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# Wheaten Words

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2016 was a year of many new faces on our Board. A major project was a rewrite of our Bylaws, eliminating duplications, making them easier to understand, and splitting future Boards into two classes, each class having two-year terms expiring in alternate years. Most of the faces remain the same this year. The Vice President's Class with terms continuing through March 31, 2018, all carry through from the 2015 Board, the officers finishing terms elected in the fall of 2015, the directors elected to one-year terms in the fall of 2016. With our revised Bylaws, the President's Class was elected to two-year terms at our 2017 Annual Meeting in January. Their terms all begin April 1, 2017 and continue through March 31, 2019.

Rescue, our biggest budget area, is funded by adoption fees and contributions. We thank you for your generous contributions, many included with dues payments, others at the Auction, and still others contribute throughout the year. Our Wheaten Rescue is the most active in the country, rescuing more Wheatens consistently, an increasing number every year. Rescue had another record breaking year in 2016, with expenses totaling approximately \$33,000. At the end of the third quarter 2015's record number of Wheatens rescued and re-homed had already been surpassed, the year end total was 56 dogs! That comes close to the number of Wheatens rescued in the rest of the entire country: SCWTCA Rescue had 24, WIN had 26, and SCWTCSC had 8. (WIN, SCWTCA, & SCWTCSC Rescue information from Gwen Arthur and Nancy Butler).

We had a turnout of 41 people at the Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on January 15th. The fabulous donations of auction items, and the raffle, brought in over \$2500, approximately 80% of which was designated for rescue by the donors of the items, 20% for health. Our new Wheaten wine glasses were favors at the dinner, included at cost in the dinner price, one for each paid dinner. They and the Wheaten garden flags are fundraiser items to help defray the cost of hosting the National Roving Specialty in January 2018. We hope you will support this initiative by rounding out your set of wine glasses and decorating your garden with purchases from the Boutique. The glasses and flags will be available for purchase at all of our activities this year.

We are planning a variety of activities for the year, beginning with the Grooming Seminar on April 2nd, and the Wonderful World of Wheatens Education Day on June 3rd. Look for information about them elsewhere in this newsletter. The date of our Picnic will be finalized soon, probably around the end of October, and we are considering a new location closer to I-75 to attract more members. We are also looking at some other events, to perhaps offer instinct testing necessary to know if your dog will be a candidate prior to taking classes in activities like Barn Hunt and Herding. There should be more information about this at Education Day.

Thank you to our Awards Chairman Marilyn Matthes for many years of service managing membership awards. With her impending move to Tennessee, Marilyn has passed the torch to Bonnie Wirth. Likewise, thanks to Club Historian Gayle Frank who is downsizing and no longer has room for the boxes of archived records. Pat Weese has them and will be seeking help scanning them to digital format. Thanks Bonnie and Pat for taking over these important functions.

Also, A BIG welcome to our two new Board members, Recording Secretary Jan Baldwin, and Director Michelle Cadden.

Ann McCormick  
President



## CLUB BUSINESS



### 2016 Club Awards & Information

**Jackie Kase Annual Service Award**  
Marilyn Stowell

**Devotion to SCWTCGTB Rescue**  
Lisa Jaye Shore  
Cindy Leigh

The Club awards several service awards annually. The first is the Jackie Kase Memorial Service Award. Jackie was one of our founding members who passed away much too soon. The Annual Service Award was renamed in her honor and memory. The Award is given to a Club Member, nominated by other Club Members, for outstanding service to the Club. This year Marilyn Stowell was nominated for her dedication to this breed by helping club members learn how to properly groom their Wheatens, for helping to foster Wheatens & boarding our dogs when it's necessary. She's someone we all can count on for help with our beloved Wheaties. She's also very knowledgeable about all things concerning dogs & is always happy to share that knowledge when asked. Thank-you again Marilyn for ALL that you've done for this club and our dogs!!

Wheaten Rescue is vital to the club activities. Many members join the Club after adopting one of our many Rescues. Without volunteers to help transport, foster, and talk with people considering surrendering their Wheatens, the Rescue Committee could not handle the many Rescues received yearly. We want to especially acknowledge Lisa & Cindy for their dedication to rescue in 2016 & always!! Thanks so much to all of you on the Wheaten Rescue Team!!



### Donor Appreciation:

The club would like to THANK long standing member Marilyn Stowell for her generosity in having loved ones send donations to the club in lieu of flowers & gifts upon her husband's passing this past December. Also in return, Marilyn would like to THANK the many generous members who did donate in memory of Harold. Again, the SCWTCGTB sends our sincere condolences.

Also, the SCWTCGTB would like to extend many THANKS to ALL who contributed to the Silent Auction at the Annual Dinner this past January, whether it was by donating items & or purchasing items!!

In addition, we acknowledge the donations in this picture & other donations given by Doreen Godfrey, in memory of her Kelsey aka Raelyn Suncatcher. It is only with our members & others continued generosity that we're able to help our rescues & further our health research of this breed that we all love so much!!



The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay is registered as a charitable organization in Florida (Reg No. CH50498).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wheaten Grooming Seminar

In depth, hands-on teaching of grooming to breed standard from Master Groomer Marilyn Stowell. All are welcome, from beginner to advanced.

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 10am-3pm

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Working Spot \$40** for SCWTCGTB members, **\$55** for non-members: Bring your grooming table, clippers, scissors, chair, crate and your Wheaten.

**Audit Spot (no dog) \$20** for SCWTCGTB members, **\$35** for non-members: Bring your chair

Cash or check made payable to SCWTCGTB

Once your reservation is confirmed, your payment will be due. You'll receive information on where to send payment at that time. Questions or to **RSVP**, contact Paula Henderson at [paulah428@gmail.com](mailto:paulah428@gmail.com) OR (407) 921-2672

**Location:**  
Maitland, FL (Orlando area)  
(Exact address will be provided upon your confirmation)



**Complimentary Lunch will be provided**



**THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WHEATENS EDUCATION DAY IS COMING BACK!!**

**When: Saturday, June 3rd from 10:30am — 2:30pm**

**Where: St. Therese Church Hall in St. Petersburg**

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- \*New information about Wheaten annual health testing
- \*CGC Testing
- \*Using a Wheaten's natural instincts, an activity to look at
- \*Vaccinations and titers, which might you choose, when and why?
- \*And more....



**2016 CONFORMATION TITLES/AWARDS RECOGNITION AT ANNUAL DINNER**

**Ann & Jim McCormick:**

**CH Inishkeen's Capt'n Miguel D'Lima 12/14/2016**

**Linda Hallas:**

**GCHB Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance RN 12/16/2016**

**Cheryl Johnstone:**

**CH Lovesong's You're A Fine Girl 10/20/2016**

**GCHB Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar 04/15/2016**

**Bonnie & Dennis Wirth:**

**CH Canopy Road's Vixen of Haldane 07/30/2016**

**CH Canopy Road's Pasadena Rose 08/07/2016**

**Bill & Linda Tiller:**

**CH Canopy Road's Luck of the Noles 01/16/2016**

**Paula Henderson:**

**CH Sundance Tuscan Sun's Heirloom 03/11/2016**

**Linda Robinson:**

**GCH Ainle Something To Talk About 01/11/2016**

**GCHB Ainle Something To Talk About 02/26/2016**

**GCHS Ainle Something To Talk About 09/18/2016**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME TO  
THE  
SCWTCGTB!**

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Stephen & Barbara King  | Lady Lake, FL      |
| Terry Jonas             | Tarpon Springs, FL |
| Tracy Hansen            | Winter Garden, FL  |
| Cindy Collins           | Wellington, FL     |
| Angie & Marc Krebs      | Orlando, FL        |
| Debby & Patrick Donovan | Tampa, FL          |

## BUYING A NEW PUPPY? CONSIDER THE "COST" OF OWNERSHIP

By: Linda Hallas

*Molly will be 13 in May. I never thought she'd see 10!! Her last episode was February 2016... she had a huge gastric bleed as a reaction to Rimadyl. Luckily she recovered, at the cost of another \$7,100!!*

I bought my Molly from a pet store for \$1000.

They say you can't put a price on love, but by age 7, my love has run up veterinary bills of over \$10,000!!

Molly came from a backyard breeder in Kansas, who sold her to a broker who then sold her to Petland. Her AKC papers showed a long line of Champions, (I was impressed by that, but at the time I didn't really know the difference between a backyard breeder and a reputable "hobby" breeder).

The medical bills started the week after we brought her home. She was gagging, couldn't seem to swallow properly. The vet thought she might of swallowed a toy and so x-rays were taken and we paid our first \$800 veterinary bill. After countless sleepless nights, and many more tests, it was confirmed that she had mega-esophagus, a genetic defect; the muscles in her esophagus aren't strong enough to properly move food down her throat.

When Molly first got sick we contacted her breeder to see if this swallowing problem ran in her family. On the phone her breeder claimed her parents were healthy; but when my husband showed up at her home in Kansas, she admitted Molly's father had died. She said Molly's mother had been placed with a family member. She insisted all her puppies were healthy; however, she also admitted that she sells all of her puppies to a broker and doesn't keep track of them once they leave at the age of 7 weeks.

Molly's health problems also include severe allergies. We've done repeated allergy testing and allergy shots. In addition, Molly has had 2 life threatening health episodes! At age 4 she suddenly collapsed, lost bladder control and was hospitalized. Sonograms, x-rays and every test a neurologist could think of was performed, but they never did diagnose that episode; Molly eventually got better at a cost of \$3,500. At age 6, almost 2 years to the day of her first collapse, she suddenly was unable to lay down, she just stood next to me panting and drooling profusely, obviously in pain. Her urine turned the color of coffee. Blood tests revealed her body was destroying her own muscle tissue, most likely an immune deficiency problem. The vet gave her medicine that caused liver failure; another round of x-rays and sonograms revealed nothing. She had blood work every 3 days for a month. I lost track of the cost of this illness, or rather intentionally stopped counting after the first day's bill was \$1800. During this time Molly's immune system was compromised and she came down with a staph infection.

We adore Molly, she is part of our family... the financial burden of caring for a sick dog can't compare to the emotional trauma of watching your beloved Wheaten suffer!!

Reputable breeders charge twice as much as I paid for Molly, but if you're considering purchasing a puppy, I feel it is well worth the investment to purchase a puppy from a reputable breeder!! In my opinion, a reputable breeder is a knowledgeable person who takes advantage of all the genetic information available to find the healthiest mate, is a member of the SCWTCA open registry, and keeps track of the puppies they sell.

While no one can guarantee every Wheaten they produce will be healthy; if you are going to purchase a Wheaten, it makes sense to do everything you can to increase your chances of getting a healthy puppy, and in the long run, it may save you money and a great deal of heartache!!

*I later found out from long time member Sue Robinson, whose late husband was a gastroenterologist, that I could of avoided the problem had they prescribed a stomach buffer be taken before the Rimadyl!!*





## RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PROTEIN-LOSING NEPHROPATHY (PLN) IN THE SCWT

By: Meryl Littman, VMD, DACVIM Professor Emerita of Medicine (Clinician-Educator)

1. I recommend having each dog's DNA sample tested for the PLN associated variant alleles at Dr. Paula Henthorn's lab at Penn Vet. The results will help you know the individual's risk for developing PLN in its lifetime and help you with decisions about breeding partners and how often to test your pets.

a.) The information about how to submit DNA samples (cytology brushes for cheek swabs, samples of whole blood or semen) is found at [www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm](http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm).

b.) Dogs with homozygous positive genotype (2 copies) have the highest risk of developing PLN, dogs with heterozygous genotype (1 copy) have an intermediate risk, and dogs with homozygous negative genotype (no copies) have the lowest risk of developing PLN during their lifetimes. Any breed dog can develop PLN, which can be due to infectious, inflammatory, neoplastic, toxic, or genetic influences.

c.) The current effort is to choose mates for dogs so as to avoid producing homozygous positive dogs. Since the allele frequency is high, culling heterozygotes is not recommended since it would lead to loss of genetic diversity in the breed and possible future (other) genetic problems. Thus, healthy dogs that are carriers of one or two copies should have mates that are homozygous negative, so that puppies will be clear or heterozygous at most.

2. Every healthy Wheaten should be screened (blood and urine tests) annually for changes that might suggest the genetic predispositions for the breed (PLN, PLE- Protein Losing Enteropathy, Addison's disease, renal dysplasia, etc). There are no genetic tests yet for these except for PLN. Dogs that are carrying one or two copies of the PLN associated variant alleles should be checked for proteinuria more often, perhaps 2 to 4 times a year, especially after age 3 years. Dogs that are sick should have a thorough work-up.

a.) Annual recommended screening usually involves urinalysis (SG, dipstick, sediment), either microalbuminuria or urine protein/creatinine ratio (UPC), CBC (complete blood count, to check for cytopenias, eosinophilia), metabolic biochemical screen (Chemscreen, including creatinine, BUN, total protein, albumin, globulin, Na, K, Ca, Phos, glucose, ALT, Alk phos, and cholesterol), and in tickborne or heartworm endemic areas, a SNAP-4DxPlus or AccuPlex4 test. An SDMA test is also helpful to evaluate kidney function. A 'minimal screen' (less expensive) might include a urine SG/dipstick, blood PCV/TS, creatinine, BUN, albumin and globulin. If any tests are abnormal, further work-up is advised.

b.) If proteinuria is found or suspected, interpretation must be made regarding urine pH, sediment, if the sample were taken post-ejaculation, post-prandial, whether the sample was obtained from home or in the clinic, and whether the dog is hypertensive or on medication that could raise blood pressure measurement (eg, phenylpropanolamine for urinary incontinence).

c.) If samples are requested for UPC determination, either for screening or to monitor PLN dogs that are on treatments, because of daily variability it is suggested that 3 samples be brought from home, collected each day (1st morning sample is best) for 3 days, saved in the refrigerator, and brought to the vet so that equal aliquots (1ml) of each sample can be mixed together and submitted as one sample, to get an averaged UPC determination. Daily variability can be as much as 80% for dogs with UPC of 0.5 and 35% for dogs with UPC of 12.0. Normal UPC is less than 0.2; borderline is 0.2-0.4, and greater than 0.4 is abnormal.

### 3. When a dog has proteinuria:

a.) It could be due to pre-renal, renal, or post-renal causes. Even if the dog is a carrier of one or two copies of the PLN-associated variant alleles, it should not be assumed to have PLN (renal cause) and will need a work-up, for instance to rule out urinary tract infection, tickborne/heartworm disease, neoplasia, hypertension, and consideration of other causes for PLN such as amyloidosis, lupus, shigatoxin (raw meat diet), etc.

b.) Each dog's diagnosis and management plan must be individualized. For instance, dogs with PLN should be fed a renal diet that is modified to be lower in protein and phosphorus. But if the dog also has had food allergies, inflammatory bowel disease, PLE, pancreatitis, skin or ear issues, then the diet also needs to be lower in fat and also hypoallergenic. There are specific diets that are recommended depending on the needs of the individual. Likewise, medications such as ACE inhibitors, antihypertensives, antithrombotics, omega-3 fatty acid supplements, antimicrobials, etc. are individualized depending on the dog's test results and tweaked, based on monitoring over time. I have seen dogs with PLN live quality lives for much longer than in the past because we are screening for occult abnormalities and starting interventions earlier than we used to, when they can really have impact to slow the progression of disease. There are 8 recent IRIS Consensus papers concerning the diagnosis and treatment of PLN that I recommend. They are available online at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jvim.2013.27.issue1/issueoc;jsessionid=55A453D9706C2FD288D76133300774F4.f04t01>.

## RESCUE REPORT



# I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Winter 2016- 2017

Our last Rescue Report covered the quarter through November 30th, 2016. 1 year old Theo (now Baxter) went to a wonderful couple in The Villages who is working on making Baxter the best dog he can be. Cindy Leigh fostered 5 month old Milo (now Finnegan) for many weeks and house and crate trained him. In December he went to his forever home with a very nice family near Orlando. They love his puppy antics.



"Baxter"

At the beginning of 2017, we had 3 Wheatens that needed homes. Simon, who was heart worm positive, is now healthy and is in training at K-9 Karma in Jacksonville. Maizy was at K-9 Karma for eight months because of her severe food aggression. The perfect, dog savvy couple finally came along and she was adopted in February to a couple in Jax. 4 year old Oscar's person in Jax just did not have enough time for him so we found a home for him in Miami at the beginning of January. Thank you Jody Greene for spending hours finding these dogs the perfect homes and arranging the adoptions!

8 year old Arty's person could no longer take care of him. He was adopted by the Haney's in Weeki-wachi. After a shaky start, Arty is now settling in and getting along with their cocker. In January, Rescue was contacted by a lady in Miramar in SF who was fostering 1 year old Oliver. She has 2 Wheatens of her own and her neighbor simply handed Oliver over to her. We found a fabulous couple in Orlando who wanted Oliver, and he is having the time of his life with their Augie! They are devoted to training this big boy. We found 3 year old Cooper in a high kill shelter - Jody went and rescued him. Cooper was fostered by Lisa Jaye and Greg Shore in St. Augustine. Cooper (now Bartley) is in a fabulous home in Riverview.



"Arty"



"Oliver & Augie"

About a year ago, we were contacted about 3 year old Zenji. His elderly owner was having health problems but was not willing to give him up at the time. In February, a friend notified us that Zenji now needed a home. He went to Zelda Schadt in Sarasota who fostered him for several weeks. The Donovan's in Tampa adopted Zenji, now Finley. He is a sweet, big boy who is 95% good but has some resource guarding issues they're diligently working on.

6 year old Murphy's person lost his job and he could no longer care for him. Our long time friend and Rescue colleague Gracie Haley in Vero Beach adopted Murphy and just adores him. At the end of February, we received a call from a vet office in Tampa. 9 year old Wheaten Trouble had been boarded there for 4 long months because his person passed away. Could we help? They sent pictures - he looked like a Wheaten. One of our applicants in Sarasota went to meet Trouble (Teddy) and just adored him. She later went back and adopted him. He was severely matted so she took Teddy to her groomer, who after shaving him down announced that he is a Wire Fox Terrier. The owner no longer wants him, so we are looking for a foster or adoptive home for Teddy. He is almost 12 (not 9) and is a cute little guy who needs a forever loving home.



"Murphy"

The Wilcox's in Punta Gorda adopted 4 year old Rosie (now Bobbie) and love her. Her people could no longer afford her care. Thank you Janet and Richard for adopting this sweet girl! We adopted out 54 Wheatens in 2016. This year we have found homes for 8 Wheatens and have 2 waiting to be adopted. As we start another year in Rescue, it is our wish that things slow down a little this year!



"Bobbie"

I would also like to send out a heartfelt plea for folks to step up and offer to foster. It is more rewarding than you can imagine. We have the same people foster over and over and would like to spread the wealth.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator



In  
Loving  
Memory  
Of  
Melissa's  
Shea-Bear  
12-01-2008  
-  
02-28-17

# SHOW RESULTS



## Conformation Wins & Titles Earned 12/1/16-2/28/17

**BOB**= Best of Breed, **BOS**= Best of Opposite Sex, **BOW**= Best of Winners, **WB**= Winners Bitch, **WD**= Winners Dog-(male winner), **SEL**= Select Winner, **Grp 1**= 1st Place Winner in Terrier Group, **Grp 2**= 2nd Place Winner in Terrier Group, **BBE**= Bred by Exhibitor, **CH**= Champion, **GCH**= Grand Champion, **GCHB**= Bronze Grand Champion, **GCHS**= Silver Grand Champion, **OH**= Owner Handler, **OHBOB**=Owner Handler Best of Breed, **OHRBIS**= Owner Handler Reserve Best In Show

**GCHS Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"**



**1-BOB, 1-BOS, 6-SEL**  
**1-BOB @ AKC Nat'l Dog Show 12/14**

Beau earned "Silver" Grand Champion status on January 19th

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

**GCH Greentree Sage's Magical Enchantress "Jett"**



**4-BOB, 6-BOS, 6-SEL**  
**14-OHBOB, 1-OHRBIS, 1-OHgrp 1,**  
**4-OHgrp 2, 3-OHgrp 3, 1-OHgrp 4**

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

**GCHS Ainle Something To Talk About "Bogie"**



**9-BOB, 3-BOS, 2-SEL, 2-grp 2, 3-grp 3**  
**1-BOB @ AKC Nat'l Dog Show 12/18**

Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Linda Robison

**GCHB Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"**



**5-SEL, 3-OHBOB**  
**Best BBE @ AKC Nat'l Dog Show 12/18**  
Marlie earned "Bronze" Grand Champion status on January 19th

Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Kathi Elliot

**Ainle Pomp and Circumstance "Regan"**



**1-BOB, 3-WB, 1-BOW**

Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Brenda Warren & Kathi Elliot

**CH Sandcastle's Princess of Far, Far Away "Fiona"**



**1-BOB, 1-BOS, 1-grp 4**  
Bred by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie  
Owned by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie

## SHOW RESULTS Continued



### Conformation Wins con't. & Titles Earned- 12/1/16-2/28/17

BOB=Best of Breed, WD= Winners Dog-(male winner), WB=Winners Bitch, SEL= Select, BOW=Best of Winners, BOS=Best of Opposite Sex

**Ainle Once In A Blue Moon "Zeke"**



**4-WD**

Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Antonio & Jacksette Castro & Kathi Elliot

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



**1-WD, 2-SEL**

**Mikey earned "Champion" status on December 14th @ AKC Nat'l Dog Show**

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

**Ainle Talk of the Town "Whisper"**



**4-WB, 1-BOW**

Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Mary Page, Kassidy McIntosh & Kathi Elliot

**CH Sandcastle's Leaping Leprechaun "Epona"**



**2-BOB, 1-BOS, 2-WB, 1-BOW**  
**Epona earned "Champion" status on February 26th**

Bred by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie  
Owned by: Ricky Owens & Sherri Kase-McKenzie

**CH Sandcastle's Aingeal In Disguise "Neala"**



**1-BOB, 1-SEL**

Bred by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie  
Owned by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie

#### UPCOMING FL CONFORMATION SHOWS

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

West Palm Beach	03/10-12	Elkton	04/07-09
Davie	03/17-19	Deland	05/20-21
Miami	03/31-04/02		



# CONGRATULATIONS

To all our dog sport enthusiasts

## IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI



### Shamrock Dog Treats

#### Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups organic brown rice flour    1/2 cup fresh parsley  
4 Tbsp coconut oil (warmed to liquid)    1 cup chicken broth  
1 egg  
1/2 cup fresh mint leaves



#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. First we are going to make "green juice" for the treats.

Take the warmed coconut oil, mint leaves, parsley, and about 1/4 cup of the chicken broth (add more if needed) and place in blender or food processor and turn into juice! In a big bowl or mixer, put-in brown rice flour and then pour in the juice. Mix together, then add 1 egg and mix.

Now slowly add remaining chicken broth while mixing. You should now have a nice green dough ball. Flour your surface and roll dough out to about 1/4 to 1/3 inch thick. Remember the thicker the cookie, the longer it takes to make them crunchy.

Cut into shapes, and place on cookie sheet. Bake for 15 – 20 minutes. Now you have amazing green dog cookies!

If you'd like to frost your dog treats, Brandi recommends <http://www.k9cakery.com>, where you can order dog treat icing & or dog safe powdered food colors. We hope your Wheaties enjoy this fun, festive treat!!

## HAPPY B' DAY SENIORS



Wilson turned 13 on December 1st. He's owned & loved by Steve & Melissa Nelson

Mr Rogers turned 14 on January 21st. He's owned & loved by Deborah Woldford



Say Goodnight Gracie turned 16 on December 17th... WOW... HAPPY SWEET 16 Gracie!! She's owned & loved by Marilyn Matthes



GCH Inishkeen "Maille" of VanBeard CGC celebrated her 13th birthday on January 12th. Her hearing is not as acute, & she spends most of her day lounging on the couch, but gets a spring in her step when it's time for a walk. Her exciting moment this past year was winning a Veteran Grp 2!!