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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your officers are keeping quite busy this year. All of us are new to the job and learning so much about the organization as we go. Rescue is busy too, looks like we're headed for another record year of rescue adoptions.

The grooming seminar in April attracted several professional groomers, owners who groom and/or show their dogs, established members and new members, all of whom left with improved skills in grooming or helping to groom Wheatens. Thank you Marilyn Stowell for your expert instruction, Dorian Armentrout for hosting the event at your shop, and Paula Henderson for coordinating all the arrangements.

A couple of our members' dogs have achieved major accomplishments this quarter, worthy of congratulations here as well as on the "Show Wins & New Titles" section of this newsletter. Riley with his owner-handler Susie Blackledge became the 12th Wheaten team ever to achieve the agility title MACH2, that is Master Agility CHampion for the 2nd time! Congratulations, I know how hard you worked for that! Congratulations also to Bogie, owner Linda Robison, breeder Kathi Elliot, and handler Brian Tuel, for achieving Reserve Best In Show at an Arkansas show this past April.

Our second quarter board meeting will be held on June 18, at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. On that day we also support the entry of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers in the St. Petersburg Dog Fancier's Association conformation dog show at the fairgrounds. We provide prizes consisting of big, fancy rosette ribbons for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Select Dog and Select Bitch. In addition we offer a toy, \$10 value, for Winners Dog and Bitch, and for all Puppy 6 and under 9 months Dogs and Bitches, and Puppy 9 and under 12 months Dogs and Bitches shown. We will post the ring time on our Facebook Page, spectators are welcome to cheer on the entry.

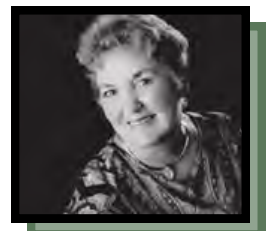
The hurricane season is upon us, and the summer rains are apparent early this year, time for a reminder to have your emergency list ready... health records prepared, supplies, extra food, and bottled water for emergency evacuation on hand and ready to pack in the car. We have all been hearing on the news about Zika virus, dengue fever, and chikungunya virus; diseases that affect humans being carried by a mosquito. You might not know that the same mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, is a vector for heartworm. They lay their eggs just above the waterline in containers as small as a bottle cap. When rain or irrigation causes the water to rise the eggs hatch into the shallow water. As we protect ourselves by eliminating standing water in our yards, we are also providing some protection for our pets. If you have bromeliads, water features, rain barrels, or flower pot saucers in your yard the water there can be treated with mosquito dunks for large areas or a granular product called mosquito bits. These products contain the beneficial bacteria *Bacillus thuringensis* (bt) that prevents mosquito larvae from maturing into biting mosquitoes that spread disease from one person or animal to another. (Information courtesy of Ann McCormick, UF/IFAS Extension Martin County Master Gardener)

Just as soon as we have information about our General Membership Meeting/Wheaten Education Day we will let you know by mail or email. We anticipate it will be held in late summer.

The last few years our Annual Dinner and Meeting has been held in Brooksville to allow conformation folks to attend during that weekend. We recently learned that there will not be a dog show in Brooksville this November, so we will be looking for a venue in the Tampa area for this event. Your suggestions would be helpful.

Best Wishes for a safe and healthy summer with your Wheaten,

Ann McCormick
President



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www.flwheatenclub.org

CLUB BUSINESS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunshine State Cluster Dog Show
Florida State Fairgrounds
4800 US Hwy 301 North
Tampa, FL

June 16th–19th w/ SCWTCGTB
Supported entry on Saturday, June
18th!!

Come out & support your club mem-
bers & make it a fun day at the dog
show!!

Wheaten Education Day

Date, Time & Place to be deter-
mined. Look for details in the near
future at flwheatenclub.org or in
your email inbox.

Wheaten Education Day is all about
our Wheatens... it can include Canine
Good Citizen testing, activities to do
with your Wheaten(s) & Wheaten
Health, etc.

Annual Dinner

Early November. Exact Date, Time
& Place to be determined. BOD
Members welcome any suggestions
you may have for a location!!

This is always a fun evening where
we gather & mingle with one another
about our beloved Wheaties, & have
a silent auction to raise money for
rescue. Not to mention good eats
too :)



NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Lisa Alexander	Ocala, FL
Vince & Niki Caicedo	Yulee, FL
Robert & Elayne Feigelson	Jacksonville, FL
Patrick & Gwendolyn Hogan	Vero Beach, FL
Jamie Homen	Newberry, FL
Diane & Dale Kutter	Osprey, FL
Pierre & Leah Lachapelle	Ontario, Canada
Timothy & Patricia Moore	FL
Terry & Cathy O'Reilly	Trinity, FL
Walter & Roberta Padgett	Dunnellon, FL
Pierre & Leah Sharma	Naples, FL
Dave Sullivan	Coral Springs, FL
Barbara Thayer	Lake Placid, FL
Janet Wilcox	Punta Gorda, FL
James & Anna Williams	West Palm Beach, FL

HELP YOUR WHEATEN BEAT THE HEAT

By: Cheryl Johnstone

As warmer summertime temperatures approach, it's important to remember that dogs are vulnerable to injuries and illnesses related to hot weather, including heat exhaustion, heatstroke, sunburn, and foot pad burns. The most dangerous being heatstroke, which can cause organ failure, seizures, brain damage, blindness, convulsions and even death!! And here in Florida it's important to remember that it's not just the ambient temperature, but also the humidity that can affect your dog. Dogs pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly.

Heat exhaustion is the early stages when a dog begins to overheat. You can often remedy this by taking immediate action to reduce his/her body temperature to help prevent the more deadly heatstroke. Heat exhaustion symptoms can include diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, rapid panting, and the skin inside the ears reddening. Get your dog inside quickly to a cool area and offer fresh water. Dampen the skin with lukewarm water and allow it to air-dry.

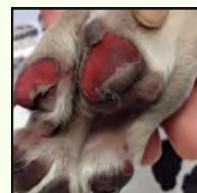
Heatstroke occurs when the dog's normal body mechanisms cannot keep body temperature in a safe range. Dogs don't have the ability to sweat, and panting can't fully cool a dog down when they're overheated. A dog's normal body temperature is 100-102.5 degrees, a body temp over 106 degrees is deadly, so if this is the case make an immediate call to your vet!! Signs of heatstroke include rapid panting, a bright red tongue, red or pale gums, and thick, sticky saliva. The dog may also show signs of depression, weakness and dizziness, vomiting - sometimes with blood, diarrhea, shock and coma.



Here Are Some Hot Weather Tips to Help Prevent Any of the Above

*When walking your dog, either do it in the early morning or evening hours. Dogs' bodies are closer to the ground than ours, so they heat-up a lot faster than we do.

*Careful of the feet!! Remember your dog doesn't wear shoes, so their pads can be burned walking across hot sand or asphalt. Check the pavement or sand for heat before walking your dog. Place your hand or bare foot on the surface for 10 seconds, if it's too hot for you, then it's too hot for your dog!!



*Never ever leave your dog in a parked vehicle, not even for a minute!! On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your Wheaten may suffer irreversible organ damage or DIE.

*Don't swap your Wheaten's beautiful, wavy coat for a summertime buzz cut, a healthy coat acts as a built-in sunscreen. A close clip actually paves the way for doggie sunburn and skin problems. A shorter cut with no skin showing is fine, and will still give him/her the insulating properties that protect them from the heat.

Here's a Few Ways to Keep Your Wheaten Cool in the Summer

- 1.) If your Wheaten likes water, **get a baby pool** for him/her to splash around in. This is also a good way to cool their paws. Dogs sweat through their pads, so a great way to cool them down quickly is to get their feet wet.
- 2.) **Make frozen treats.** Darcy has given us many good frozen treat recipes in the past, a couple include Doggie Pupsicles and Frozen Yogurt Peanut Butter Dog Treats, and in this newsletter she's given us another wonderful frozen treat recipe!! For something simple, you can make some beef or chicken broth & freeze in ice cube trays.
- 3.) **Freeze some of your dog's toys.** Yes, you read that right! Put a couple of them in a bowl filled with water (if you like, add some low-sodium chicken broth for added flavor) and freeze! Your Wheatie will love licking his/her way to their toy in this mentally stimulating game. You can also purchase Chilly Bones at your nearest pet store, they're made of reusable vanilla-flavored canvas that holds the cold. You simply wet them and toss in freezer.
- 4.) **Get a cooling pad.** There are some really great ones on the market. They're all a little different, so do your research. I have one you fill with water. Some are weight or pressure activated. These innovative comfort cooling gel pet pads will keep your Wheaten cool and comfortable during warm, sweltering days!!

REMEMBER TOO... THAT HOT WEATHER ESPECIALLY PLAGUES PUPPIES AND OLDER DOGS



This is an update for the submission of swabs to Penn, to test for the PLN-Associated Variant Alleles. The change became effective October 2015 and simplifies both the paperwork and payment requirements.

GENETIC TESTING FOR PLN-ASSOCIATED VARIANT GENES NOW AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH PENNGEN

The PennGen website now accepts only computer-entered information and payment for the DNA swabs. Fortunately, this method is streamlined from the previous one and is easy to use. You can continue to request swabs from the same address as always; the difference now is that you create an account on the PennGen website, print the paperwork, and mail to the same address at Penn. When your results are ready, you'll receive an email asking for payment by credit card. Once the payment is submitted, you'll immediately receive your results. This method provides Penn a simpler way to gather data and gives you a more secure way to pay. Below is the step-by-step instructions to follow for your swab submission.

Testing Now Available Exclusively through PennGen

Effective 10/1/2015, breeders and owners can now arrange for testing through the PennGen website and pay online for the results.

PennGen is a genetic testing facility operated through the Section of Medical Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. It's a collection of laboratories that coordinate as a non-profit unit, offering routine testing for a variety of genetic diseases, metabolic screening for inborn errors of metabolism, and a number of other diagnostic genetic services. PennGen also engages in research to uncover the genetic basis of a wide range of diseases in domestic animals.

Getting Started on the PennGen Site

1. Obtain swabs ("cytology brushes") or arrange for a blood draw
 - *Contact Penn for brushes... see <http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm> for information
 - *You can ask your vet for 2 "sterile cytology swab packs". These should come in a sealed sleeve.
 - *Swabs can also be obtained from <http://www.ezswabs.com> at a cost of \$7.79 per dog (eg, 2 swabs).
2. Visit the PennGenn website at <http://research.vet.upenn.edu/penngen>
3. Create an account in your name.
4. Add the dog(s) you're testing and select the PLN-Associated Variant Genes test.
5. Provide the requested information for the testing.
6. Print the submission form with your information filled-in and swab or collect blood on your dog.
7. Send in the samples.
8. When your results are ready, you'll get an email from PennGen.
9. Click the link and pay for the results.
10. The results will be immediately available online.

Continue to watch the SCWTCA website for more information

<http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm>



GENETIC TESTING FOR PLN-ASSOCIATED VARIANT GENES

Because you will receive your results in the way the scientific community reports on normal and variant alleles, you'll see a change in the numbering. Please look carefully at the chart below, as it explains that change.

Understanding Breeding Combinations

Select Your Dog's Status Below to Start:

- * [My dog is homozygous negative](#)
- * [My dog is a heterozygote](#)
- * [My dog is homozygous positive](#)

A note about terminology— since introduction of the test, breeders have adopted different ways of describing results. While we will use the language above in this tool, below is a chart mapping out some of the different terms you may hear.

	Definition	Test Results from Penn	Other Common Terms
Homozygous Negative	A dog <u>without any</u> of the variant alleles	1/1	* 0 * No Copies * "Normal" * "Clear"
Heterozygote	A dog <u>with 1 copy</u> of the variant alleles	1/2	* 1 * 0.1 * "Carrier" * 1 Copy
Homozygous Positive	A dog <u>with 2 copies</u> of the variant alleles	2/2	* 2 * 1.1 * 2 or both copies

Another note of interest is testing of frozen semen. Dr. Paula Henthorn said that the sample does not need to be chilled because the lab is extracting DNA, not sperm. Mailing in a regular envelope as you would the other samples works well. Please call Dr. Henthorn before you send frozen semen samples, so she expects them.

RESCUE REPORT



Spring 2016

Our first adoption of the quarter was 11 year old Oliver, who was given up because his person was moving out of state. He went to a lovely mother and daughter home in Stuart.



"Oliver"

At the beginning of March, 8 year old Charlie from Orlando was adopted by the same wonderful Canadian couple who adopted Kona a few weeks before. They headed up to their summer home in Ottawa with their senior Poodle, Kona and Charlie and 2 cats strategically tucked into their SUV. Pierre joked that he would have to strap himself to the roof rack.

3 year old Charley (now Colin) from Inverness went into foster care in March with Jody Greene. He had spent most of his life in a crate. Within a few days Jody discovered that Colin was very food aggressive. Jody has a wonderful training facility in Jax called Canine Karma. Colin spent several weeks there. He is now a wonderful little dog and is being adopted by a couple in Jax.



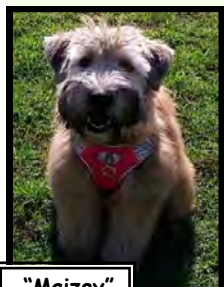
"Charley"

11 month old Cooper was given up because the puppy was just too much to handle. Huge thanks to Marilee for driving to get Cooper and fostering him in Miami. Cooper went to a great home in Coral Springs who had lost their Wheaten a few months prior.



"Cooper"

Our Rescue is partnered with several Animal Services across the state, Collier County in Naples is one of them. They called us about 1 year old Braedon. His owner turned him in because he "nipped at her" when she tried to put him in a crate. A S had him several days and saw no aggression, either towards people or other dogs. We decided to give the young boy a chance. Rescue does not take biters, but we did not have enough history on this dog to give up. Huge thanks to Peggy Gainey for driving to get him and for meeting us across the Alley. Steve and Melissa fostered him for a number of weeks. He was good with their dogs and good with people outside the home, but he had fear aggression. When strange people came over he barked and growled in fear. The Moore's in Naples agreed to get him the training he needed, and off he went back across the Alley. Unfortunately things did not work out. He was returned to Rescue and sadly, sadly had to be euthanized. These are the hardest tasks in Rescue.



"Maizey"

At the end of April, 4 month old Molly/ Maizey turned up in Ocala. I immediately called Lisa and Gordy Alexander in Ocala - could they, would they foster? Lisa and Gordy brought 12 year old Molly back from the brink of death a few months back. Of course they would! Well, little Maizey is a wonderful foster failure and is living in paradise with 6 other dogs, horses and donkeys.

2 year old Celtie was given up to Rescue because the grandmother lived at the home, and daughters with babies moved in. There was too much commotion in the home and not enough time for little Celtie. The Moore's in

Naples adopted Celtie and she and her 2 year old Wheaten sister are like two peas in a pod now. "The girls" are thriving!

The family in Clearwater who had 2 year old Levi did not have enough time for him. At the beginning of May, he entered into a foster to adopt home with a great family in Newberry who have another young Wheaten. As soon as they got Levi, they noticed he was limping and in pain. After x-rays and an MRI it was discovered that Levi had a torn ACL and mild hip dysplasia.



"Levi"

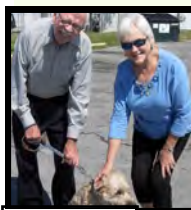
6 year old Cooper in Clermont came into Rescue because he and the resident Cocker Spaniel did not get along. Cooper's owner actually contacted us 4 years ago with the same problem and a note was made and put on file... "we have not seen the last of Cooper." The situation finally became untenable and although it was very sad for her, she gave him up. Thanks to Bill Hollingsworth in Mt. Dora for getting Cooper and

arranging his adoption with the Williams' in West Palm Beach. Jim and Penny had Wheatens for years, including one of ours, and had a big hole in their hearts which Cooper has filled.



"Cindy"

4 year old Cindel (Cindy) and 6 year old Wicket (now Riley) came to us from Leesburg. Their mom got a new job in January, and had been working 12 hour days since then with no time off. She realized that this was not a good life for them. Once again, Bill stepped up to the plate. Crocodile tears were shed when he got both dogs. He helped transport and get them adopted out. Cindy went to a family on the west coast and Riley went to Dunnellon to a retired couple. They are thrilled with their new family members. Another huge thanks to Bill for arranging the adoptions of 3 Wheatens within a one week span!



"Wicket"

We also arranged "direct adoptions" for Nike and Beau. Beau was showing some aggression - his owner brought in a trainer who stated that Beau could be a very good boy if someone took time to train him. Nike was fighting with the other Wheaten in the home and 1 of them had to go. These are dogs that Rescue cannot take directly, but we put courtesy ads on Petfinder for the owners and they both went to great homes.

Little 5 year old Maya is currently in foster care in Jax with Jody. Her mom has 4 kids and is separating and moving in with her father who will not take the dog.

In May we got wind of a 12 year old Wheaten who was dumped at West Palm Beach Animal Services. He was in pathetic shape. Thanks to Cindy Leigh and Christina Waters for rescuing the old guy. Christina is fostering him and reports that he eats like a horse, gets into the treat cabinet and enjoys tottering around the back yard.



"Finnegan"

Finnegan was rescued 2 years ago and adopted out. His person's circumstances changed and she had to return Finn. Steve and Melissa Nelson went and got Finn and took him to a Foster to Adopt home in Boca. He is now living in a mansion on the water with a big human family.

At the end of May, we were called by another rescue group. 9 year old Jasmin's owner was going to take her to Animal Services if we did not intervene. Big thanks go to Gracie Haley for nabbing the little one and fostering her.

Doug Marks in Pensacola received a call from Animal Services. A family brought 4 year old Sammy to the shelter because she is a little food aggressive and she nipped an unsupervised toddler who crawled over to her food dish. She is in foster care with Doug. She is getting along fine with his Wheaten and the cat and has shown no signs of aggression at all. She is a very sweet dog.

Rescue has adopted out 25 dogs so far this year, and it is only mid-May. At this rate, we will have 65 dogs by the end of the year! The National Rescue group that handles all states but FL and CA adopted out 22 Wheatens last year. To give you an idea of the volume of our work, we adopted out 44 dogs in Florida in 2015. It has been a very expensive year so far for our Rescue. We have gotten a number of older dogs with medical issues and younger dogs with medical and behavioral issues. We welcome and need donations. To donate, please go to our website at www.flwheatenclub.org and click on the Paypal button or email me at wheatenrescuemia@aol.com and I can give you our Treasurer's info to mail a check. Once again I would like to thank our wonderful Rescue network out there which helps in so many ways! It takes a village!

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator

**I rescued my
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier**

SHOW WINS & NEW TITLES



3/1/16-5/31/16

GCHB Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"

BOB	Louisville, KY	03/18
BOB	Louisville, KY	03/19
BOB	Louisville, KY	03/20
SEL	Perry, GA	04/13
BOB	Perry, GA	04/14
SEL	Perry, GA	04/15
SEL	Perry, GA	04/16
BOS	Timonium, MD	04/22
BOB	Timonium, MD	04/24
SEL	West Windsor, NJ	05/06
AOM	Erwinna, PA	05/07
SEL	Perry, GA	05/11
BOB	Perry, GA	05/12
BOB	Perry, GA	05/13
BOS	Fletcher, NC	05/27
BOB	Fletcher, NC	05/28
BOB	Fletcher, NC	05/29
BOB	Fletcher, NC	05/30

Bred by: Sue & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey
Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone

Lovesong's You're A Fine Girl "Brandi"

WB	Deland, FL	05/21
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Bred by: Nona Mansfield
Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone

GCH Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"

BOS/ BOBOH	W Palm Beach, FL	03/11
SEL	W Palm Beach, FL	03/12
BOS	W Palm Beach, FL	03/13
BOS/BOBOH,grp 1	Lake City, FL	03/26
BOS/BOBOH,grp 4	Lake City, FL	03/27

Bred by: Kathi Elliot
Owned by: Kathi Elliot



Sundance Lucky Rover "Bowie"

WD	W Palm Beach, FL	03/11
WD/BP/PG1	W Palm Beach, FL	03/12
WD	Vero Beach, FL	05/01
WD/ BOW	Deland, FL	05/21
WD/ BOW	Deland, FL	05/22

Bred by: Sue & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey
Owned by: Kerrie Rousey & Sue Wuerz

GCHB Ainle Something to Talk About "Bogie"

BOB,grp 1/ BISS	W Palm Beach, FL	03/11
BOB,grp 3	W Palm Beach, FL	03/12
BOB,grp 1	W Palm Beach, FL	03/13
BOB,grp 2	Lakeland, FL	03/25
BOB,grp 4	Lakeland, FL	03/27
BOB	Perry, GA	04/13
SEL	Perry, GA	04/14
BOB	Perry, GA	04/15
BOB	Perry, GA	04/16
BOB,grp 1	Fayetteville, AK	04/23
BOB,grp 1/ RBIS	Fayetteville, AK	04/24
BOB,grp 2	Vero Beach, FL	04/30
BOB,grp 3	Vero Beach, FL	05/01
BOB	Perry, GA	05/11

Bred by: Kathi Elliot
Owned by: Linda Robison

Inishkeen's Buxxom Lady "Aoife"

BBE,grp 4	W Palm Beach, FL	03/11
BBE,grp 1	W Palm Beach, FL	03/13
WB/BW/OS/BOBOH	Vero Beach, FL	04/30
WB/BW	Vero Beach, FL	05/01

Bred by: Ann & Jim McCormick
Owned by: Ann & Jim McCormick

CH Sundance Tuscan Sun's Heirloom "Lexi"

WB/BW	W Palm Beach, FL	03/11
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Bred by: Sue Wuerz, Paula Henderson & Linda Hallas
Owned by: Paula Henderson & Sue Wuerz

NEW CONFORMATION
Titles / Awards

GCHB Ainle Something to Talk About
earned awards **BISS** & **RBIS** this past quarter!!
Owned by: Linda Robison

CH Sundance Tuscan Sun's Heirloom 3/11
Owned by: Paula Henderson & Sue Wuerz

Bronze GCH Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar 4/15
Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone

Bronze GCH Ainle Something to Talk About
Owned by: Linda Robison

NEW AGILITY
Title

MACH 2 Roberts
Sugarbear Riley MXG
MJC OF earned his
2nd Master Agility
Championship Title on
4/23!! He's the 12th
SCWT in history to
achieve this.
Owned by: Susie
Blackledge

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Tampa	6/16-19
Orlando	6/24-25
WPB	7/14-17

For More Info...<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

 **CONGRATULATIONS**
To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY



Frozen Pup Treats

Ingredients:

32 oz plain or vanilla yogurt
1 large banana
2-3 Tbsp peanut butter
1 Tbsp honey

Directions:



Dump all ingredients in a blender
and mix until creamy.
Pour into ice cube trays or small bowls.

Freeze

Once frozen, put in a container for your freezer.

YUMMY!!

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

	<p>Kathi Elliot is pleased to announce the arrival of a new Ainle litter:</p> <p>Sire: GCH O'Lorcan's Mystery Writer "Castle"</p> <p>Dam: GCHG Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"</p> <p>Born 4/19/16</p>	
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HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



Darcy Dean Our Recipe Queen... Turns 16!!

It was kismet when Darcy adopted me. It was just after 9/11.... I had been without a dog for over a year and it was time. I had a Beagle all lined up...then I got a call from Marj. "Debie.... Do you still want a Wheaten?" The rest is history. She is my heart dog and always will be. The vet 'guessed' her and her brother Barney's age at about 1 1/2.... But after having them for a while... Patty (Barney's mom) and I both decided they were probably a bit older. Neither had any of the puppiness I now know is typical of a young Wheaten.

So it is true.... Raising a dog is like a rainbow. Puppies are the joy at one end and old dogs are the treasure at the other end. She still does the Darcy Hop to greet me at the front door when I get home... and still bounces out the front door with a joie de vivre! So I celebrate my Darcy.... At least 16 years and 2 months old! Owned & loved by Debie Scurr



Ch Lovesong's Follow Your Dream turned 14 on March 4th. We're so thrilled that he's still with us & doing pretty good for his age!! Owned & loved by Robert & Cheryl Johnstone



Fozzie Bear is our beloved rescue!! He turned 14 on March 8th. Owned & loved by Lisa Jaye Shore



Sandcastle's Legacy "Joyce" turned 15 on May 7th. She's a very sweet & smart girl. Her favorite pastimes are sniffing & napping! Joyce is pictured here with her 10 wk old great grandpup. Owned & loved by Sherri Kase-Mckenzie