



Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can it be September already? The months seem to be flying by! We are again in the midst of hurricane season, and thankful that as I write this, Hurricane Hermine is moving away from us and losing some strength up the coast. I hope everyone in its path takes cover and remains safe. The rains that these tropical depressions and storms bring creates favorable conditions for all types of mosquito eggs to hatch and develop. Please be sure you are using effective heartworm prevention for your Wheatens and protection for yourselves from the threat of Zika, Dengue, and Chikungunya. University of Florida research shows repellents containing >20% DEET provide 4-5 hours protection for humans, lemon eucalyptus repellents about 2 hours, other herbal oils less than 25 minutes, and wristbands provide no mosquito protection.

Your Board of Directors has been busy becoming familiar with and bringing the club's documentation up to date. Your Treasurer, a professional CPA, has developed detailed spreadsheets to facilitate year to year financial comparisons and budgets. Your Corresponding Secretary has been busy bringing the membership list up to date, to reflect current membership status. Your Vice President, with input from your President, will have Bylaw revisions ready for your review very soon. We are also researching past practices in order to bring them together in a standing rules document for easy reference.

The next SCWTCGTB General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., Deland, FL 32724.

For this, our second General Membership Meeting of the year, we have found a North America Diving Dogs event, held in conjunction with a conformation dog show, for your spectator enjoyment and possible participation. This is a qualifying event for the AKC Diving Dog Championships, so you should see some very proficient diving dogs. Experienced trainers will be on hand to assist anyone wishing to try out the sport with your water loving dog, as long as there are no competition dogs in line to compete. The cost is \$15 to try it. The time of our Business Meeting that day depends on when Wheatens will be scheduled to show in conformation. This will be determined one week prior to the event, and emailed to all members. We will have the new Bylaw Proposal for early distribution at the meeting.

With short notice due to scheduling changes, your officers have had difficulty finding an affordable venue for our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction in the Tampa area this fall. We have decided instead to hold the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 29 in Plant City, at which time we will vote on the Bylaws proposal. Details will be emailed in early October.

We are postponing the Dinner and Auction to Sunday, January 15, 2017 at Southern Hills Plantation in Brooksville. This is our big Rescue and Health Fundraiser to support the veterinary and training expenses of Wheatens served by our rescue, and ongoing research into genetic diseases affecting Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers.

Finally, we are participating in Meet the Breed at the 2016 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin on December 17th & 18th in Orlando. We need volunteers and their dogs both days. Volunteers work 3 hour shifts, morning or afternoon. Please contact me at inishkeen@hotmail.com if you are willing to help out.

This will be a busy fall and winter for SCWTCGTB. Your participation is vital to the success of your club. All paws on deck makes the work easier for all.

Ann McCormick



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CLUB BUSINESS



A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Due to scheduling changes, your officers have had difficulty finding an affordable venue for our **Annual Dinner and Silent Auction**-(usually held every November), in the Tampa area this fall. We are postponing the Dinner and Auction to Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the Southern Hills Plantation Country Club in Brooksville.

The **2016 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on Saturday, October 29th in Plant City, at which time we will vote on the Bylaws proposal. Details will be emailed in early October.

**Mark Your
Calendar**

... **And Join Us for Our 2nd General Membership Meeting of the Year
Saturday, September 24, 2016**

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I've been doing a lot of my shopping on Amazon Smile, and raising money for **SCWTCGTB Rescue** while I shop. This month it was an extra tall doggie gate and accessories, mosquito treatment for our garden, nail clippers, 40# bag of dog food, blood pressure cuff, tape for my label maker, and a pair of socks. It's easy, all I have to remember is to go to www.smile.amazon.com before starting my search.

www.smile.amazon.com

Make your online purchases go a little farther. Amazon Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of your Amazon purchase price to SCWTCGTB to support our Rescue dogs **if you do the following:**

- 1.) Do your Amazon shopping at www.smile.amazon.com. The items and prices are the same as on the regular Amazon site and your Amazon account with all of its features, including Prime, works on both sites. **The donation only works through the Smile site!!**
- 2.) Designate "Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay" as your 501c3 charity of choice. The ability to select will pop-up on your first visit, you can edit at any time.
- 3.) Tens of millions of products on the Amazon Smile site are eligible for donations. Look for the notation "eligible for Amazon Smile donation" in the product details.

You might think that half a penny on the dollar isn't much. But heck, putting a nickel in the piggy bank for every \$10 that I spent, multiplied by all those purchases I made, multiplied by 129 members can add up to paying for some needed medical care for our Rescue Wheatens! Every little bit helps!! Ann McCormick

NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Ida Arredondo	Kissimmee, FL
Katherine & Todd Cramer	Winter Garden, FL
Cissy Goodman	Clearwater, FL
Dorie Damisch	Fleming Island, FL
Leona Shane & David Zimmerman	Lake City, FL
Lynn Bernstein & Dennis Curley	Miami Beach, FL
Brian & Julie Jonas	Boca Raton, FL

A SILENCE SO LOUD— PET LOSS

By: Darlene F. Cross

The phone rang. The caller was a woman, crying so hard it was difficult for her to speak. "This is embarrassing, but my dog died and I think I might need some counseling."

The woman came in for a first session and her story quickly unfolded with horrific details. Her young dog had become ill and she took him to a new vet close by. The vet suspected a terminal illness, drew blood for testing, and advised the woman it would take two weeks to get the results. Only days later, the vet called with the tragic news. The blood test confirmed the worst and he urged the dog be euthanized as soon as possible, saying it was "the only humane thing to do." With a broken heart, the woman reluctantly gave permission and said her sad good-byes.

Several days later, another and unexpected call came from the vet's office. They'd made a mistake. They mixed-up test results and said they had a legal and ethical obligation to tell the woman her dog's test results had not arrived until after the dog was gone. The results, in fact, showed a treatable and not terminal illness. Already devastated, she was inconsolable. She was enraged at the clinic for what they had done, and she wished they'd never told her the truth. She was riddled with guilt for not questioning why the results were available so quickly, instead of the anticipated two weeks, as well as for not getting a second opinion.

While this certainly is not a typical story, and the vast majority of vets do a wonderful job, it is an example of how differently the loss of a pet is perceived. In this case, even the person experiencing the loss was "embarrassed" by her own reactions. What if this had been a human family member, hospitalized and seriously ill, misdiagnosed and removed from life support? No one would be embarrassed. The grieving family would have the support of their friends, family and community, not to mention lawyers. The woman who lost her dog came in for counseling alone, needing understanding and non-judgmental support in a world that too often offers the quick solution, "Get a puppy."

Grief is not measured by whether the loss is of a pet, a friend, or family member. Grief is measured by the degree of loss, how much the loved one mattered to us, how much they'll be missed, and the degree to which our lives are impacted.

Grieving the loss of a loved one who lived long distance can be especially difficult, as day-to-day life can appear unaffected, until reality pops in with frequent and brutal reminders of the truth. Losing a pet can be the exact opposite, in that the reminders are constant and relentless. You climb out of bed reaching a few extra feet to avoid stepping on or tripping over your furry friend snoozing close by. You hang your hand over the chair only to have it filled with a fuzzy face holding a favorite toy, demanding to be tossed. Maybe you just can't remember the last time you got to go to the bathroom alone. Our lives can be so intertwined with our pets emotionally, cognitively and physically that it simply becomes routine, taken for granted, normal.

Then, one day, too soon, they are gone. The house is too quiet, the silence is too loud. You may still step to the side of the bed, but only out of habit, not need. You may still feel that fuzzy head in your hand, only to be surprised your hand is empty. And you may wish for the bathroom companionship you once found so annoying.

If you're grieving the loss of a pet, find fellow pet lovers to support you. Avoid anyone who attempts to minimize or mitigate your pain. Make no apologies for your sadness, which is just as valid as another person's sadness; there is no room for competition in grief. If someone asks you what's wrong and you don't want to go into details, usually a simple "someone in my family died" will suffice, and it is the truth. Consider having your own ritual to say good-bye, maybe releasing balloons or scattering ashes somewhere special. Put a favorite picture that makes you smile where it is often and easily seen. Stay away from puppies for awhile. Be gentle with yourself and know the pain will slowly be replaced by happy memories that will be yours forever.

A man, who admitted he was not an animal lover, once said to me he thought we dog people must be masochists. He could not understand why we would open ourselves to love our dogs so much knowing their lives are so short and how we suffer when we lose them. Clearly this deprived man knew nothing about puppy breath, silly games of Keep Away, cute wiggly butts put into motion only because you walked into the room, or what it's like to be unconditionally accepted and adored. My answer came quickly and easily. We endure the sadness at the end of their lives in exchange for all the joy, laughter, love and companionship they bring us everyday, every year we have together.



RESCUE REPORT

Summer 2016



I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



As we went to press last quarter, Doug Marks was fostering Sammie in Pensacola and Gracie Haley was fostering Jasmine in Vero Beach. Rescue did one of our longest WURL's (Wheaten Underground Railroad Legs) in history and got Sammie all the way from Pensacola to Miami Beach to her new home. Jasmine went from Vero to her new home in Clearwater, where she is doing well. A Big thanks to you wonderful people who drove hours to get these dogs to their new homes.



"Sammie"

Wheatens.

At the end of June, we were notified that Murphy was turned into Animal Services. Lisa Jaye and Greg Shore fostered 7 year old Murphy for several weeks until he went to Jeanne Jessup in Vero, who has taken in two of our senior

2 year old Jovi's people from Port Richey contacted us back in December of last year. Jovi loved to swim and he was an escape artist. He would jump into the lake behind their home and disappear for days at a time. They were very afraid he was going to get hurt. They tried to work with him but in June the owner wrote us saying they were going to have him euthanized because of this problem... No! Jody Greene and Debie Scurr came to his rescue and placed him in a good home in Clearwater - where he does not swim away.

Jody in Jax found 1 year old Molly on Craigslist and convinced her people to give her up to Rescue. She came from a very neglectful situation indeed. She was matted to the skin and had to be shaved, not unusual with these dogs. Molly went to a wonderful home in Lake City where she is thriving.

In July, we were contacted by a family in Bradenton who had adopted two of our Wheatens - 4 year old Jasper and 2 year old Bentley. Their family situation changed and the dogs were now left alone many hours during the day. Jasper also needed routine and training. Jasper went to a wonderful lady in Seffner who committed to working with him. Bentley's new family drove all the way over from Lake Worth to adopt him, and they just love him! He poops in the house everyday but they are working on that.

At the end of July, we were contacted about 10 month old Trixie and 1 year old Alice.

For those of you who are old enough, those were the wives on "The Honeymooners." The couple lived very close to Jody in Jax. The wife developed terrible allergies to the dogs and they tried pretty much everything to find a solution, but nothing worked. As most Wheaten owners know, these dogs are not "hypoallergenic" contrary to common belief. Although they do not have dander, people can still be allergic to the coat and saliva.

The couple was very sad indeed to give the girls up. Trixie, now Bella, went to a fabulous home in Tennessee who has two of our Wheatens. At the end of August, Alice was adopted out to a retired couple in Mims. Alice will

be a traveling dog in their RV. Huge thanks go to my Co-Coordinator Jody for dealing with the couple with enormous patience and getting Trixie and Alice to their new homes.



"Coco"

10 month Coco was in Cape Coral. The owner's husband died unexpectedly and she had to take her 3 kids and move back to Utah immediately. She wanted to turn Coco over to us at once. Thank you to Bill and Lynn Mitchell in Englewood for snagging the pup on a moment's notice and fostering her. Coco went to a lovely family in Winter Garden who has another Wheaten. They say their family is complete now.

We had two Wheatens in training at Canine Karma in Jacksonville. 5 year old Maya was in foster care with Jody, but her issues were fairly serious so she went to Karma. She had no structure in her first life and was disciplined with a shock collar. She spent several weeks at Karma and has become a delightful dog who was adopted by a wonderful man in Orlando who will continue with her training. Maizy has gone to a foster to adopt home in Jax and is doing well.



"Maizy"

At the end of August, the Nelson's went and picked up 10 year old Bailey in Boca Raton. The wee girl "no longer fits into my life style" said her owner. "I travel too much and I don't want her anymore" she said. Bailey was vetted and recently went to a great new home in Sarasota where she has a Mini-Schnauzer sister.



"Bailey"

We currently have one dog in foster care - 1 year old Willow is a Wheaten mix who has been down a winding road. A lady in Tampa adopted her and called us the next day - take this dog or I am taking her to the pound! We got her from Tampa to Miami where she was fostered by Marilee Cole for 8 days. We had a nice home in Jax so we then WURLed her up to Jax. Thanks to Lois Hiers, Michele, the Nelson's, the Westpfhal's and Jody for the driving. The new home did not work out so she is now in foster care with Lisa Jaye and Greg.



"Willow"

I would like to acknowledge a very generous donation made by Carol Hellman of Fairhope, AL. She had two of our rescue dogs and left a generous stipend in her will to our Rescue. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed. The year 2016 has seen thirty eight Wheatens go to new homes before the end of August, which is a record. Huge thanks to all of you who foster, transport, make calls, donate, and everything else you do. We are busier than ever and need all the help we can get. We are always, always in need of good foster homes and it is the most rewarding aspect of Rescue!

If anyone is able to foster, transport, do home checks and the like, please contact Melissa at wheatenrescuemia@aol.com



"Alice"



"Bella"

Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator

SHOW RESULTS



Conformation Wins & Titles Earned

6/1/16-8/31/16

BOB= Best of Breed, **BOS**= Best of Opposite Sex, **BOW**= Best of Winners, **WB**= Winners Bitch, **WD**= Winners Dog-(male winner), **SEL**= Select Winner, **BV**= Best Veteran, **Vgrp 2**= Veteran group 2 winner, **Grp 3**= 3rd Place Winner in Terrier Group, **Grp 4**= 4th Place Winner in Terrier Group, **GCH**= Grand Champion, **GCHB**= Bronze Grand Champion, **GCHS**= Silver Grand Champion

GCHB Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"



5-BOB, 2-BOS, 4-SEL, 1-grp 3
(all wins pointed)

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

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



1-BOB, 3-BOW, 2-BOS
(all wins pointed)

Bred by: Nona Mansfield
Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone



GCH Inishkeen Maille of VanBeard CGC "Maille"



1-BV, 1-Vgrp 2

Bred by: Kathleen Ostrander-Bowers
Owned by: Ann & Jim McCormick

Inishkeen's Buxxom Lady "Aoife"



2-WB, 1-BOW

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

Inishkeen's Capt'n Miguel D'Lima "Mikey"



4-WD, 2-BOW

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

GCHS Ainle Something To Talk About "Bogie"



9-BOB, 5-BOS, 4-SEL, 2-grp 3's, 1-grp 4

Bogie also achieved **Silver** Grand Champion status on August 18th.

Bred by: Kathi Elliot
Owned by: Linda Robison

SHOW RESULTS, con't...

Conformation Wins con't. & Titles Earned- 6/1/16-8/31/16



THDN= Therapy Dog Novice, **CGCA**= Advanced Canine Good Citizen, **CASD**= Certified Assistance Service Dog, **BOBOH**= Best of Breed Owner Handler, **OH grp 2 or OH grp 3**= Owner Handler 2nd & 3rd Place winner in Owner Handler Terrier Group

Kevlyn's Hadda Keep A Secret THDN CGCA "Secret"

GCH Greentree Sage's Magical Enchantress "Jett"



5-BOB, 4-BOS, 6-SEL, 2-grp 3's, 2-grp 4's, 10-BOBOH, 3-OH grp 2's, 2-OH grp 3's
(all wins pointed)

Bred by: Bev & Kevin McDonald
Owned by: Sandy & Frank Russo & Bev & Kevin McDonald



Secret earned her **Therapy Dog Novice** Title on June 14th. She is well on her way to earning her Therapy Dog Title. She goes to a half-way house prison, nursing homes & visits our local school. She's resting in this picture after a hard day's work!!
Secret is owned & bred by: Mary Page of Blue Fox Farm

Raelyn Sheza Jewel CASD "Wyn"



On June 2nd 2016 Wyn became a **Certified Assistance/ Service Dog CASD**. We were trained by Jeanine Brawn of JeanineProDogTraining.com. Needless to say we are very proud of this little girl. She will be in full service for my husband and we are so grateful for her skills and all of those who helped us train her. The training is rigorous, and the effort and time extensive, however it has been worth the many hours spent to bring our little girl to this level!!
Owned by: Bonnie Harrison



UPCOMING FL CONFORMATION SHOWS
For more info...<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

Deland	9/24-25	Plant City	10/29-30
Ocala	10/01-02	Ocala	11/17-20
Arcadia	10/08-09		



 **CONGRATULATIONS**
To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Tribute to Darcy, Our Recipe Queen

2001— June 30th, 2016
Owned & Loved by Debie Scurr



Ingredients:

1 tsp of mischief
1 cup of cuteness
5 cups of love
A lifetime of love and devotion

Directions:

Nurture, love and care for 16 years.....



Darcy

Playful, Fun Loving
Smiling, Loving, Twirling
Laughed and Smiled Everyday
My Heartdog

NOTE: We are now in need of a new Wheaten Chef with delicious recipes!!!
If your Wheatie loves to cook, bake & share his/her recipes, then please contact
Cheryl Johnstone at RoxStarWtns@comcast.net

HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kipper,
who turned 15 on July 12th!!

Owned & Loved By: Bruce Borger



Join us in saying **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our **Teddybear Jump for Joy NA OAJ OAP OJP "Teddy"!!** He turned 13 on June 11th. Ted was re-homed to us at age 5 (after his original owner died) by our club's rescue. Immediately Ted joined his brother Riley in agility training & also earned his *CGC* certificate. Many people don't want to adopt a dog of this age... but Teddy shows us what they're missing! For his birthday, Ted went on a boating trip where he also got to swim & explore an island in the Indian River Lagoon. Ted acted like a puppy again. We feel so blessed to have this sweetheart in our lives.

Owned & Loved by: Susie Blackledge