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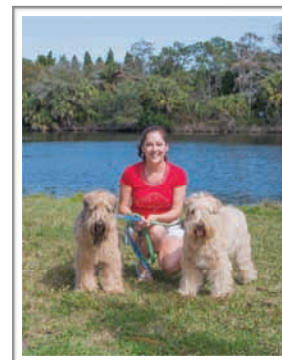
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this message finds you all well and safe. Although there have been no in person activities since the last newsletter, we have remained busy for the Wheatens. We are planning our next general meeting to be held during the Sunshine State Cluster at the Tampa Fair Grounds on September 26. Since this event had to be moved from June we are hoping to couple it with our annual dinner and silent auction. However, all plans are currently on hold. Education Day, generally held during the summer months, will be rescheduled or replaced by another event later this year.

We are happy to report that we were able to participate, during the pandemic shutdown, in the online 2020 Giving Challenge. We raised a total of \$5,600 for rescue which includes a 100% match from The Patterson Foundation. We also raised an additional \$500 as a result of placing 2nd overall in a field of over 50 contestants in the photo contest. We couldn't have done it without the wonderful picture Debie Scurr provided of Breezy. Thank you to everyone who contributed both financially and by voting.

We are all looking forward to getting our lives back to a more normal existence and hope to be able to gather with you and your Wheatens soon. Thank you for your continued support for our beloved breed.

Cindy Jacuk, President



Official Newsletter of The Soft Coated Wheaten
Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay
www.flwheatenclub.org

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Soft
Coated Wheaten Terrier
Club of Greater Tampa
Bay

Karen Hackett
Apollo Beach
Vickie Postma
Bradenton
Cynthia Petti
Venice
Neil & Arlene Ortner
Wellington
Linda Segall
Tamarac
David Lefont & Michelle Garcia
Palm City



CELEBRATION OF LIFE Guinness Baldwin



It is with great sorrow that we announce our faithful and beloved Wheaten, Guinness Baldwin crossed over the rainbow bridge tonight May 31, 2020. When we first met Guinness at the shelter in 2015, he was a mess. The previous owner completely ignored any type of care for Guinness. But thanks to Kathi Elliot, President, SCWTCGTB and its' Rescue Group and particularly to Marilyn Stowell, who nursed him back to health, he become our beloved pet on September 8, 2015.

We could not have picked a more perfect companion. Guinness was THE gentlest, kindest dog who loved everyone and every dog and he certainly picked the perfect Mommy.

Jan and Guinness were inseparable and we often joked that we should have named him Shadow. She went to extreme lengths to be sure that we made his life as loving, happy and fun as possible so that he could enjoy retirement in his forever home. We were so lucky to have the opportunity to adopt him. Special love and appreciation to our amazing Vet, Dr. Rhonda Johnson, Haines Rd. Animal Clinic for partnering with us through this labor of love. Guinness Baldwin will be forever loved, deeply missed and always in our hearts.



CHOOSING A DOG TRAINER OR BEHAVIORIST

By Kathi Elliot

Many of us have participated in dog training classes from AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy through obedience, conformation and performance classes. Perhaps we have gone to a local dog training club or a friend has helped us or recommended a trainer they have had success with at some time. Dog trainers are not one-stop shopping and certainly not one size fits all. A trainer that works for one dog may not work for you!

There is an organization called *Certified Council for Professional Dog Trainers*. This organization has member trainers and canine behaviorist consultants that pass the council's training program not just pay a member fee. You can assess the trainers and see who meets your needs.

I came across this organization through my work with SCWTCA and thought it would be worth sharing with the Florida Club members and yes, there are lots of trainers in our state.

The following information is from their website: www.ccpdt.org Looking for help with your dog? I would suggest checking them out!

Kathi



How to Choose a Professional Dog Trainer or Behavior Consultant

Working with a qualified professional can, in some cases, mean the difference between a harmonious life with your dog and having to give up your dog for rehoming or euthanasia.

But the search process can be confusing. Dog training is a science, but the industry is (as yet) unregulated with no licensing requirements or regulatory oversight. This makes it difficult to know what to look for!

That's where independent certification comes into the picture. Our (ccpdt) certifications give you a way to hone in on dog training professionals whose knowledge and skills have stood up to a rigorous, standardized test.



Here's a guide for your search:

Step 1: Look for our certifications

The designations are: CPDT-KA[®], CPDT-KSA[®], CBCC-KA[®]

CPDT-KSA[®] indicates that a dog trainer has passed a comprehensive exam and has at least 300 hours of dog training experience.

CPDT-KSA[®] indicates that a dog trainer has passed a comprehensive exam AND an objective skills-based assessment along with at least 300 hours of dog training experience.

CBCC-KA[®] indicates that a dog behavior consultant has passed a comprehensive exam on behavior modification and has at least 300 hours of a dog behavior consulting experience.

Step 2: Assess the trainer

Browse the trainer's website and any other marketing materials. Does everything look and sound professional? Do the messages appeal to you? If so, set up a phone call or in-person meeting. Can the trainer answer your questions about training, behavior, and methods knowledgeably and clearly? Is she/he patient and thorough in their replies? Do you feel comfortable with the them? Do they have experience working with the problems you need help with? Can they provide references from clients?

Step 3: Beware of red flags

A couple of things should raise a red flag in your assessment. If the trainer focuses on a model of dominance and submission - using language like "dominant" and "alpha" - or uses primarily punishment based methods, that trainer doesn't meet the standards of science-based training.

Be patient and find the trainer that works best for you!

Kathi

RESCUE REPORT

LOVE
RESCUED ME



One year old siblings Ocean Blue and Island Thyme were given up at the end of February because their owner had medical issues. They both went to Foster to Adopt homes. Ocean Blue, who is now Finley, was formally adopted by a couple in Clearwater at the beginning of March. Island Thyme, who is now Peety the Pirate was adopted by a couple in Fernandina Beach who just love him!



Five and seven year old Jake and Jasper have now been formally adopted by their foster mom in Sarasota! Big thanks to Jody Greene for arranging all this and transporting dogs numerous times



Three year old Ginger from Ft. Myers was a mess, according to her former owners. She had allergies, was not house trained, did not walk well on a leash and did not get along well with other dogs. The Nelson's met them on Alligator Alley and transported her to a foster home in Port St. Lucie. Dave LeFont and his wife fostered Ginger for two months. They did a fantastic job fostering her - she was a different dog when she was adopted at the beginning of May. She went to the Ortner's in Wellington at the beginning of May. They have had seven Wheatens (four adopted from our rescue group) and currently have a Collie. Ginger is doing great!

Three year old Charlie from Palm Coast was given up because he was growling and nipping at the one year old in the home. He was adopted out to a dog savvy home in Jacksonville, but Charlie needs training so is at Karma K-9 in Jacksonville!



Seven year old Chadwick (now Murphy) was given up due to serious illness in the family. He was adopted by a couple from Ohio who were in Florida at the time. He is doing well!

RESCUE REPORT...cont'd

The Robinette's from Sarasota adopted Harley from our group fourteen years ago. They waited about a year and were ready for another Wheaten. Five year old Jasper from Winter Garden was not getting along with the other SCWT in the home and is just a very anxious dog in general. Thanks to Donnie Francis for getting Jasper to the Robinette's. They say he is indeed anxious but very sweet indeed. They are working with him and are confident he will come around.



And the beat goes on, even with Covid-19 affecting our lives in so many ways. This is not Wheaten related, but very touching. Miami Dade Animal Services has the capacity for 400 dogs and they often house more than that. When the pandemic shut everything down, the shelter kept working to find homes for the dogs. Kind people came forward in droves to foster, adopt and rescue these dogs and at last count, the shelter had about 50 dogs. They have saved 2,001!



If there is a silver lining, our dogs have loved having their people home. Hug your Wheatens everyone and stay safe!

Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator



The Board of the SCWTCGTB would like to thank the following members and friends for donating to our Health, Murffy and/or Rescue funds.

Diane Kutter
Anonymous x 5
Linda Robison
Sherry
Barbara Fleishmann
Robert & Pattie
Susan Robinson
Trudy
Kathi Elliot
Bruce Borger
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Rock & Barb Kries
Susan Miranda

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Cindy & Scott Jacuk
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Grace Nohlgren

When shopping on Amazon, please go to smile.amazon.com and select our Rescue - Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Greater Tampa Bay Inc.

You use your existing Amazon user name and password. Many of your purchases result in a small donation to our Rescue!



2020 GIVING CHALLENGE PRIZE

Best Giving Challenge Photo

AWARDED TO

SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF
GREATER TAMPA BAY INC

Thank you all for voting and
donating!

Breezy says “Woof woof” too!



Breezy

Photo credit goes to Shelly Kafka Smith



IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI

Watermelon Dog Treats

These refreshing Watermelon dog treats are the perfect way to keep your pup hydrated this summer.

Ingredients:

2 cups seedless watermelon pureed
1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
1 Tbsp parsley, chopped

Directions:

1. Puree seedless watermelon in a blender.
2. Chop parsley
3. Place mold on baking tray. If you are using the paw molds, first insert a small piece of Parsley into the bottom, then add a thin layer of plain Greek Yogurt.
4. Freeze for 1 hour. Next, fill the remaining mold with watermelon puree. Freeze overnight or for at least 4 hours.
5. For the dog bone mold, add a piece of parsley to bottom of mold and spoon in a layer of watermelon puree. Freeze 1 hour.
6. Next, add a layer of plain Greek yogurt. Freeze 1 hour.
7. Finally, add another layer of watermelon puree and freeze overnight or for at least 4 hours.
5. Keep frozen until ready to serve.



COMPANION SPORTS, PERFORMANCE SPORTS & FAMILY DOG PROGRAM RESULTS

**CH Dromara's Perfect Treble Maker
"Connor"**

RE OA NAJ NF CGC TKI

TKA Advanced Trick Title

March 29, 2020

Bred by Maggie Snow

Owned by Susie & Robert Blackledge



Online Testing for AKC Performance Sports

by Susie Blackledge

Despite social distancing and the Covid-19 pandemic, you and your wheaten can still have great fun training together, and even be earning AKC titles!

AKC has been actively working on areas we can do this, some new. One is the Virtual Trick Dog Program. Connor my Wheaten and I trained at home for our Advanced Trick Dog Title, videoed our performance, and sent it on to a Trick Evaluator for a nominal fee.

If you attended our last picnic then you are familiar with a Novice Rally Course. You can now earn a Rally Novice Title online! Set up a course in your backyard, upload your video performance on youtube, and send it in for approval. Three legs are needed for this title.

Although not a title program, you can earn a certificate and magnet for the AKC Fit Program simply by walking your dog. This program encourages Fitness for the both of you. Find out more about these fun programs below.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

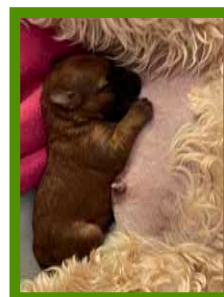
Another brand new Virtual program, ACT (Agility Course Test) will help you get ready for the Novice level. You will need access to agility obstacles where someone can video you.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/>



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

CH Dromara's Perfect Treble Maker (Connor)
owned by Susie & Robert Blackledge
and CH Heirloom Bang -A-Boomerang (Bootzie)
owned by Patrice Chevalier and Robert
Bergman (Heirloom Wheatens) welcomed a
male puppy on May 15, 2020.
Welcome to this World!





SCWTCGTB

SAVE THE DATES!

Pending of course

Sunshine State Cluster

When: **September 23-27, 2020**

Where: Florida Fairgrounds

Tampa, FL

Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

When: **September 26, 2020**

Where: TBA

Tampa, FL



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters

Brag

Senior Wheatens (13 yo or older)

Celebrations of Life

Show Results

Rescue updates

Next Newsletter Deadline

August 30, 2020

All brags and show results must have occurred between
June 1 and August 30, 2020!

Email Debie at flwheaten@gmail.com with your information!