Marjoram
5 drops Peppermint (OMIT for Cats)
1 Tbsp Organic Aloe Vera Juice (not gel)
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

ANXIOUS
20 drops Lavender
10 drops Cedarwood
5 drops Vetiver
5 drops Frankincense
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

RESPIRATORY
5 drops Lemon (OMIT for Cats)
5 drops Eucalyptus
5 drops Peppermint (OMIT for Cats)
5 drops Cardamom
5 drops Arborvitae
Top off with Distilled Water or Carrier Oil

ITCH
5 drops Lavender
5 drops Roman Chamomile
5 drops Geranium
5 drops Myrrh
Top off with Organic Aloe Vera Juice or Distilled Water

CUTS
10 drops Frankincense
10 drops Myrrh
20 drops Lavender
1 Tbsp Colloidal Silver
Top off with Alcohol-free Witch Hazel or Organic Aloe Vera Juice

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Sources: [www.organicaromas.com](http://www.organicaromas.com) and [www.mydoterra.com](http://www.mydoterra.com)
DOGGIE ARTHRITIS

1/2 oz. (15 ml) base fractionated coconut oil
6 drops helichrysum or frankincense
4 drops peppermint
2 drops ginger
3 drops vetiver

Use this blend topically to massage your dog’s sore joints, or pain caused by arthritis or dysplasia. Drop one or two drops of this blend into the palm of your hand and massage into the tips of your dogs ears. Do not drop oils directly into the ears – may result in burns to the inner ear.
Celebrating Long Life

“RAPHAEL”
Dunfrae’s Angel of Red Gate OA, OA.J, RATI, RATN, CGC
February 266, 2006 - July 29, 2019
Dunfrae’s Country Cowboy x Dunfrae’s Mira’s Classy Lady
Breeder: Brenda M. Fraser
Owner: Dina M. Melendez

We unexpectedly had to help our sweet boy, Raphael, cross over the Bridge in July of 2019. Half brother to Boone and Great Uncle to Vida. He and Boone were best buddies, always together, and when Vida came into the picture, they too became fast friends. He loved puppies, dog beds and was the comedian of the family—we called him “Goldielocks” as he would squeeze his body into any dog bed that he could find. He had the physical talent of a performance dog, but never enjoyed being the center of attention. Raff would participate in agility, barn hunt, he loved herding (both ducks and sheep) and excelled in nose work and had a working part in the HBO TV movie, “The Normal Heart” with his brother. His favorite past time, however, was to monitor the yard anyway he could and loved watching over our chickens. One of our fondest memories was a year of heavy snow and we found him sitting contently on his snow wall. He is still deeply missed and he will forever be in our hearts.

Brenda Fraser, our beloved friend and breeder, joined Raphael and many of her loved ones waiting at the Bridge in November of 2019. Fly free sweet souls. You are deeply missed.

“RUBY”
CH Lonestar’s Golden Snitch
September 30, 2002 - October 19, 2019
CH Kaler Midnight Mac Attack x CH Lonestar Crazy For You
Breeders: Tom and Wendy Neill
Owners: Whayne and Sandy Haffler

Ruby passed away just weeks after her 17th birthday in October of 2019. She was the companion of Whayne and Sandy Haffler of Arlington, VA.

Whanye and Sandy talked me into letting them have her as they missed having a Wheaten. Ruby

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was their 5th wheaten since 1978 and Whayne says she was by far, the best they ever had.

Sandy developed Dementia and Ruby got her up in the am and had her go into the kitchen to cook her breakfast. Ruby barked at Sandy to get dressed and they would then go for a long walk with Wayne in tow.

Wayne said that Ruby carried on the schedule until the very end of Ruby’s very long and satisfying life. They are too old themselves to take another dog. Congratulations Ruby on such a long and fulfilled life.

“SIZZLE”
CH Cuileann One Hot Minute
JULY 18, 2005 - NOVEMBER 26, 2019
CH Greentree Darcove Fairy Tale CD RN x CH Edgewood Liberty Rising
Cuileann
Breeders: Holly Craig & Carl McGill
Owners: Holly Craig & Pat (Odie) and Bud Eichorn

Sizzle was the girl I kept from my first litter and because of this I thought she would always live with me. I finally had a wheaten that I could show and put points on. Sizzle was a joy to live with, not the brightest but the most loving. Sizzle was bred twice and I kept a girl from her second litter - Scandal.

The photo of Sizzle is from the last time she was in the ring for Veteran Sweeps at MCKC. Shortly after this picture was taken I was diagnosed with stage IV Cancer and went to stay with friends for a month because I was too unstable to be on my own. Sizzle and Scandal couldn’t go with me, I could only take my old girl with me where I was staying. Sizzle and Scandal went to stay with Pat and Bud Eichorn who are the parents of a woman who owns two of my wheatens. Sizzle never came back to live with me but I did get to see her when Pat brought her down to visit. The last time I saw Sizzle was June last year as Pat and Bud were driving down to FL and I was able to meet them and see Sizzle one last time. It broke my heart to see how much she had aged but she was truly loved and spoiled.
After winning her championships with breeder/owner Holly Craig, Sizzle was introduced to her next human parents by their daughter, Sarah. Sarah already had 2 of Sizzle’s offspring from each of her litters. Sarah helped Holly by sometimes watching Sizzle. When Holly decided to rehome Sizzle, Sarah asked her parents if they wanted to watch Sizzle for a “little bit!” This “little bit” became permanent in a few short weeks and Sizzle retired to her home with Buddy and Odie (nicknames) in northern Pennsylvania.

Buddy was already retired. Odie still worked and Sizzle would get up, push the bathroom door open with her nose while Odie was getting ready for work, and patiently wait to go outside. The reward occurred when they returned indoors and Odie hid treats in the kitchen and family room for Sizzle to sniff out. This was something Sizzle loved to do. In the evening she was Odie’s lapdog and after much coaxing would look at Odie with her soulful brown eyes and wet nose waiting to be lifted into Odie’s lap where she snuggled in for the evening. Later Buddy would say “OK” and she jumped down. That was the signal he was going to bed. Initially we had put Sizzle in her crate and closed the door since we weren’t sure if she would go the night without an accident. A week of barking ensued. When I checked her, she stopped then started again when I left the room. By accident I discovered that leaving the crate door open was what Sizzle wanted. However, shortly after that Sizzle was allowed to get in bed with us at night. She especially liked curling up next to Buddy who turned the electric blanket on. Sizzle could not be moved those nights or mornings. By the way, Buddy even built a “doggie spa” for Sizzle so she would be comfortable when getting her weekly bath and grooming.

We have so many good memories of our Sizzle. When asked “where are the froggies” she would run around the pool and look for them in the skimmer. Other times we would be at opposite ends of the yard and call for Sizzle to come to one of us. She would run back and forth several times before tiring out. On occasion she would run past us to the neighbor’s yard, sidetracked by spying a squirrel. Then there was the summer that Sizzle was joined by her 2 children, Dazzle and Rumor, who were visiting. Together they made the Wheaten Threesome. The neighbor’s chihuahua was out in his yard and made the mistake of barking at the Threesome. Sizzle took that as an invitation and barked back joined by Dazzle and Rumor who were visiting. Sizzle’s job was done. Dazzle then took off after the chihuahua, followed by Rumor then Sizzle. Dazzle got there first but fortunately the chihuahua retreated to his gated porch and never left it while the Wheaten Threesome was next door.

Sizzle aged gracefully these last 2 years. She had arthritis in her back legs that eventually caused them to cross. Then a year ago she began to have incontinence problems due to a retreating bladder. It was time to get out the doggie diapers. She accepted them without problem. Her yearly bloodwork showed some problems with her kidneys as well. But she was still the same loving Sizzle that we knew. Fortunately she showed no signs of cognitive impairment other than she would pretend not to hear you if it was something she didn’t want to do! Her health slowly began to be compromised. The bladder and incontinence issue led to chronic UTI’s the last few months she was alive. I did all I could to hold off the inevitable but finally Sizzle told me through those big brown soulful eyes when it was time to cross over the Rainbow Bridge. And her breeder and owner, Holly, asked the question - who was I doing this for.

We miss Sizzle A LOT. But we still have her daughter Dazzle. Yes, Dazzle has lived with us (and Sizzle) for the last past 3 years, and Rumor still lives with my daughter.
Hannah earned her wings on December 16, 2019. Her quality of life had diminished and her eyes said she was tired and ready to cross the Rainbow Bridge. Hardest decision of our lives. Hannah, originally named Francie born during hurricane Frances, joined our family August 2005. She had been in the show ring, had won some ribbons. Lucky for us, the show world was not for her. Bonnie and Dennis Wirth were looking to place her and asked if we wanted to add another wheaten to our family. I had remembered her at shows giving everyone kisses, greeting everyone and tail waggin’ non stop. I sure was convinced. One trip to Tallahassee was all it took for my husband to agree to add her to our pack. She was renamed Hannah and the fun and good times began. I will never forget when we brought her home she ran upstairs and left a big poop on my white comforter. She was home!

Hannah was the most loving, good natured, sweetest girl. She was always happy and enjoyed life even through her medical challenges. We called her Happy Hannah. She had perfect health till shy of her 12th birthday when her back legs collapsed from a ruptured disc. Surgery followed and then pancreatitis from the anaesthesia, seizures, meningioma brain tumor, stereotactic radiation treatments, dead spider with 8 legs in her ear and a sarcoma. We will never forget, September 16, 2016 after not eating and being in and out of the hospital, the internist telling us we probably would need to make that dreaded decision in the next couple of days. She was resilient and quite a fighter and we were not going to give up - we fought together. I contacted a nutritionist, started cooking and Hannah started eating- truly our first miracle. Our next miracle came after radiation treatments and an updated MRI-the tumor had shrunk. She never had another seizure for the remainder of her life.

Hannah remained happy go lucky even after all she had been through. Thankfully her pain throughout was almost non existent. She went for physical therapy for 3 years with her last session in November 2019. We miss her terribly and the tears still stream. I treasure the time I had to care and cook for her. Toward the end, she was unable to get up on her own and needed assistance walking. Thank goodness for that Help ‘EM Up Harness. We were attached at the hip and our lives were on hold caring for her. We wouldn’t have had it any other way. Lots of bitter sweet memories still difficult to view pictures and videos as we miss her every day. She was a gift, a joy in our lives and a wonderful faithful companion. Thank you Bonnie and Dennis Wirth for trusting us with this amazing special loving wheaten. Run free sweet Happy Hannah till we meet again!
“DUBLIN”
CH MARQUEE’S IF IT AIN’T BAROQUE
FEBRUARY 22, 2006 - NOVEMBER, 2019
CH GLEANNGAY SPIN CITY x CH MARQUEE’S BIRTHDAY TOAST
BREEDERS: CHRISTY WEAGANT AND SONYA & RICHARD URQUHART
OWNERS: SONYA & RICHARD URQUHART

I had to say good bye to Dublin at the end of November, 2019. She would have been 14 on 2/22/2020. This little girl gave me so much. Her beautiful temperament has been passed down through four generations as well as her beautiful coat, head, and conformation. Cancer has taken another of our beautiful breed.

At age 1 she won the Roving Specialty Sweeps and again at 13. She was our puppy back from Christy Weagant out of Ch Marquee’s Birthday Toast and Ch Gleanngay Spin City.. I miss her so much.

She was always near by…. Watching over me.

“MAILLE”
GCH CH INISHKEEN MAILLE OF VANBEARD CGC
JANUARY 12, 2004 - DECEMBER 13, 2019
CH VANBEARD’S SIR CHANCELLOR x VANBEARD’S SUNSPRITE
BREEDER: KATHLEEN OSTRANDER BOWERS
OWNERS: JAMES & ANN MCCORMICK AND HER BREEDER

From March 2004 when we brought Chancey and Daisy’s 8 week old puppy home to join McDuffie in our family, at Paradise Island on Lake Wisconsin, this little Wheaten ruled the roost.

Her name, Inishkeen, meaning beautiful island became our kennel name. Maille led a busy life, moving to our retirement home in Florida, becoming an AKC Champion and Grand Champion, raising 13 puppies of her own and supervising the raising of her grand puppies and great grands. Her favorite perch on the back cushion of the couch allowed her to watch out the front and back windows at the same time, to sound the alert for all the interesting events in the neighborhood. At age 12 she still had a lively step around the veterans ring, earning BV/VG2 a few times.
Maille had a severe case of pancreatitis at age 13 that put her in the hospital for several days, and required a permanent change to a low fat prescription diet to keep her healthy. A year later she was diagnosed with bladder cancer that was kept in check with chemotherapy for the remaining 19 months of her life. Her last ultrasound and X-rays showed no spread of the cancer, and her lab work showed nothing unusual a week before she passed. She was a happy and comfortable old girl who had a spot to nap in every room of the house, and still cuddled on the couch when we lifted her up. We watched her slow down as she aged, noticing that at almost 16 she slept more and stiffness from lying still made it difficult to stand up; once up walking though, she moved faster than expected! We miss our sweet Maille, and know she and McDuffie are watching when we see the rainbows in the Florida sky.

“Monet”
BISS MBVISS CH Caraway Show Me The Monet
February 25, 2005 – January 7, 2020
AM CH Bryr Rose Degas X AM CH Caraway Golden Moonshadow
Breeders: Beth Verner & Betty Chapman
Owner: Lana Campbell & Jack Slack

Our beautiful Monet crossed over the Rainbow Bridge just a few weeks short of her 15th birthday. She was bred by Beth Verner and Betty Chapman of Caraway Wheatens and was the foundation bitch for Tyrone Wheatens today. Monet was a Canadian National Specialty winner, a National Specialty Sweepstakes winner, a multi Best Veteran in Specialty, and a multi Best Brood Bitch in Specialty winner. She loved the show ring and was the first dog we ever took to Montgomery County KC. She received her final Specialty accolade at age 11 when Breed specialist Gary Vlachos placed her as his Award of Merit winner at the Canadian National Specialty in 2016. As a Veteran, she still spent all her time at ringside bouncing up and down with joy at being out at the shows again!

Monet was a wonderful producer with champion offspring in the US and Canada, Champion grandchildren and great grandchildren. She has passed on her beautiful head, type and elegance to all these generations. She loved puppies and liked nothing better than to cuddle and play with any of the new litters we had. Her daily walk in the neighborhood was the highlight of her day and no matter how hard of hearing she became, she could still hear the jingle of the leashes at walk time and make her way to the door for her outing.

We miss our grand old girl every day. Sweet dreams Monet...
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GCH CH Clover’s Uptown Girl (b)
CH Greentree Trinity Heartbreak Kid x GCH CH Greentree Clover Hurricane Havoc
Breeder: Liz Jamiolekowski & Geri Farese
Owner: Liz Jamiolekowski
### 2019 AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy & Junior Stakes
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**Orange County Convention Center**

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JAM 4
CH Orla Donegal Bay (d)
It is always an honor to participate in Meet The Breed at the Royal Canin AKC National in Orlando each December. Not only do we have the opportunity to represent our National Club, SCWTCA; we also showcase our own FL Club and our Wheatens. Meet The Breed is all about sharing our wonderful breed with the public and providing the opportunity to “see, touch, and feel” as well as to learn about Wheaten terriers. We had a great turn out of volunteers with wheatens of all ages, from young puppies to seniors. This 2-day event involves many people to make it a success and we thank everyone who participated. Many thanks to all the Wheatens and their owners for participating in 2019!

Our volunteers this year were the following: Lisa Jaye & Greg Shore, Dorice Stancher, Deb Wolford, Amy Tronolone, Jane Cook, Paula Henderson, Cindy Jacuk, Linda Hallas, Kathi Elliot, Debie Scurr, Peggy Gainey, Sandy Russo, Lois Hiers, Tari O’Toole and Denise Deangelis.
**ORLANDO MEET THE BREEDS**

Some of the Orlando AKC Meet The Breed Volunteers  
Left to right Debie Scurr, Lois Heirs, Peggy Gainey and Greg and Lisa Jaye Shore.
2019 NADD National Championship
December 13 - 15, 2019
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL

James and Krista Rock the Dock at
AKC North American Diving Dogs (NADD) Nationals

There were two very confident Wheaten Terriers representing the breed in this year’s AKC NADD Nationals. They both made an excellent showing beating half of a very competitive field.

James (CH Jendu Wild Wild West 6/26/17) earned his invitation by leading the breed standings with a personal best of 18’ 9” and competes in the Open Senior division for dogs that jump between 15’ and 19’ 11”. His handler Catherine Perron uses the Place and Send method using a partner to build drive.

Krista (Can CH Holweit’s Red Grenadine 8/29/2009) earned her invitation by completing her 97th jump and earning her Dock Junior Excellent Title. She competes in the Open Junior Veteran Division for dogs that jump between 10’ and 14’ 11”. Krista’s handler, Dorice Stancher uses the Chase method putting her in a distance stay and then releasing her to rise up and follow the article.

Dock diving not only requires a dog that likes to swim and retrieve but that can also handle the noise and distractions of the crowd. These two Wheaten Terriers did an excellent job representing the breed.
The AKC invites the top (5) regular jump height dogs and top (1) preferred dog of every breed annually to compete in December at the AKC Invitationals in Orlando, Florida.

Agility teams earned MACH points throughout the qualification period (July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018).

The following Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier teams were invited:

**Top regular jump height (16')**

1 “Rory” - MACH2 Rory Red King Of The Links MXG PAD MJC TQX T2B4 THD CGCA TKP (1766 MACH points)

2 “Pretzel” - CH MACH6 Aran Twisted Logic MXS2 MJG2 OF T2B2 (1419 MACH points)

3 “Darby” - Enriglo Riverdance MXC MJC T2B (839 MACH points)

4 “Highway” - Marolou Highway RN MX MXJ OF (480 MACH points)

5 “Riley” - MACH Gradaigh O’Riley Of Vermilion MXC MJC T2B (390 MACH points)

6 “Vida” - Dunfrae’s Live In The Moment MX MXB SWN SCA SIA SBA RATN EGC TKP (274 MACH points)*

**Top preferred jump height (12”)**

1 “Scamp” - CH PACH Katdancer Look At Me Scamper RN AX AXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX OF SWN SCA RATO TKN (553 PACH points)

*(The 5th ranked team did not attend so the 6th ranked received a 2nd round invite but was also unable to attend)*
This wonderful event allows competitors to see other Wheaten teams as most of us don’t see others at local trials! We had some great consistent teams in attendance! Special bonds have formed from previous years. It was great to re-connect and meet new up and coming teams! There was definitely a genuine high level of support and comradery amongst our Wheaten Competitors.

The following are standings after 4 runs and 2 days of competition. Rankings are created based on points earned with a maximum of 400 points. If teams tie with points the tiebreaker is based on speed. There were 138 dogs in the 16” jump height. The points and seconds are cumulative for all 4 runs. A clean run is 100 Points.

1 “Pretzel” 395 points 140.083 seconds 100/95/100/100, 37th in 16” jump height
2 “Scamp” 389 points 196.078 seconds 90/90/100/95, 59th in 16” jump height
3 “Rory” 375 points 136.636 seconds 90/90/100/95, 80th in 16” jump height
4 “Highway” 295 points 106.197 seconds 100/100/95/0, 105th in 16” jump height
5 “Darby” 250 points 157.930 seconds 0/67/100/83, 125th in 16” jump height

Pretzel & Elizabeth Abate were the 1st place team earning the SCWTCA generously donated breed medallion for the third time! Such a great consistent team to watch run the courses! This 9 year old is Eliza-

Top left to right Mary Whiting & “Rory,” Elizabeth Abate & “Pretzel,” Janine Mroz & “Darby”
Lower left to right Diane Giuillottee & Highway, Lee Martin & “Scamp”
beth’s 16 year old son’s dog and lives with another Wheaten and three Pappillons. Pretzel is a breed champion and has earned a MACH6. She has produced conformation champions and at least one budding agility champion. Pretzel hates having her picture taken but enjoys barking at UPS and garbage trucks! Her favorite hobby besides agility is wiping her beard on the sofa!

Scamp & Lee Martin were the 2nd place team. This great team was in attendance for the second year in a row. Scamp earned his conformation championship in less than a year and his PACH (Preferred Agility Championship) at age 11. Lee says her social boy Scamp has had many non-qualifying runs due to him visiting with ring crew, surveying outside the ring and leaping joyfully over required contact zones! He also spent time sniffing weave poles resulting in clean but overtime runs! Scamp is an accomplished boy with titles in Agility, Rally, Barn Hunt, Scent Work, and Tricks!

Rory & Mary Whiting were the 3rd place team. This was their 2nd Invitational with a breed medallion win last year! Rory is 5 and is Mary’s first agility dog! Rory has earned numerous titles in Agility including MACH 2, Therapy and Tricks. He will be attending AKC National Agility Championship for the 2nd time in March 2020 and Westminster Agility Championship in February 2020! Rory is a very enthusiastic, energetic boy who has been coined the phrase, “Border Collie in a Wheaten body.” Rory has great speed but his sense of humor leads him to an occasional bonus tunnel or pretending to be a flying squirrel on contact zones at times! Rory’s dad has raced him up the stairs since he was a puppy and now credits the stair game for Rory’s speed! Outside of Agility Rory enjoys surveying out the window for critters, doing Therapy visits, and putting smiles on anyone’s face that will look at him!

Highway & Diane were the 4th place team. This was the first invite for this very consistent team from Canada! This great team went into their final run tied for 1st place however due to an unfortunate mishap of the jumps not set to the correct height & an AKC rule they didn’t receive any points or time for the clean run they had. Highway has earned numerous awards in a lot of venues including championships with Canadian Kennel Club. Diane says a braid on her back is Highway’s trademark. She loves car rides but they are always too short! She is a playful, fast, fun loving girl with a lot of instinct and sense of humor!

Darby & Janine Mroz were the 5th place team. They have been competing in Agility for 6 years and have been invited to the Invitational for the last 4 years! This sweet 8 year old loves to chase anything that moves including wildlife in her 3 acre yard! She loves people and is always looking to give extra big Wheaten kisses to anyone who will receive them! She is a great traveler and goes on all family trips! Janine considers Darby her best buddy and best agility teammate! This wonderful team has earned two MACH titles and is striving to achieve another!

Congratulations to Riley & Michelle Space not in attendance but placing 5th in qualifications for this event. Riley also qualified and attended last year. He has recently started jumping at preferred height and is still competing in agility but he has found his calling in Barn Hunt. He earned his Novice title in 3 shows. Riley is an 8 year old Irish Wheaten and loves walks and running in the park. He loves people and tolerates the 8 month old Kooiker puppy he lives with!

Congratulations to Dina Melendez & Vida who earned a 2nd round invite when Team 5 couldn’t attend. This was the second invite for Vida but they didn’t attend so she could spend time with their senior Wheaten. Vida is a small, mighty, versatile, 5 year old with titles in Nose Work, Barn Hunt, and Tricks. She won the Working Wheaten award in 2017! She recently earned her MACH and attended Westminster in 2019. Vida enjoys family time and her favorite past time is keeping track of her flock of 15 chickens!

It was a very fun event and an honor for all these teams to represent our fabulous breed at this prestigious event! We are all blessed to have such great teammates and companions!
Pretzel and Elizabeth Abate
Scamp owned by Lee Martin
Rory owned by Mary Whiting
Highway owned by Diane Giuillottee
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An enormous thank you to Mary Whiting who provided the writeup and results of the 2019 AKC Agility Invitational.

Mary also sought out photos of each wheaten that was invited to attend along with a tidbit from their ownertrf.

Congratulations to all of the wheatens who qualified. You make all of us very proud as you represent wheatens!
### Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Sweepstakes

**Show Judge**  
SCWTSC Specialty  
Mrs. Frances Conner

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| Best In Sweepstakes       | Bonney Kaylynn Joint Venture (d) (9-12)  
GCH Bradberry’s Divine Fitzpatrick x GCH Bonney Antic Piece Of My Heart  
Breeders: B & M Ostrom, Pat Rutherford & Bonney Snyder  
Owners: Bonney Snyder & Kay Baird |
| Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes | Bardbeau’s More Gatsby Than Gidget (b) (9-12)  
CH Mackanme Patriotic Justice x CH Bardbeau’s Divine Miss B  
Breeders & Owners: Dennis Baribault & Steven Sweeney |

**BISS - Bonney Kaylynn Joint Venture (d) (9-12)**
SCWTSC Specialty Sweepstakes Critique
Judge: Mrs. Frances Conner

It was an honor to judge the Sweepstakes for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California. Thank you for the opportunity of judging the future of your breed. I was impressed with the quality of the puppies shown. The temperament of the breed was extraordinary, the puppies were happy, exhibited self-confidence, with an interest in their surroundings. Over all body structure was well balanced and in proportion to their size. Lovely heads, necks and toplines. Movement was free, graceful, with good reach and drive. As breeders you are all contributing with success. All the puppies that were exhibited were stunning. Thank you again for the opportunity to judge your breed.
2020 Perfect Vision

SCWTCSC in conjunction with DETCSC first designated specialty was indeed an event to remember. Thanks to our hard working, talented and dedicated team: Bonney Snyder, Debbie Bowen, Mary Peltier, Kay Baird, assisted by Trudy Rothrock, Louise Rosen and members of SCWTCSC. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. Special thanks to Beth Babos for the lovely ‘Perfect Vision “ artwork.

The show weekend kicked off on Thursday January 2, 2020 with bag piper Mr. Joel Daniel who opened the show, parading through the rings with a following of judges exhibitors and dogs....a sight to behold! The sound of the bag pipes echoing through the polo grounds was breathtaking! In perfect weather, friday’s Specialty started with sweepstakes judged by Frances Conner, President of DETCSC followed by a lovely entry of 31 judged by Mr. William Potter. The Wheatens looked magnificent in the morning sunshine. “A Perfect Vision“.

Special thanks to Richard Urquhart for presenting a most informative seminar on structure and movement and to Jeri Voyles for her fabulous grooming demonstration teaching us all some new techniques.

The Blessing of the Animals performed by the Reverend Monsignor Howard Lincoln was wonderful and loved by all. We thank him for the giving of his time. Lunch followed for our exhibitors and friends.

Congratulations to all the winners and new champions. The icing on the cake was BIS for Elena Landa and Mister. Fantastic!

Sincerely,

Ann Leigh and Bonney Snyder, SCWTCSC Co-chairs
SAVE THE DATE!

THE ROARING 20s
AT MONTGOMERY

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020
Bring your flapper!
GCH MACPHAIL JUST THE RIGHT THING
US CA CH Mackanme Patriotic Justice x GCHB Mackanme A Wicked Good Tale

Thank you,
Judge Clay Coady,
for this prestigious award
BRODY

Cailin Isle Wheatens Goes Bronze!
GCHS Bonney Bushel And A Peck CGC x GCH Bonney Antic Piece Of My Heart

Thank you to all the judges 2018 - 2019

Bred By:
Marshall & Barbara Ostrom
Bonita Snyder & Patricia Rutherford

Owned By:
Marshall & Barbara Ostrom

Expertly Presented By:
Amy Rutherford
Friday, May 29, 2020
Held with Missouri Rhineland Kennel Club
Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, Missouri

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Dana Barton
Breed Judge: Mrs. Bergit Coady-Kabel

Five Show Weekend
Thursday, May 28 - Monday, June 1

Thursday, Gateway Terrier Association: Mrs. Delores Burkholder
Saturday, Missouri Rhineland Kennel Club: Mr. William deVilleneuve
Sunday, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club: Ms. Christine Erickson
Monday, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club: Mr. Darryl Vice

Superintendent: Foy Trent Dog Shows - foytrentdogshows.com
“Start June in St. Louis” Cluster

Closing Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Information: www.scwtcgsl.com - ea zerolo@centurytel.net
Show Judge

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Show

Judge

Marquee’s Eye Of The Storm (Open)
GCHB Marquee Storm Warning x CH Marquee’s Love Potion Number Nine
Breeders: C Richard Urquhart & Sonya Urquhart
Owner: Kelly Goldboss

Marquee’s Southern Comfort (9-12)
GCH Marquee’s Southern Comfort x CH Marquee’s She’s A Ten
Breeders: Richard Urquharts & Phyllis Blair
Owners: Richard Urquharts & Phyllis Blair & Gerald Wescott

Kolohe Bonney Shinning Legacy (12-18)
GCHS Bonney Bushel And A Peck x CH Kolohe Annie’s Song
Breeders: Mary Brown & Jon Caliri
Owner: Bonney Snyder

Antic Bonney Say The Magic Word (Open)
CH Mackanme Patriotic Justice x CH Bonney Antic I Put Spell On You
Breeders: Pat Rutherford & Bonita F. Snyder
Owners: Diane & Thomas Coffin and Bonita F. Snyder

GCHB Doubloon’s Extreme Gamer (d)
CH Tara I Get Around x GCHG Doubloon’s Extreme Play
Breeder & Owner: Elena Landa

Marquee’s Eye Of The Storm (d) (Open)
GCHB Marquee Storm Warning x CH Marquee’s Love Potion Number Nine
Breeders: C Richard Urquhart & Sonya Urquhart
Owner: Kelly Goldboss

GCH Harbour Hill One In A Million (b)
GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer x CH Harbour Rill Radiator Springs
Breeder: Susan K. Sakauye
Owners: Susan Sakauye & Lauren Smith

GCHS Kolohe It’s Raining Sunshine
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Breeders: Mary Brown and Glenn & Sandy Amorosia
Owner: Paula Radin

CH Lochlinear This Girl Is On Fire
CH Waterford Just For Westridge x H Lochlinear Atas Enigma
Breeder & Owner: Patricia Mullin

Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California Specialty Show - Perfect Vision
Mr. William F. Potter, II

Winners Dog

Reserve Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Reserve Winners Bitch

Best of Breed

Best of Winners

Best Of Opposite Sex

Select Dog

Select Bitch
Breed Judge Critique for Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California – Specialty – Friday, 1/3/2020

I would like to thank your Club, and all its members, for the invitation to judge your specialty in conjunction with the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California’s Terrier Group show. The overall quality of the entry was outstanding.

The class dogs all had strong heads, well balanced bodies, and proper angulation. Several of them were less than confident with being in the ring and standing for examination. It spoiled their overall
impression and impacted my placements. It is my hope that, as the weekend progressed, they gained more confidence with experience. They were too attractive to be handicapped by a lack of self-assurance.

The class bitches were all proper size, were of equal quality to the class dogs, and were more confident in the ring. I had several difficult choices in my placements. I am sure that some of the placement could have been changed based upon the presentation on the day.

The Specials Class was amazing. I have not had that many excellent Soft Coated Wheatens in a ring together in a long time. Examining them, and making my selections, was a very enjoyable experience. My BOB winner is quite possibly the best example of the breed that I have had the pleasure of judging. My BOS winner is also an excellent Wheaten. She has all the requisite strength and is properly feminine.

Your breed is in great shape. You breeders should be very proud of what you have accomplished. I have one concern to express as I end this critique. It is with ring presentation. Over the last few years a trend of over grooming has taken hold within the show ring. Some Wheatens are presented with so little coat that it is hard to appreciate the wonderful soft coat that is the hallmark of the breed. I would urge everyone to look at the flowing coat presentation of old and readopt it.

Thank you for the wonderful experience!

Best Regards.

Bill Potter
GOLDEN GATE KENNEL CLUB SHOW AND BENCH SHOWS - January 25th & 26th, 2020

Every year the Golden Gate Kennel Club hosts 2 benched All-Breed shows in San Francisco in late January. All breeds entered in the shows are on decorated benches all day Saturday and Sunday. The public has the opportunity to wander around the benching/grooming area to meet and learn more about the breeds, meet the dogs, and talk with owners and breeders. The SCWTCNC has participated for decades in this very important opportunity to educate the public. As you can see here we have pictures of Wheatens not only competing, but being family dogs going to the beach, playing in the yard, etc. It is so much fun, including our “crate-top buffet.”

Over the years the public has become much more educated about our Wheatens. For example, we used to have many people who would ask if the dogs can see with all that hair in their eyes or comment how soft they are. But these days we still get a few of those questions but many more people tell us they have narrowed down the breed of dog they are looking for and are asking questions about health issues, how to find a responsible breeder and are very glad they got to see the dogs before making their final decision. It is a very rewarding experience and one that the members of the SCWTCNC enjoy participating in year after year.

The SCWTCNC had 8 wheatens on the bench and answered a lot of questions. The wheatens are always a big hit because many people have never seen them, and of course because they are so beautiful and friendly!
Photos courtesy of SCWTCNC Members Frank and Marji Baumann and Pat Mullin. Write-up thanks to Pat Rutherford.
Meet the Breeds

11th Annual AKC Meet The Breeds
January 25-26, 2020
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, NY, NY

The Wheaten Booth was manned by volunteers of the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club on Behalf of SCWTCA

If there was a heaven on earth for dog lovers, I believe it was in New York City. The Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club graciously hosted the Wheaten booth this year, and represented both the breed, and the club, proudly. The booth was decorated beautifully with posters from both the DelVal and national club, as well as other adornments that provided an Irish flair.

Despite the deluge of rain and blustery wind for part of the weekend, the venue was packed with people hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite breeds. At the Wheaten booth, it became quite an interactive experience for even the very youngest of dog enthusiasts. Wheaten kisses and hugs were given to those who wished to embrace the jubilance of the breed. Every dog was more than happy to be pet, rubbed, and loved for hours on end. It was wonderful to meet so many people who either owned a Wheaten or had grown up with a Wheaten. Everyone seemed to have an amusing anecdote about their dog, and more than one person became misty-eyed recounting their story.

But Meet the Breeds was so much more than just an opportunity to pet some beautiful animals. As Wheaten owners, we were able to speak about the breed we love so much. Sharing information about their grooming requirements, quirky personalities, and need for both physical and mental exercise enabled us to educate so many people. It allowed current owners/breeders and prospective Wheaten families to engage in a dialogue that is unable to be replicated by a simple phone call or quick encounter on the street. Our gorgeous, fluffy, exuberant Wheaten representatives were simply the icing on the cake!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to showcase our beautiful breed! Special thanks to Kristin Pierson, DelVal SCWTC secretary, for coordinating and setting up the Wheaten booth, and to Margaret Fox, for capturing the magic of our magnificent dogs.
Wheatens and their owners at MTB - NYC:
Participating Wheatens and their owners:

**Lolly with Kate Heller; **Barry Ivler; **Rose with Tom Neill; **Maverick with Sandy Nichols; **Gunnar and Ellie with Kristin Pierson; Max with Ilona Shur; Bo with Gigi and Evan O’Hara; Bodhi with Lyn Chin and Carol Perrotta.

**DVSCWTC Members

A special thank you to Sandy Nichols and Kate Heller for providing photos. An additional thank you to Sandy Nichols for providing the write-up of the event!
The Different Facets of K Carol Carlson And Her Contributions to The Wheaten Terrier

K CAROL CARLSON
10/15/1936 - 12/24/2019

Fifty-three years ago I met Carol Walek, nee Carlson, at a dog show near Hartford, Connecticut. Anne Elwell, a Wheaten breeder from northern New Jersey, had told me that Carol and I could help one another in a mid-Atlantic push toward AKC recognition for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Anne had shown Toby Mug of Sunset Hill to top miscellaneous honors and was a force behind eventual recognition.

As luck would have it, I sat ringside next to a lovely woman who informed me that she was mother to Carol and - two sons. By the time the two miscellaneous classes were over, I knew more about Carol and her brothers than they knew. Ethel Carlson was a proud mom, with good reason. Each of her children was successful in his own way.

Carol held one of the highest valued home economics positions in America and had recently been credited with editing all of the recipes in the Mike Douglas Cookbook. Guest stars visiting his daytime talk show had donated recipes. The test kitchen at ARA (the largest food service in the US) in Philadelphia was Carol’s domain. At the time she lived on Addison Mews in center city. We made plans to meet at her home to discuss developing a local club and ways to make Wheatens known.

Her house hosted early group meetings to brainstorm forming a club that became, and still is, the Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club. It was in this house that Carol developed and was seamstress for my four-day wardrobe, including an evening gown and jacket that I was to wear while attending the 1972 Beverly Hills KC. My job was to approach all Wheaten owners in Arizona, Nevada, and California to come show with me as I traveled with two young dogs. Our handler, Peter Green, was escorting the Irish champion bitch that we had purchased on a trip to Ireland the previous summer.

In fact that bitch determined how we came up with a kennel name. When we told my mother that we paid $1000.00 for an Irish champion, she called us a pair of Amadens, then told us that was the Irish word for fools. We didn’t end up spelling it properly, but the word fit, and we liked it, so it was our kennel name for 49 years.

Carol and I would study the Gazette to determine which of us could show in different areas. She covered New England and Florida. I showed in the Middle Atlantic States and California. I bought a female, Jenny Love of Addison Mews from her first litter in 1971. Jenny shows up in all of my pedigrees about 14 generations back. Carol charged me $100.00 and a signed contract stating that I would show Jen ten times in a variety of states. Jenny finished in 1973. Irish CH Benmul Belma finished as the first female Champion and second champion proceeded by CH Abby’s Postage Dhu O’Waterford.

During this time we were also typing letters to local owners, organizing meetings, hosting a “B” and “A” match for SCWTCA, and eventually for Del Val. I remember nights at ARA typing premium lists and catalogs. Del Val picked up steam and members took over different jobs as the seventies rolled along.
Carol bred four litters in the 1970’s but was so busy traveling for work that she didn’t have time to continue. She reclaimed her last name, Carlson, when her ex-husband remarried because she believed that there was only room in Philadelphia for one Mrs. Walek. At that point, Carol gave herself the first name, K, which is not an initial for another name. About that time she was given a promotion that required a move to Atlanta. She took CH Rainbow’s Connection with her and whelped Bo’s only litter in Atlanta in 1985.

During the 1980’s Carol and I bought our first Dandie Dinmont, CH Munchkintown Great Britain, who finished his championship with majors gained by going Best in Show one day and winning the group another.

He was followed by two Specialty winners. Carol enjoyed the Dandies, their fun-loving personalities and their silly tails, but she always had a Wheaten. When CH Amaden’s Heavenly Sonshine retired, he went to live with Carol, next was CH Doubloon’s Quiet Man and then, CH Amaden’s Valiant. The last two were able to retire in Paradise with Carol and Bill, her husband.

Carol was brought back to Philadelphia as Assistant to the President of ARA and she bought a house in the Society Hill historic section of the city. She was invited to join the Montgomery County Terrier Club and quickly showed her talents as an organizer and money manager. Those same talents benefited the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier while Carol chaired the Endowment as it worked to produce avenues toward a healthier Wheaten Terrier.

We traveled together numerous times; Ireland, Florida, England for the opening of the show, Casa-blanca and a party hosted by Barry Manilow, to New York for Bruce Sussman’s birthday party held at the top of the World Trade Center, also hosted by Barry, and our final trip to Germany to pick up puppies. We were frequent visitors to Canada, especially if Meryl Littman was speaking.

Over the years Carol served as President, Board Member, Benchmarks editor for the SCWTCA and remained chair for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Endowment until her death. She served as show Chairman for Montgomery County Terrier Club as well continuing as treasurer for that club for many years.

The memorial service was lovely, but the striking part came as guests introduced themselves. The Red Hat ladies, the therapy dog group, the workers from the Latte shop that Carol and her Wheaten, Bob, visited twice each day, folks who pealed potatoes with her on Thursdays for the Sauerkraut and Pork dinners to support the firehouse, her friends from ARA, church family, friends of the library, family, and finally the diehard dog people all sat together mourning the loss of a very good friend.

Emily Holden, Amaden Wheatens
Meryl P. Littman, VMD, DACVIM Final Letter To Carol

Dear Carol,

Have I thanked you lately? I want you to know how much you have meant to me personally and to all of us, and what an impact you have made on so many lives, both human and canine. You will always be one of our finest champions!

The Reverend Mark L. Russell was so right at your memorial service when he said that your life was a ‘class act.’ Maybe you already know this, but after reflecting on your amazing career and personal accomplishments, he talked about how some people might look like their dogs and that perhaps some people (like you) have similar personalities as their dogs. He read a description of the Wheaten temperament, including alert intelligence, love of life, steadiness, liveliness, affection, adaptability, self-confidence, and independence. Yes, I can see those qualities in your spirit.

You have been a vibrant and effective woman, a pioneer in many ways, and a source of strength and integrity which inspired others to be better. I always admired your warmth, wisdom, humor, openness, diplomacy, ethics, and common sense (as well as your beautiful knitting). You could take the bull by the horns and get things done. Your generosity and moral support made sure that our DNA studies and Open Registry work would help future generations.

Thank you, Carol! It was fitting for you to pass during such a holy time. You were a gift to us and I thank heaven that your path on earth intersected with our journeys. May God bless your good soul. –

Meryl Littman

Professor Emerita of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
Email: merylitt@vet.upenn.edu
The New Year started on a sad note when news was received from America to say that Carol Carlson had passed away on the 24th December.

Carol was one of the main people in the Wheaten World and known by so many for her accomplishments to the breed. We hope that her family, and many friends around the world, will be comforted by the happy memories they have of her.

I had the pleasure of meeting Carol at the SCWTC of America Health Conference, held at Keystone Resort, Colorado in May 2003, and again here in the UK in April 2007 when she came with Dr. Meryl Littman VMD DACVIM, & Dr. Shelly Vaden DVM PhD Diplomate ACVIM to speak at the Health Seminar organised by the SCWT Club of GB.

Rest in peace Carol, you were indeed one of those very special people and will be greatly missed.

Barbara Penney (Willsbridge)
Carol was an inspirational lady who worked tirelessly for the breed, particularly health - it was never - you can’t do that, but how can we do that!

I first met her when attending Montgomery 2000, and later in 2003 when Barbara Penney, Maria Rigby and I represented Wheaten Health Initiative (WHI) attending the Keystone Health Conference. Carol was so gracious, welcoming and encouraging. We met again in 2007 when she visited the UK.

Over the years I worked with Carol, first when she asked me to check the pedigrees names for the Open Registry updates from my database.

In 2010 I commenced working more closely with Carol, Chair of SCWTCA Endowment Board Inc as I was approached by Jana Caraway who had put an idea to the Board to set up a global pedigree and health database.

I also attended a Board meeting in the USA in 2012 to discuss the projects progress. It was a very proud moment when in March 2017, Carol announced the launch of the Endowment Database.

I last met with Carol at Montgomery 2017, we enjoyed a couple of breakfasts together but I continued to work on the database project and I will miss her input.

The Wheaten world has lost a dear person and friend, RIP Carol.

Sandra Jeffries (Sanzerena)

**Anna Marzolino sharing her relationship with Carol which started at Great Western 20 years ago and throughout Time grew to Anna’s working with Carol on the SCWTCA Health Committee, Open Registry and later the SCWTCA Endowment. Anna is now the Chairperson of The SCWTCA Endowment**

Twenty years ago, I met Carol Carlson while attending a dog show at Great Western. I learned right away that she could accomplish anything. I began working on the Health Committee with her, Beth Verner and Janet Petros. There was never a dull moment during those years and through those tough times she became one of my dearest friends.

Highly educated and fiercely determined Carol set an example for not only the members of the health committee and Endowment but all members of SCWTCA. K. Carol Carlson was SCWTCA and the Endowments Rainmaker, she raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Colony Dogs, Informative Families, Wheaten Health, the Endowment, Performance, Education and the national specialty.
She served this club in so many capacities, President in 80, 81, 87, 88 & 89. She also served on the SCWTCA board for 12 additional terms. Carol was the Benchmarks Editor from 1990 - 2005 and SCWTCA AKC Delegate. She was the Chair of the Endowment from 2001-2019.

Her legacy is that she set an example for each of us as club members to follow. Be involved. Take on a job even if it is out of our comfort zone. Remember that we are guardians of the breed and the club equally. Remember to always keep in mind that we have a responsibility to the breed, not one person or one group, not one dog. She taught me to remember what the goal of a project was and not to be deterred by the “noise”. Carol was at her best when things got tough and her favorite motto to me was “you make the snowballs and I’ll throw them”. She threw a lot of snowballs.

Anna Marzolino

Carol in the Obedience Ring with BobDog

True Partners - Carol with BobDog
BE LIKE CAROL

"...IF I COULD BE LIKE ANYONE I WOULD BE LIKE CAROL."

Anna wrote that some 18 months ago, when Carol Carlson was letting some of her friends know about her failing health. I thought, yes, that's a good goal for all of us. Smart. Dedicated. Savvy. Caring.

Elsewhere in this issue others have written about Carol, telling the story of her involvement with establishing the breed, her commitment to Wheaten health and her work for SCWTCA. I'm sure some of Carol's story will be unfamiliar to many and while I wish this was a happy occasion, I am glad that people who didn't know her will understand what it means to "be like Carol."

I met Carol in my first SCWTCA volunteer job, running the MCKC raffle for the Wheaten-themed sweater she'd knit. But we became friends over Benchmarks. She'd become editor, I'd previously written a couple of articles and since I have a big mouth, I asked if she wanted a regular opinion column. Carol didn't hesitate over the proposed title "Opinionated Bitch" but preferred my second choice "The Devil's Advocate."

Benchmarks has been lucky to have good editors but none have been tested as I did Carol. She never faltered. When I took my...uh...hiatus, she said she was done, too. I told her don't do it because of me and she said she was not going to be told to engage in censorship.

SCWTCA regularly turned to Carol for the hard jobs. The first AKC-CHF grant for PLE-PLN research required something like a $16,000 match from us. Not much in retrospect but at the time, it was a big deal. SCWTCA turned to Carol, and she and Jackie Gottleib raised it in 48 hours. When a revision to the Code of Ethics was resoundingly defeated in a bruising battle, Carol was asked to lead the clean up; the next version (90% of which remains) was adopted less than a year later by a huge margin. And, of course, she steered the Endowment from its inception.

That public face was familiar to many. Some probably wondered why she worked so very hard for a breed when she was no longer involved in showing. We were lucky to find out.

Twelve years ago, we decided to grow up a male puppy and headed out to the Harrisburg shows with him and his sister. There we met up with Carol for lunch. She arrived as I was walking Bob, and she was won over by this goofy 8-month old...she often gushed, “he was so lovable!” In 15 minutes, it was settled: once he finished, he would live with her.

Thereafter, we always said “Bob is in Paradise.”

Carol's first stop with Bob was obedience class...he was young, strong and rambunctious, and she needed control. Despite his being easily distracted...did I mention he's an airhead?...Carol got his CGC. Next, was a therapy dog certification and the start of their career...visiting nursing homes and becoming the stars of the local library's kids' program.
Carol had a goal...a SCWCTCA Versatility Award. First try was obedience...nope, no sitting. Agility...no table, thank you. Herding...Bob chased sheep, got his certificate and gave Carol hope. She signed up for private lessons...then the instructor tapped him with the hook, and he said, “no más.”

Rally came next. That’s when he became “BobDog;” Carol and the late Bob Nerrie constantly compared notes on their silly boys so she needed to be clear who she was talking about.

Carol and BobDog did get the Rally Novice title...at the Harrisburg shows years after they’d first met there. Another celebratory lunch and I told Carol if we got the certificate, I’d send it on right away. She was delighted; she hadn’t expected there would be a certificate and said, “this is the first time I’ve ever taken a dog in all the way to a title.” All those years before, she and Emily had shared handling chores but BobDog’s achievement was all hers.

They went on to gather a variety of titles and become the Wheaten Ambassador but no Versatility Award. It didn’t matter...Carol delighted in him and they were devoted to each other. He went on her morning coffee run with her, getting his biscuit from the barista. The famous Volvo dealership story...when Carol got the car serviced, she let BobDog stay in the front seat because he liked to ride up and down on the lift. He became BFFs with the cows behind the fence.

But Carol’s commitment to the reading program told who she was and who she made BobDog into...in her words:

“BobDog enjoys every minute that he spends with the kids at Paradise Elementary School. The teacher, Marie Johnston should get an award for the job she does with the kids and the reading program. We are very lucky to have her! I feel rewarded to see the improvement. On our first visit, José could not read any English. He now reads at 4th grade level. Every summer he and his sister visit their grandmother in Mexico and take books with them so they can fulfil the summer reading program and win a visit to the “Corn Maze” in the fall.”

Many years ago, Garden State All Terrier published a small anniversary book containing articles by various terrier people. One was from Ken McDermott on the “Joys of Judging”...a tongue-in-cheek debunking of the prestige judging dogs brings. He ended it with...

“So now you have the answer. It’s not money, travel or fame...it’s the dogs. I believe that God gave them to us as a special treat to help us through this sometimes overwhelming life as proof of His love for us. And I know just as well as I’m writing this that for Heaven to really be the reward that we believe it will be they will surely be there with us.”

So it was with Carol. It was about the dogs, always. We were lucky it became about one of our dogs and even luckier she became our friend. So...be like Carol. - John and I will miss her forever.
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Another Chance At The Good Life

Meet Ronan - A Former Puppy Mill Dog

Subject: Hello and Ronan update

Hi Nancy,

Happy New Year!! I hope 2020 is off to a good and healthy start for you!!

I’m so sorry it’s taken so long to write to you. I’ve long owed you an email updating you on things. It’s been a bit hectic on our end -- Ronan came to us during the tail-end of summer, school starting is always nutty, the Jewish High Holidays are manic, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah (we celebrate both -- our kids are very spoiled!) and I just started a new job last week... it’s been a whirlwind!!

So I’m happy to report that our boy is doing quite well!! He started out and remains *my* dog -- I am his person, and I don’t mind telling you that I love it. Seamus was Andrew’s dog through and through -- Seamus didn’t not like me, but he didn’t really care much about me, so it’s nice that Ronan is all about me, lol. Anyway, things were a bit rough in the beginning between Ronan and Andrew, as we knew it would be based on what Deneen had told us. He wouldn’t go near Andrew, wouldn’t eat when Andrew was around, etc. -- it was all very upsetting to Andrew. We reached out to Karli Mueller, at your recommendation, and she was amazing. She had Andrew tether Ronan to him for 30 mins a day and give him high-value treats -- he did that for about a month, and I’m happy to say that Andrew and Ronan are buddies now!! Ronan comes to Andrew when called, cuddles with him, and will even sometimes eat around him. He’s comfortable with Andrew in every room of the apartment except for the kitchen -- there is still some bad association with men and food for Ronan, so we’re working on that.

Ronan is incredible with the kids -- he loves them and is so gentle and sweet and loving, and they could not adore him more. Henry (6) is sometimes a bit rougher than I’d like, but Ronan just sort of tolerates it until he doesn’t want to anymore, and then he leaves. Georgia (9) is excellent with him. The kids wish Ronan would play with his toys, lol, but they understand that maybe he just isn’t into toys, and maybe he’s more of a treat dog.

The one thing that we haven’t made a break-through with is walks -- he really hates them. We thought things were going fine, but then it seemed that he regressed and now he just hates them. I’m not sure how well you know NYC, but we live in Queens -- it’s not Manhattan, but it’s still within the 5 boroughs of NYC, so there’s plenty of noise -- we get buses, delivery trucks, noisy/LOUD/souped up cars, all of which Ronan hates. He is more comfortable on walks with me than with Andrew, but in general, he just gets his business done, and then wants to get back home. We have a quiet park a block away from our place, so I “make” him go there on weekends and when I have time during the week in the evening, but even then, we have our circuit, which he sort of power-walks, just to humor me. We’ve tried the Thunder Shirt, CBD oil, calming chews of all kind, but so far, nothing has really helped/made an appreciable difference. We got him groomed a while back and although the groomer definitely didn’t cut his nails too short, he was so panicked at one point because a car backfired, that he was clawing so much that his nails were bloodied and we had to put booties on him so he wouldn’t make himself bleed. It’s not that bad anymore, thank goodness!! I would love for him to get to a point where he would enjoy it, and we could go out for longer walks so he could get more exercise. We’re thinking
we need to get a local behaviorist/trainer to help out...

Because of the street noise, he doesn't like the dog run near us -- he likes dogs one-on-one, but the dog run is too overwhelming for him, so we don't go there anymore.

You've seen pictures of him on hikes -- he likes those, but there's no City noise on hikes, so that's different. We want him to be comfortable around our neighborhood, since that's where we spend most of our time.

By the way, in terms of food, he still isn't eating every meal, every day. He won't go more than one day without eating, but he doesn't always eat two meals a day. I would say he's put on a little bit of weight, but he's still on the small side. Karli told us that mill dogs usually only get fed once a day, so that's probably a vestige of his former life, poor guy. Also, he often eats right after we get back from a walk, so again, maybe just something he learned from the mill: don't eat until he's relieved himself so he doesn't get stuck having to hold it. So sad!!

Anyway... so that's what's been going on with our boy!! In general, he's doing great, but there are some things we're still working on. He has the most incredible spirit -- you really never know with rescues, especially one with his history. His fear could easily have manifested in aggression, and this little boy doesn't have an aggressive bone in his tiny little body. He is just a bundle of love, and everyday, I thank you and Deneen whatever powers that be out there for bringing him into our lives. We just love him to pieces.

I hope this gives you a little insight into Ronan's new life, and again -- so sorry for the late report!!

Hope all is well in your neck of the woods,
Penney
Meet Bruce Lee, Formerly Wolfie - A Surrender From An Older Couple

Subject: Bruce :)

This is a picture of my daughter and Bruce! We LOVE him :)

Bruce’s story: Older adult who owned him couldn’t keep him because of illness. Sister flew in and out caring for the family. We took him in had to clipper him do vet work, great temperament and placed him with the Lees who changed his name to Bruce. Original name was Wolfie bought from a “puppy”place..He did go from the original family to a foster situation and then to the Lees.
How to Choose a Dog Trainer

It seems almost anyone can be a dog trainer. Celebrity trainers have made the profession sexy and appealing, and there is no educational requirement, although there are many correspondence schools, some of questionable integrity. Licensing is not a necessity. Love of dogs in not necessarily the primary motivator.

Dog owners need to remember that despite claims, there are no quick fixes to training which takes time, consistency and patience. The major question all owners should ask themselves is “What will this trainer do with my dog to get the desired behavior?”

Owners should familiarize themselves with positive and humane training understanding what it is and is not. The Learn to Earn method of training relies on the principles of earning all rewards which may consist of food, praise, play or freedom to enjoy an activity or item. Positive reinforcement and clicker training is preferred by veterinarians and has been used successfully to train many species of mammals, starting with marine life and more recently with dogs. The dog works for all rewards including praise, play and treats, as owners learn to communicate and establish a relationship with their dogs based on trust, respect and patience. The clicker or marker word is used at the exact moment when the dog performs the correct behavior and is followed by a reward. The theory is that the behaviors that are reinforced with a reward are more likely to be repeated. The focus is on what the dog is doing right. This method helps to communicate more effectively with the dog and creates a dog that wants to work to please the owner.

Be cautious of “balanced” trainers that may advocate showing the dog who is boss through positive punishment and excessive use of force. These trainers promise fast results but often leave behind timid, submissive nervous dogs that are often more prone to aggression or in “shut down” robot mode. The dog may be corrected or punished for a behavior that it has not been taught, or did not understand. Instead of focusing on training the dog for the behavior, and training the human to give the correct cue, the dog is punished for attempting the behavior even if it doesn’t understand. For people corrections give a feeling of having control. They may jerk the neck and the behavior stops. But what happens to the dog? In a few months owners may wonder why their dog has become fearful or listless.

How can you be sure that your trainer is perfect for you and your dog? If you are comparing trainers check their websites and see what professional organizations they are certified with and belong to as members. Don’t be afraid to ask questions on how they feel about the methods described here. Are you comfortable with the trainer? Do they patiently answer your questions and have you perform the activity with your dog so that you can practice on your own?

Sidebar: The Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers (CPDT) is an independent organization that certifies that a dog trainer has passed a comprehensive exam and has at least 300 hours of training experience. They also must maintain CEU’s in order to maintain their certification. Review their website and ask to meet them in person or visit their group classes.

A good trainer should be both experienced and current on positive reinforcement methods. They should have either earned a title or have competed in their area of expertise if applicable. For instance, if they are teaching obedience how advanced are their own dogs? What activities do they do for fun? If they certify for therapy work do they volunteer and and go on visits, or do they only teach
classes? If they claim to be experts on canine aggression and separation anxiety did they attend classes? Do they have references from local veterinarians?

Owners should think about what type of activities they would enjoy doing with their dog and have a supportive instructor that encourages them to reach those goals. This helps to keep dogs in their forever homes and it’s a great way to keep learning. Training happens every moment we are with our dogs. Their lives are short but they can be filled with an abundance of happiness when training is done humanely and with patience.

Dorice Stancher
MBA, CPDT-KA, CTDI
Puppy Culture

The Powerful First 12 Weeks that Can Shape Your Puppy’s Future

A comprehensive program designed by June and Irv Krukenkamp breeders of TNG Dalmatians and Bull Terriers along with a team of leading Veterinarians, Behaviorists, and Breeders following a litter of Bull Terrier puppies as they pass through critical development periods in their first 12 weeks of life.

You can follow Puppy Culture either by purchasing the 4 DVD set or the workbook, Puppy Culture is endorsed by the leading Canine Specialists, each in their own field. In addition to the designers of Puppy Culture, the program is endorsed by

- Dr. Meghan Herron DVM, DACVB - Director, Veterinary Behavioral Medicine Clinic, Ohio State
- Dr. Noemie Bernier DVM, DACVIM - Neurologist, Garden State Veterinary Specialists
- Dr. Carmen Battaglia - Author of Breeding Better Dogs and Popular Lecturer
- Dr. Terro Bright BCBA-D - Director, Behavior Department at MSPCA/Angell
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- Jane Messineo Killion - Breeder of Madcap Bull Terriers and Author of “When Pigs Fly” Training Success With Impossible Dogs
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- Diane Zdrodowski - Evanlake Cavaliers and Therapy Dogs

“With step-by-step instructions on what to do at each critical juncture in the first twelve weeks of life. Puppy Culture is your guide to raising your puppies to be confident enrichment seekers, ready to take on life’s challenges with joy and love to spare.

From early neurological stimulation, to socialization, to emotional resiliency exercises, from problem prevention protocols, to training basic skills. You’ll see the practical application and profound, sometimes almost unbelievable, results of the Puppy Culture program. Although Puppy Culture focuses on the advantages of good rearing and socialization protocols in the first twelve weeks of puppy life, there’s hours of instruction and advice that will be applicable to puppies of all ages.

Referring to the DVD set, you’ll watch it once for fun and then over and over again as a reference. Puppy Culture wraps a huge volume of practical instructional content with deep scientific foundations into a warm and entertaining format. The encyclopedic material is organized into short sections with an easy-to-follow index so you can reference material you want, and when you want it. Our experts explain the principles behind Puppy Culture’s rearing and socialization protocols, always in an easy to understand and approachable fashion.

In the end, the puppies teach us touching and funny lessons about life, relationships, and how doing just the right thing at the right time can change destiny for puppies and their owners. Viewers will come away with a new and clear understanding of puppies and how to raise them into our human world.

The above copy was taken from the back cover of the Puppy Culture DVD set.
The Puppy Culture Viewing Guide

Disc One:
THE PUPPY CULTURE PROPOSITION
- Your Magic Endowment
- Why We Made This Film

HEARTBEATS - PRENATAL PERIOD
- Already In Our Hands - Prenatal Care and It's Impact On The oPuppies
- Daphe’s Team - Veterinary Preparedness, Coordination And Care with Dr. Kenneth Leal, DVM

FUR DUMPLINGS - NEONATAL PERIOD, 0-14 DAYS
- Little Dependents - The Inner World Of Newborn Puppies
- How To Jumpstart A Puppy - Early Neurological Stimulation With Dr. Carmen Battaglia

FROM POD TO PUPPY - TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, 14 - 21 DAYS
- Where Are We? Understanding The Boundaries Of Developmental Periods
- Party Tools - Preparing To Become Social

BECOMING PART OF OUR WORLD - THE CRITICAL SOCIALIZATION PERIOD, 3-12 WEEKS OLD
- The Irreplaceable Weeks - The Critical Socialization Period And It’s Significance With Dr. Meghan Herron, DVM
- Renaissance Puppies - Socialization As A Cultural Understanding

THE SOCIAL CREATURE EMERGES - 3 WEEKS OLD
- Soft And Clear - The Impact Of Early Communications Between Mother And Puppies
- Welcome To My House! - Advantages And Safe Practices For Early Socialization To Humans
- Flying Solo - Foundations For Preventing Separation Anxiety
- The Enrichment Effect - The Physiological Impact Of An Enriched Environment
- Bomb-Proofing Puppies - Encouraging The Startle-Recovery Cycle In 3-5 Week Old Puppies

DREADNOUGHTS - 4 WEEKS OLD
- Wide Open Spaces - Graduating To The Weaning Pen
- Brain Work - Problem Solving Games For Enrichment And Reduction Frustration - Aggression
- Bounce Back - The Greatest Trait Of All - Emotional Resiliency Exercises For 4 Week Old Puppies

THE COMMUNICATION TRINITY - THREE CORE CONCEPTS PUPPIES NEED
- A Culture Of Communication - Why We Teach Tiny Puppies To Talk To Us
- You Can Hear Me - Powering Up & Training Marker (Clicker)
- Your Actions Influence Mine - Learning To Offer Behaviors (Becoming Operant)
- You Have A Voice - Learning To Ask For Things (Manding)
- Sleep On It - Distributed Learning And How To Set Up Training Sessions

Disc Two:
FEAR AND FUN - 5 WEEKS OLD
- Was That Ghost There Yesterday? - Understanding Fear Imprint Periods With Dr. Meghan Herron, DVM
Confidence Tutor - Emotional Resiliency Exercises For 5 Week Old Puppies

PARTY ANIMALS - 6 WEEKS OLD
- Life Students - The Curiosity Period
- Breed Appropriate Health Testing - BAER Testing The Puppies With Dr. Noemi Bernier, DVM
- The Puppy Party - Setting Up And Holding A Puppy Party

THE STRAIGHT POOP - POTTY TRAINING FUNDAMENTALS

LITTLE MONSTERS - IS MY PUPPY NORMAL

LOVE HURTS - BITING

EVERYTHING HERE IS MINE - RESOURCE GUARDING - WITH JEAN DONALDSON

TOUCHY - FEELY - BODY HANDLING WITH JEAN DONALDSON

WHY NOT JUST PUNISH - THE OUTCOMES OF REWARD VS PUNISHMENT WITH DR. MEGHAN HERRON, DVM

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- Every Puppy Is A Story - Breeder Evaluations And Relationships With June And Irv Krukenkamp, MD
- True Colors - Puppy Personality Tests With Diane Zdrodowski

READY OR NOT - 8-9 WEEKS OLD
- The Bogey Man Cometh - 8 Week Fear Imprint Period - Precautions And Recommendations

FOREVER HOMES
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SOCIAL GRACES - PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING
- Why Now? - The Benefits Of Early Training
- Come To Me - Recall
- Comfort Zone - Crate Training And Preventing Separation Anxiety
- Pretty Please - Advanced Automatic Sit (Manding)
Going Places - Leash Walking
You Get What You Pay For - When Can I Get Rid Of The Food? With Jean Donaldson
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RUNNING WITH THE BIG DOGS - SETTING UP SOCIALIZATION SESSIONS WITH OUTSIDE DOGS - SOCIALIZATION FOR 10 - 12 WEEK OLD PUPPIES
Running With The Big Dogs- Setting Up Socialization Sessions With Outside Dogs
Dogs Don’t Generalize - Covering The Basics With Socialization Variety
A Tired Puppy - Good Or Amped Up? - Finding Balance Between Exercise And Rest
Cross Training - Road Trips

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VACCINATION VS. SOCIALIZATION - BALANCING THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF EARLY SOCIALIZATION WITH DR. KENNETH LEAL, DVM AND DR. MEGHAN HERRON, DVM

PUPPY KINDERGARTEN - HOW TO FIN A GREAT PUPPY CLASS - WITH DR. TERRI BRIGHT
IS SOCIALIZATION A GUARANTEE? - CLOSING

Disc Four
BREAK IT DOWN - CHAPTER BY CHAPTER RECAPS AND “TO DO” LISTS
PUPPY CULTURE INFLUENCE ON LITTERS

When I was in graduate school our neighbor had a baby. When I went to visit the little newcomer and her mother, I was very surprised to find the baby sleeping in a bassinet in the main living area, TV playing and visitors and parents talking in normal voice levels. This was very different to what I remember experiencing baby raising when I was much younger. In my youth when a baby was brought home, the phone ringer was put on the lowest setting, doorbell chimes were muffled or turned off and everyone talked in hushed voices and tip-toed around lest the baby was disturbed.

Our first litter in 1994, was pretty much raised the old-fashioned way of treating them with kid gloves. Shortly afterwards my husband, Bob, and I attended a Dr. Carmen Battaglia seminar in Cincinnati OH where one of the topics we learned about was Early Neurological Stimulation. This commenced our educational effort to learn more about raising puppies appropriately. It was more a haphazard path of cherry-picking tidbits from other seminars; visiting litters of different breeds; and reading articles and chapters in books rather than a well-defined roadway. Many just described the different stages of puppy development rather than “here is what you should do when”. Many activities we discovered such as habituation sound recordings and initially used an old album I had from working as sound technician for plays in high school! Mostly it was a creative thought process of pUTTING INTO ACtion from general descriptions.

However, all of our efforts were not as all-encompassing and thorough as what is provided by Jane Killian in Puppy Culture Workbook. It provided us with more details of what to do for puppies and when or appropriate periods to do each activity. It is a total package for puppy enrichment. It helped us to refine our activities and experiential events as well as incorporating new ones.

For example, we had overlooked incorporating the trade-game to minimize resource guarding. Puppy Culture taught us the concept of “manding” or the puppy asking for attention with appropriate behavior. I must admit that we adjusted this from sitting to four-on-the floor because we had a difficult time overcoming this close to instinctual behavior with our show dog from that litter. Using the workbook as a foundation has also provided a place for us to record some of own enrichment activities.

We believe by using Puppy Culture we have been more consistent in raising each litter. We think our Puppy culture puppies are more thoughtful in how they approach life and seem to keep a more open mind for taking direction from a human or for figuring it out by themselves.

Patrice Chevalier
Heirloom Wheatens
HEAD START/PUPPY CULTURE EXPERIENCE

Before starting the Head Start/Puppy Culture techniques of socializing puppies, I often had young dogs in the ring who were insecure, with tails down and not enjoying the fun of dog shows. This has changed. The Early Neurological Stimulation Exercises, numerous toys of different shapes, colors and sizes, TV sounds and colors, sound tapes of storms, household noises and different socialization sounds, vacuum cleaners running, hair dryers over the pups, different bowls, surfaces, play locations, people all help to teach the puppy confidence, handle stress better, develop excitement over new things and activities. Each week a new challenge like new play areas, tunnels, small plastic 2 step stairs, hanging toys in the puppy pen and new people of different ages are introduced. Along with crate exposure and beginning leash training, puppies are ready to go to new homes and not be excessively freaked out but transition more smoothly from Breeder to homes.

I have found puppies at 8-9 weeks are more confident, outgoing, and happy with new challenges. The programs suggest activities at the appropriate developmental stages of the puppy. This takes all the guess work out of what to do when. With individual crate training starting with short periods at 6 weeks and increasing time as the week’s progress, I find the puppy has a much smoother transition to crates at their new homes. A little fussing for short periods for the first couple of nights and by the 3rd night sleeping through the whole night in their crate. Being alone from the pack is a valuable lesson to learn before going home. House training starts with a piece of sod in the outdoor play area or grass area depending on location. Working with the puppies individually helps to make them more secure in the new home. I find puppies much less noise sensitive at 8 weeks after listening to a daily sound tape once eyes and ears are open at 2 weeks. Tapes can be purchased on Amazon. I find puppies I keep for show transition to a puppy socialization class much more easily. They are ready to learn new activities and enjoy new experiences. After a good positive training puppy socialization class, the puppies head into a Handling class with ease and excitement. Tails are up and they work for treats.

These programs are more work when raising a litter but not impossible. All activities each week are outlined and short for the most part. The benefits are worth it. I see big differences in personalities, happiness levels and stress levels of puppies going to homes or staying with me as show dogs. I don’t know how I raised puppies before doing these programs. The person that does my puppy temperament testing agrees with me. She does Performance work with her dogs. After 25 years of temperament testing my puppies, she finally took one home. Eventually she put 12 titles on the dog in 12 months! A good recommendation for these programs.

Susan Ratcliffe
Whindancer Wheatens
DROMARA PUPPY CULTURE PUPPIES

The puppy rearing methods of Puppy Culture (PC) provided me with a routine of activities but also prompted me to continue things I had already been doing with my litters. I had been using Early Neurological Stimulation (ENS) from almost the beginning of my breeding program going back over 15 years. In the interest of full disclosure, I did not utilize 100% of the PC activities. I applied Avidog methods in addition to PC.

To get a better take on how PC benefited my puppies, I reached out to the owners of dogs who experienced the protocols during their first 8-10 weeks of life. New owners were provided PC information so they could build on the foundation. Three of my Dromara Wheatens are described as follows:

“Casey” is the fourth Wheaten owned by Anne Sizemore who dedicated to training her dogs for both obedience and rally titles. Casey attained his AKC championship and has already earned his Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles in addition to his CGC and TKN. Anne describes this now 3 year old as “by far the most eager to learn Wheaten I have trained.” “He loves the learning process and was able to focus on it from the start.” “Clicker training was a breeze.” “Casey truly loves to work which makes him a joy to train with - don’t get me wrong he is still all terrier and sometimes his enthusiasm gets a little over the top but he is becoming more and more able to remain focused.” Casey has begun training for his Open Obedience title, retrieving on flat and over a jump, hand signals, off leash healing and drop on recall.

“Connor,” (a half brother to Casey) according to experienced Wheaten owner, Susie Blackledge, “had a great start to life with Puppy Culture.” He, too loves to learn and to train. Connor’s exposure to a vast number of different environments, textures, sounds, and objects built his confidence. “As a puppy in the show ring he confidently stood his ground when asked to spar with a Special.” His people orientation was nurtured during the many PC sessions conducted for him and his five litter mates by enthusiastic middle school girls who fawned over them daily. Connor is now 2 1/2 years old and has attained his AKC championship and multiple titles including Rally Excellent, OA, NAJ, NF, CGC, and TKI. Per Susie, PC “helped to get him ready for the Real World with confidence.”

“Rooney,” a littermate to Connor, is described by his owner Janice Griffith as different from her other three Wheatens. “Nothing fazes him, he may startle for a second but he gets over it. He is the first dog in years that hasn’t feared thunder, fireworks. He has a very steady temperament and is loving.

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to the extreme. He is calm and very non destructive. He is very good around other dogs at daycare, but gravitates to people. He’s very intuitive and knows when I’m sad and will spend the day being as close as possible. I couldn’t ask for a more perfect, balanced pup.”

I believe that much of the above describes a classic Wheaten, just enhanced. The more I can do to prepare my puppies for their families the better the futures will be for both the canines and their humans. I credit Puppy Culture with being a great resource to achieve that.

Maggie Snow
Dromara Wheatens

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AVSAB Position Statement on Puppy Socialization

From The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

THE PRIMARY AND MOST IMPORTANT time for puppy socialization is the first three months of life.¹² During this time puppies should be exposed to as many new people, animals, stimuli and environments as can be achieved safely and without causing over-stimulation manifested as excessive fear, withdrawal or avoidance behavior. For this reason, the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior believes that it should be the standard of care for puppies to receive such socialization before they are fully vaccinated.

Because the first three months are the period when sociability outweighs fear, this is the primary window of opportunity for puppies to adapt to new people, animals, and experiences. Incomplete or improper socialization during this important time can increase the risk of behavioral problems later in life including fear, avoidance, and/or aggression. Behavioral problems are the greatest threat to the owner-dog bond. In fact, behavioral problems are the number one cause of relinquishment to shelters.³ Behavioral issues, not infectious diseases, are the number one cause of death for dogs under three years of age.

While puppies’ immune systems are still developing during these early months, the combination of maternal immunity, primary vaccination, and appropriate care makes the risk of infection relatively small compared to the chance of death from a behavior problem.

Veterinarians specializing in behavior recommend that owners take advantage of every safe opportunity to expose young puppies to the great variety of stimuli that they will experience in their lives. Enrolling in puppy classes prior to three months of age can be an excellent means of improving training, strengthening the human-animal bond, and socializing puppies in an environment where risk of illness can be minimized.

FOR THIS REASON, THE AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD BE THE STANDARD OF CARE FOR PUPPIES TO RECEIVE SUCH SOCIALIZATION BEFORE THEY ARE FULLY VACCINATED.

In general, puppies can start puppy socialization classes as early as 7-8 weeks of age. Puppies should receive a minimum of one set of vaccines at least 7 days prior to the first class and a first de-worming. They should be kept up-to-date on vaccines throughout the class.

THE PROCESS OF SOCIALIZATION:
Puppies should be handled from birth, learning to accept manipulation of all body parts. Every effort should be made to expose them to as many different people, well-socialized animals, situations, places, etc. as possible. Puppies should be encouraged to explore, investigate, and manipulate puppy socialization classes can offer a safe and organized means of socializing puppies and more quickly improve their late their environments. Interactive toys and games, a variety of surfaces, tunnels, steps, chutes, and other stimuli can enrich the puppy’s environment. Puppies should accompany their breeders/owners on as many car trips as possible. These exposures should continue into adulthood to maintain an outgoing and sociable dog.
uppy socialization classes can offer a safe and organized means of socializing puppies and more quickly improve their responsiveness to commands. Each puppy should have up-to-date vaccinations and be disease and parasite free before entering the class. Where possible, classes should be held on surfaces that are easily cleaned and disinfected (e.g. indoor environments). Visits to dog parks or other areas that are not sanitized and/or are highly trafficked by dogs of unknown vaccination or disease status should be avoided. Classes and at-home training should be based on positive reinforcement with frequent rewards praise, petting, play and/or treats. Positive and consistent training is associated with fewer behavioral problems and greater obedience than methods that involve punishment and/or encourage human dominance.

Time must be scheduled for puppies to play alone with their favorite toys (such as stuffed food toys) or take naps in safe places such as crates or puppy pens. This teaches puppies to amuse themselves and may help to prevent problems of over attachment to the owners. Continuing to offer dogs a wide variety of experiences during their first year of life is also helpful in preventing separation-related behavior.

Proper confinement training using pens or crates helps to ensure that puppies have safe and secure places for rest and confinement. Puppies that are used to being crated will be less stressed if they must be hospitalized or be confined for travel by plane or car. Crates should serve as comfort or play areas.

Early and adequate socialization and programs of positive training can go a long way to preventing behavior problems and improving bonding between humans and dogs. While the first three months is the most important socialization period in a puppy’s life, owners of puppies that have passed this milestone are strongly encouraged to continue to socialize their puppies to as many people, pets, and locations as is practical. However, owners of puppies displaying fear should seek veterinary guidance.

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BEHAVIORAL HELP FOR YOUR PET

Many behaviors that are completely natural for dogs and cats – like barking or meowing, scratching, biting, digging, chewing, escaping and running away – can prove to be challenging for some pet parents. Although advice abounds in the form of popular TV shows, books and well-meaning friends and family, often the best and most efficient way to resolve your pet’s behavior problems is to seek assistance from a qualified professional. Professionals in the pet-behavior field fall into four main categories:

• Trainers
• Certified Professional Dog Trainers (CPDTs)
• Applied Animal Behaviorists, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (CAABs) and Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (ACAABs)
• Diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (Dip ACVBs)

Here are some frequently asked questions from pet parents who are seeking professional behavioral help for their pet:

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PET-BEHAVIOR PROFESSIONALS?

Trainers
Pet trainers use a number of different titles, such as “behavior counselor,” “pet psychologist” and “pet therapist.” The level of education and experience among this group of professionals varies greatly. Most learn how to work with animals through apprenticeships with established trainers, volunteering at animal shelters, attending seminars on training and behavior and training their own animals. And some are certified by specialized training schools.

Certified Professional Dog Trainers (CPDTs)
The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), an independent organization created by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT), offers an international certification program. To earn the designation of Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT), an individual must accrue a requisite number of working hours as a dog trainer, provide letters of recommendation and pass a standardized test that evaluates her or his knowledge of canine ethology, basic learning theory, canine husbandry and teaching skill. A CPDT must abide by a code of ethics and earn continuing education credits to maintain certification.

Applied Animal Behaviorists, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (CAABs) and Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (ACAABs)
An applied animal behaviorist has earned an MS, MA or PhD in animal behavior. They are experts in dog and cat behavior and often in the behavior of other companion animal species as well, like horses and birds. Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (CAABs, those with a doctoral degree) and Associate...
Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (ACAABs, those with a master’s degree) received supervised graduate or post-graduate training in animal behavior, biology, zoology and learning theory at accredited universities.

Effective applied animal behaviorists will have expertise in (a) behavior modification, so they know the techniques that produce changes in behavior, (b) the normal behavior of the species they’re treating, so they can recognize how and why your pet’s behavior is abnormal, and (c) teaching and counseling people, so they can effectively teach you how to understand and work with your pet. Most CAABs work through veterinary referrals, and they work closely with veterinarians to select the best behavioral medications for pets.

Veterinary Behaviorists
Knowledge of animal behavior isn’t required to earn a veterinary degree, and animal behavior isn’t comprehensively taught in most veterinary training programs. However, some veterinarians seek specialized education in animal behavior and earn certification through the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. To become a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (Dip ACVB), veterinarians must complete a residency in behavior and pass a qualifying examination.

In addition to having knowledge of domestic animal behavior and experience treating pet behavior problems, veterinary behaviorists can prescribe medications that can help with your pet’s treatment. Issues that often require the use of medication include separation anxiety, phobias, compulsive behaviors and fear of people, objects or other animals.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DOES MY PET NEED?

Once you’ve determined that you and your pet need some professional help to keep your household harmonious, consider what kind of training or treatment you need.

Group Class
If your pet needs to learn some basic manners and skills, like sit, down and come when called, you might benefit most from group obedience classes. Group glasses are also ideal for young puppies who need socialization.

Private Sessions
If your dog or cat has a specific behavior problem, seeing a professional outside of a classroom context would be best. Problems like resource guarding, handling issues, separation anxiety and aggression toward people or other animals require custom treatment plans and individual attention from a qualified behaviorist. Other less serious behavior issues that trainers and behaviorists can’t usually address in a group class include house training problems, excessive barking and destructive chewing.

Day Training & Board-and-Train
Day training is a great service for busy pet parents. The trainer comes to your house while you’re at work, or alternatively, some train your dog in their home or facility. The trainer teaches your dog the specific obedience behaviors you want, for example recalls (coming when called), wait, stay, walk on-leash without pulling and greeting people and pets politely. If the trainer is qualified as a behaviorist, she can also treat issues like resource guarding, handling issues, some other types of aggression, some types of excessive barking or meowing and some fears.
Board-and-train services involve leaving your pet in the trainer's kennels for a specified period of time. Be sure that you know and agree with the methods that your board-and-train or day training professional plans to use, since you will not be there to supervise. This method should also provide a training package with instruction for you. Board-and-train and day training programs are only effective if the trainer teaches you some skills so that you can maintain your pet’s new behaviors after her training is done.

How Do I Decide Which Professional to Choose?

After you’ve decided between group classes, one-on-one private help and board-and-train, how do you figure out which professional is right for you and your pet? Your decision will be based on a number of factors, including the type of problem your pet has, the professional’s education and experience and the availability of behaviorists and trainers in your area.

Ask the right questions.

We advise contacting more than one professional in your area so that you can compare their methods, credentials and experience before making a choice. Don’t hire any professional without first thoroughly interviewing her or him and asking for a couple of references from former clients or veterinarians. A good behaviorist or trainer will be happy to speak with you about her or his qualifications, background and treatment or training methods.

Consider the nature of your pet’s behavioral problem.

If your pet has a serious behavior problem that puts him, people or other animals at risk, or if he’s developed a problem that causes him significant stress, seek an expert with both academic training (either a master’s or doctoral degree) and practical experience. Although some CAABs, ACAABs and Dip ACVBs charge more per session than trainers, it’s because they’ve acquired a great deal of knowledge through years of study and research.

Rule out physical problems.

If your pet has a behavior problem, contacting a trainer or a behaviorist is a great first step on the road to resolution. However, some behavior problems can be caused or exacerbated by physical problems. For example, if your nine-week-old puppy urinates indoors when you’re not supervising him, he probably simply needs house training, but if your five-year-old dog who hasn’t made a mistake in the house for years suddenly starts urinating indoors, you might have a medical condition on your hands.

Trainers and behaviorists specialize in pet behavior problems. Only licensed veterinarians can diagnose medical conditions. If you think that your pet is sick, injured or experiencing any kind of physical distress, please contact your veterinarian immediately.

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Wheaten Health News
Editor - Susan Ratliffe

Molly O’Connell mentioned in her December, 2019 President’s Letter that she, Molly, had stepped down as Chairperson of the Health Committee and was being replaced by Susan Jacobsen.

In Susan’s new role as Health Chair one of the first things she did was to ask Susan Ratliffe if she would be willing to take on editing the Health News portion of Benchmarks.

you may not know of her medical background so I asked Susan to write a little something about herself and goals with the Wheaten Health News. These are Susan’s words....

“I tell all my prospective families looking for a puppy, get your kids a dog. My Mom didn’t allow us to have a dog when we were kids and now years later, she has no grandchildren but many Granddogs instead!

I have been breeding Wheaten for over 30 years. Wheaten are my heart and soul. I have enjoyed every aspect of this breed and met many wonderful people along the way.

In my professional life I have been a Nurse for 50 years. My background was in Oncology, Geriatrics, Maternity, Infusion Therapy, Homecare and teaching. This has given me an interest in Health and Education

Now that I am retired, I have more time to spend on looking at the Health matters of our Wheaten Terriers. I love the breed and hope to offer good information to my fellow breeders on health related topics for the Wheaten in the Wheaten Health News in Benchmarks.

If you come across an article that you think should be included or a new study that makes sense to be shared in Wheaten Health News, please forward it to me for review. I am open to all health related topics and would appreciate your input. Put your suggestions in an e-mail with WHN in the subject line and send to health@scwtca.org

Susan Ratliffe
Dog Diarrhea Causes and Remedies

The messy truth about dog diarrhea: diagnosing the cause of a dog’s diarrhea and firming things up can be complicated!

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All dog owners know the feeling of coming home after a work day and smelling that smell. Uh-oh. Your dog has diarrhea. Dog diarrhea is a pretty common affliction of our canine friends. Now comes the inevitable question: “Should we go to the veterinarian?”

The truth is, much like people, sometimes dogs just get diarrhea. Much as we do not see the doctor for every bout of diarrhea, similarly, dogs do not always need medical attention for a short-lived enteritis (inflammation of the intestines). Often, dog diarrhea can be managed with at-home therapy and convalescent care.

Why Do Dogs Get Diarrhea?

The causes for acute diarrhea in the absence of other signs are varied and include dietary indiscretion (for example: getting into the garbage), gastrointestinal bacteria including Campylobacter, and GI parasites such as hookworms, roundworms, whipworms, and protozoal infections. In most cases of acute, self-limiting diarrhea, a cause is never identified.

If your dog seems otherwise normal, and he is currently on monthly parasite preventative medication, then symptomatic treatment at home is appropriate. Usually most diarrhea will run its course within two to four days, although in some cases, it can last longer. If there are any other signs of illness like vomiting, loss of appetite, depression, or pain, a veterinary trip is in order.

At-home treatment for acute diarrhea can include the following: a bland diet such as boiled hamburger or chicken with broth and rice for a few days, a probiotic such as Fortiflora (available only through veterinarians) or an over-the-counter probiotic and frequent walks. Avoid using human remedies such as loperamide, also called Imodium. This medication has an opioid in it, and it is easy to overdose a dog unintentionally.

If your dog continues to do well other than diarrhea, three to four days of at-home treatment is appropriate.

If Your Dog’s Diarrhea Doesn’t Go Away:

If diarrhea doesn’t resolve with treatment, or your dog develops other signs, it is time to seek a veterinarian’s opinion. Diarrhea is considered chronic when it persists for more than three weeks.
Dog diarrhea may seem like a simple problem, but it can actually be very complicated. Your veterinarian will proceed in a stepwise fashion (outlined below) to find the cause:

**Thorough Questioning**

Your veterinarian will ask a series of questions about your dog’s overall health, diet, vaccine history, and preventive care strategy. He will then ask more in-depth questions about the diarrhea itself. This will help determine what kind of diarrhea is occurring.

Diarrhea can be characterized as small bowel, large bowel, or mixed. In the case of small bowel diarrhea, you may see a normal to increased frequency, small volumes of loose, watery stool that can be tarry or black (representing digested blood). Often, your dog can “hold it” until going outside.

In the case of large bowel diarrhea, there will be an urgency to go. Your dog may not make it outside unless you are paying close attention. There is often mucus covering the stool, and there may be bright red blood as well. Your dog will usually strain for quite some time during or after having a bowel movement.

In some cases, the diarrhea can be mixed small and large, and this can be more difficult to sort out. Your veterinarian will likely ask many questions during this part of the visit.

**Head-to-Toe Physical Examination**

Next comes a thorough physical examination. Initially, your pet should be weighed. Weight loss is always a concerning sign. The exam will include checking the eyes, mouth, ears, palpating the lymph nodes, listening to the heart and lungs, deep palpation of the abdomen, and a rectal exam.

The rectal exam is the most important part! This will help the veterinarian see what the diarrhea looks like, as well as feel for any problems in the rectal area and descending colon. A temperature should also be checked. If a fever is present, this can help focus your veterinarian’s attention to certain areas such as viruses and bacteria.

Once this is completed, your veterinarian should have a good sense of what type of diarrhea your pet is having, possible causes, diagnostics, and treatment options.

**Small Bowel Diarrhea**

Generally, veterinarians will start out with conservative diagnostics and treatment for this type of diarrhea. The causes for small bowel diarrhea can be incredibly varied and run the gamut from fairly benign and treatable (parasites) to more serious (Addison’s disease).

Initially, a fecal examination may be the only test conducted. This requires a small sample of stool from your dog. The veterinarian will check this to rule out parasites such as hookworms, roundworms, whipworms, protozoal organisms, and bacterial overgrowth.
Even if your dog is up-to-date on monthly prevention, it is still possible to find breakthrough parasitic infection. This is why a fecal is done. If parasites are found, your veterinarian will treat with an anti-parasiticide like fenbendazole, pyrantel, and/or Albon. He will also discuss environmental control, as these parasites can persist in the soil for long periods of time.

If nothing is found on the fecal, your veterinarian will likely still prescribe a course of the dewormer fenbendazole in case of a false negative fecal. Other treatments at this stage should include a novel protein diet, sensitivity or allergy. This means carbohydrate source to which Examples include bison, venison, with potato, rice, or pea.

At this stage, many veterinarians also prescribe metronidazole (also known as Flagyl). Metronidazole is an antibiotic, but it is also thought to have immunomodulating properties that help calm an inflamed GI tract. Many dogs will have an “antibiotic-responsive” diarrhea that will clear up with this treatment.

With this initial approach, your dog should be back to normal within three to 10 days. If within a week, you are not seeing improvement in your dog’s signs, then your veterinarian will move on to further diagnostics and treatments.

A complete blood count and chemistry analysis should also be run (see “Physical Exams for Senior Dogs”). This will give a global picture of your dog’s health. Significant dehydration, a decrease in protein levels, or changes in your dog’s condition (loss of appetite and/or weight loss) can indicate a more systemic health problem.

If metronidazole is not helping, then Tylosin may be used. Tylosin is another immunomodulating antibiotic that can help with GI inflammation. It may also have a probiotic effect in the gut by increasing the numbers of enterococci bacteria in the small intestine. It is very unpalatable to dogs and cats, and your veterinarian will have this medication compounded, in most cases (or have you place it in their food).

Again, your veterinarian will monitor for around a week. If symptoms do not improve, more advanced testing will be recommended.

A gastrointestinal panel (blood test) must be submitted to an outside laboratory. The veterinarian will likely recommend fasting your dog beforehand. This evaluates levels of vitamins found in the body - particularly cobalamin (vitamin B12) and folate (vitamin B9). Dogs with gastrointestinal disease often display impaired absorption of these critical vitamins. This diagnostic also evaluates trypsin-like immunoreactivity. These tests can indicate whether there is a bacterial overgrowth or a condition called exocrine pancreatic insufficiency.

In the case of bacterial overgrowth, antibiotic therapy may be needed.

Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency is a common disorder of German Shepherd Dogs, as well as
other breeds. With this disease, the pancreas does not secrete appropriate digestive enzymes. Treatment is supplementing the diet with enzymes to help break down food and assist your pet in absorbing nutrients.

Another test that may be done concurrently is a resting cortisol test. Cortisol is a steroid made by the adrenal glands. In Addison’s disease (also called hypoadrenocorticism), the body does not produce enough cortisol or water-regulating hormones (called mineralocorticoids).

Addison’s can be difficult to diagnose, as symptoms can present in many ways including weight loss, shivering, decreased appetite, lethargy, chronic diarrhea, intermittent vomiting, and electrolyte imbalances.

Treatment for Addison’s involves replacing the cortisol and mineralocorticoids that the adrenal glands are not making. There is also a form of Addison’s called atypical. This occurs when only cortisol production is reduced. Replacing this lack with oral steroids can manage this condition.

If all of these tests are normal, and no obvious cause is found for the ongoing diarrhea, your veterinarian may offer referral to a veterinary internal medicine specialist (DACVIM). At that time, more extensive testing such as abdominal ultrasound, exploratory surgery, and biopsy may be recommended. These will rule out invasive fungal infection such as histoplasmosis and pythiosis, inflammatory bowel disease, and cancer.

Large Bowel Diarrhea

Large bowel diarrhea presents a diagnostic dilemma. Frequently, the causes are difficult to fully diagnose. In many cases, a response to treatment rather than extensive testing is used to make a presumptive diagnosis.

Like small bowel diarrhea, large bowel diarrhea can be caused by parasites, particularly whipworms. An initial diagnostic test will be a fecal examination. Keep in mind, however, that whipworm eggs are very heavy and are not always found on a fecal examination.

If your veterinarian does not find parasites, as with small bowel diarrhea, he will likely still recommend a course of fenbendazole, an effective anti-parasiticide that kills whipworms. They persist for long periods of time in the soil, so managing the environment is critical to preventing re-infection. Further, not all preventives cover against whipworm infection. Check with your veterinarian regarding your monthly treatment to ensure that your dog is protected against whipworms.

An antibiotic trial may be the next step. Clostridial colitis is a possible cause of large bowel diarrhea. It is poorly understood, as some dogs can have Clostridium bacteria but not be ill, while others can become very sick. Diagnosis is very tricky and recommendations change continually. Generally, clostridial infections respond very well to amoxicillin or Tylosin, so your veterinarian may try a course of antibiotics to both diagnose and treat the diarrhea.

A fiber trial - a dietary trial with a fiber-enriched food - may also help diagnose and resolve the problem. In some cases, the addition of a fiber-enriched food may be all that your dog needs to get back to normal. Your veterinarian can help select a fiber diet appropriate for your dog.
Many dogs are allergic to certain components in food (the immune system responds and causes the diarrhea), while other dogs are just “sensitive to” specific dietary items (immune system is not involved). Again, diagnosis might be tricky. As a result, your veterinarian will likely prescribe a dietary trial. In this case, your dog will be placed on a hypoallergenic diet. There are several on the market that are made from hydrolyzed protein. This is when the protein is broken down into such small units that the immune system does not recognize the initial protein. This type of diet must be rigorously followed if it is to be successful. Treats, flavored heartworm medications, and table food will render the trial useless.

At this point, more blood tests will likely be called for. If your dog has evidence of bloodwork changes and weight loss, concerns for more serious systemic illnesses such as fungal disease and cancer come to the forefront. At that time, you should consider that referral to a veterinary internal medicine specialist (DACVIM) is likely best for your dog.

A Note About Boxers

About 30 years ago, Boxers were noted to have a severe, progressive disease of the colon (histiocytic ulcerative colitis) that caused very bloody, mucoid, large bowel diarrhea and resultant weight loss.

It was recently found that this is highly responsive to a common antibiotic called enrofloxacin (also known as Baytril). If empirical treatment is attempted, it must be continued for several weeks to ensure that all the bacteria are killed; if the bacterial population is not completely eliminated, the most resistant bacteria can come back with a vengeance.

If enrofloxacin doesn’t work, a biopsy of tissue from the colon is the best way to diagnose or rule out other possibly treatable diseases such as fungal infections.

Dog Diarrhea: Not A Simple Matter

As you can see, diarrhea can be a complicated problem to solve. Keeping a thorough history on your dog, documenting his diet and parasite prevention strategy in particular, as well as monitoring bowel movements closely, can help your veterinarian tremendously.

When diarrhea becomes chronic, it can take weeks to months to sort out the underlying cause and find an effective treatment. Be patient and work closely with your veterinarian. Follow recommendations and do not try random remedies recommended by random sources! With time, patience, and a good veterinarian, a solution can generally be found.

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RECOMMENDED ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENING TESTS FOR WHEATEN TERRIERS

Laboratory Tests Run By Your Vet

Your veterinarian can check for signs of these diseases with blood and urine tests. It is important the panels run by your vet test for everything listed here; not all routine blood and urine tests do, so you must make sure the ones listed here are run.

Blood and urine tests cannot predict whether a dog will develop these diseases. But they can determine whether or not a dog is now clear of signs of disease and establish baseline values for future comparison. Early detection can offer more choices for treatment and can often provide longer and better quality of life.

Your veterinarian should run the following tests:

1 Biochemical profile, including:
   ◦ Total protein (TP)
   ◦ Albumin (Alb)
   ◦ Globulin
   ◦ Creatinine (Cr)
   ◦ Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
   ◦ Cholesterol (Chol)
   ◦ Sodium (Na)
   ◦ Potassium (K+)
   ◦ Phosphorus (Phos)

2 Complete Blood Count

3 Routine Urinalysis, including:
   ◦ Specific gravity
   ◦ Dipstick
   ◦ Urinary sediment

4 Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio -or-
5 MA test for microalbuminuria -or-
6 ERD Health Screening
7 Optional: Fecal API test through Texas A&M if suspicious of PLE

If you or your veterinarian suspect RD or Addison’s, the following tests can be run:
• Renal Dysplasia (RD):
  ◦ Abdominal radiographs/Ultrasound
• Addison’s:
  ◦ ACTH stimulation test

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Dr. Henthorn’s E-Mail To Wheaten Owners That have Performed the PLN Associated Variant Gene Test

Hello Everyone!

The genetics researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (PennVet) thank you for your support and your continued contributions on the journey to discovering the genetic components of Protein Losing Nephropathy (PLN) and Protein Losing Enteropathy (PLE) in our cherished Wheaten. They will be sending out surveys in the near future which will help in the ongoing research. The survey will be sent out in three phases:

Phase one is to owners that have tested three or less dogs. There will be a survey for each individual Wheaten and each survey link will be sent in a separate email.

Phase two is to owners of four or more dogs that have been tested. The researchers at PennVet hope to be able to send separate survey links for each dog all in a single email, rather than flooding your email boxes.

Phase three is to owners who have tested litters. More information will be needed to accurately identify your dogs. This phase has the potential to be the most complex, but there is something you can do to make the process easier for everyone! If you are a breeder and tested your litter before the puppies were registered, their names may have changed as they were solidified as members of your family, or in transition from one family to the next. There are places in the survey that will allow you to provide the researchers with an updated name (registered name and call name) and the corresponding name with which you submitted your original sample (i.e. Purple collar). If your furry friends have transitioned to another family, the new owners will need to complete the survey. When the surveys go out, there will be instructions on how surveys should be disseminated by email from the original owners to the more recent owners of the dogs. Multiple people may add to the same survey so that the information for each dog is as complete as possible. If you don’t know the answer, someone else may! We will also be asking you to copy us on the email (that contains the survey link) that you will be sending to your puppy buyers, so that we may send friendly reminders to those individuals to complete the survey.

Any questions or comments can be submitted to the following email address:

pennscwtinfo@gmail.com

The first phase of emails will be sent out within the next couple of weeks, so please be on the lookout (they will be coming from Dr. Gentry <noreply@qemailserver.com>. If you fall into more than one of t
the aforementioned categories, you may receive emails for the surveys during more than one phase.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Paula Henthorn

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**UPDATE ON THE HEALTH PORTION OF SCWTC WEBSITE**

The Health Committee has been actively engaged with the SCWTCA’s new website project, and we are eager for everyone to see it! We’ve been able to see the new design which is appealing and easy to navigate. The Health pages are undergoing some reorganization and revitalization. Our goal is for new visitors to find what they need right away...and for the changes to also make sense to long time users. We’re equally excited about the future and our ability to update content quickly. We think the Wheaten community will find the section useful and look forward to hearing your feedback once the site goes live.

Pam Mandeville
SCWTCA Health Committee
Update on Research at Penn

As most of you know, SCWTCA is sponsoring several research projects with Dr. Paula Henthorn at the University of Pennsylvania. The following is a review of each project and the progress to date:

1. Survey: A survey for Wheaten owners who have submitted DNA samples to Penn to determine PLN marker status. The survey will include questions to determine the frequency of PLN in those dogs who have one or both markers. Information about the risk of heterozygous dogs and those that are homozygous positive will be very beneficial to all of us, especially those who are breeders.

Survey questions concerning PLE will be included to ascertain additional dogs that would be useful for further PLE studies. Since PLE appears to be more complex than PLN, the more dogs (either affected with PLE or healthy geriatric dogs) participating in this study, the more likely we are to identify DNA markers for the disease.

This survey will be released in phases. As of the middle of January, Dr. Henthorn was trying to button down which owners would be included in each phase. Most likely, the first phase will include those owners who have submitted DNA for PLN marker testing on three or fewer dogs. These owners should receive the survey in their email in the first part of February. Phase 2 should be released a month or so after phase 1. Phase 3 will be released after that, sometime in the spring. Please watch your email and try to answer as promptly and as thoroughly as possible.

2. Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS): The goal of WGS is to understand the genetic basis (DNA changes) associated with PLE and to further refine our ability to predict why some one and two marker dogs develop PLN and others do not.

Dr Henthorn and her group are collaborating with researchers at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) who study a form of IBD in young children that looks like it may be similar to PLE in some Wheatens. If it is found that the dogs and the children have a similar genetic basis to their disease, it will open the possibility of collaborating work which could benefit the dogs and the children.

At this point, the sequencing has been completed. The huge download of information is in process and analysis of the data will begin after that.

3. Genome-Wide Association Studies, using SNP chips: Part of the analysis of the analysis should identify the chromosomal regions (and genes within these regions) that are associated with PLE and PLN. This is
the approach that was used to identify the PLN variant alleles. Once identified, studies of additional dogs will help confirm the analysis. The additional dogs will include older dogs that have had healthy GI biopsies.

Using the sequences of both normal and affected dogs will drastically reduce the work required to go from a linked marker in a particular chromosomal region to the genes and variants that are likely to actually cause the diseases.

Dr Henthorn has recently completed developing an assay for microphthalmia and DM that can be run from the same sample as the PLN marker test. She is working on determining whether Penn can offer the microphthalmia and DM test for a low enough cost to be a benefit for owners/breeders. She is also checking to see if results can be posted on the OFA database for those who would like results posted there.

Interesting information from Dr. Henthorn about microphthalmia: Although microphthalmia is rare in the USA, it has been seen more frequently in European dogs. As many of us have European dogs in our pedigrees or are interested in breeding to a European dog, this information can be very useful. Affected dogs have prominent third eyelids and small eyes which appear recessed in the eye socket. Puppies will have visual impairment, often complete blindness.

An interesting finding is that only dams with (in our vernacular) two markers for microphthalmia can produce a puppy with the disease. A bitch with two markers bred to a one or two marker sire can produce the disease. If the sire doesn’t have a marker or the dam doesn’t have two markers, no disease will be present in the puppies produced.
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Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club
Bucks Specialty Weekend Raffle
Drawing Held Saturday, May 2, 2020 after Judging

Ruff Land Intermediate Kennel
(Valued at $197)

Exterior
Length: 31"
Width: 20" at widest point
Height: 23"

Interior
Length: 30"
Width: 19 1/2" at widest point
Height: 22"

Floor: 28 1/2" L x 17 1/2" W
Weight: Approx. 20 pounds

Tickets $5 each or 5 for $20
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Perry, Georgia

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

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New Champion

Lonestar Navaho Code Talker  CGC  TKN

GCH Sundance Lucky Rover  X  GCH Lonestar A Study In Scarlet

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Breeder Owner Handled by Tom Neill
Shown in BBE only
In loving memory of **MeMe**

7/16/07 – 12/27/19

From the time MeMe was a puppy, she was the ultimate but unofficial therapy dog. She would lay on my feet and keep them warm while I napped on the sofa. She didn’t budge.

She would sit at attention by my brother in his wheelchair while he pet her, or sit by him in his hospital bed as if to say she was his private duty nurse.

She was also a comedian. She provided comic relief after a long day of car travel. She would hop up on the hotel bed and pop all the pillows onto the ground with her head. Then she would roll over on her back and kick her legs while she “talked” with a growl.

MeMe earned a Championship and whelped one litter of 7 puppies. I kept a puppy, “McKinley” GRCHB Finley Denali High and Mighty. He took after his mother and is my best friend and a wonderful companion.

Sadly, MeMe was diagnosed with Metastatic Cancer, Hemangiosarcoma. I let her go peacefully, December 27, 2019.

MeMe was a sweet and loving Wheaten. I miss her. I am grateful to Sonya and Richard Urquhart for giving her to me.
CH Marquee’s Party Girl

CH Marquee’s A Fool And His Money X CH Marquee’s Birthday Celebration

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GARDEN STATE ALL TERRIER SHOW
JUDGE SALLY GEORGE

DVSCWTC SPECIALITY
MAY 2
BREED JUDGE BERGIT COADY-KABEL
Sweepstakes Judge Diane Ondo

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Silent Auction
Wine and Cheese Party
Luncheon

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