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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2013 came to a close with our Club members hosting the Wheaten booth at the annual AKC Eukanuba National Championship Meet the Breed. We received many kudos from our National Club for our efforts. Thank you to everyone who took time from his or her busy schedule to work the booth with their wheaten (s) and ensured our breed was well represented.

Our first event of 2014, our Annual Picnic, was well attended by 79 people and at least 50 wheatens. From puppies to seniors and everything in between it was great to see so many wheatens and their owners. I sure hope this is indicative of the involvement of our members during the coming year. We have a lot of activities planned for the first half of the year starting with our first "Agility Day" (no experience needed) in late March. "The Wonderful World of Wheatens" scheduled in May is a must attend for members and their wheatens. We will have Canine Good Citizen Testing, Therapy Dog Testing, as well as seminars covering Canine Acupuncture, Dealing with Behavior Issues, and Wheaten Health Q&A . We have a full day planned so check out the website and RSVP as soon as possible as some of the activities have a limited number of participants.

SCWTCGTB, is a Breed Club and we support all wheaten activities and interests.

Our rescue coordinators do a great job and can always use extra hands. If you can transport, foster or support Rescue financially let us know. You are needed.

We are also only one A Match away from being able to apply to become an AKC licensed Club. Do you have a wheaten that is not spayed or neutered and can participate in our final Match scheduled in June at the Tampa Fairgrounds? Please participate! You can also volunteer or just come out, cheer on and support the competitors.

If you have an idea for something that would be of interest to our members let us know. We are only as strong as our membership and people being engaged and participating in our Club activities.

If anyone is looking for a unique vacation with his or her Wheaten check out Camp Unleashed in Asheville, NC. Members Scott & Rosa Mathews experienced it last year with "Dakota" and are considering a return trip this year. Check it out at www.campunleashed.com.

I know it is repetitive, but there is no "I" in Wheaten but there is a "W" and an "E" - together WE can make a difference!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Kathi Elliot



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CLUB BUSINESS



Club Awards 2013

Jackie Kase Annual Service Award

Kathi Elliot
Linda Hallas

Devotion to SCWTCGTB Rescue

Sue Sousa
Cece & Brad Westphal

New Boutique Items



Pashminas....Beautiful scarves available in a variety of colors, machine washable and dry-able. Available with any of our current Wheaten designs that are featured on our Wheaten Bling shirts. Perfect for those cool evenings, as a shoulder wrap, or on those cold Florida winter days! One size fits all!



Calming Collars.....These collars work using NATURAL methods. You just clip our collars on your pet and let the herbal blends work naturally to calm your pet. Stress relief is just minutes away for your loved one. Reduce dog anxiety and or cat stress! They are filled with a blend of natural herbs. Our blends were specifically developed to help with certain conditions, like excessive barking, hyper-activity, stress, anxiety and fear due to loud noises, storms and thunder (thunder phobia), separation anxiety and more! Available in a variety of colors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaten Agility Day Planned!

Introduction to Agility for Handlers and their Wheatens
SCWTC of Greater Tampa Bay Members Only Please (no fee)
March 30th, 2014 - Sunday @ 11:00am

Nancy, Linda, and Susie will be doing demos with their dogs and then an introductory class.

Bring your own lunch, chair, crate for your dog and fresh water, water bowl, and small soft treats. Your dog needs to wear a collar with no tags. (for safety) Wear sneakers or closed toe shoes. Please pick up after your dogs! Linda will be taking photos you can use for our 2015 Calendar!

Come Join in on the Fun!!!!
RSVP to Linda by March 26th

lindah3@verizon.net

Location:

Lil Bit of Magic K9 Co-op (fenced in field)
34837 Chancey Rd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Chancey Road, just east of 579. Watch for the Dog Agility signs on the north side of Chancey Road and go to the back of the property.



DON'T FORGET! SCWTCGTB "A" MATCH...June 14, 2014...Tampa Fairgrounds

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!

John & Debi	Cphoon	Venice
Mimi	Brace	Sarasota
Rosemary & Dan	Lester	Coral Springs
Zelda	Schadt	Sarasota
Debbie & John	Daigle	Bradenton
Alexis	Atkins	Mobile, AL

CONSEQUENCES OF EARLY SPAY/ NEUTER IN OUR PETS

By: Cheryl Johnstone

Did you know that spaying/neutering your puppies too early can have adverse effects on them for the rest of their lives? The big push to spay & neuter our pets before puberty, was a response to the explosion of stray animals. These strays end up in shelters and ultimately have to be euthanized, so it was a valiant effort to address a real problem. Now, the suggestion is that dogs should be spayed/neutered at 6 months or younger because it's healthier.

Well, we now have mounting evidence that supports the claim that keeping your pets intact longer may actually be the healthier approach. Puberty and sexual maturation is imperative for bone, brain and organ development. Veterinarians tell their clients that neutering eliminates Testicular Cancer and Prostatitis, and spaying eliminates Breast, Ovarian & Uterine cancer. What they don't tell people is that at least 1 study shows that intact animals LIVE LONGER! Some other illnesses correlated with early spay/neutering are Osteoarthritis, Anterior Cruciate Rupture, Diabetes, Prostatic Cancer, Urinary Incontinence, Urinary Tract Infection. These are just a few conditions that are overly represented in spayed and neutered dogs. Above I've explained some "long term" health adversities in dogs who were spayed/neutered, now let me



explain the immediate adversities to the puppy who is spayed/neutered too young... the job of the hormones is to tell the growth plates when to stop developing new bone, which are contained in & released by the reproductive organs. Remove the organs - remove the hormones! Without the hormonal signal to stop development (neutered pup), the growth plates which have NOT closed at the time of surgery will continue to lay down new bone until it has no more material left to work with!! A study done at Colorado State University revealed that the growth plates of the long bones in pups left intact had experienced normal growth and the plates closed at approximately 42 wks, (about 11 mo. of age). Puppies who were neutered around 7 mo. of age experienced continued growth for approx. 11 more weeks... and pups neutered at 7 wks of age did not stop growing until a whopping 18 WEEKS LATER than the intact pups! This is 4 1/2 mo. of additional growth that nature did NOT plan on!! How does this affect your puppy's body?

- Bones on 1 side of the joint are longer than on the other = altered bio-mechanics. This will affect the stress points on bones and joints.
- Dogs will be taller from the ground up to mid-line & have narrow bodies. Short upper arm & high in the rear
- Increased incidence of ligament and tendon injuries because the tendons, ligaments & muscles do NOT experience the same altered growth that the bones do that they're connected to for support and movement, therefore increased incidence of Dysplasia-(hip/shoulder & elbow).

We know it's not practical for the "pet" owner and poses challenges to keep your dog intact... females coming into heat, males that may become dog aggressive and/or mark, not to mention the fact too, that we as breeders don't want dogs we place as "pets" running around intact to possibly breed with dogs that are not healthy and would negatively impact our lines!

I personally think the BEST compromise is to wait until your dog reaches at least 12 mo. of age. This allows your dog to reach full maturation & adulthood before considering this type of surgery. Understand there are options, discuss them with your puppy's breeder, then be your puppy's advocate & take the approach that you and your breeder feels is right and BEST for you and your dog.



NEW 2013-2014 VACCINATION PROTOCOL

By: Jean Dodds, DVM

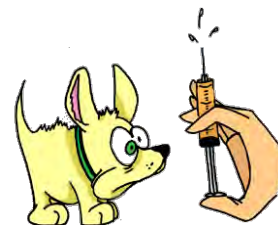
Dr. Dodds is founder of HEMOPET, the non-profit animal blood bank, and a friend to animal lovers the world over. HEMOPET is where we can have blood tests (titers) to check for vaccine antibodies instead of unnecessarily re-vaccinating our companion animals. She has written excellent articles that everyone, *especially our veterinarians, should read.*

All of the 27 Vet Universities in the US have followed the immunization protocol as suggested by Dr. Dodds for years. Dr. Dodds has made only slight, minor changes to the basic, core Canine Vaccination Protocol this year from what she established in previous years. Dr. Dodds bases her decisions on numerous factors such as presence of maternal immunity, prevalence of viruses or other infectious agents in the region, number of reported occurrences of the viruses and other infectious agents, how these agents are spread, and the typical environmental conditions and exposure risk activities of companion animals.

Dr. Dodds considers infectious canine hepatitis (adenovirus-1), canine adenovirus-2, bordetella, canine influenza, canine coronavirus, leptospirosis, and Lyme regional and situational. Please research the prevalence in your area, and discuss it with your veterinarian.

Some common diseases with vaccines available

- Distemper..... an airborne viral disease of the lungs, intestines and brain
- Parvovirus..... a viral disease of the intestines
- Parainfluenza... infectious bronchitis
- Hepatitis..... a viral disease of the liver caused by canine adenovirus
- Rabies..... a viral disease fatal to humans and other animals
- Bordatella... a bacterial infection of the upper respiratory system (kennel cough)
- Leptospirosis... a bacterial disease of the urinary tract
- Corona..... a viral disease of the intestines



The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable (includes SCWT). The schedule should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a

Age of Pups	Vaccine Type
9 - 10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy DPV)
14 weeks	Same as above
16 -18 weeks (optional)	Same as above (optional)
20 weeks or older, if allowable by law	Rabies
1 year	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV
1 year	Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster)

veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice. Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus annually thereafter. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request.

Oxygen Masks for Pets Help Save Lives

By: Lois Hiers

There's no question that a home fire can be devastating - getting everyone out is the priority. But adding more heartache to an already life changing experience, is losing the family pet. While fire trucks in Hillsborough County Florida are well equipped to deal with resuscitating humans, not all trucks have the equipment necessary to help bring a pet back to life. The Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay is trying to change that.

Stated club corresponding secretary, Lois Hiers, "After seeing a news clip about fireman in Hillsborough County who had to use a human oxygen mask to try to revive dogs that were in a fire, I started researching and found that they make Pet Oxygen Masks but it is not considered necessary equipment for all trucks."

The matter was brought to the club board members and they voted to donate 13 mask kits to the Fire Department. Chief Bailey and his wife were the club's guests and were presented the mask kits at the annual fundraiser dinner.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay rescues Wheatens from all over the state of Florida, but decided to help all dogs by donating pet oxygen masks to the Hillsborough County Fire Department.

Wag'N Pet Oxygen Mask Kits come with 3 different size masks that can be used on dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and more.

<http://www.petoxygenmasks.org/>

Lois Hiers, Chief William Bailey and club director, Jane Cook



SHOW ARTICLE

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SHOWING DOGS?

By: Helen Fraguela w/excerpts from AKC

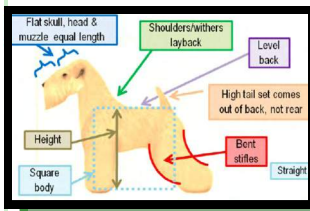
WHY WE SHOW OUR WHEATENS:

Showing dogs is a great sport for you, your family and your dog, where the thrill of competition is combined with the joy of seeing and potentially breeding beautiful dogs. The dog show scene is like a country fair, lots of hustle and bustle, handlers running in and out of rings, from Jr. handlers to retirees, kiosks where they sell dog items... It can be a lot of fun, but is definitely a lot of work.



There are NO money prizes and this is not a beauty pageant! **Since the finest dogs are the future of a breed, we do this to showcase our dogs and select dogs that refine our breeding programs.**

In conformation dog shows the dog is being judged as to how well it embodies the "breed standard." Conformation shows help maintain breed quality, it's not enough for a dog to simply look beautiful, they must behave, be well-presented, structurally sound, and conform to the breed standard. Neutered dogs can't compete in conformation.



WHERE TO START:

Familiarize yourself with the SCWT breed standard <http://www.scwtca.org/breed/standard.htm>, show grooming, the rules and regulations regarding conformation shows, visit shows in your area <http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/showmain.htm> and speak with reputable breeders about purchasing a show-quality SCWT. A reputable breeder should be willing to help you get started; Teach you the basics of showing and grooming your own dog, as well as other aspects of training.

NOTE...Wheatens require a great deal of coat care and maintenance, you must make the commitment to keep the coat in good matt-free condition, or don't even consider a show dog!

FINDING THE RIGHT BREEDER:

- Consider track record, length of time in breed, how many dogs have they themselves shown and finished, willingness to help you, positive recommendations from other breeders
- Membership in the all-breed clubs (SCWTCA, SCWTCGTB)
- Health (overall health and temperaments of parents and litter)
- Temperament (of parents and get)
- Pedigree (How and WHY the breeding was planned, what did they hope to improve, and what is the health of previous generations?)
- Understands Wheaten structure and can explain why a puppy is a good show potential based on comparison to the breed standard, you may want a second or third opinion from other experienced breeder/handlers to ensure you are getting a show potential pup.



A show puppy will not be inexpensive, but in the long run a healthy, well bred dog will be far less costly to own and care for.

YOU NOW HAVE YOUR SHOW WHEATEN:

He is a worthy representative of his breed, and you are ready to begin your journey. Your breeder has given you detailed information on feeding, training, supplies you will need, and caring for puppy. All puppies (especially show) should be crate trained, it is the best way to house break a puppy, and keep him and your home safe.

Remember he is your pet first, show dog second. Wheatens need lots of love and attention, and a firm but gentle hand to train. The first few months just focus on building confidence on and off the grooming table. Grooming daily to accustom him to combing, brushing, cutting toenails and minor trimming. While on the table make him stand and get him accustomed to being handled and touched all over.

Caution...Do not do any trimming without proper instruction and training.

Teach walking on a regular leash, never use the show lead for walks. Teach the words "come and stay" at the very least. When out and about ask passersby to touch the dog and feel him with no verbalization.

Never teach a dog to sit unless it's with a VERBAL and intentional command.

At 6 to 8 months enroll yourself and your dog in a conformation show handling class. These are informal classes that teach the basics of showing, setting up your dog, moving him around the ring, and interacting with other dogs without play. **Now you are ready to get serious!**

The AKC website has some excellent information on how to get started...



SHOW RESULTS



12/1/13-2/28/14

GCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

BOB Davie, FL Dec 1
BOS Orlando, FL Dec 10
BOS Orlando, FL Dec 11
BOS Orlando, FL Dec 12

Award of Excellence

Eukanuba Dec 15
BOB Brooksville, FL Jan 6
BOB Brooksville, FL Jan 7
BOS Brooksville, FL Jan 9
SEL Brooksville, FL Jan 10
SEL Brooksville, FL Jan 11
BOS Brooksville, FL Jan 12
BOB Brooksville, FL Jan 13
SEL Brooksville, FL Jan 15
BOB Brooksville, FL Jan 16
SEL Brooksville, FL Jan 17
BOB Ocala, FL Jan 23
BOB Ocala, FL Jan 24
BOB Ocala, FL Jan 25
BOB Ocala, FL Jan 26
BOB Atlanta, GA Jan 31
BOB Atlanta, GA Feb 1
BOB Atlanta, GA Feb 2
BOB Hattiesburg, MS Feb 20
BOB Hattiesburg, MS Feb 21
BOB, GRP 3 Hattiesburg, MS Feb 22
BOS Hattiesburg, MS Feb 23

Bred: Cynthia Phelps
 Owned: Kathi Elliot

Ainle Villanova It Had To Be You "Finnegan"

BW Brooksville, FL Jan 6
BW, BOS Brooksville, FL Jan 7
BBE GRP 3 Brooksville, FL Jan 7
BW Brooksville, FL Jan 9
BW Brooksville, FL Jan 13

Bred: Cynthia Phelps
 Owned: Kathi Elliot

Canopy Road's iPod Shuffle "Apple"

BOB Tallahassee Feb 23
 Bred/Owned by: Dennis & Bonnie Wirth

Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree "Treasure"

BW Orlando Dec 11
BW Orlando Dec 12
BW, BOS Lakeland Feb 14
BW, BOS Lakeland Feb 15
BW, BOS Lakeland Feb 17

Bred: Liz & Mike Jamiolkowski
 Owned: Helen Fraguela, Liz Jamiolkowski

CH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance "Spicy"

SEL Brooksville Jan 18
SEL Brooksville Jan 19
SEL Ocala Jan 23
SEL Ocala Jan 24
SEL Ocala Jan 25
SEL Ocala Jan 26

SEL, BOBOH Atlanta, GA Jan 31
SEL Atlanta, GA Feb 1
SEL, BOBOH Atlanta, GA Feb 2
SEL Hattiesburg, MS Feb 20
SEL Hattiesburg, MS Feb 21
SEL Hattiesburg, MS Feb 22
SEL Hattiesburg, MS Feb 23

Bred: Peggy A. Gale
 Owned: Linda Hallas

Sundance's Tuscan Sun's Heirloom "Lexi"

BW Brooksville Jan 19
 Bred: Susan & Don Wuerz
 Owned: Paula Henderson, Susan Wuerz

Sundance's Hot Surfer Dude "Milo"

BW Orlando Dec 10
BW Orlando Dec 11
BW Orlando Dec 12
BW Eukanuba Dec 15
BW Brooksville Jan 10
BOS Brooksville Jan 12
SEL Brooksville Jan 18

Bred: Susan & Don Wuerz
 Owned: susan Wuerz, Julianna McKamey

Wheaten Lane's Heart of Gold "Quinn"

BW Orlando 12/11
 Bred: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela
 Owned: Nancy Griffin

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

Silver GCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South
 Owned by: Kathi Elliot

GCH Canopy Road's A Star Is Bjorn
 Owned by: Dennis & Bonnie Wirth

CH Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree
 Owned by: Helen Fraguela, Liz Jamiolkowski

CH Sundance Hot Surfer Dude
 Owned by: Sue & Don Wuerz and Julianna McKamey

CH Wheaten Lane's Heart of Gold
 Owned by: Nancy Griffin

NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/ WORKING TITLES

Ch Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm **AX OAJ CGC**
 (new title Excellent Agility)
 Owned by: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela

Roberts Sugarbear Riley MXB MJB OF
 (new title MXB Master Agility Bronze)
 Owned by: Susie Blackledge

Wheaten Lane We'll Sing in the Sunshine CGC
 Bred by: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Pensacola	3/1-2	Ft Walton	5/24-25
WPB	3/7-9	WPB	6/7-8
Davie	3/15-16	Tampa	6/12-18
Elkton	4/4-5	SCWTCGTB	
Zolfo Springs	4/19-24	Match	6/14
Vero Beach	4/26-27	Orlando	6/22?

For more info...

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



CONGRATULATIONS

To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY



Doggie Birthday Cake

Cake Ingredients:

1 egg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup peanut butter
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cooking oil
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/3 cup honey (optional)
 1 cub shredded carrots
 1 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda

Icing Ingredients:

6 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt
 3 tablespoons peanut butter

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Grease a 6 cup ring mold (bundt pan size)
3. Combine egg, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup peanut butter, oil, vanilla, and honey. Bake in a preheated oven for 40 minutes.
4. While the cake is cooking, mix yogurt and remaining peanut butter until mixture is smooth and creamy.
5. Allow the cake to cool then put a thin layer of the icing on the cake.

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

	<p>Ann and Jim McCormick are pleased to announce the arrival of a new Inishkeen litter:</p> <p>Sire: DE VDH Ch US GCH Wheatens Pride Buxx Bogart CGC, "Buxx"</p> <p>Dam: GCH Inishkeen's Pillow Full O'Petals CGC, "Sachet"</p> <p>Born 1/30/14,</p>	
	<p>Dennis and Bonnie Wirth & Bobby and Terrie Brooks would like to announce the arrival of a new Canopy Road litter</p> <p>Sire: GCH Rosheen Sufferin' Succotash "Sylvester"</p> <p>Dam: GCH Canopy Road's A Star is Bjorn "Mia"</p> <p>Born: 2/22/14</p>	

HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



Ben, born in Ireland, turned 13 on Feb. 26th, He's still happy & healthy, but going deaf. We live in Seminole were Ben and his partner Zoe have an acre to enjoy.
 Paul & Edie Larson



Our precious Shanae was 13 on December 15th. She is the light of our lives! Our "love puppy"! She was one of the calendar girls this year!!!!
 Bonnie and Jack Harrison



My Chazzy...turned 14 on Dec. 10th, 2013. He has made me smile, laugh, cry and very proud. I have watched him shine in the ring, produce beautiful puppies who have also made us proud in the ring and with their families. He introduced me to a world of dogs that I never knew existed, enriching us with wonderful people. He has been my companion and best friend, and loved me unconditionally. I am blessed every day to have this boy in my life and cherish each moment. Thank you to my husband Robert for insisting we keep this boy, and to his breeder Shari for allowing us to care for him. Love this boy!!!
 Am/Can CH Keepsake's The Chaz Singer, CGC
 Jane Cook