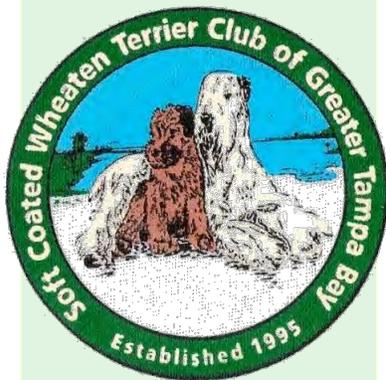


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CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Kathi Elliot
Vice President:	Linda Hallas
Treasurer:	Debie Scurr
Recording Secretary:	Maureen McCormick
Corresponding Secretary:	Lois Hiers
Board Members:	Jane Cook Marilyn Stowell Melissa Nelson Paula Henderson

Newsletter

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Helen Fraguela

Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm sure everyone can relate to how quickly the days turn into weeks and weeks into months - time just flies by and hopefully cooler weather is around the corner! I know time flies for our Rescue Coordinators - things never seem to slow down for them. We are on track for even more rescues than last year. We can't thank everyone enough for all of their hard work.

Our final "A" Match took place on June 14th. What a great turnout from our membership! We had more participation than ever before and additional member spectators. Kudos to Jane Cook and Ann McCormick our Match Chair and Match Secretary as well as Linda Hallas who coordinates with AKC. A big thanks as well to our Judge and long time Wheaten breeder, Lori Kromash and to our Ring Steward, Marj Lorand. It was great to see Marj out after a long illness. Hopefully, we will see both she and Mik again real soon!!

The Board has also been busy planning for the rest of the year as well as for 2015, our Club's 20th Anniversary! There are a good number of members who have been part of our Club since its inception - I bet they are wondering where the last 20 years have gone!

Before you know it, November 8th will be here and we will be enjoying our Annual Dinner and Auction once again. Details are enclosed - be sure to mark your calendars for a fun evening. If you have an item(s) to donate for our Auction it would be much appreciated! As in past years we will have a special raffle item....

The Nominating Committee report is included herein for our 2015 slate of officers and directors. Any additional nominations should be sent to our Corresponding Secretary, Lois Hiers, by October 30th as per our by-laws. See details on page 2.

On December 13th and 14th the AKC Eukanuba National Championship is once again taking place in Orlando. As in the past, we will be hosting Meet the Breed on behalf of our National Club, SCWTCA. If you can help by bringing your Wheaten and working a 3-hour shift in the booth we would certainly appreciate your assistance. If you are participating in any events we will make sure that there is no conflict. Eight Wheatens and their owners are needed. Please contact me at your convenience.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Helen Fraguela for her hard work as co-editor of this newsletter. She and Cheryl do an outstanding job! Helen is resigning her co-editor position as she has taken on the Editor position for the SCWTCA newsletter, Benchmarks. We will miss her talents but know she will be there if we need her guidance, Good luck Helen, we are glad we are not losing you as a member and know you will do a great job for SCWTCA.

Hope to see you all at an upcoming event!

Kathi Elliot



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CLUB BUSINESS



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Debie Scurr (Chair), Pam Benton and Tim Benton propose the following slate for the 2015 Directors of the SCWTCGTB. The Officers will be continuing.

Officers:

President - Kathi Elliot

Vice President - Linda Hallas

Corresponding Sec. - Lois Hiers

Recording Sec. - Maureen McCormick

Treasurer - Debie Scurr

Directors:

Jane Cook

Paula Henderson

Ann McCormick

CeCe Westpfahl

Additional nominations may be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary, Lois Hiers, by voting members no later than October 30th. The Corresponding Secretary will verify that the member nominated desires to be a candidate and if so shall post a notice on the Club website and prepare secret ballots for the annual meeting, Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided herein as per Article IV, Section 4 of the SCWTCGTB Bylaws.



Available at the annual SCWTCGTB Dinner / Auction on Nov. 8th...

As shown by our model Cee Zee, we will have Our Wheaten Pashminas for sale, in a variety of colors. They make a great gift for that Wheaten lover in your family; machine washable and dryable, all for only \$20. As always, we will have samples of our Bling Shirts as well as some NEW Wheaten Bling Totes.

A NOTE ABOUT RESCUE

Do you know our club has a very active Rescue program? We typically rehome 40 Wheatens a year! Do you shop on Amazon? If so, consider linking to our Rescue on Amazon Smile! Use the link below and just log in with your Amazon user name and password. A small portion of the sale will then be donated to our rescue!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0459393>



Support Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Greater Tampa Bay Inc by shopping at AmazonSmile.
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When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Greater Tampa Bay Inc. Support us every time...

I'm sad to announce that Helen will no longer be co-editing this newsletter with me. She's needed by SCWTCA to publish Benchmarks, the National Club magazine. Thank-you so much for all your help & hard work with this newsletter, it's much appreciated!! I'll miss working with you, but know your talents are needed to keep Benchmarks coming to us!!

Sincerely, Cheryl



SCWTCGTB Final "A" Match

SCWTCGTB held it's final "A" Match in conjunction with the St. Petersburg Dog Fancier's Association Show on June 14, 2014, on the way to becoming approved by AKC to hold our own Specialty Events.

The match was well represented, with 11 entries in 5 regular classes. Judged by, long-time Wheaten breeder and National SCWTCA board member, Lori Kromash, everyone received beautiful ribbons and Rosettes. The Best of Match went to Ainle Villanova It Had To Be You, the Best of Opposite Sex went to Marqueses's Collection of Gemstones, and the Best Puppy in Match went to Sho-Well's Italian Wheatie.

Thank you to all of the participants for making this event a success.

Jane Cook, Match Chairman



NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Russ & Patricia	Bracco	North Port
Harold & Evelyn	Corcoran	Vero Beach
Robert	Dixon	Bonita Springs
Patty & Greg	Ellerbrock	St Petersburg
Bryan	Fennell	Palm Beach Gardens
Farida	Foster	Lakewood Ranch
Frank	Gebbia	North Port
Denby	Smothers	Tampa
Pete & Ronda	Starnell	Lakewood Ranch
Donna	Taylor	Temple Terrace
Bob	Wright	West Palm Beach
Robert & Joanne	Ziegler	Trinity

FEATURE ARTICLE

FOLLOWING IN MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

By: Nancy Griffin

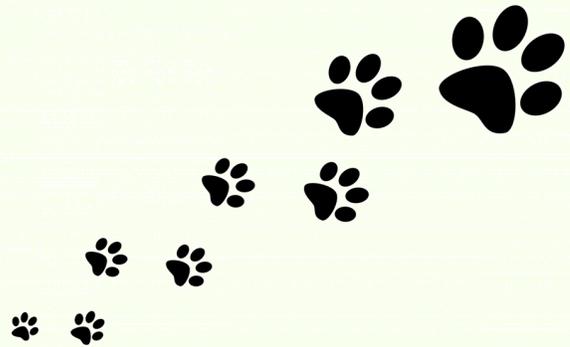
When Neala became a Champion in conformation, she was quite excited. Not just because she was now CH Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm, but mostly because she could now begin to have fun in agility.

In short order, she and I made our way through the AKC Novice, Open, and Excellent classes. Neala has been a "Super Star" in Agility, and, now, Ginger Ale, Neala's puppy, is "following in her footsteps"!

As Neala continues to excel and thrive in the AKC agility ring, Ginger Ale is not far behind... Watch for Ginger Ale as she makes her debut in the Novice ring in September. Practice makes perfect and Ginger Ale and her partner and dedicated owner, Becky Jarolin, work every week with Neala and me, with so many happy days for these two intelligent and exceptional Wheatens.

Incidentally, "with all of our work practicing, we have discovered the winding path that takes us to happiness is much greater than the achievement of titles!"

Good health and exercise and a wonderful relationship with your dog are all greater benefits than Qualifying Scores! AGILITY is just a lot of fun for all!



DAUGHTER

"Ginger Ale"

Wheaten Lane We'll Sing in the Sunshine CGC

Bred by Helen Fraguela and Nancy Griffin

Owned by Becky Jarolin

MOTHER

"Neala"

Ch Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm AX OAJ CGC

Bred by Helen Fraguela and Kevin and Beverly McDonald

Owned by Helen Fraguela and Nancy Griffin



Why I Don't Recommend Retractable Leashes

by: Dr. Karen Becker

A retractable leash is not so much a leash as it is a length of thin cord wound around a spring-loaded device housed inside a plastic handle. The handles of most retractable leashes are designed to fit comfortably in a human hand. A button on the handle controls how much of the cord is extended.

Retractable leashes are popular primarily because they aren't as confining as regular leashes, allowing dogs more freedom to sniff and poke around on walks. But unfortunately, there are many downsides to this type of leash.



10 Reasons Not to Use a Retractable Leash

1. The length of retractable leashes, some of which can extend up to 26 feet, allows dogs to get far enough away from their humans that a situation can quickly turn dangerous. A dog on a retractable leash is often able to run into the middle of the street, for example, or make uninvited contact with other dogs or people.
2. In the above scenario, or one in which your pet is being approached by an aggressive dog, it is nearly impossible to get control of the situation if the need arises. It's much easier to regain control of - or protect -- a dog at the end of a six-foot standard flat leash than it is if he's 20 or so feet away at the end of what amounts to a thin string.
3. The thin cord of a retractable leash can break - especially when a powerful dog is on the other end of it. If a strong, good-sized dog takes off at full speed, the cord can snap. Not only can that put the dog and whatever he may be chasing in danger, but also the cord can snap back and injure the human at the other end.
4. If a dog walker gets tangled up in the cord of a retractable leash, or grabs it in an attempt to reel in their dog, it can result in burns, cuts, and even amputation. In addition, many people have been pulled right off their feet by a dog that reaches the end of the leash and keeps going. This can result in bruises, "road rash," broken bones, and worse.
5. Dogs have also received terrible injuries as a result of the sudden jerk on their neck that occurs when they run out the leash, including neck wounds, lacerated tracheas, and injuries to the spine.
6. Retractable leashes allow dogs more freedom to pull at the end of them, which can look like aggression to another dog who may decide to "fight back."
7. The handles of retractable leashes are bulky and can be easily pulled out of human hands, resulting in a runaway dog.
8. Along those same lines, many dogs - especially fearful ones - are terrorized by the sound of a dropped retractable leash handle and may take off running, which is dangerous enough. To make matters worse, the object of the poor dog's fear is then "chasing" her, and if the leash is retracting as she runs, the handle is gaining ground on her - she can't escape it. Even if this scenario ultimately ends without physical harm to the dog (or anyone else), it can create lingering fear in the dog not only of leashes, but also of being walked.
9. Retractable leashes, like most retractable devices, have a tendency to malfunction over time, either refusing to extend, refusing to retract, or unspooling at will.
10. Retractable leashes are an especially bad idea for dogs that haven't been trained to walk politely on a regular leash. By their very nature, retractables train dogs to pull while on leash, because they learn that pulling extends the lead.

If your dog is well trained, gentle mannered and smart enough to master a regular leash and a retractable leash without being confused, you could be one of the rare guardians that can walk your pooch on any kind of leash without increasing risks to either one of you.

RESCUE REPORT

I rescued my

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

Summer 2014



"Dexter"

Sarah Arnold in Orlando was fostering one year old Dexter, who needed an expensive operation on his leg. The operation and rehab were successful and Sarah has now joined the happy ranks of the Foster Failures!

In July, 11 year old McKenzie was given up - thanks go to Kathi Elliot for taking him in until we got him to his wonderful forever foster home in Vero Beach with Gracie Haley. Heartfelt thanks go to Gracie for taking this old gentleman in.

10 year old Sydney's person in Naples gave her up because she had to move to a retirement home and could not take her. Sydney was fostered in Miami and then for a short while with Sue Sousa until she went to her forever home with Gail Culver in St. Pete. Gail got her vetted and healthy and reports that she is doing very well.

Cece and Brad Westpfhal fostered 5 year old Rocco in Vero Beach - he was placed in a great home.



"Finn"

3 year old Finn was found as a stray in Pompano Beach - he is a lovely dog, he was neutered and chipped, yet no one appeared to be looking for him. Steve and Melissa Nelson fostered him and got him over to Naples to the Zeiglers who live north of Tampa. They just love him!

10 year old Teddy's people in Largo gave her up because mom was moving in and they were afraid she would fall over Teddy. At the same time, we were contacted by 7 year old Franklin's people in Tampa. Franklin never really had a life - he was moved from family to family, crated all the time, punished, unneutered and they claimed he was not house-trained. We had to think long and hard whether he was a candidate for Rescue. Cece does not give up easily! Lois and Bruce Hiers and the Westpfhal's arranged a double WURL from the west coast to Vero. Cece and Brad fostered Franklin and got him vetted. He turned out to be a lovely boy who was never given a chance. He was adopted by a widower who lost his Wheaten and Franklin is having the time of his life - BBQ's, the beach, sidewalk cafes!! Teddy was adopted by a couple in West Palm who



"Teddy"



"Franklin"

have one of our Wheatens.

3 year old Bosley came from The Villages - his owner just could not manage his energy. He was basically an out of control pup. Zelda Schadt in Sarasota took him in and got him to obedience training and she has also become - yes - a Foster Failure!

8 month old Gracie was purchased at a pet store by a lady in Coral Springs. Her life was too busy to give Gracie the attention and care she needs, so she wisely gave her up. Gracie has been adopted by a great family in Jacksonville who just lost one of our rescue Wheatens at 10 years old. She hit the jackpot!

5 year old Murphy's original owner died and one of her caregivers adopted him. She could not handle two dogs. A retired couple from Pt. Charlotte adopted Murphy directly from her and they say he is wonderful.



"Anaya"

Little Anaya (Pooka) came back into Rescue as the placement did not work out. Huge thanks go to Farida Foster (yes, that's her name!) and her husband for taking care of Anaya and getting her socialized and ready to go.

Thanks to Zelda as well. Farida found a wonderful home for her where she is thriving.

1 year old Duffy from Naples came to us from her second home. The Ellerbrock's in St. Peter fostered the little girlie, who is going to her forever home in Boynton Beach as this goes to press. They had 2 Wheatens and love the breed.



"Duffy"

It has been a busy and expensive summer! As you can see, we have taken in several older Wheatens. The older ones generally need vetting when they come in. Donations are always appreciated. And now comes my favorite part of the Report - thanking all who give so generously of their time and efforts - thanking all who do this for the love of our breed. Twenty-seven Wheatens have gone home this year thanks to you.

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator

"Bosley"



"Murphy"



SHOW RESULTS



6/1/14-8/31/14

CH Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree "Treasure"

BOS WPB 6/7
SEL Tampa 6/12
BOS Tampa 6/15
SEL Orlando 6/20
BOS WPB 7/12

Bred: Liz & Mike Jiamolkowski and Bev & Kevin McDonald
Owned: Helen Fraguela

CH Pinehome Merrimoor CameTo-Dance "Spicey"

BOS Tampa 6/12
SEL Tampa 6/15
BOB, grp 4 Kensington PEI 7/19
BOB, grp 4 Kensington PEI 7/19
BOB, grp 3 Kensington PEI 7/20
BOB, grp 4 Kensington PEI 7/20
BOB, grp 1 Cape Breton NS 8/23
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Owned by: Linda Hallas

Villanova Ainle Just One Look "Shadow"

SEL Greenville 7/24
SEL Greenville 7/25
SEL Greenville 7/26
BOS Greenville 7/27

Bred: Cindy Phelps & Kathi Elliot
Owned: Cindy Phelps & Gail & Tom Richvalsky

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

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

Deland	9/20-21	Arcadia	10/11-12
Ocala	9/27-28	Plant City	10/25-26
Lake City	10/4-5	Ocala	9/27-28

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES/AWARDS

CH Canopy Road's iPod Shuffle "Apple"
Owned by Dennis & Bonnie Wirth

CH Ainle Villanova It Had To Be You "Finnegan"
Owned by Kathi Elliot

CH Villanova Just One Look "Shadow"
Owned by Tom & Gail Richvalsky

GCH Pinehome Merrimoor CameTo Dance
Owned by: Linda Hallas

CH Sho-well's Witch Samantha
Owned by: Marilyn Stowell

NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/WORKING TITLES



MACH Roberts Sugarbear Riley MXB MJS OF

Riley is now an Agility Champion, something we have been working on for many years. MACH stands for Master Agility CHampion.

Riley is only the 17th Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to achieve this status. He will again be one of the Top Dogs representing his breed at the 2014 AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. I am very proud of him. You can see

his MACH Riley's Video here
http://youtu.be/7Q6MaBc-mIA?list=UUMj_fyvq1uS5rL_rExUH3Tw

Love, Susie Blackledge and MACH Riley



CONGRATULATIONS
To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Frozen yogurt peanut butter dog treats

Ingredients

32 ounces vanilla yogurt
1 cup peanut butter

Directions

Melt the peanut butter in a microwave safe bowl
Combine the yogurt and melted peanut butter
Pour the mixture into cupcake papers
Place in the freezer



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger & Kathi Elliot are pleased to announce the arrival of a new Ainle litter:

Sire: GCH Lochlinear Gleangay Cha Ching "Chip"

Dam: GCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

Born: August 26th, 2014, National Dog Day

A decorative graphic on the left side of the announcement box. It features a vertical line of five paw prints: two pink and three blue, set against a green background with a white dotted pattern.

HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



I am proud to say that my dog Kipper turned 13 on July 12, 2014. I have had him since he was 10 weeks old and he has brought total happiness and joy to my life every single day. He is my "right arm"

thanks so much
Bruce Borger