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WHEATEN WORDS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

'Tis the Season.....for the big dog shows in Florida! The AKC National Championship on December 15 and 16 finishes off a week of shows featuring agility, dock diving, obedience, conformation and more at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Our club is responsible for the the Wheaten Meet the Breed Booth both Saturday and Sunday where the expected 10,000 visitors per day learn about our breed from responsible dog owners. Hope you will come this year. There will be dogs of all recognized AKC breeds, big dogs, tiny dogs, and everything in between, and of course we think our Wheatens are the most desirable of all. Maureen MacSweeney has been hard at work with her committee developing a new look for our booth to showcase the origins of the breed. On Sunday afternoon at 1:00 Wheatens will be shown in conformation ring 19. Wheatens from around the country will be there, including some owned and/or bred by our Members. Or stop by Dock Diving to see Krista, the only Wheaten to qualify for the diving competition.

For two weeks in January the action moves to Brooksville. Our Supported Entry, with Tampa Bay Kennel Club, where we award big fancy Rosettes to the winners, will be held on Sunday, January 13. Watch for the premium list, it should be in the mail soon. Also on January 13, our Annual Meeting, Dinner, and Silent Auction with fabulous Wheaten items will be held at a Brooksville Country Club. The President's Class, consisting of three officers and two directors from our nine member board, is up for election this year. The slate is posted on our website, as well as information about the meeting location and dinner reservations. Please get your reservation in now, we need a count for the banquet manager in advance of the dinner. You are welcome to bring guests.

Then coming up in February is a cluster of shows in Tallahassee held by several clubs from the panhandle. Again this year we have a Supported Entry with Ochlockonee River Kennel Club of Florida on Saturday, February 23. Watch for the premium list in early January.

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Tampa Bay
www.flwheatenclub.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Please be mindful that some seasonal plants, or parts of them, may be harmful or even toxic to your pets. Poinsettias have long held that label, but more recent literature gives them a reprieve, calling them only mildly toxic. Be much more cautious with holly, especially the berries where theobromine, the toxin in chocolate, is much more highly concentrated than in the leaves. Mistletoe also can be highly toxic, especially the berries, depending on the species. All parts of amaryllis are toxic as well, particularly the bulb. If you have these in your home enjoy, I do, but out of the reach of pets. If you bring in a new plant and don't know if it could be toxic, there is a listing of plants at www.petpoisonhelpline.com. If you are worried that your pet has ingested a toxin call the 24/7 Animal Poison Control Center 855-764-7661, your Veterinarian, or your local Emergency Veterinary Care Center immediately. It's a good idea to have these numbers programmed in your phone for immediate access.

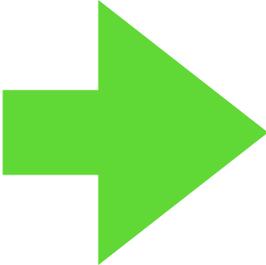


May your Wheatens be merry,
May your holidays shine,
With all the beautiful things that touch your heart.

Ann McCormick
President

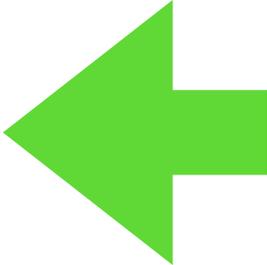


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



January 13, 2019 - Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction
Brooksville
Form available on our website!

January 31, 2019
2019 Annual Dues are due
Form available on our website!



February 23, 2019
Ochlockonee River Kennel Club Dog show
We have a Supported Entry



Proposed Slate of Officers

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay

In accordance with the Club by-laws - Article IV, Sec 4 - the nominating committee is pleased to put forward the following slate of officers. Only the President's Class is up for election at this time.

Past President/Advisor Ann McCormick: 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020

President's Class: 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2021

President	Cindy Jacuk
Treasurer	Michele Cadden
Recording Secretary	Susie Blackledge
Director	Dr. Peggy Gainey
Director	Lisa Jaye Shore

The Vice President's class is shown for information only and does not need to be voted on, as this class is not up for election.

Vice President's Class: 4/1/2018 – 3/31/2020

Vice President	Maureen MacSweeney
Corresponding Secretary	Lois Hiers
Director	Sherri Kase McKenzie
Director	Debie Scurr

Sincerely,
SCWTCTB Nominating Committee
Maureen MacSweeney – Chair
Kathi Elliot
Nancy Diiani





Woof Woof on The Roof!

by Susie Blackledge

Puppies and Christmas go together like Santa and his Sled...

Try for a moment though to see it all through your pup's wondering eyes!

All the decorations, people, noises, and different scents in the Home!



Will it be overwhelming? Or are there steps we can take to make sure it is a positive experience for our furry family members?

First of all, try to stick to their normal routine for feeding, exercise, playtime, and rest.

Does your pup have a safe place for down time? A quiet place it can get away to, such as a crate, exercise pen, or even its own room can provide the perfect Puppy Cave. You also may opt to keep your pup leashed to you if there are overactive children causing chasing and nipping behavior.

How about reviewing your pet's cache of commands before the Holidays hit:

Door Etiquette - Practice! Heavily reinforce Sits and Ignore Jumping Up. Or Go To Mat/Place and stay there while the door is opened for guests.

Leave it- For anything off limits including the Tree and dropped food items. Reinforce your pup's correct response with treats, praise, or toys.

Drop It - Once trained your dog will happily spit things out to get something better. Kind of a Trade game! Remember, everyone likes to trade up, so be generous.

Sit - To be petted, or for a treat.

Stay / Wait - Can be used when you're getting something hot from the stove, or opening doors for instance.

Off - This can be used to keep the dog from jumping on guests or counter surfing. Train your guests not to pet the dog or give any treats unless all 4 are on the floor. Turning one's back on a jumper can be helpful. Practice!

Go to Mat/Place Can be helpful when guests arrive or to keep the dog away from the table while everyone is eating and "dropping" food. (those guests who despite all your requests insist on passing tidbits to the dogs)

Shake / High 5 - Everyone will enjoy your pup performing a trick for the crowd!

Come! A good recall is so important. Keep in mind guests can leave gates and doors open by mistake in all the excitement. Does your puppy have ID on them just in case?

Desensitization from the Noise - Prepare your pup in advance by playing firework sound recordings low at first and increasing the volume as tolerated till you have Bombs Bursting in the Air!

Other good reminders include making sure no one leaves bones from the turkey or alcoholic drinks in your dogs reach. Remember some plants are poisonous to pets, like Holly, Mistletoe, and Poinsettias! Lights on the bottom of a tree can get very hot. Food items on the tree like popcorn and candy should be avoided. Puppies might want to chew exposed wires on the decorations.

Be your dog's advocate; make sure everyone understands your expectations. Never allow other people to undermine your dog's training.

Whenever possible, give your dog something to do rather than letting him become bored and seek out trouble. Food delivery puzzles such as Kong and chew toys are wonderful ways to keep dogs happily entertained.

And as always we don't want anyone to give a puppy as a gift unless the recipient has full intentions of showing the pup forever love and devotion. Rescue is busy enough.

Our animals are truly able to see into our souls and remind us of the True meaning of Christmas. This lovely poem is a reflection of this spirit.

A Puppy's Christmas -

Author unknown

It's the day before Christmas
And all through the house
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily
Hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor.

The stockings that hung
In a neat little row
Now boast a hole in
Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed whims,
And now, although splendid,
It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them.
"Be good", I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them
The thought comes to me,
That their's is the spirit
That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy
That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message
That's written above,
And tell us that, most of all
Christmas is love.



RESCUE REPORT

I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Fall has been very busy for Rescue.

Five year old Murphy, who was adopted out in August was returned in September. He went to K-9 Karma for the second time and once again they reported seeing no aggression with other dogs, people or food. Murphy is ready to go to a forever home but we prefer it to be near to K-9 Karma so that they can work with his new family.

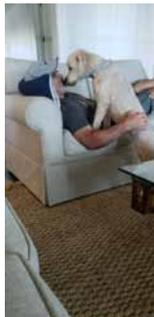
The two young Wheatens from Biloxi that we reported on in the last newsletter went to Jody Greene in Jax to foster. Skyler, now Gracie, went to a lovely home in Lake Worth in September and Phoebe went to her forever home in Fernandina Beach in October.



At the beginning of September, we got Wheaten mix Gigi from Hillsborough County Animal Services. Our heartfelt thanks to Sue Baker for springing her from Animal Services and fostering for a few days. Lisa and Gordy Alexander in Ocala then took her in and worked their magic! The story of foster failure Gigi was told beautifully by Lisa in our last newsletter. Gigi is a lucky girl.

Six year old Teddy's owner contacted us - she is a widow with two boys and a full time job. She simply did not have time to take proper care of Teddy. We had a lovely application from a couple in Odessa where Teddy was located. They agreed to foster Teddy and she is now a foster failure - the best kind!

Thank you Bernadine Sanchez!



The Luscomb's in Seminole adopted Barley from us back in 2010. They lost him recently at 16 years old and needed another Wheaten in their lives. **Six year old Penny** came along and joined their family. Wonderful home!



In September, we were contacted by eight year old Bailey's family near Cape Coral. They moved to an apartment where they could not have pets. The Nelson's met them across the Alley and took her to Ft. Lauderdale where Bruce Borger fostered her. What a lovely little Wheaten! The Boyle's in Sebastian adopted her and they just adore her!

Four year old Zoey in Cocoa Beach was very well taken care of. Sadly, her person became ill and could no longer take care of her. Zoey went to Tina Manolakos in Tampa, a long time friend of Rescue whose Wheaten was happy to welcome a sister!



Eight year old Callie was in Oviedo with a family that just did not have time for her. Thanks go to Donnie Francis for evaluating, transporting her and adopting her to a good home.

Cindy Leigh was contacted about Biscuit, whose name is now Quinn. He was not being taken care of - unfettered, matted, not on prevention nor up to date on shots. Lisa Jaye and Greg Shore got Quinn and met Jody, who got him up to date on everything. Once he healed, he went to Elise Hunter Matthews, a fabulous home for him. He is well loved and so happy in his new home.



Rescue.... cont'd

In mid October we were alerted to a Wheaten mix at Miami Date Animal Services. He was an owner surrender, but he was in terrible condition. He had eye and ear infections, ringworm and a mass on his back - and he was obese! To Animal Service's credit, they kept him for 3 weeks and put him on the road to recovery. The Nelson's picked up Bonito...now Oliver - and a very long WURL ensued. The Nelson's, Cindy, a friend of Cindy's and Jeanne Jessup got him to Brooksville on the other coast. The foster home did not work out, so Lisa picked him up and got him to Jody. He developed a URI (upper respiratory infection, what used to be called kennel cough) so he had to be isolated. Then, his mass burst so he had to be vetted. Jody says he is a darling little dog who gets along with everyone! And he now weighs 35 lbs - down from 53 lbs! He is now ready for a home!



Six year old Jackson's people in Windermere contacted us at the end of October. The wife called us a year ago saying she had to get rid of the the dog because her husband didn't like him and was unkind to him. She tried to make things work out. She finally realized it was not fair to Jackson and relinquished him to us. Rick Michael in Port Orange did a fabulous job fostering him - getting him trained and up to date on everything. Jackson recently went to a wonderful home in Safety Harbor.



At the beginning of November, we were contacted by 7 yo Hunny's family in Sarasota. It was a sad story. his young owner developed medical problems and had a young child. She was no longer physically able to take care of Hunny. Donna Simmons went and picked up Hunny and is fostering to adopt her.



Manatee County Animal Services emailed us about 9 yo Dylan. He was relinquished by his owner who claimed he was not good with other dogs. We agreed to take Dylan - thanks to Scott Jacuk, Lois Hiers and Jody for transporting him. Jody fostered him overnight and discovered that the owner was correct - he was not good with other dogs. He is however very, very sweet with people so Dylan will go to an only dog home.

Eight yo Dulce in Wesley Chapel needs a good home. Her owner can no longer take care of her. She is a sweet dog who had been very well cared for. Please contact Melissa if anyone would like more information on this cutie!



We just got 4 yo Aidan into Rescue. He was possibly the most matted mess we have ever seen, and he smelled of urine. He was in a home with a family that should not have hd a dog. He has been vetted and shaved down and is currently being boarded until we find him a foster home. Big thanks to Donnie Francis for making us aware of him, evaluating him and getting him out of that environment!



Rescue.... cont'd

Currently we have Oliver in foster care with Jody. We have Bodhi, Murphy and Dylan at K-9 Karma in Jacksonville who are all ready for the perfect home!

We have placed 27 Wheatens so far in 2018 and have several waiting in the wings. In 2016, we placed a whopping 56 dogs and last year it was 39. Things are slowing down a little, but Rescue is unpredictable. As always, we want to thank everyone for helping our Rescue get these homeless Wheatens to their new forever homes.

Finally, on a personal note: The Nelsons lost their 14.5 yo Wheaten Wilson earlier this year, leaving 5 yo Nellie Bly looking for a sibling. Steve and I volunteer twice a week for four hours walking dogs at our local Miami Dade Animal Services. They are aware of our work with Wheaten Rescue, but Wheatens rarely show up there. Three weeks ago, on Friday afternoon, I got a text with a picture - we have a Wheaten! Be here tomorrow morning to get him! We went and got him, we fostered him and he is now our very own foster failure. He is between 1-2 yo. His name is Finnegan Niles Nelson. He is smart, knows tricks, and he and Nellie love each other. Our family is complete again!

Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator



AN UPDATE ON OONAGH

Oonagh (nee Scarlett) has been thriving in her new home in Wekiva River area since we adopted her in February. The daily Wheaten greetings she bestows upon all members of the family are greatly appreciated, even by my 95 year old mother when we drive up to the villages to see her. Oonagh is my nearly constant companion - keeping me focused and out of trouble - warning us when bears are walking down the street or when squirrels threaten our pineapple plants in the garden. She came to us well trained and exceptionally intelligent. Her seemingly nuanced understanding of language surpasses several human beings that I know.

Special thanks to Bill Hollingsworth and Jody Greene for making it possible for us to adopt her. She is loved and returns that love ten-fold.

Respectfully submitted,

JJ Johnson





IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI

WHEATEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

2 lbs. chicken thighs or drumsticks (with skin and bone intact)
1 lb. ground turkey
2 small sweet potatoes, diced
1 potato, diced
2 cups butternut squash, diced
2 cups carrots, diced
2 cups green beans, chopped
1 1/2 cups brown rice
4 cups water

DIRECTIONS

Cut up your produce. Heat 3 cups of water in your crockpot over low heat and add in the chicken. Add the other ingredients, one at a time, and top off with the remaining cup of water. Set it and forget it. Seriously! Go to work, take your dog to the park, binge watch Netflix, whatever! 8 hours later you will have more fresh and delicious dog food than you know what to do with.

Once it's finished, be sure to remove all the bones from the chicken (the meat should pretty much fall off at this point) and mix everything together.

You can refrigerate 4 or 5 days worth of food at a time and just pop the rest in the freezer.



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"

**CH Ainle Talk of the Town FDC CGCA
CGCU TKN
"Whisper"**



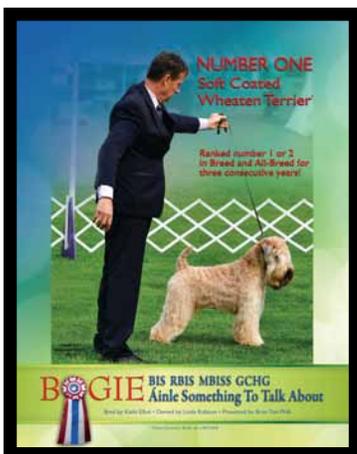
September 29, 2018- AKC Community Canine
Title Certificate "CGCA"
October 15, 2018 - AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen
Title Certificate "CGCU"
October 17, 2018 - AKC Trick Dog Novice Title

**GCHB, CDN, CH Pinehome Merrimoor
Cametodance CXD RN CA RATN
"Spicy"**



New Performance Title: SCN
#2 SCWT National Owner Handler Series
Owner: Linda Hallas
Bred By: Peggy Gale

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



35 BOB, 3 G1, 4 G2, 9 G3, and 7 G4
Achieved Platinum Grand Champion 10/18/18
Owner: Linda Robison
Bred By: Kathi Elliot

**CH Ainle Ain't No Saint
"Higgins"**



2 BOB, 6 SEL
Owners: Marsha Zeagler & Kathi Elliot
Bred by: Kathi Elliot

SHOW RESULTS

Ainle Catch Me If You Can "Nora"



1 WB, 7 RES

Owners: Chantal Eagles, Conor O'Neill, &
Kathi Elliot
Bred by: Kathi Elliot

PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM MCKC NATIONALS GCHB, CDN CH Pinehome Merrimoor Cametodance CD RN CA RATN "Spicy"



All Terrier Agility Trial - 1st place
Working Dog Award
Versatility Award



Neurological Stimulation

One benefit of getting your puppy from a responsible hobby breeder is the training the breeder gives each puppy, beginning in the first few days of life.

The first part of this training is Early Neurological Stimulation, begun on the third day of life and continued for two weeks. It is a series of five exercises, performed for 3 to 5 seconds each, and no more often than once a day. More is not better, it could be detrimental to exceed the recommended time or frequency. These exercises provide gentle stress that would not normally be experienced at this age. Dogs who receive this Bio-sensor Stimulation during the critical period for this learning, 3 through 16 days of age, get benefits that last their entire lives.

The exercises are:

1. Tactile stimulation between the toes
2. Held with head erect, perpendicular to the ground
3. Held with head down, perpendicular to the ground
4. Held supine
5. Thermal (cold) stimulation using a chilled damp towel.

These exercises were developed for training military dogs in the Bio Sensor program. They are not a substitute for holding and playing with young puppies, they need that too. Benefits observed included:

1. Improved cardiovascular performance
2. Stronger heartbeat
3. Stronger adrenal glands
4. More tolerance to stress
5. Greater resistance to disease

Compared to their littermates who did not receive ENS, stimulated puppies were more active, more exploratory, and better learners. They were calmer, and more self assured.

Complete instructions to do this safely, with illustrations and background information, by Dr. Carmen Battaglia, can be found at:

www.breedingbetterdogs.com/article/early-neurological-stimulation



By Ann McCormick,
Inishkeen Wheatens

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GCHG Sundance Second Chance
"Benny" and
CH Sundance Kiss-Kiss You Rule My
World - Prince "Kiss"**
October 29, 2018, 3 males and 3
females
Bred by: Sue and Don Wuerz



**GCH CDN CH Greentree Feis
Dancer Midnight Tobasco Waltz
"Dempsey" and
Inishkeen's Buxxom Lady "Aoife"**
November 14, 2018, 2 males and 3
females
Bred by: Ann and Jim McCormick

**CH Sundance's Kajun Ball of Fire
"Lorcan" and
CH Canopy Road's Pasadena Rose
"Maggie"**
November 20, 2018, 2 males and 4
females
Bred by: Bonnie & Dennis Wirth

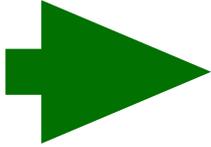


**CH Sundance Lucky Rover "Bowie"
and CH Wheaten Lane's Catching
the Win "Lucy"**
November 24, 2018, 7 males and 2
females
Bred by: Nancy Griffin

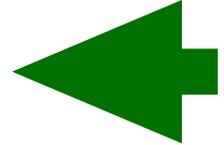


NEEDED

Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters



Braggs
Senior Wheatens
Show Results
Rescue updates



Next Newsletter Deadline
February 28, 2019

All braggs and show results must have occurred between
December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019!



ANNUAL DINNER, GENERAL MEETING & SILENT AUCTION

Annual Dinner, Annual Meeting & Silent Auction
Sunday, January 13, 2019
Southern Hills Plantation
19858 Southern Hills Blvd, Brooksville

\$40.00 per person.

To pay by check: Make it out to SCWTCGTB and mail it to: Cindy Jacuk, Treasurer,
364 Blackbird Ct., Bradenton, FL 34212

Be sure to include the names of the attendees in your group.

To pay online: Go to our website, flwheatenclub.org and click on the donate button. Be
sure to include the number of dinners you are paying for and the names of the
attendees in your group.

Bring Wheaten/dog related items to donate to our silent auction!

Donations are tax deductible!

All monies raised go directly to our Wheaten Rescue!

Bidding on Auction items will begin at 6 pm with a cash bar and
light appetizers. Dinner is at 7.