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# WHEATEN WORDS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Official Newsletter of The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay

In the fall of 2016 SCWTCGTB began a partnership with The Giving Partner [www.thegivingpartner.org](http://www.thegivingpartner.org) sponsored by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County which provides administrative support. Giving enhancement is offered by the Patterson Foundation. Cindy Jacuk and I spent many hours attending trainings and completing the organization's profile making us eligible to participate in The Giving Challenge to raise funds for our 501c3 SCWTCGTB Rescue. We qualify to participate because the services of our rescue are available to the residents of Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto Counties, as well as the rest of the state. We are among over 600 non-profits participating.



The 2018 Giving Challenge was held from noon May 1st to noon May 2nd. Pledges beginning at \$25 up to \$100 from each unique donor were matched by the Patterson Foundation.

Leading up to the big day Cindy posted notices and reminders on several Wheaten Facebook pages, including ours, featuring our mascot "Shamrock," who coaxed us to "Be The One to Make a Difference."

Then, as donations opened on Tuesday at noon, Cindy's Wheaten Crosley appeared on Facebook seated at the computer wishing she had a credit card so she could get in on the donating. Wonderfully creative ideas Cindy, your efforts paid off. Donations, matches, and the prize Crosley helped us win by getting lots of likes raised over \$3000 for SCWTCGTB Rescue. Thank you to everyone who participated.

As you consider your future giving plans please keep SCWTCGTB and The Giving Challenge in mind. Your gift can go much farther when accompanied by matching funds. We will let you know the date of the 2019 Challenge as soon as we know.

Thank you also to everyone who contributes throughout the year as well. I found it particularly heartwarming to see the overnight response at the end of May to help Charlie receive the dental care he needed, and that he was able to remain with his loving owner. It is your generosity to our cause that makes it possible for Rescue to fulfill its mission of helping those in need.

Best Regards,  
Ann McCormick  
President



## FEATURED ARTICLE

### What is the Puppy of Achievement Certificate?

by Susie Blackledge



As many of you already know, I am new to Conformation. So it was a surprise to me when my puppy received a Certificate from AKC announcing that Connor was a "Puppy of Achievement". Looking into this further, I found out that Puppy of Achievement ( POA ) is a new Pilot Program from AKC. Puppies from 4 months to 12 months are eligible to earn this award, and since the program started on Sept 1st 2017, only points accumulated since then will be included. The purpose of this new certificate is to encourage new exhibitors to compete in Conformation.

"We're excited to launch this program as a way to encourage new puppy owners to continue participating in the sport. Our surveys have shown that new exhibitors are encouraged and likely to continue beyond five shows when they achieve some success," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. "The Puppy of Achievement certificate program is meant to provide a realistic goal new exhibitors can strive to attain while they and their dog gain experience. We look forward to helping new exhibitors stay engaged and encouraged."

10 points are required to obtain this certificate. There is no special entry requirement and no extra fees involved. Puppy of Achievement points are earned from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition as well as from the regular Puppy, Puppy 6-9 Month, and Puppy 9-12 Month classes. Points are determined based on the number of puppies competing in a class. No points are awarded beyond the class level at regular shows (Puppy, Puppy 6-9 Month, and Puppy 9-12 Month). At 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competitions, points are awarded to each puppy awarded Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Group 1, and Best in Show. A dog can earn up to 3 POA points at an event.

#### Point Schedule

Points	Puppies Competing
1	1-2
2	3-4
3	5

For complete details regarding points please review Section 3 of the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition Regulations. [http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/Sanctioned\\_Regulations\\_4-6\\_Month\\_POA.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/Sanctioned_Regulations_4-6_Month_POA.pdf)

This is a Pilot program, and at the end of one year, all owners who have received a POA certificate will be surveyed about their experience to determine if the program has been successful. From a personal viewpoint, I did find it encouraging, and even more so, the friendship and support from my wonderful Club Members ❤️🐾💚

# RESCUE REPORT

## *I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier*



by Melissa Nelson

This year has been relatively quiet in our Wheaten Rescue world. Of course, the minute we say that ... it will pick up 😊



At the end of January, we had four Wheatens at our training facility K-9 Karma in Jacksonville. Six year old Pluto (now Kian), went to a wonderful couple in Ft. Myers. Buster (now Morrison) went to a very dog savvy lady in Jacksonville.



In March we were contacted about four month old Ryder - the pup was too much for the owner to handle. The Bentons overnighted him and then Debie took him off to Lisa in Ocala.

Many thanks to Lisa Alexander for fostering this bundle of energy. And thanks to Lisa and Jody for transporting him to his forever home in Celebration. He has six and ten year old kids to play with and they ❤️ their puppy!

In April a young Wheaten from Panama City came into Rescue. Our dear friend Doug Marx was going to help transport. Doug has been working with our Rescue for many years and has adopted several seniors. Finn ended up ensconced in Doug's home in Pensacola and is staying!



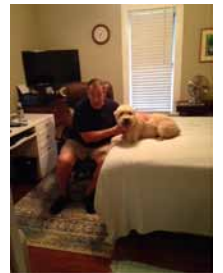
Two years ago we were contacted by eight year old Tipper's owner. He was ill and could not take proper care of her. Tipper is a well bred Wheaten who was shown to her championship. Sadly, the couple who adopted Tipper declined in health and had to give her up as well. In April Tipper was adopted by a lovely couple in Boca who adore her and take her to work every day. She has a great home for her golden years.

Jody was contacted by two year old Max's owner - she did not have enough time for him. Thank you Jody for fostering wild child Max and transporting him to his new home in St. Pete.



Six year old Trevor from Suncoast Humane Society was at Karma for over two months. He found his good inner dog and was adopted out to a Wheaten savvy home in Orlando at the end of April.

In May, we were contacted by four year old Lucy's family. They have four kids and not nearly enough time for little Lucy. She spent a lot of time in her crate. We had just gotten a lovely application from a couple who lived ten minutes from Lucy. We arranged for the adoption and they just adore her.



Young Jeremy from Atlantic Beach spent a few weeks at Karma. He was adopted in mid-May by a retired gentleman in Homosassa with lots of Wheaten experience.

We are currently looking for a good home for eight year old Hughey. He was found as a stray and nursed back to health by a wonderful lady in Melbourne. He is a lovely boy. To read all about Hughey and see his pictures, go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and search for Wheatens using the zip code 33158.



Rescue.... cont'd 🐾❤️

I was out of the country for almost six weeks and out of email and phone contact. My wonderful Co-coordinator Jody Greene took over in my absence and handled everything - I could not do this without you Jody! Thank you for your hard work!



We have placed twelve Wheatens in their forever homes so far in 2018. It has been a very slow year compared to the two prior years. In 2017 we placed 54 dogs! It is frankly a relief to take a deep breath and enjoy the less frenetic pace. As always, thanks to all of you who foster, transport, donate and in many other ways help these Wheatens on to their forever homes.



## IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI

### Frozen Apple Dog Treats

#### Ingredients

- 2 apples
- 1 cup Greek nonfat yogurt
- Water

#### Directions

- Slice the apples into small pieces removing the seeds and core
- Mix the apple slices, yogurt and splash of water in a blender and blend until you get a liquid consistency.
- Pour the mixture into an ice cube tray and freeze until hard.



# SHOW RESULTS

## What do all these initials mean?

Go to <https://images.akc.org/pdf/events/conformation/GESHW1.pdf>  
and read all about "A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows"

### DROMARA'S PERFECT TREBLE MAKER

"Connor"

1/W/BW/BOBOH

WPB 3/11/18

Breeder Margaret Snow



### CH AINLE TALK OF THE TOWN CGC

"Whisper"

AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED

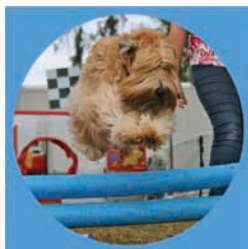
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### DROMARA'S PERFECT TREBLE MAKER

"Connor"

AKC "Puppy of Achievement"



### CH AINLE TALK OF THE TOWN CGC

FDC

"Whisper"

ACHIEVER DOG

### SUNDANCE'S FINNEGAN WAKE ME WHEN THE DREAM IS OVER

"FINN"

GCH Bronze on 3/17/2018

Breeder: Sue Wuerz

Owners: Maureen MacSweeney & Sue  
Wuerz



### GCHB CH PINEHOME MERRIMOOR COME TO DANCE CD RN CA RATN

"Spicy"

Breeder: Peggy Gale

Owner: Linda Hallas

2 Best of Breed

3 Owner Handled Best of Breed

3 Best of Opposite

2 group 4 owner handled

1 group 2 owner handled

1 qualifying leg and 3rd place in novice container



## DID YOU KNOW?

For Upcoming Dog Show information, go to  
[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com) and select "Show Info",  
Select by State and click on Florida or  
whatever state you are interested in.  
Click on the "Type" to find out what the  
initials stand for.  
E.g. AG=Agility Trials, O=Obedience, etc.



**American  
Kennel Club**

### **What is an Achiever Dog?**

The purpose of this new AKC certificate program is to celebrate the dedication of exhibitors and the versatile skills of their dogs.

A dog must earn at least 1 of the 3 sport achievements on or after December 1, 2017. Previously earned titles or participation can be used as 2 of the 3 required achievements.

A dog must earn a placement or qualifying score in three different sports in order to earn the Achiever Dog Certificate.

### **What is Scent Work?**

Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than ours! The sport or Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing, and asks a dog to sniff to their heart's content; turning your dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs, and is a wonderful way to build confidence in a shy dog.

In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a pre-determined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge.

**For more information on the Achiever Dog, Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Diving Dogs and other activities for you and your dog, visit the AKC website. [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME  
to the  
Soft Coated Terrier  
Club of Greater  
Tampa Bay!**

Mike & Ayne Hanna  
New Smyrna Beach  
Jim & Jocelyn Landis  
N. Ft. Myers  
Dianne and Sandro Ojeda  
Celebration  
Larry Watchorn  
Orlando



**"My Goal in life is to be as good  
of a person as my dog thinks  
I am."**

**Author Unknown**

## SENIOR WHEATEN

**"Rusty Shore"**

**Born**

**5/1/04**



Rusty Shore was rescued and adopted by Lisa Jaye and Greg in 2016. He has made a wonderful addition to their family. He is currently recovering from CCL surgery!

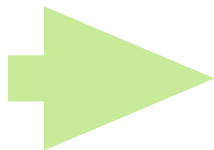
### What is CCL surgery?

Dogs have a CCL, the human equal would be the ACL. When a dog tears its CCL, every time the dogs goes to stand or put weight on the leg, the femur slides/rubs on the back of the tibia. This rubbing causes pain and inflammation, which is very uncomfortable. This is why most dogs with a torn CCL will not even put any weight on the leg, or if they do, they will just toe touch the leg to the ground.

There are several choices if surgery is necessary. Rusty is having the TPLO while Breezy had the TTA. Regardless of which surgery you choose the key to long term success is in the after care. It is simply astonishing just how fast these dogs begin to lose muscle mass and range of motion in the knee during this period where they are not weight bearing fully on the affected leg. In the last 20 years, physical therapy principles and techniques have been developed and altered to help dogs recover properly after major orthopedic surgery such as this. Physical therapy for dogs is more commonly referred to as Canine Rehabilitation.



### NEEDED



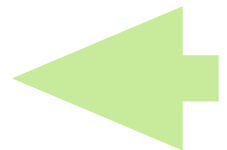
Photos of adorable Wheaten Puppies for our next newsletter - we'll have a page of puppy photos!

Articles for future newsletters

Braggs

Show Results

Rescue updates



Next Newsletter Deadline

August 30, 2018

All braggs and show results must have occurred between June 1 and August 30, 2018!