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# WHEATEN WORDS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all the members, old and new. We are so glad you are part of this wonderful organization and look forward to having fun, educating our membership, and making a difference for the breed we all love so much: The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.

Our new board members officially began their responsibilities on April 1, 2019. We have had two board meetings so far and have been successful in securing dates for several wonderful events with an emphasis on fun and owner/Wheaten interaction. You can find all upcoming events listed in the "Save The Date" portion of the newsletter.

We would like to make sure all club members are recognized for their continued generosity. Please note the newest section to Wheaten Words highlighting our donors and those they are acknowledging in honor or memory.

We are continuously updating and improving the club's website. Please look for an upcoming email with a new password to access club member information. We will also be sending an email for those members who wish to opt out of having their phone number included in the membership listing.

The Board is planning on more fun and interactive events for the club membership so stay tuned. Again, thanks for being part of this great organization and making a difference for our beloved Wheatens.

Cindy Jacuk,  
President  
SCWTCGTB

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[www.flwheatenclub.org](http://www.flwheatenclub.org)



## NEW MEMBERS

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

Liz & Bill Bonney - Tampa  
Bernadine & Morty Sanchez - Odessa  
Sandra Stockwell - Jacksonville  
Norma Jeano Broome - Eustic  
Janet Siegel - St. Augustine  
Denise & Larry McLaughlin - Savannah



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

Debie's birthday fundraiser  
In Honor of Rescue:

Bonnie Harrison  
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Bree & Honey  
Aleta Higgs  
Jan Dobson in Honor of Clark Kent  
Jean Krause in Honor of Sofie, Darby,  
Minnie, Faith, Sophie & Shorty  
Robert & Polly Knapp in Honor of  
Saylor  
Lenny & Susie Pruyne  
Diane & Chet Stephens in Honor of  
Teddy  
Deborah & John Mitrovke in Honor of  
Penny & Cubbie  
Debie & Tony Rossi in Honor of Pooh  
Diane Lee Myers  
Thea Venning

# LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Moonstruck announces a new litter



SIRE:

US/CAN GCH  
Keepsakes Wave  
Ryder (Ryder)



DAM:

US GCH Clover's  
Moonstruck Reflection Of  
Greentree (Treasure)



Helen Fraguela  
Fraguela@aol.com  
www.moonstruckscwt.com

## Susie Blackledge announces a new litter



SIRE:  
CH Dromara's  
Perfect Treble  
Maker RN CGC TKN  
"Connor"



DAM:  
CH Ceili's Sister of  
Fire CGC OA  
AXJ TKA  
"Nya"

Bred by Ceili  
Wheatens  
Beth Sorenson





## Wheatens Just Want To Have Fun

by Linda Hallas

Looking for something fun to do with your Wheaten, but not sure where to start? There are a variety of dog sports that you can enjoy and compete in with your Wheaten. If you want to have some fun and give your dog some exercise, but not necessarily spend extensive time training, I suggest you try barn hunt, scent work or lure coursing. These three activities don't require much training at the entry levels. Your dog will either love it or leave it. You will know immediately if your wheaten is a barn hunt enthusiast.

In barn hunt your dog is searching bales of straw for large live rats which are hidden inside opaque PVC tubes that have small breathing holes. Along with the tubes that contain the rats, tubes containing dirty rat liter and empty tubes are also hidden. Your dog is off leash and you simply follow your dog around and when they find a rat you call RAT and you pick up the tube and hand it to a rat wrangler who is also in the ring. Your dog also has to negotiate a tunnel made of straw bales and climb up onto a



bale of straw. Barn hunt is a timed event and depending upon your level there can be from 1 to 8 rats and varying numbers of liter and empty tubes. The rules are very easy and the search area is always securely fenced so there is no worry that your dog will leave the ring. Barn Hunt is run by Barn Hunt Association and you can register your dog online and find trials and clinics listed on their events page. If you go directly to a trial register for instinct and novice the same day and you will be on your way. The website is [barnhunt.com](http://barnhunt.com) and you can register, read the rules, and find a clinic or trial in your area. Barn Hunt titles are recognized by the AKC and can be transferred for a small fee. Dog Training Club of Tampa has been approved as a Barn Hunt Club.



Scent work is another fun activity that takes minimal training and relies on your dog's sense of smell. In scent work your dog hunts for scents such as birch, anise, clove. The scents are a drop of oil on a Q tip. There are five different search types at each level and the scent is hidden in different environments. The easiest is container where the scent is in a cardboard box. In interior room search the scent is taped out of sight on a piece of

furniture such as a table leg. Exterior room search is done outside and usually includes some outdoor children toys or lawn equipment. Because of the wind can be more of a challenge. Buried is where the scent is hidden in one of 6 bins of sand and at higher levels under water. The fifth scent event is called handler discrimination where your dog is asked to find an article such as a glove that you have been wearing. Your glove and the Judge's glove are hidden in boxes together with eight empty boxes and your dog must find your glove. Scent work is a team effort; your dog is doing the work but you are working with your dog to recognize when your dog is on the scent. When you think your dog has found the scent you say ALERT. There are varying time limits and numbers of scents hidden depending on the level. In the higher levels there are food distractions which are particularly difficult for my girl. It is hard to pass up a suitcase with a piece of liver inside! Scent work is done on a long leash, one dog at a time. At a trial you can take food in the ring and reward your dog for finding the scent. Scent work is an AKC performance event and AKC titles are earned. You can learn more at [AKC.org](http://AKC.org) and dogs must be AKC registered to participate in scent trials. Many dog training schools in Florida teach scent work. I found the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County and K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville all have them. Again, this is an activity that your dog will either show great enthusiasm for it or won't.

Lure coursing is a fun event that requires absolutely no training. AKC allows all breeds to get a coursing ability title but only sight hounds are allowed to compete at higher levels. In lure coursing a wire is staked to the ground with a motor that moves a white plastic bag at a high rate of speed. In FAST CAT the dog chases the lure in a straight line 100 yard dash. In Coursing Ability the dog chases the lure along a series of turns in a 600 yard course. The dog must chase the lure making the turns and following the movement of the lure. The only hard part of this event is at the end when the Judge tells you to collect your hound. When a



wheaten has chased something 600 yards and finally catches it there is a bit of neck braking to be done! The cost of Fast Cat and Coursing Ability is the same. Being cheap I went for the Coursing Ability, 500 more yards for your money. Many conformation shows offer both Coursing Ability and Fast Cat allowing day of registration. Several also allow you to try a practice run to see if your dog is interested for just \$5.00. If you want to earn an AKC title the runs are usually about

\$20.00 and you need three qualifying runs for a title. After you have a title you can still let your dog run for fun but Wheatens are not permitted to earn advanced titles.

If you want to spend some serious time training with your dog the more traditional performance and companion events are for you. These activities are far less reliant on the dog's natural instinct and more on working as a team. No food or rewards are allowed in the ring making these events much more of a challenge. Rally is a series of signs in a ring that you proceed through with your dog stopping at each sign to perform the exercise that is printed on the sign. The signs say things such as sit your dog and walk around your dog or back up three steps and call your dog. In rally you can talk to your dog, repeat commands and praise your dog throughout the course. The novice level is performed on a loose leash and higher levels are off leash with more difficult exercises like having the dog walk backwards. Obedience is similar to Rally but the handler is extremely limited in what they are permitted to say to the dog. For example your dog must sit every time you stop walking without being given a command. At the higher levels, dogs perform jumps and retrieve objects, find objects that contain your scent and sit, and stand and drop at a distance of about 30 feet in response to hand signals. Agility is also a great sport that develops your working relationship with your dog and takes a lot of training and team work. Obviously it is all off leash and requires your dog to climb, jump tunnel and ride a teeter totter. Rally, obedience and agility are taught at many dog training schools in Florida. In the Tampa Bay Area there are five or six schools.

Spicy has tried all of these activities she loves barn hunt, scent work and lure coursing. It is heartwarming to watch her doing the things she was bred to do with such joy and enthusiasm. Spicy enjoys training obedience and agility for food but performing at trials with no treats has been a real challenge. We train everyday at home and try to get to classes two or three days a week. I think Wheatens like getting out and trying new things with their people. Providing enrichment is an important part of our obligation to our Wheatens and these are just a few ways we can make their lives happy.

Dog Training Club of Tampa has been approved as a Barn Hunt Club! Congratulations to them. They will hold their first Fun Text on July 27, 2019. Go to <https://dtct.org/dtct-trials> for more information. The test will start at 9 a.m. This will also be a Fun Test that you can train in - just no treats in the ring. All classes will be offered including Crazy 8. No legs or ribbons will be earned for this event. Closing date to apply is July 17. Late entries will be accepted until July 25 with an added \$3 fee.



## RESCUE REPORT

# *I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier*



Trevor was adopted last year and returned because he was not getting along with the resident dog. Trevor went back to Karma K9 in Jacksonville. His owner missed him so much that he found a home for his other Wheaten and welcomed Trevor back with open arms and heart.



Jody Greene fostered sweet SCWT mix Oliver for several months and got him vetted and slimmed down. In March, he went to the McLaughlin's in Savannah, GA - they have had two of our rescues and will be a great home for Oliver. Oliver's road was long - from Miami-Dade Animal Services last year to Savannah this spring - but what a happy ending!



Last December, a good Samaritan found a young Wheaten running along a rural road in central Florida. He was in terrible condition. Lisa took him in and nursed him back to health, but he was not a good fit with her pack. Sammy went to a wonderful couple in Tarpon Springs and is doing very well.



Eight year old Ted in Bradenton was given up because kids came along. They now had two children under the age of two and no time for Ted. Jeano Broome in Eustis who adopted two older Wheatens from us in the past, stepped up again. Ted is settling in with Jeano nicely.



Young Finley in Orlando was almost put to sleep simply because he knocked down a grandkid. Thanks to Donnie Francis for finding Finley and helping with the adoption. He went to a wonderful couple who adopted a Wheaten from us last year.

Ten year old Katie McKenna in Ft. Myers is a therapy dog who did reading sessions with little kids. Her people gave her up because she developed an irrational fear of loud noises and the sound of garbage trucks and other large vehicles. They lived in a condo and did not have a yard. They felt she needed a much quieter environment. In April, Katie went to the Kuehn's in Ft. Myers Beach who had two of our dogs and were thrilled to adopt another Wheaten.



In May, we were contacted by a family in Lithia with two young kids. They bought a puppy and realized immediately that it was a poor decision. We had a couple in St. Pete with two older kids who specifically wanted a puppy so ten week old Murphy - went to them. Thank you Debie Scurr for transporting and facilitating the adoption.



In May a lady from a no kill shelter in Pompano Beach called us about twelve year old Prize. They had known his owner for a year, and sadly he developed dementia and had to go into a home. Prize ended up at the shelter. Could we help? Debie put his plight and pictures out on social media. We did end up finding a forever foster home for Prize with Rick Michael in Port Orange. He could not have a better home.

Three year old Zaza in Ft. Myers was found as a stray last December. She was adopted by a couple with a Border Collie and things did not work out between the two dogs. Zaza went to a wonderful home in Jacksonville and is currently in a Foster to Adopt situation. She is not good with other dogs. Her new person has brought in several trainers and is trying very hard to get her over her dog aggression.

Bodhi and Dylan are still at Karma K9. Dylan is ready to go to a home. Little Charlie who was heart worm positive is now healthy and still being fostered with Cindy Leigh in West Palm.

It seemed to be a quiet spring, but in looking back it was quite busy! As summer arrives and kids are out of school, the pace usually picks up. We always, always need good foster homes. If you find it in your heart to take in a needy Wheaten, please let us know. It is very rewarding to send them to a great new life. Thanks again to our Rescue family for all you do.

**Melissa Nelson**  
**Rescue Co-Coordinator**





## IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRANDI

### Breath Freshening Minty Freezies

This treat is a great breath freshener for your pooch since it contains parsley and mint. These herby-licious ingredients also have many other surprising health benefits, too. Parsley aids digestion, can reduce inflammation and is even thought to have cancer preventing properties. Mint is a powerful antibacterial, anti-fungal and antiviral herb that will help prevent bacteria developing in your dog's mouth. Whoever said treats had to be naughty?



### **Ingredients:**

- 1 cup of plain or Greek yogurt
- Small handful of fresh parsley leaves
- Small handful of fresh mint leaves

### **Method:**

1. Scoop your yogurt into a blender and add your parsley and mint leaves.
2. Blend until the herbs are evenly spread throughout the mixture. At this point you can add a splash of water if you want to thin out your mixture to create a better pouring consistency.
3. Fill your ice cube trays to the brim and pop them in the freezer.
4. Freeze until solid and serve.



# 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"

### Sage's Breath of Fire "Phoenix"



New Champion April 11th  
Perry GA

Breeders: Sandy & Frank Russo, Bev &  
Kevin McDonald  
Owners: Sandy & Frank Russo

### Sage's Black Magic Woman "Madam Rue"



BOB April 12  
OHBOB & OH Grp 2  
Perry GA

### O'Mannion's There's a New Kid In Town Teódóir "Teddie"



CGC May 2, 2019  
TKN May 5, 2019  
Owner: Ellen Chapman  
Breeder: Joanne Manning

### GCHS CH Pinehome Merrimoor Cametodance "Spicy"

Brooksville FL

Qualified in advanced container, interior  
novice, exterior novice, buried novice.

She earned a new title SIN  
(Scent Work Interior Novice)



St. Petersburg FL  
Qualified and got 2nd place in open  
obedience  
Owner: Linda Hallas  
Breeder: Peggy Gale

### GCH CH AINLE AIN'T NO SAINT "Higgins"



Owned by Marsha Ziegler & Kathi  
Elliot  
Bred by: Kathi Elliot



## Wheaten Irish Cottage Doll House Raffle

To Benefit our Rescue



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay Inc. 364 Blackbird Ct. Bradenton, FL 34212 will hold a drawing for a handmade, one of a kind Irish cottage doll house to benefit RESCUE. The doll house was donated by Kathi Elliot and features two wood carved Wheatens, Wheaten photos and win ribbons on the walls. Also includes seasonal decorations for Halloween, Easter and Christmas and miscellaneous decor. Tickets will be available at all club events or contact Michele Cadden ([scwtcgtbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:scwtcgtbtreasurer@gmail.com)) to obtain tickets. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for a \$20.00 donation. No donation is required to obtain a ticket. The winner will be drawn at the annual dinner on October 27, 2019 at Topgolf 10690 Palm River Rd., Tampa FL 33619 at 8 pm. The winner need not be present to win.





# SCWTCGTB

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Wheaten Education Day

It's All About our Pups!

When: **Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Where: St. Therese Byzantine

Catholic Church Hall

4265 13th Avenue N

St. Petersburg

### ANNUAL DINNER

When: **Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Where: TopGolf

10690 Palm River Rd,

Tampa, FL

### MEET THE BREED

SAVE THE DATE

When: **Saturday and Sunday**

**December 14-15, 2019**

Where: AKC National Championship

Orlando, FL

### ANNUAL PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

When: **Saturday, February 15, 2020**

Where: Lake Seminole Park

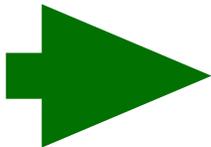
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Seminole, FL

(Pinellas County)



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



Photos of adorable Wheatens  
Articles for future newsletters  
Braggs  
Senior Wheatens (13 yo or older)  
Show Results  
Rescue updates



Next Newsletter Deadline

August 30, 2019

All braggs and show results must have occurred between  
June 1 and August 30, 2019!

Email Debie at [flwheaten@gmail.com](mailto:flwheaten@gmail.com) with your information!