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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write we are at the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving only a few days away. Thinking about Thanksgiving I for one have a lot to be thankful for. From a Club perspective I am very thankful for our hardworking Board members. We are losing two Board members who have served for many years and we appreciate the hard work of both Melissa Nelson and Marilyn Stowell. We are thankful they will still be involved in the Club. We welcome Ann McCormick and CeCe Westpfahl as new Board members and look forward to working with them. Special thanks to Cheryl Johnstone for making sure we have a newsletter each quarter. It is an important role and she does a great job. With Helen Fraguela taking on the position of editor of Benchmarks (our National Club newsletter), we are very thankful that Cheryl agreed to continue on with our newsletter by herself.

This year we have had great attendance at our Club events. From our Agility Day to our final A Match; from the Wonderful World of Wheatens Day to the Annual Dinner and Auction we have seen great member support - thank you! To everyone who helps rescue so many Wheatens throughout the year - we are thankful for all you do. For all who donate their time, energy and finances - thank you.

As we look towards the coming New Year, we look forward to a year of celebrating a special anniversary - 20 YEARS! I am sure that many of our founding members - who are still active in the Club - are wondering where the years have gone. I hope we have made them proud with the direction of the Club. We have special celebrations planned at our events in 2015. Watch future newsletters and the website for details.

Our last event for 2014 is Meet The Breed at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship on December 13 and 14th in Orlando. We are still looking for a couple volunteer Wheatens and their owners. If you can help out for a few hours please let me know ASAP! It is a great event with everything dog related you could imagine. Interested in Conformation? Agility? Obedience? Dock Driving? It is all there under one roof and is a great family day out.

As you think about your year-end charitable giving, please do not forget our Rescue program that operates totally on donations. No donation is too small and can be made by mail or through PayPal.

Thank you to all our members for supporting this special breed!
May everyone enjoy a **happy holiday** season with their fur kids.

Kathi



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CLUB BUSINESS



To ALL Our Club Members:

We're currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Jackie Kase Memorial Service Award. This award is named in memory of a fun, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and hard working Club Member- who was taken too soon! She spent countless hours helping new and potential Wheaten owners learn about our wonderful breed. This annual service award honors her spirit by recognizing a Club Member who has gone above and beyond to support our Club during this last year. Please take the time to nominate someone you feel deserves this award for 2014! The nominee with the most votes is selected and will be honored at our February picnic. The form & where to mail or e-mail it is in a separate attachment along with this newsletter.

Also, please let us know of all your AKC Title Wins for 2014. This includes Conformation, Obedience, Agility and Canine Good Citizen. You & your Wheaten will also be honored & given a plaque for these awards as well. See the attached form for details.

Don't Forget....

SCWTCGTB 2015 West Coast Picnic and General Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 2015 11am to 3pm

Lake Seminole Park, Shelters 10 & 11
10015 Park Blvd, Seminole, FL

RSVP by 2/8/15 to Maureen at mmctoday@gmail.com

SCWTCGTB Membership Dues form and reminder will be sent out shortly...they are Due by 2/28/15

NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

John & Nancy	Dilanni	Brooksville
Michelle & Michael	Flannery	St Pete Beach
Jody	Greene	Jacksonville
Sheryl	Katz	Davie
Chelsie & Skyler	Knight	Hollywood
Gloria & Robert	Marwick	Sanford
Arlene & Neil	Ortner	Wellington
Robert Savvoy &	Sally Leonard	Greensboro, NC
Jason	Spielman	Boynton Beach
Bill & Linda	Tiller	Tallahassee

The Christmas Puppy... Why you shouldn't get one!

By: Cheryl Johnstone

Movies and television have portrayed the idea that puppies and kittens make heartwarming holiday gifts for kids, spouses & other loved ones. However, the reality is more often heart wrenching for most of these living, breathing "gifts", not to mention the families who often end up giving up these puppies once they grow and require more time, attention, training & expenses than the family ever expected or can give!! Studies show that too often the gift puppy is given up within the 1st year, starved for training, socialization and affection.



Why Is A Christmas Dog A Mistake:

First, because no animal should be a surprise!! The arrival of a dog changes the household dynamics considerably, for many years. Someone has to take responsibility for their daily needs; feeding, exercise, health care and grooming. The decision to bring a puppy into the home should be seriously evaluated, considered, and discussed amongst all those involved. Careful research should be done in order to find the right breed for your family's lifestyle. Any new dog, adult or puppy, should be the result of a careful and conscientious process, not an impulse! Owning a dog is a huge emotional, financial and time commitment, thus any person taking on this responsibility should be fully prepared.

A BIGGER problem with the Christmas pup is the fact that puppy mills will grind out thousands of puppies to meet the holiday demand and these are the types of pups you **DON'T** want!! These are the puppies you find in pet stores or online, and as cute as they may be, they're often inbred and usually riddled with genetic health problems and behavioral difficulties.

No ethical breeder supports the idea of a dog as a surprise gift!! Reputable breeders carefully construct breeding programs to produce the healthiest, well conformed puppies in order to improve their breeds, not to meet holiday gift demands!! Ethical breeders won't let their dogs end up in households where people do not understand the work and commitment involved in raising them.

Shelter workers also hate the idea of a Christmas puppy, as they well know many of them will end up right back in their shelters eventually because of health or behavior problems, or just because they had no idea how much work they are. How terribly unfair to the dog!!

If you and your family really want a dog, do your research 1st to find the BEST breed for your family, then spend the time and seek out reputable breeders for that perfect pup. Patience for the "right puppy" from the "right breeder" will pay off in the long run.

And if you prefer a rescue, find an experienced rescue group for the breed you desire. Reputable breeders know the dogs they sell and the people they are selling them to. And don't worry if your dog comes to you in April instead of Christmas morning. He'll be just as adorable without the tree & bow, and BEST of all, he'll more than likely be a forever, loving addition to the family who does their homework and acquires their puppy in this manner!!

BREEDER'S CORNER

MONTGOMERY 2014, National Specialty of SCWTCA

By Ann McCormick
Photography by Bonnie Wirth

The National Specialty of SCWTCA is held every year during the first week of October in and around Montgomery County Pennsylvania. For 2014 the theme was "Not Just a Pretty Face," making reference to the wide range of activities and accomplishments in the Wheaten community. At the host hotel The Doubletree in King of Prussia, our block of rooms were filled with Wheatens and their owners from all over the country, and from other countries too. Socializing in the dog exercise area was a great opportunity to put faces to names of people we may have corresponded with, renew acquaintances from years past, and meet newcomers in a casual atmosphere.

It was still September when the week began with 4 days, Monday to Thursday, at Palmyra for Montgomery All Terrier Agility. On Wednesday October 1st Garden State All Terrier Obedience and Rally was held at Newtown. At Kimberton there were Barn Hunt competitions on both Wednesday and Thursday. Barn Hunt is a relatively new AKC event similar to Nose Work, where dogs search through bales of hay for rats safely enclosed in ventilated plastic tubes.

Hatboro Dog Club held its all breed Dog shows in Newtown on Thursday and Friday. 68 Wheatens were entered on Thursday, SCWTCA offering Wendall August medallions for the 7 winning classes. 5 Wheatens owned and/ or bred by SCWTCTB members were shown under Judge Mareth Kipp. GCH Sundance Second Chance, "Benny", owned by Sandy and Frank Russo, bred by Sue and Don Wuerz, was awarded Select Dog for 5 GCH points.

Thursday evening's educational offering, "Stud Dog Management", was excellent! Melissa Goodman DVM, a veterinary reproductive specialist who does only that, covered what the stud dog owner needs to know, then went into detail about how the owner of the bitch should use the same information and more!



Ann McCormick w/ Aoife



Juliana w/ Bear, making the cut



Sandy Russo & Benny

The Friday Hatboro show with 85 Wheatens entered was also Delaware Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club's specialty. They offered a breed motif item to the winners of all classes, breed winners and reserve. 8 Wheatens owned and/or bred by SCWTCTB members were shown under German Judge Margaret Moller Sieber. Canopy Road's Luck of the Noles, "Lucky", owned by Bill & Linda Tiller and Dennis & Bonnie Wirth, and bred by Dennis & Bonnie Wirth and Bobby & Terrie Brooks, was awarded first place in the 6 to 9 month Puppy Dogs class. CH Sundance's Hot Surfer Dude, "Milo," owned and bred by Sue & Don Wuerz and Juliana McKamey, was awarded

BREEDER'S CORNER Con't...



Linda Hallas' surprised expression when Spicy won SB

Best of Opposite Sex for 5 GCH points, and became a Grand Champion with this win. GCH Pinehome's Came To Dance, "Spicy", owned by Linda Hallas, was awarded Select Bitch for 5 GCH points.

There was definitely some celebrating at the cash bar that evening and shopping at the Wheaten Boutique. SCWTCTB had glitzy Wheaten pashminas for sale, and the 2015 SCWTCA calendar by Helen Fraguela and Sandy Russo was also a hit seller. The room was filled with Wheaten specialty items, clothing, ceramics, jewelry, lawn art, needle felted rugs, ornaments and more.

Then it was time for the Annual Dinner and Awards. Brittany Phelps, owner of a now grown-up pup sired by Kathi Elliot's Bentley, received the Best Junior Handler Award. We were also treated to a tricks exhibition by 2 members and their Wheatens doing twists, turns and dances. However, 1 of the dogs decided it would be even more fun for a girl to go shopping, so she headed for the Boutique tables!!

Saturday brought 3 events. Devon Dog Show Assoc. held it's show at Ludwig's Corner with 43 Wheatens entered. 5 Wheatens owned and/ or bred by SCWTCTB members were shown under Judge Rodley Herner. New GCH Sundance's Hot Surfer Dude, "Milo" was also awarded Select Dog for 5 more GCH points again today, looks like he's on his way towards Bronze GCH!

Meanwhile, at Blue Bell, SCWTCA's Obedience and Rally trials were underway under Judge Ms. Jean Nocilly. There were 4 entries in Obedience and 11 entries in Rally, none from Florida.

After catered box lunches at Blue Bell, SCWTCA's Puppy Sweepstakes began at 2pm under Wheaten Breeder Judge Beverly McDonald with 39 puppies and juniors entered. This is the opportunity for the up and coming show Wheatens to strut their stuff, competing for a share of the entry money. 3 SCWTCTB puppies were entered. Canopy Road's Luck of the Noles, "Lucky" was 1st in the 6 and under 9 month Puppy Dog's class, winning 30.53.



Dennis Wirth & Lucky

Then on Sunday came the highlight of the week, Montgomery County Kennel Club's All Terrier Dog Show, and our National Specialty, held at Blue Bell on the grounds of Montgomery County Community College, with 106 Wheatens entered. 9 Wheatens bred and/or owned by SCWTCTB members were shown under Wheaten Breeder Judge Richard Urquhart. Prizes were Wendall August aluminum and bronze serving pieces for all placements. Canopy Road's Luck of the Noles, "Lucky," was awarded 1st place in the 6 and under 9 months Puppy Dog's class. The buffet dinner at the host hotel that evening gave opportunity to wind down and say good-bye before packing to leave for home in the morning.



Milo w/ handler
Marcello Veras

Hope to see YOU at Montgomery next year!!



RESCUE REPORT

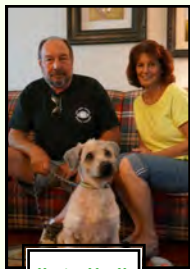


I rescued my

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Fall 2014



"Molly"

In September we received a call from Collier County Animal Services in Naples. They had a dog for a few weeks and did not figure out that she was a Wheaten until she was groomed. Molly was a 5 year old unspayed female. Marilyn Matthes went and met her and said she was a very sweet girl. Thanks to Chelsie Knight and

her husband for driving all the way over from Hollywood to get her and for taking such good care of her during her foster period. First she had to recuperate from the spay, and then she had to have a large tumor removed from her leg - luckily it was benign. A couple in Wellington who unexpectedly lost their rescue Wheaten adopted her.

We found a young male Wheaten in New Smyrna Beach on a website called "Rescue Me." Rita McComas went and met him, and Cece and Brad in Vero fostered him. They reported that he was a big, goofy, out of control kind of guy. Arby

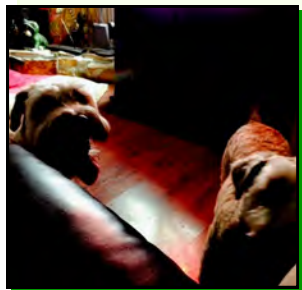


"Arby"

went to a nice couple in Davie who got him to obedience training right away and he is doing great. Thanks to Cathy Pacini for doing the home check!

A lady called us who found a Wheaten on Craigslist. She had a Wheaten and did not want two. A wonderful couple in Sanford who had just lost their Wheaten adopted two year old Hogan and they adore her. She is doing great.

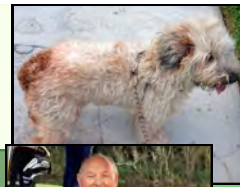
A groomer from Orange Park called us about 4 and 5 year old Ziggy and Annabelle (now Annie and Alfie). She got the dogs from a client and had 4 Boston Terriers, and that was just too much terrier to handle! Mike and Rita McComas in Pt. Orange fostered them both with the clear understanding that they would only keep one. Both Annie and Alfie are now happily ensconced in their furever home with Mike and Rita. I saw that one coming a mile away!



"Annabelle & Ziggy"

Eight year old Riley's person was moving and could not take her with them. The same couple in Wellington who adopted Molly adopted Riley, and they are a happy family of four now.

Seven year old Bailey's person in Sarasota was also moving and could not take her. Zelda Schadt in Sarasota fostered her and got her groomed and vetted. She went to a wonderful home in Tampa and now has a Yorkie brother.



"Bailey" before & after

In November we got a call from West Palm Beach Animal Services. They had a 5 year old Wheaten, would we take



"Ana-Graw"

her? Nancy Naudman got Ana-Graw and fostered her.

We discovered that she has a bad leg and needs a hip replacement, which will be very expensive but should be 100% successful. Nancy said that she is a very, very sweet dog and well...we have another foster

failure!

We currently have 10 year old Megan and Annie in Mel-



"Annie"

bourne, who need a new home. The owner is elderly and cannot take care of them anymore. They grew up together and are great dogs. Please let us know if anyone would be inter-

ested in adopting these girls. They can be separated but it would be wonderful if they were adopted together!



"Megan"

2014 has been a really busy year! We have placed 36 Wheatens this year so far. Thanks to all the wonderful people who make calls, transport, foster, do home checks, donate and give their time and efforts so selflessly. We could not do this without you!

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator

SHOW RESULTS



9/1/14-11/30/14

CH Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree "Treasure"

BOS Deland 9/20
BOB Deland 9/21
Bred by: Liz & Mike Jiamolkowski & Bev & Kevin McDonald

Owned by: Helen Fraguela

Moonstruck Gift of Gold "Jewel"

WB Deland 9/20
Owned & bred by: Helen Fraguela

CH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance "Spicy"

SEL Hatboro 10/3
BOB Plant City 10/25
SEL Brooksville 11/9

Bred by: Peggy Gale
Owned by: Linda Hallas

Wheaten Lane's Heart and Soul "Rory"

WB/BW Brooksville 11/8
Bred by: Nancy Griffin & Helen Fraguela
Owned by: Nancy Griffin

Inishkeen's Buxxler Lord "Hobbes"

BOB Savannah 11/28
BOB Savannah 11/29
BOB Savannah 11/30

Bred by: Ann & Jim McCormick
Owned by: Marsha Zeagler, Edwin McKean & Ann & Jim McCormick

GCH Sundance Hot Surfer Dude "Milo"

BOB, Grp 2 Deland 9/20
SEL Deland 9/21
SEL/GCH Hatboro 10/2
BOS Hatboro 10/3
SEL Devon 10/4

Owned & bred by Sue & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

For more info...<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

Miami	12/06-07	Ocala	01/22-25
Orlando	12/09-11	Lakeland	02/13-14
Eukanuba	12/13-14	Tallahassee	02 /20-22
Brooksville			
Circuit	01/05-18		

Sundance Seamrog "Wearin' 'O' The Green"

"Roxi"

BOS Deland 9/21
Bred by Sue & Don Wuerz

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES/AWARDS

GCH Sundance Hot Surfer Dude "Milo"

Owned & bred by Sue & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey

NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/WORKING TITLES

MACH Roberts Sugarbear Riley **MXS MJG OF**

(new titles: Master Agility Silver & Master Agility Jumpers Gold)
Owned by: Susie Blackledge

Inishkeen's Buxxler Lord RN

(new title: Rally Novice)
Owned by: Marsha Zeagler & Edwin McKean

Shar D's Oliver "N" the Twist NW2, Level 1 Interior & Level 1 Exterior

(new titles: Nosework 2, Level 1 Interior & Level 1 Exterior)
Owned by: Ellie Chapman



Nosework by: Ellie Chapman

Nosework is a sport where the dogs hunt for odor. These are Sweet Birch, Anise, and Clove. The dogs search 4 different venues at a trial... Interior (ie: classroom), Exterior, Vehicles and Containers. These are timed searches and all hides must be found in order to title. Presently there 're 3 levels of titling, each with increased difficulty. This year they've added Element Specialties where you only do 1 of the 4 venues, ie: Ollie got his Level 1 Interior title by searching 4 different interior areas. They're working on adding other new things. One of the nicest things about NW is that it's open to all dogs of any age, breeding or ability!!



CONGRATULATIONS
To all our dog sport enthusiasts



Gingerbread Dog Biscuits



Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups oat flour
(or brown rice, or other flour)
1-teaspoon ground cinnamon
1-teaspoon ground ginger
2 large eggs
1/2 cup cooked, pureed squash
(butternut, pumpkin, or other kind)
2 tablespoons blackstrap molasses

Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F
2. Combine flour, cinnamon, and ginger in a bowl and blend well. Add the eggs, squash, and molasses to the bowl and blend the mixture until it forms a ball of dough
3. Separate the dough into two balls. Place one ball of dough on a non-stick baking mat. Place a piece of parchment paper over dough
4. Roll dough until it is about 1/4-inch thick. Cut shapes and place on sheet
5. Bake for 15 minutes on each side and let cool



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The perfect Holiday gift

For friends, relatives and your puppy people!

SCWTCA 2015 Calendar



What people are saying:

**"LOVE the calendar, the best ever ...
gorgeous, expressive photos"**

**"Truly an inspiration. It reminds
me to be the best that I can be"**

**"Have loved all our calendars, but
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photos, makes this calendar a
wheaten keepsake!"**

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