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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is simply amazing that we are already three quarters of the way through the year, time is just flying by! As I write this, our late summer event is two days away. We have several owners, professional groomers, and groom team competitors signed up to learn grooming to the breed standard. I look forward to seeing beautifully groomed Wheatens everywhere after their class with nine-time #1 ranked Groom Team USA groomer, World Team gold, silver, and bronze medalist, Lindsey Dicken NCMG. This is the second year Lindsey has helped us with this seminar, the proceeds of which benefit SCWTCGTB Rescue. Dorien Armentrout has provided her grooming salon facility, Shear Magic's Feelin' Groomy, for several years and helped with arrangements. Maureen MacSweeney is coordinating lunch and other details. Many thanks to Lindsey, Dorien, Maureen, and all the participants for making this a successful event.

The Annual Wheaten Picnic will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota County. The picnic will again feature a Christmas Craft Fair to benefit Rescue. Your donated goods are tax deductible for their fair market value. We began this feature last year after several people expressed disappointment that they missed being able to purchase holiday gifts when our dinner and auction was moved to January. Crafters, our members look forward to purchasing your Gift, Holiday and Wheaten Crafts! It's a fun day for us to get together with our Wheatens, and parade with them in their Halloween costumes. Hope to see you there.

Check your December calendar as well, and save the dates for the AKC National Championship Dog Show sponsored by Royal Canin. SCWTCGTB will again be the local club responsible for the Wheaten Booth at the Meet the Breed feature on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 & 16, 2018 in Orlando. We need members to staff the booth with their well behaved Wheatens; puppies, adults, rescues, pets, show, and competition dogs are all welcome to participate. We are there to promote purebred dog ownership from responsible hobby breeders and rescue. The assignments will be for morning and afternoon shifts each day. We expect you and your Wheaten to take breaks during that time, so we would like 3 or 4 members per shift to keep the booth covered. Let me know if you are available to help, scwtcgtbpresident@gmail.com.

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Official Newsletter of The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay

www.flwheatenclub.org

NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME
to the
Soft Coated Terrier
Club of Greater**

Mary Feuser - Port Charlotte
Calvin & Michael Rosenfeld - Plantation
Ronald & Judy Nowry - Bonita Springs
Glynis & Mark Klein - St. Petersburg
Cynthia Kistner - Clearwater
Terry Stephens - Gulfport
Donald Anderson - Homosassa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Was the information about The Giving Challenge this year too short notice for you to plan your participating donation? We heard from the supporting organization this week and have information for your long range planning, here is their message:

"We know you are excited to know the future of the Giving Challenge! After much consideration, the next Giving Challenge will occur on **April 28th & 29th 2020, noon to noon!**"

For your biennial planning, that is a year and a half away.

As the dog show season begins again in Florida following the usual two month summer break, I wish best of luck to the competitors. Our Board again authorized for 2019 the three supported entries we supported last year; the Terrier Specialty at Brooksville in January, one day at Tallahassee in February, and one day at Tampa in June.

Best Regards,
Ann



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 20, 2018 - Annual Picnic and Crafts
Twin Lakes Park, Sarasota

December 15-16, 2018 - Meet the Breed at
the AKC National Dog Championship
Orlando Convention Center

January 13, 2019 - Annual Dinner and
Silent Auction
Brooksville



The Gigi Dilemma

September 3, 2018

by Lisa Jetland Alexander

There are a great many dogs in this house. It would be easy to conclude there are too many dogs, outnumbering the humans, as they do, 3:1 ratio. I can excuse myself from accountability for two of them. They belong to my sister, who is currently living with us. Besides, given their combined weight of around twenty pounds, they hardly count in the scheme of things.

The two littles. Think of comparing one of them to Marco, for instance, who outweighs them by an easy one hundred pounds. And Marco is not the only big dog we have to step over and walk around in the course of the day. There is Sophie, Marco's litter-sister, and Giada, the "baby". These three maremmas are the guardians of our clan. I do not go anywhere without these mystically wondrous creatures at my side or shadowing behind me. Anywhere. Including to bed at night, which can make things a bit crowded if someone is not willing to relent and sleep on the floor; someone not meaning me.



It's hot out, but they're still with me. Three maremmas, three wheaten terriers, that's where we are right now. Monroe and Maizey, our first foster failures, are the younger two, who can run and chase with a frenzy the whole day long only to collapse at night, feet in the air. Gracie is a wheaten, too, but she is hobbling toward her sixteenth birthday on this planet Earth and spends most of her time sleeping in various choice positions on the floor. We know them by heart. We have to, because most of them are in a line between the bed and the bathroom and neither of us wants to step on Gracie in the dark. We would definitely regret that. She would make sure of that!

Gracie, in a reflective moment.



Maremmas are large and furry and blow their coats at least once a year (do the math on that), but wheatens have to be groomed. I do that at home and it's a lot of work, plus, my broken hand this summer meant haircuts didn't happen as usual. Those three wheatens looked like wild, orphan ewoks until I was able to clip them down to a recognizable shape. Scuffy, scruffy dogs.



The Gigi Dilemma continued

Silly Muppet. That's not all, of course, because there is Muppet, our second foster failure... or as we usually say in our house "MUPPET!" It always comes out high and loud with an exclamation point at the end of it. She just does that to us. I've written about Muppet's story, how desperately neglected she was and how awesomely energetic and joyful she is now. When she runs and dances around you at the slightest grace of attention given, you can't help but respond enthusiastically.



All of this is to give you just a glimpse of the doggy-based chaos we call life at home. Note that I have not even included in this telling any of the creatures who live in the barn. I'm narrowing it to dogs because of the way we do dogs which is to say we share living space with them. All of our living space is their living space. All of them. Everywhere.

So, what would you reasonably expect to happen if you were us and you are full-up to your eyeballs crazy with dogs of your own and you get a call to foster a dog being saved from euthanasia, a dog with medical issues?

S.O.S. You say yes. Here is Gordy's wisdom with that. The best time to foster a dog is when you are saturated with what you have. Overwhelmedness will keep you from keeping said foster. Clever. Except for one thing. You as the humans aren't the only ones able to have an opinion on that matter.



At first, she was only comfortable in the porch. Enter Gigi - all rag-a-muffin, anorexic, infected, and generally quite woeful. Helped her get the medical care she needed, we let her find her place in the pack, and to choose her own spaces in the house. Gigi's sense of devotion is not for me, but reserved for Gordy and Gordy alone. Her day is spent calculating ways to worm a minute more of "be-with" time with him. She is willing to pace behind him, back forth, back and forth, while he mows the lawn or rides the pastures and she skips in happy delight when he opens the truck door, summoning her to co-pilot status for a trip to the dump. I

know where Gordy is by where Gigi is. Today I walked into the kitchen to find her sitting politely in front of the open pantry door, only to peek around to find Gordy standing out of sight behind it. There are no secret hiding places for Gordy now that Gigi is here.

And that is the dilemma - Gigi is here and Gigi is a foster and we have too many dogs. Hell, we HAD too many dogs and Gigi is one more. But, as I said, we are not the only ones with opinions to consider and I'm pretty sure Gigi does not know how to count, nor does she care. She has one opinion and that is that her new life began when she 'owned' Gordy and not a thing is going to change that. And I would rather walk barefoot across broken glass than break the spirit of such a gentle, sweet-hearted soul. Yes, I meant both Gordy and Gigi on that one.



So, when I am done saying it here, I will say it to the Florida Wheaten Rescue: we are failing another one. Gigi is where she belongs. Please be my friend here. Don't raise your eyebrows or roll your eyes at our clear craziness. Say, how wonderful. Even say, how you knew it! Just don't ask us to do more fosters. We are seriously, seriously full-up. (wink)

The end

RESCUE REPORT

I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



In June, we were contacted by two year old Roxy's family in Lutz. They did not have enough time for her. Roxy went to a couple in SW Ranches who previously adopted a Wheaten from us.



Hillsborough County Animal Services called with a plea to take a six year old Wheaten mix, Gigi. Gigi was in terrible physical condition - skin issues, infected ears and eyes, mammary tumors - terrible! Sue Baker took the poor girl in for a week and got her to Lisa Alexander in Ocala, who is doing what she does so compassionately - getting her vetted and nurturing her back to health. Gigi is now a foster failure and will be living with her new humans - Lisa and Gordy.

Five year old Penny was not getting along with the other Wheaten in the family, although she was not the aggressor. We decided that she should be the only dog in the home. Jody Greene transported her to Ocala to her new forever home, but, unfortunately, it is not working out, so Penny will be coming back to us. This is a rare occurrence in Rescue, because we vet out new homes carefully. In this case there was no mention on the adoption application that there was another dog in the home.



Five year old Callie was in her third home - she was given to the current owners in Orland by people that adopted her from our Rescue. Our Placement Agreement clearly states that they are to contact us if the adoption does not work out. But that was not done. She was given up because she "nipped at People's heels." Donnie Francis got Callie and took her to her current home. It was a rough start, but she is doing great now in her forever home.

In July we heard from four month old Murphy's family in Sarasota. They bought him at a pet store and did not realize the commitment they were making. We are thrilled to report that Murphy, now Boo, went to the Klein's in St. Pete. They had one of our Wheatens for many years.



Five Year old Booda in Melbourne needs a home because his people are moving to Philadelphia and cannot take him with them. Booda is currently at Karma getting lessons on Doggie manners.

Jack's family in Brooksville was struggling with his allergies and reluctantly gave him up. Two year old Jack went to a couple in Bonita Springs who had two Wheatens. Thank you, Bruce and Lois Hiers, for transporting Jack and handling the adoption.

Rescue.... cont'd

Four year old Teddy's owners adopted him from the Humane Society in West Palm Beach. They had him only a week before they called us because he was chasing the toddler and the cat. A sweet story here - several years ago Rescue was contacted by a kennel in the Tampa area. Someone had abandoned a Wheaten and a Schnauzer there and they had been there a few months. Could we help? The Rosenfeld's had always had Wheatens and said they would Adopt Scout and foster Dynamite the Schnauzer. They drove all the way from Plantation in S. Florida to Tampa to get the boys. Fast forward eight years - of course they kept both dogs. Their Wheaten Scout had died so they really needed another Wheaten. We were so very happy to find Teddy for them. They tell us Teddy and Dynamite play all the time!



In August five year old Murphy's family in Oveido called us. They had actually spoken to Rescue a year before when their toddler was a baby and we



suggested they work with a trainer. They brought in several trainers, but the whole family must work with the trainer. They had no time for that with full time jobs and a toddler. They were now calling Rescue because they were apprehensive about Murphy and their toddler even being in the same room. So Murphy was locked away in a crate in another room with little exercise or attention. They said

he was "aggressive". We took Murphy to Karma, where he never showed an ounce of Aggression towards any dog or person. Murphy went home to his forever in Pompano Beach at the end of August - they love him already!

Ten year old Bailey in Ft. Myers was purchased from a pet store. Her person eventually got married, had a baby and moved into a place where she could not take her "first baby". We will be getting Bailey soon.



Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator

A kind lady took in a very young Wheaten - under a year - who was in bad shape and had a terrible ear infection. Lisa A in Ocala took Lucy in for a couple of nights, and then Jody drove to Ocala to get her. Lucille Ball has been adopted by Donnie and Erika Francis in Orlando and they love her! She and their other dog Willow are becoming friends!



Loretta Moorman found two young Wheatens in Biloxi, MS who we think are about two and four years old. She contacted club Members Brian Gossett and Ricky Owens who fostered them initially. They groomed them (they were horribly matted) and got them vetted. They sent the girls on their way with leashes, collars, beds and all kinds of goodies.

Sherri Kase-McKenzie drove Phoebe and Saylor to Bonnie Wirth who drove them over to Jody in Jacksonville on August 29. Big thanks to all who fostered and transported! It does take a village and we saved these girls from a possible lifetime of breeding. We have very little information on their background. Skyler is full of personality while Phoebe is quite timid but loving. We will foster the girls, get them spayed and find homes for them.



Once again, I need to give my deepest thanks to Jody Greene, my Co-Coordinator. It seems like all the "action" lately is taking place in the middle of the state and Jody is constantly transporting, fostering, making calls, working with Karma and lots more. Thank you again for everyone who supports our Rescue mission in so many ways. The Wheatens thank you too!





IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI

HALLOWEEN DOG TREATS

1 Cup Fresh Pumpkin-(you can substitute fresh w/ 1 Cup Canned-plain)
1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ Cups Rice Flour
1 Tablespoon Cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tablespoon Freshly Ground Ginger
1 Free Range Egg
1 Cup Honey
1 Cup Vegetable Oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Line a flat baking tray with baking paper.
2. Peel and dice pumpkin into cubes and bring to boil in saucepan of water. Drain pumpkin and allow to cool. Puree in blender or food processor (or if you want to be old school, mash your pumpkin to a fine puree). Chill in refrigerator.
3. Combine flour, cinnamon and ginger in bowl and mix well.
4. Combine egg, honey and vegetable oil in large bowl and whisk until well combined.
5. Add the chilled pumpkin puree to the wet ingredients and whisk until well combined.
6. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet, whisking well until all ingredients are combined.
7. With teaspoons, spoon the batter onto the lined tray spacing about one inch apart to make mini cake patties.
8. Bake for 15 minutes. To test, insert a toothpick into the cake. If it comes out clean, the cake is ready and can be removed from the oven. Allow cakes to cool and serve.

Makes approximately 30 pumpkin dog treats. Best consumed fresh, so freeze any leftovers not consumed within 72 hours.



SHOW RESULTS

What do all these initials mean?

Go to <https://images.akc.org/pdf/events/conformation/GESHW1.pdf>
and read all about "A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows"

**CH Ainle Ain't No Saint
"Higgins"**



3 Winners Dog/2 Best of Winners
NEW CHAMPION in 3 days - June 2018
AKC Puppy of Achievement
Owners: Marsha Zeagler & Kathi Elliot
Breeder: Kathi Elliot

**CH Ainle Life of the Party
"Bentley"**



3 winners Dog/2 Best of Winners
NEW CHAMPION from BBE in 3 days - June 2018
Owners: Bill Matson & Kathi Elliot
Breeder: Kathi Elliot

**CH Ainle Gift of the Gab
"Marlie"**



SEL - 3, OH BOB - 3, OH G2 - 1
Owned by: Kathi Elliot
Bred by: Kathi Elliot

**Dromara's Perfect Treble Maker
"Connor"**



CGC Title & Novice Trick Title
Owned by: Susie Blackledge
Bred by: Margaret Snow

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Wyn worked very hard and passed her two hour (15 categories of tasks and multiple skills) to earn her recertification as an Assistance/Service Dog! She passed with 100% score! This precious girl is the light of our lives and our best helper - we are so grateful for the gift of her love and devotion. We are so appreciative of the time and patience our trainer has devoted to helping us achieve this status! Jeanine Brawn - Sarasota Professional Dog Trainer - YOU ARE THE BEST!

We all congratulate Wyn and Bonnie Harrison on this amazing accomplishment. We are hoping for a Feature Article on what this evaluation entails!

Again - CONGRATULATIONS!



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CH Sundance Princess of Arondale,
CGC - Anna
and
CH Star My Dear Watson
July 14, 2018, 5 Females, 3 males,
8 little Chunky Monkeys**

Owned & Bred by: Sue and Don Wuerz





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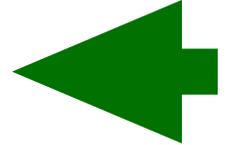
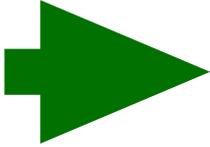
Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters

Brag

Senior Wheatens

Show Results

Rescue updates



Next Newsletter Deadline
November 30, 2018

All brags and show results must have occurred between
September 1 - November 30, 2018!



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Dinner, Annual Meeting & Silent Auction
Sunday, January 13, 2019
Southern Hills Plantation - Brooksville

Bidding on Auction items will begin at 6 pm with a cash bar
and light appetizers. Dinner is at 7.

Also on that day is our Supported entry of Wheaten Terriers
at the Tampa Bay Kennel Club Dog Show.

We will again provide Rosettas with long streamers for the
winners, a breed related item for WD and WB.