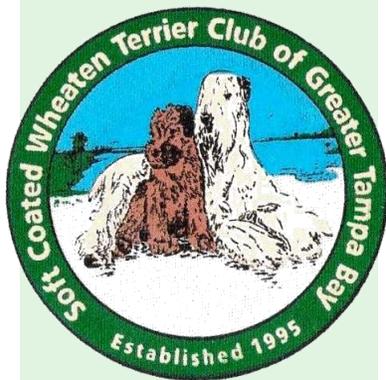


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Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 2012 Annual Meeting and Dinner on November 10th was a great success with 54 members in attendance. A very special thank you to everyone who opened their hearts and wallets for our "brags", we raised \$1675!!! Our silent auction was a perfect place to find that unique item for any Wheaten lover. Members donated and purchased wonderful and unique items and added to our Rescue coffers. If you didn't find what you were looking for at the auction, the boutique offered many items including our new Club shirts and wheaten note cards. (Looking for a gift for that Wheaten lover in your life - check out the boutique online; we will be adding new items throughout the year). Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our biggest fundraiser of the year - the generosity of our membership certainly knows no limit. We raised over \$3700 for our Rescue program!

An important part of the evening is our general meeting and election of officers. This year only one position changed. Maureen McCormick was elected as our newest Director. Debi Rossi completed her one-year term as a Director and has taken on the role of Rescue Coordinator along with Melissa Nelson. Many thank yous to Debi for her hard work and a big welcome to Maureen. It has been a busy year for our Club. We held our first AKC "B" Match in conjunction with the Tampa Bay Terrier Club (a huge step towards our AKC club Sanctioning), our first Herding Instinct Testing Day; we hosted Meet the Breed at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship and our members sent in DNA from 166 Wheatens for the Genetic Testing for PLN - Associated Variant Genes testing. We participated in Responsible Dog Owners Day, as well as multiple other rescue events. Last, but certainly not least, we rescued and placed 30 Wheatens in their new forever homes.

Needless to say, it takes a lot of people to make all this happen. If you would like to get involved please let me know - more hands are always welcome for a variety of jobs.

As I look back over 2012, I am so very proud of our members who have worked so hard to grow and strengthen our Club. Every person on our Board works tirelessly, our newsletter editors Cheryl Johnstone and Helen Fraguela continuously provide us with a quarterly publication that is very professional and informative, and our Rescue program remains one of the most active in the country, receiving accolades from our National Club on a regular basis. Our membership continues to grow and as a Club we are financially sound. It has been a good year!

Looking forward to 2013, I hope we can meet the needs of all our members. What can we do for you? Please let us know - we are only as strong as our membership. We have a lot of activities planned and listed on our website. Is there something else you would like to see? We will certainly look into the feasibility of any idea. Please participate! Come out to an event and meet your fellow members, a great group of people and Wheatens.

I will leave you with one last thought for this year, if you plan on charitable giving over the Holidays, please don't forget our Rescue program - you never know when we will receive a Wheaten that requires extensive and expensive treatment. To make it easy you can go to our website and donate through Pay Pal.

Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with lots of Wheatie kisses.
Kathi Elliot



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CLUB BUSINESS



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- The Annual Dinner DVD: Each year we make a special DVD highlighting the year's events and photos of our dogs. If anyone wants their pup(s) in the DVD, shown at the Annual Dinner, email them to Debie at flwheaten@gmail.com
- We awarded 2 Lifetime memberships for long time, dedicated service to the Club.
 - ★ Marilyn & Mike Matthes
 - ★ Marj & Mik Lorand
- Gayle Frank has agreed to be our club historian. If anyone has any information/documents from the past please share with Gayle.
- Dues Notices, the Jackie Kase Nomination form as well as the Title Award form will be coming shortly.
- The American Kennel Association announced that beginning in January 2013, Canine Good Citizen (TM) will become an official AKC title.

This means that 'CGC' can be listed on a dog's record and the owner may use the suffix, "CGC" after the dog's name. This is effective for all AKC registered dogs completing their CGC after October 15, 2012. You can also receive an official AKC title for CGCs earned as early as January 2001. For appropriate forms, go to: www.akc.org. (Then dog shows & trials' Canine Good Citizen.)



Our Club has long recognized the work and time spent on completing the CGC. We have awarded owners a plaque with the dingle in recognition. Thought it has not been a recognized title until now, the Board thought it would be a good recognition and incentive for Club Members to be so recognized.

- Please continue to use the 'awards' form to notify us of your achievement!

NEW MEMBERS... WELCOME TO THE SCWTCGTB!

Merrilee	Cole	Coral Gables
Pat & Arthur	Weese/Fisher	Tampa
Betz	Newbold	Winter Haven
Brooke & Mark	Pelsh	Pinellas Park
Neal & Laurie	Adler	Cooper City
Deborah & John	Mitrovka	Apopka
Robert & Sarah	Rio	Cooper City

UPCOMING EVENTS

Herding Instinct Trials	TBA	
West Coast Picnic	Pinellas County	Feb 9
Education Day	St. Petersburg	April 20
East Coast Picnic	West Palm Beach	Oct 19
Annual Dinner	TBA	



AKC/CHF GRANT FOR STUDY OF RENAL DYSPLASIA

from AKC/CHF website

Renal Dysplasia (RD) has been a serious genetic problem in Wheatens. It was first clearly identified in the 1980's. The good news is that it is recognized early in a pups life, therefore preventing affected dogs from being bred. The bad news is that it is fatal and not all carriers are affected, so pups can be produced by carriers.

RD is basically a malformation of the kidneys, causing severe polyuria/polydypsia (excessive water consumption and excessive urination). The pups body is basically unable to concentrate urine. Pups fade away and eventually die.

I am happy to report that the AKC/CHF has begun studies to identify the genetic inheritance mode of this disease.

Helen Fraguela



The mission of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. (CHF) is to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. The Foundation has established a series of goals as well as a strategy for achieving these goals.

GRANT # 01766: Identifying disease related genes in renal dysplasia in Boxers and additional breeds.

Abstract

Renal dysplasia occurs in many breeds and an increased prevalence in certain breeds suggests a genetic influence. Identification of the genetic cause in dogs is essential as there is no treatment and affected dogs progress to renal failure and death at a young age. Despite prior candidate gene studies, the genetic cause of canine renal dysplasia in various breeds remains unclear. It is unknown if the same gene is affected in all breeds with renal dysplasia or if different genetic variants exist in each breed. We recently conducted a genome-wide association study in Boxers with renal dysplasia. The analysis suggests an association to an excellent candidate gene. Here we propose genetic and functional studies to identify the causative mutation in Boxers. We also propose to collect additional samples from Boxers and other breeds affected by renal dysplasia, focusing on Miniature Schnauzers, Lhasa Apsos, Shetland Sheepdogs, and **Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers**. Additional genome-wide association studies in Boxers and other breeds will help us dissect the genetics of canine renal dysplasia, improve our understanding of renal development in dogs and humans, and determine whether breed specific genetic tests will be required for prevention.

SCWTCGTB HOLDS FIRST "B MATCH"

commentary: Ann McCormick

SCWTCGTB "B Match"

Friday, November 9, 2012

Judge Ann McCormick

Thank you to SCWTCGTB for asking me to judge these beautiful Wheatens, and thank you to my ring steward Marilyn Stowell for making the match run smoothly. Overall, they were a beautiful group of dogs, choices were difficult. Heads were well proportioned, some more elegant than others. Eyes were all dark, some with darker eye rims and more mascara than others, though the waning light at dusk made this hard to see. I noticed a couple with misaligned teeth, and one coarse textured coat. Front and rear assemblies were consistent with the breed standard, a couple of rears were outstandingly nice. There were four puppies, one from each age group, one male and three females. All of the puppies will benefit from practice gaiting for the show ring, though the youngest did exhibit the best reach and drive of the entire entry when he settled into his gaiting pattern.



For that reason I chose the 3-6 month puppy dog, **Wheaten Lane's Heart of Gold**, owned by Nancy Griffin, as my Best Puppy. He has a lovely head, smooth transition from neck to back, nice square silhouette, and displayed his beautiful rear to advantage when he self stacked.

My Best of Match was the open dog, **Avalyn's Been Waiting For You**, owned by John McKamey, Well proportioned, he moved well, keeping

his topline level. He showed great, working well with his handler.

My Best of Opposite Sex was from a group of four open bitches, **Canopy Road's iPod Shuffle**, Owned by Bonnie and Dennis Wirth. Her attitude was up for this match, lovely expression for her handler, she also showed great. She has a lovely head and beautiful Irish coat. On exam she appeared a little heavier than I would like, the deciding factor between BOM and BOS.

RESCUE REPORT



As the last Rescue Report went to press, we had 6 year old Mini in Largo and 6 year old Cubbie with Addison's in Apopka with Tony and Debi Rossi. Mini was placed in a very nice home and Cubbie went to a couple in Apopka who live only 5 minutes away from the Rossi's, so Debi can keep an eye on her.

In September, we were contacted by a family in Green Cove Springs...



"Samson"

This has to be one of the oddest reasons we have been given for someone relinquishing their dog. 2 year old Samson's owners bought a deer farm and he

was chasing the deer! The Nelson's fostered this great dog in Miami. He went to the Adler's in Cooper City. He really lucked out, this family did tons of research and preparation for bringing a Wheaten into their home and he is one happy boy now.

Poor Tarzan just can't get a break. He is the dog with terrible allergies in Orlando. Debi worked with him for months while he was still with his original owners. He was then placed in what we thought was the perfect home, but he came bouncing back with allergies in full bloom. Peggy Gainey once again stepped up to the plate and is helping this poor guy get well and adoptable - lots of work, but he is a very sweet dog.

Scouter and Boomer were placed in a home in Tampa back in February. Scouter has some separation anxiety issues. The young couple decided to give Scouter up so we put him on Petfinder and they placed him with a retired lady in Sarasota.

He was soiling the house every time she left. We asked behaviorist Conni Berwick to evaluate him - she said he was a very nice

"Scouter"



dog that needed some work. Although the lady loved him very much, she did not want to do the work. Scouter - now Taj - went to a colleague of Peggy Gainey's who has 2 other dogs to keep him company. He is doing great! He is finally in his Forever Home.

There are different ways we re-home dogs. The most common scenario is for one of us to take the dog into our home and foster him, get him vetted, evaluate the dog and place him in the home which is the best match for that dog. Another way is to put a dog up on Petfinder as a courtesy listing with the owner's information, who adopts the dog out directly. We also have a Foster to Adopt program, where the potential family fosters the dog with the goal of providing his forever home. This year we adopted Darby from Jacksonville & Leighnee Lu from Tampa out as direct adoptions. We currently have Brandy on Petfinder as a direct adoption.

In November we were contacted by 2 year old Charlie's owner. Debi went to meet Charlie and said he was a typical, exuberant 2 year old. Lois Hiers is currently fostering Charlie.



"Charlie"

RESCUE REPORT... con't

5 year old Booger's owner in Largo called us and said "the dog has to go or I will take him to the pound." She worked two full time jobs and had just gotten custody of her 3 young grandkids. Booger was living out in the yard. Sue Sousa dropped every-



thing and rushed over to get him. He has ear infections, is 7 lbs underweight, but is a really sweet dog. As this goes

to press, we

are placing Booger in a wonderful foster to adopt home in Naples.

Raisin was found as a stray in Pensacola and rescued by Poodle Rescue there. The wonderful poodle lady got him vetted and drove him all the way down the state while Nancy Nauman from WPB headed north.

The poor boy had a hole in his foot and infected ears and eyes. Nancy is doing a great job with this dog. She has brought in a trainer and is working with him on a daily basis. He is going to be a great dog but he needs to be only dog and no kids. Thanks, Nancy!

Chief and Bowden's people from Tampa contacted us way back in August. They worked long hours, had two active kids and the dogs were being left 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. We asked the owners to get us the vet records, send pictures, fill out our Behavioral Survey, but it never got done. They wanted the boys to go to a good home. I emailed the owner and told him my husband and I would take them both and give them a Forever Home. It got done.

When we went up to the annual dinner, the owner drove them over to Apopka where we were staying with the Rossi's. We have now had 7 yo Guinness and 4 yo Shea for two weeks - we love them, they are such sweet boys. The hole in our homes and hearts is now filled.



There are some changes in Rescue. My dear colleague and friend Debie Scurr has stepped down as Co-Coordinator for Rescue. She is the Club Treasurer and maintains the web site and just had too much on her plate. I will miss her! Debi Rossi is now Co-Coordinator - welcome, Debi, I look forward to working with you!

As 2012 comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone so much for helping these Wheatens in need. We could not do it without your efforts, time, funds and caring. Twenty six Wheatens went to Forever Homes this year with your help.

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator
SCWTCGTB

I rescued my
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



COMFORTIS: IS IT AFFECTING FERTILITY IN WHEATENS?

By: Helen Fraguela

Many of us have experienced "failed" breedings in the last 2-3 years. These are breedings in which all parameters were good to optimum, the breeding went as planned, yet no pregnancy resulted. I have concluded my failures are due to just bad luck, however, some feel that the current use of an anti flea/tick drug, Comfortis, may be affecting the fertility of our bitches. Until a few years ago, other flea products were used here in FL. In recent years, those products have lost their effectiveness against our "bionic" fleas and ticks, and many vets now suggest the use of Comfortis.

What is Comfortis?

Comfortis is a beef-flavored tablet you give to your dog or cat to kill fleas and prevent flea infestations for one month. Comfortis chewable tablets are recommended for monthly use in dogs 3.3 pounds or greater, cats 2 pounds or greater and puppies and kittens 14 weeks and older.

What is spinosad?

Spinosad is the active ingredient in Comfortis. It belongs to a new novel class of antiparasitics known as spinosyns, which are derived from a naturally-occurring soil microbe. It works by attacking the nervous system of insects, causing rapid death of adult fleas.

What does the manufacturer (Lilly) say?

Comfortis has been demonstrated to be safe in healthy dogs and cats when used according to label directions. Use only for dogs and puppies 14 weeks of age and older and 3.3 pounds of body weight or greater and for cats and kittens 14 weeks of age or older and 2 pounds of body weight or greater. **The safe use of Comfortis in breeding, pregnant, or lactating cats and dogs has not been evaluated.**

In an FDA study on pregnant and nursing bitches...they concluded:

Conclusions: Spinosyns preferentially partition into milk over plasma, suggesting that in post-parturient bitches, the mammary gland serves to excrete spinosyns. This mammary excretion of spinosyns may negatively affect nursing puppies, as morbidity and mortality were highest in the puppies from the bitch that had the highest milk

Notes from a few breeder chat sites:

I always check with the Vet when in doubt. We live in FL where the fleas are a year round prob. I have spent thousands on [flea control](#). I had the yard treated, ripped up carpet and replaced it with tile and used Advantage and [Frontline](#). Then my Vet rec. Comfortis. With in a week No More Fleas ! (But my Vet says I can not use it on my breeding dogs it may affect fertility or puppies and cause birth defects) So I only use it on nonbreeding dogs. No ill affects here. I use cedar chip pillows for their beds, I think this helps too.

Do NOT use any flea medication that effects the eggs of the flea if you are trying/going to breed the bitch/male. They can affect the fertility of the dog. We've seen it many times in our kennel.

My thoughts:

I suspect there is more here than we know. I encourage all breeders to discuss the use of Comfortis with their vets when planning any breeding.

DOG SHOWS

CELEBRATING 50 YRS OF THE SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA (SCWTCA)

By: Bonnie Wirth

The National Specialty of SCWTCA held October 2 through 7 in and around Montgomery County, PA, with a celebration of 50 years 1962-2012 of the National club, the breed and friendships.

Montgomery weekend at times is somewhat like a three ring circus! Activities and shows in 4 different locations, some at the same time.

The All Terrier Agility Trial was held in Kimberton, PA, with 407 runs Tuesday, 443 Wednesday, 395 Thursday and 269 runs Friday.

Day one of the Hatboro All Breed Dog shows in Wrightstown, PA, on Thursday; Pinehome Merrimoor Cametodance, owned by Linda Hallas, won the novice bitch class. Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South, owned by Kathi Elliot, took second in the 9-12 month puppy bitch class. Canopy Road's iPod Shuffle, owned by Dennis and Bonnie Wirth, took fourth place in the bred by exhibitor class, and GCH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man, bred by Helen Fraguela, went Select Dog.

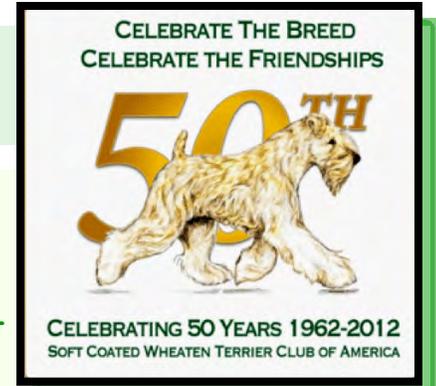
An evening of Education and Ice Cream on Thurs with "Elements of Silhouette," a presentation of the breed standard by Gary Vlachos. Gary, a long time member and vice president of the Board of Directors, judged the National Specialty Show in 2011.

The Delaware Valley SCWTC held a Puppy Sweepstakes along with day two of the Hatboro all breed show; Villanova Blame It on the Bossanova, sired by Kathi Elliot's Bentley, and owned by Cindy Phelps went Best of Opposite Sex in the Puppy Sweeps and then took Best of Breed from the 9-12 month puppy class to finish his Championship in the all breed show...all done by Cindy's daughter, Brittany, a Jr Handler. Linda Hallas' Pinehome Merrimore Cametodance took fourth in the 6-9 puppy bitch class in the all breed show.

The ever-popular Wheaten Boutique was Friday with Wheaten calendars, 50th anniversary mugs, coasters, trivets, napkin rings, coolers and the 2009 and 2010 Yearbooks in color with dogs who obtained new titles during those years. Items to support rescue, the colony dogs, the endowment and wheaten health were also available, along with many other lovely and whimsical wheaten items and a raffle for

the Genetic Research Fund to win your dog's portrait by Cathy Lester.

Following the boutique, a wonderful dinner included a slide show of award-winning members and Wheatens, the annual meeting and awards presentations. Nancy Griffin's CH Raelyn Lasting Impression NA NAJ won a Versatility Dog Award and Ann and James McCormick's 2011 GCH CH Inishkeen Maille of Vanbeard and her daughter, GCH CH Inishkeen's Pillow Full O'Petals were recognized. Maille was the first Veteran Wheaten (over age 7) to obtain a Grand Championship title.



DOG SHOWS, con't...

Saturday morning was a very busy time with the SCWTCA Obedience & Rally Trials, Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog Testing in Blue Bell, PA, and the Devon All Breed Show at Ludwigs Corner, PA. There were no FL Wheatens entered in Obedience, but Molly Power Hallas CD PT NA, owned and handled by Linda Hallas, won the Rally Novice Class B.



At Devon; Avalyn's Been Waiting For You, owned by John and Juliana



McKamey won the American bred by class, Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South owned by Kathi Elliot took fourth in the 9-12 month bitch class, Canopy Road's A Star Is Bjorn took first place in the bred by exhibitor class and Canopy Road's iPod Shuffle took second in the bred by exhibitor class. Both Canopy Road bitches are owned by Dennis and Bonnie Wirth.

The SCWTCA Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes were held at Blue Bell, PA on Saturday afternoon. Villanova Blame It On the Bossanova, sired by Kathi Elliot's Bentley, took third in the 9-12 month puppy dog class and Avalyn's Been Waiting for You, owned by John and Juliana McKamey, took first in the 15-18 month class dog and won Best of Opposite Sex for the Sweeps—a really big deal!



The Montgomery County Kennel Club All Terrier Show, which included the SCWTCA National Specialty Show, was held on Sunday, October 7, at Blue Bell, PA. Unlike the other warm, sunny days of the week-end shows, the weather for Montgomery was cooler and a bit rainy. In the classes, Avalyn's Been Waiting for you, owned by John and Juliana McKamey, won the

American bred dog class, and Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South, owned by Kathi Elliot, took third in the 9-12 month bitch class. Please note to win or place in a class at Montgomery is very special.

In Best of Breed competition, "Benny" GCH Sundance Second Chance, owned by Sandy and Frank Russo, and handled beautifully by Juliana McKamey looked lovely as he did his rounds.



DOG SHOWS, con't...

Who says my pants need ironing?

The Best of Breed Competition also provided some real laughs... John McKamey made arrangements for a handler to show CH Avalyn's Bearenstain Bear, however, after the handler worked with "Bear," he decided that Bear would respond better to John, who was dressed in jeans and a T-shirt. The handler, in a suit about two sizes smaller than John wears, offered to change clothes with John so he could show Bear. They decided to go to Larry Cornelius' motor home to make the switch. Larry, a professional handler and friend of John's, was not in his motor home at the time, but knowing Larry would not mind, they went in to change. As luck would have it, Larry walked in on the two men changing clothes—oops!

Where the heck am I supposed to be?



More humor came from Helen Fraguela,; while showing CH Greentree Raechel Alexandra, a grandbaby, was not paying attention as the judge sent handlers to one area of the ring if they made the cut and another if they did not. Helen, making the cut, but misunderstanding the judge's direction, did not know where to stand. The judge stopped and turned on his heels to see Helen and her Wheaten following closely behind him. In a not-so-quiet voice he said to Helen, "Stand! Stay!" This brought hearty laughter from the crowd.

The final line up was beautiful! CH Villanova Blame It on the Bossanova, (moved up after finishing his championship at Hatboro on Friday) sired by Kathi Elliot's Bentley, got an Award of Merit at Montgomery in the Best of Breed competition.



GCH Sho-Well's Bree's Boy Toy (Bentley) won Best Stud Dog. In this competition, the get (offspring) of the competing stud dog (CH Villanova Blame It on the Bossanova and Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South) are shown along with the stud dog. Bentley is owned by Kathi Elliot, was bred by Marilyn Stowell, and was sired by Keepsake's The Chaz Singer, owned by Jane Cook.

A post-show buffet Sunday evening rounded out the weekend. As always, it was relaxed and lots of fun.

SHOW RESULTS



9/1/12-11/30/12

Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

BOB Arcadia, FL 10/11
BOB, GRP 4 Arcadia, FL 10/12
BOB, GRP 3 Arcadia, FL 10/13
W/BW/BOB Brooksville, FL 11/11
BOB Ocala, FL 11/15
BOS Ocala, FL 11/16
BOB Ocala, FL 11/17
BOB Ocala, FL 11/18

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps

Owned by: Kathi Elliot & Cynthia Phelps

GCH Inishkeen's Pillow Full O'Petals "Sachet"

SEL Brooksville 11/10

bred and owned by Ann and James McCormick

Moonstruck Too Hot To Mombo "Tango"

WD Brooksville 11/8
WD/BW Brooksville 11/9

Bred by: Helen Fraguela, Martha Rowland

Owned by: Todd Hoover, Helen Fraguela

GCH Sho-well's Bree's Boy Toy "Bentley"

1st Stud Dog Montgomery, PA 10/7

Bred by: Marilyn Stowell

Owned by: Kathi Elliot

GCH Sundance Second Chance "Benny"

BOB Ocala 9/29
BOB, GRP 2 Ocala 9/30
BOB Brooksville 11/8
BOB Brooksville 11/9
BOB Brooksville 11/10
SEL Brooksville 11/11
BOB Ocala 11/16
BOS Ocala 11/17
SEL Ocala 11/18

Bred by: Sue & Don Wuerz

Owned by: Sandy & Frank Russo

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

CH Canopy Road's A Star Is Bjorn

Owners: Dennis & Bonnie Wirth & Bobby & Terrie Brooks

CH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South

CCH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps

Owned by: Kathi Elliot & Cynthia Phelps

BRONZE GCH Sundance Second Chance

Bred by: Sue & Don Wuerz

Owned by: Sandy & Frank Russo

NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/ WORKING TITLES

Robert's Sugarbear Riley AX AXJ NF

Owned by: Susie Blackledge

Teddybear Jump for Joy OAJ OAP OJP NA CGC

Breeder - Marilyn Stowell

Owned by: Susie Blackledge

Shar D's Oliver Do "N" The Twist NW

Owned by: Ellie Chapman

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Orlando 12/13-16	Ocala 1/24-27
Deland 1/5-6	Lakeland 2/15-18
Ocala 1/11-15	Tallahassee 2/21-24
Ocala 1/18-20	Ft. Walton Bch 2/28-3/1

for more info visit

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



CONGRATULATIONS

To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Sweet Potato Dog Chews

All the pet food and treat recalls are still scary!

This super-simple chewy dog treat is packed full of vitamins!

Ingredients:

2 to 3 sweet potatoes

Directions:

Thoroughly wash and peel sweet potatoes.

Slice the sweet potato into $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch slices.

Dehydrate at the highest setting—145 to 155 degrees—until done, about 6 to 8 hours for a chewy texture.

For crunchier treats, dehydrate longer until they have the consistency you like.

If you need to cook them in your oven, just bake at a low setting until you get the desired 'doneness'.



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barb and Walter Bates are pleased to announce the arrival of a new Sanddollar litter:

Dad: CH Sanddollar's Rip Roaring (Rip)

Mom: GCH Moonstruck Sanddollar Sassy Salsa (Sassy)

Born: Oct 1, 2012



HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS

Happy Birthday Ryan!
who turned 13 on Sept. 30th

owned by: Kerry & Beth Rudy

