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# Wheaten Words

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My final President's Message - a bittersweet moment. ...

The message hasn't changed since the dinner last month so if this sounds familiar - it is. What a success the dinner was, with a great turnout to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and to those that took time from their busy schedules to attend.

How quickly the years pass! In my first "President's Message" the first line I wrote was "There is no "I" in Wheaten"....this is something that I see our Club members live up to time and time again". Over the past four years we have hosted an annual Education Day, which became WOW - Wonderful World of Wheatens. Our Annual West Coast Picnic remains a well-attended event. We hosted a Herding Day and Agility Day that were very well received. Our Club came together and hosted 2 "B" Matches and 2 "A" Matches working towards the next steps in becoming an AKC licensed Club. Approximately 150 rescue dogs were transported, treated and rehomed over the past four years. Yes, a little something for everyone!

We have hosted "Meet the Breed" at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship held in Orlando for the past 4 years on behalf of our National Club. We received nothing but positive comments and many thanks for all our Wheatens and their owners who have made this a success. Many of our Club member dogs have placed at this prestigious event every year and hopefully will again this year. In 2015 half of the TOP 10 dogs in the Owner Handler competition are owned by Club members!

Our Club has beautiful posters for use at events that are made up of all member dogs. Our members supported a 2014 Calendar made up of their dogs! What great fundraisers! We created brochures for general use in addition to our rescue brochures.

During the past four years we participated in the "Swab and Send" program - sending DNA samples to Penn State. What a breakthrough when mutations in 2 genes were identified in Wheatens with PLN. Sadly, we lost Renin - our colony dog 10-18-96 to 07-23-12. He was part of the PLN/PLE study at NC State University. We donated animal oxygen masks to the Hillsborough County Fire Department in 2013.

The past two years we have participated in "Supported Entry" for the Tampa Bay Terrier Club and St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association. Beautiful rosettes are presented to the top placing Wheaten Terriers. SCWTCA has announced that it will be holding its 2018 Roving Specialty in conjunction with the Brooksville Dog Show. This is a great honor and will be the first time we have had a specialty in Florida. It would never have happened without the support of our club members. I hope everyone will participate wherever we can to ensure the success of this event.

The constant theme has been we are a **Breed club**, not a Rescue club, not a Performance club, not a Conformation club. Our focus is our wonderful breed and **everything** it encompasses. I hope everyone feels we have offered something for everyone. I am sure the incoming Board will be welcoming suggestions for future events and activities that would be of interest to our membership.

It has taken so many people to make the past 4 years a success and we have accomplished a lot. Thank you to everyone who has worked to make all these efforts a success.

It has been an honor to be your President and I know your new Board will receive the same support and commitment from our members.

I will leave you with the same thought that I started with...  
"there is no "I" in Wheaten".... but together we can make a difference.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!**

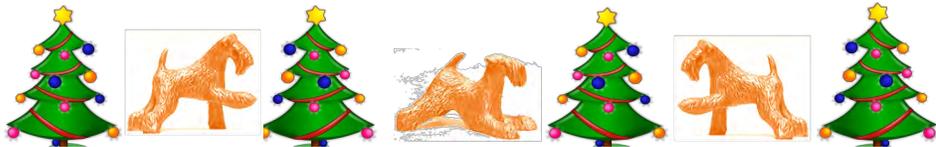
Kathi Elliot



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## CLUB BUSINESS



### To ALL Our Club Members:

We're currently accepting nominations for the 2015 Jackie Kase Memorial Service Award. Please take the time to nominate someone you feel deserves this award for 2015! The nominee with the most votes is selected and will be honored at our February picnic. Information about this award, the form & where to mail or e-mail it is in a separate attachment along with this newsletter.

Also, please let us know of all your AKC Title Wins for 2015. This includes Conformation, Obedience, Agility and Canine Good Citizen. You & your Wheaten will also be honored & given a plaque for these awards as well. This form is also attached along with this newsletter.

### Don't Forget....

## SCWTCGTB 2016 West Coast Picnic and General Meeting

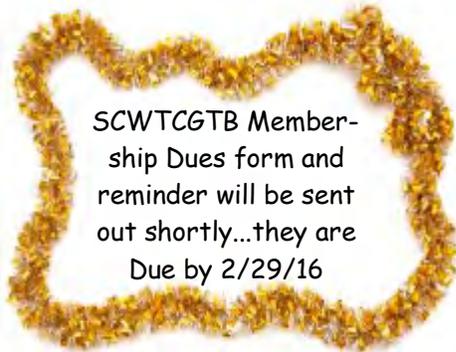
FEBRUARY 06, 2016 11am to 3pm

\$5/per person & \$10/per family

Lake Seminole Park, Shelter 10  
10015 Park Blvd, Seminole, FL



RSVP by 2/01/16 to Debie at [flwheaten@gmail.com](mailto:flwheaten@gmail.com)



SCWTCGTB Membership Dues form and reminder will be sent out shortly...they are Due by 2/29/16

Our BIG 20th Anniversary Raffle Item Winner. Congratulations Gail!!



## NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO THE SCWTCGTB!

Jan & Dennis	Baldwin	Tampa, FL
Lawrence & Sascha	Blacke	Ft Lauderdale, FL
Robert	Decker	Lakeland, FL
Donna & James	Richter	Jacksonville, FL
Kerrie	Rousey	Casselberry, FL
Don & Jaci	Salisbury	Clearwater, FL
Patrice & Robert	McBride	Dade City, FL

### Christmas Safety for Your Pets!

By: Kathi Elliot

While we are enjoying 80 degree temperatures, it is hard to believe another year has passed and the holiday season is upon us. Because our "fur kids" are special members of our families we want them to share in all the special times and celebrations. Keeping your furry friend safe during this busy time of year can be challenging. Here are a few simple steps that will allow your pets to join in the holiday fun and avoid a trip to the emergency vet.



If possible, place your Christmas tree in a corner blocked off from wondering eyes. Make sure you hang tinsel, lights and ornaments out of reach. If you have a live tree, keep the area free of needles, as they can puncture intestines if ingested.

Edible decorations, cranberry or popcorn strings are enticing and your pet will surely tug at them and possibly knock over that lovely tree. Holly berries, mistletoe, poinsettia plants, rosemary and all types of lilies are poisonous to dogs - keep out of reach.

Burning candles should be placed high, out of your pet's way. Fireplaces should have screens to avoid accidental burns.

Gift-wrap, string and pretty ribbons, plastic or cloth are very attractive and can cause intestinal blockages if ingested.

Watch the alcoholic beverages, sweets, grapes, raisins, nuts, chocolate, etc., as well as fatty, spicy and no-no foods such as bones, even onions and garlic - all can be enticing but certainly not good for your pets and can be enough for you to have an unscheduled visit to the emergency vet or worse. We all know how smart our Wheatens are, so keep food where your enterprising friend can't reach it.

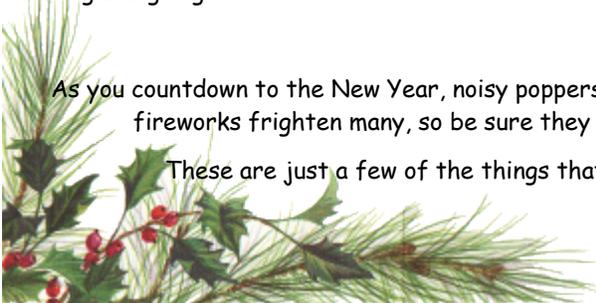
Ensure your guest - young and old alike - know the rules for your pet and that all medications are secure, not readily accessible in a suitcase or purse.

Give your pet his/her own quiet place with fresh water. They may want to get away from the hubbub.

Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag just in case he/she gets out the door when guest are coming and going.

As you countdown to the New Year, noisy poppers can cause damage to sensitive ears. And remember, fireworks frighten many, so be sure they have a secure place as midnight approaches.

These are just a few of the things that will help you and your fur kids enjoy the holidays.



# BREEDER'S CORNER

## MONTGOMERY WEEK 2015 And National Specialty of SCWTCA



(Picture Not Available)  
**(BOB) Best Of Breed 10/01**  
 Morris & Essex KC, Somerset, NJ  
 GCH Canapy Road's Carry On The Legend  
 "Caitlin" Owned & Loved by: Sally  
 Leonard & Dennis & Bonnie Wirth



**(AOM) Award Of Merit 10/04**  
 MCKC Specialty Day, Blue Bell, PA  
 GCH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance  
 "Spicy" Owned & Loved by: Linda Hallas

**(AOM) Award Of Merit 10/04**  
 MCKC Specialty Day, Blue Bell, PA  
 GGCH Sundance 2nd Chance Benny "Benny"  
 Owned & Loved by: Sandy & Frank Russo



*The Perfect Dog*

*My son asked a question as little boys do  
 Of me in my wisdom and all that I knew.  
 "Is there a dog that is perfect?" he asked on a whim,  
 Well, I thought and I thought about where to begin.  
 "He'd have ears that were floppy... or cropped and alert  
 And eyes that were sleepy... or perky and pert,  
 He'd leap like a bunny or sit in your lap  
 And run fast as horses... or opt for a nap.*

*"A dog that is perfect would be covered in spots  
 Or maybe one-color ... and then have spots-not.  
 "He'd be small as a teacup... or big as a house,  
 With a nose that seemed flattened ... or long like a mouse,  
 "He'd swim and he'd hunt with a coat flying free  
 Or be dainty and delicate ... and 'He'd' be a 'She'  
 As I struggled to answer, and not with a clue,  
 My son, with a smile, said, out of the blue,  
 With the wisdom of children, what he already knew...*

*The dog that is perfect ... is the one next to you.*

- John O'Hurley



**1st Place 6-9 mo. Puppy Class 10/02**  
 Hatboro DC & Del Val Specialty,  
 Wrightstown, PA.  
 Greentree Sage's Magical Enchantress  
 "Jett" Owned & Loved by: Sandy &  
 Frank Russo & Beverly McDonald

**Agility JWW Master 20" 9/28**  
**Agility Master 20" 4th 9/30**  
**Agility JWW Master 20" 2nd 10/01**  
**Agility Master 20" 2nd 10/01**  
 MACH Roberts Sugarbear Riley MXS  
 MJC OF "Riley"  
 Owned & Loved by: Susie Blackledge



**1st Stud Dog 10/04**  
 MCKC Specialty Day, Blue Bell, PA  
 GCH Sho-Well's Bree's Boy Toy  
 Owned by: Brian Tuel & Kathi Elliot



**1st Place in Brace 10/04**  
 MCKC Specialty Day, Blue Bell, PA  
 CH Ainle Gift Of The Gab "Marlie" & GCH  
 Ainle Money Talks "Cash" Owned & Loved  
 by: Kathi Elliot & Gail & Tom Richvasky



**Winners Dog/ Best of Winners 10/01**  
 Morris & Essex KC, Somerset, NJ  
 Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"  
 Owned & Loved by: Cheryl & Robert  
 Johnstone & Sue Wuerz



**1st Brood Bitch 10/04**  
 MCKC Specialty Day, Blue Bell, PA  
 GGCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the  
 South "Gabby" Owned by: Kathi Elliot

## RESCUE REPORT

Fall 2015



# I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Aine, the third Wheaten that we got from Hernando County Animal Services in Brooksville, was still in foster care when the last newsletter went to press. She was fostered by Jody Greene in Jax for a month and finally went home to a retired couple in Dunnellon at the end of September. Aine - now Lucy - was so shy and withdrawn that they did not know what to make of her and she was on the verge of being returned. Huge thanks go to Jody and Bill Hollingsworth, who went the extra mile to make this adoption a success.



"Cooper"

Right as Lucy went home, Jody got a call from a man needing to give up his 11 month old male Wheaten Cooper. The man was very ill and could not keep him. Once again Jody stepped up and fostered Cooper, got him vetted, and transported him. The lucky pup was adopted by long time Club member Gail Cass-Culver in St. Pete and he is doing

great with her menagerie and loves to swim in her ponds!



"Maggie"

At the beginning of October, we were contacted by a couple in Sarasota who needed to give up their 5 year old spayed female Maggie. They were moving to an apartment and could not take her. Maggie is a delightful little Wheaten who was very well taken care of. She was adopted by a retired couple in Clearwater. There were a couple skirmishes with the resident dog in our trainer to help, and all is well. It never ceases to amaze me how someone can just choose to move and leave their dog behind.

so we sent

When someone needs to give up a Wheaten, we ask them to fill out our lengthy Behavioral Survey which is on the web site. In October, we received the longest Survey we have ever seen! The family was so conflicted about giving up 3 yr old Piper. However, they did not have the time to devote to her. Thanks go to Sarah Garrett in Windemere for fostering the little one and getting her to a lovely new home in Ft. Lauderdale where she has a male Wheaten to play with.



"Piper"

At the beginning of November we got another call from Hernando County - another Wheaten came in! Sue Sousa went and got 4 yr old Jamie and drove him to meet Jody, who has been fostering the lad for 3 weeks. He is even worse than Aine/Lucy was - gentle as can be but just terrified of everything, not house trained, hiding in his corner all of the time. Jody has the patience of Job and is coaxing Jamie out of his shell little by little. He will be going to his forever home at the end of November.

We got a call from a Rescue group in Ponte Vedra Beach. They got a Wheaten from Animal Services, he was adopted out and came back after a week. Jody went and got him and fostered him for a week. Jody and her family just loved 3 yr old Sam, a big goofball of a guy. He loved the family and played nicely with her two young Wheatens. Well, as it turned out, Sam was a Jekyll and Hyde dog. He ended up biting 3 people. We had no background on Sam, so we will never know what was done to him but his life must have been horrible. The hardest but kindest decision was made and Sam had to be humanely euthanized. A very hard decision for Foster Mom Jody! This happens from time to time in Rescue, and it's the hardest thing we do... very heartbreaking.

Sherri Kase-Mckenzie in Ft. Walton Beach contacted us about a little stray Wheaten taken in by a Rescue group there. We had him groomed and vetted, and Sherri met Doug Marks, who is fostering him in Pensacola. Doug had him neutered. He is a tiny little 18 lb fellow who we think is a Whoodle - Wheaten-miniature Poodle. He is a sweet little guy who will be easy to place.



"Keegan"

To end on a very happy note - back at the end of September, I was contacted by a lady in the Tampa area. She had an 11 month old unneutered male Wheaten. Dog was crated day and night. She and her husband worked full time, went to school full time and she has a 3 year old son with another baby on the way. She filled out our Survey and I spent a great deal of time trying to convince her that the dog would be better served in a home with more time. Finally after two months, they gave him up. He went to a lovely family in Lakeland who just dotes on him. His pictures are updated daily on facebook.

Many thanks go to Lois Hiers for facilitating the transfer for us.

Jody just picked up a Wheaten at Animal Services in Jacksonville - she is very busy. Jody is our very own dog Whisperer; she is so good with these foster dogs and knows just how to handle them. We have never found as many Wheatens in the Jacksonville or Brooksville areas as we have this year.

As 2015 comes to a close, I look back on the year and realize that we seem to get busier and busier every year. We have adopted out 38 Wheatens so far this year.

Once again I want to thank our Rescue Village for helping us help them go to great new lives.

Melissa Nelson, SCWTCGTB Rescue Co-Coordinator

# SHOW WINS & PLACEMENTS



9/1/15-11/30/15

## CH Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"

<b>WD/BOW</b>	Specialty Wk, Somerset, NJ	10/01
<b>BOW</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/15
<b>BOB</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/17
<b>BOS</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/18
<b>BOB</b>	Ocala, FL	11/12
<b>BOB</b>	Ocala, FL	11/13
<b>BOB</b>	Ocala, FL	11/14
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/15
<b>BOS</b>	Montgomery, AL	11/20
<b>BOS</b>	Montgomery, AL	11/21
<b>BOB</b>	Montgomery, AL	11/22

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

## GCH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance

"Spicy"

<b>BOB</b>	Pictou, NS	09/12
<b>BOS</b>	Pictou, NS	09/12
<b>SEL</b>	Pictou, NS	09/13
<b>AOM</b>	Nat'l Specialty, PA	10/04
<b>BOS</b>	Brooksville, FL	11/08
<b>BOS</b>	Ocala, FL	11/12
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/13
<b>BOS/BOBOH</b>	Ocala, FL	11/14
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/15

Bred by: Peggy Gale  
Owned by: Linda Hallas

## Lovesong's You're A Fine Girl "Brandi"

<b>RWB</b>	Ocala, FL	11/13
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Bred By: Nona Mansfield

Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone



## GCH Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"

<b>BOS, OHBOB/ grp 1</b>	Deland, FL	09/19
<b>BOB, OHBOB</b>	Deland, FL	09/20
<b>BOS</b>	Arcadia, FL	10/10
<b>BOS</b>	Arcadia, FL	10/11
<b>BOS, BOBOH</b>	Plant City, FL	10/24
<b>BOS, BOBOH</b>	Plant City, FL	10/25
<b>BOS</b>	Brooksville, FL	11/07
<b>SEL</b>	Brooksville, FL	11/08
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/12
<b>BOS</b>	Ocala, FL	11/13
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/14

Owned & Bred by: Kathi Elliot

## CH Ainle Something to Talk About "Bogie"

<b>BOB/ grp 1</b>	Acadia, FL	10/10
<b>BOB/ grp 1</b>	Acadia, FL	10/11
<b>BOS</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/15
<b>BOS</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/16
<b>SEL</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/17
<b>SEL</b>	Atlanta, GA	10/18
<b>BOB/ grp 4</b>	Plant City, FL	10/24
<b>BOB/ grp 2</b>	Plant City, FL	10/25
<b>BOB</b>	Brandon, Miss.	10/31
<b>BOB/ grp 2</b>	Brandon, Miss.	11/01
<b>SEL</b>	Ocala, FL	11/12
<b>BOB</b>	Ocala, FL	11/15

Bred by: Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot

## GCH Villanova Ainle Just One Look "Shadow"

<b>SEL</b>	Brooksville, FL	11/07
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Bred by: Cynthia Phelps & Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Gail & Tom Richvalsky & Cynthia Phelps

### UPCOMING FL SHOWS

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

Orlando	12/08-11	Ocala	01/28-31
Eukanuba	12/12-13	Lakeland	02/20-21
Brooksville Circuit	01/11-24	Tallahassee	02/24-28
		Pensacola	03/05-06

# NEW SHOW TITLES & NEWS



Please Support  
Our Members &  
Their Dogs By  
Coming To  
Eukanuba NOHS  
& Visiting Us At  
"Meet The Breeds"  
Dec 11th - 13th

## NEW CONFORMATION TITLES / AWARDS

**BRONZE GCH** Pinehome Merrimore Came To Dance "Spicy" 11/13

Owned by: Linda Hallas

**CH** Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau" 10/15

Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone & Sue Wuerz

**GRAND CH** Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie" 11/08

Owned by: Kathi Elliot

### Six Club Members Invited to AKC OH National Finals!

The AKC National Owner Handled Series celebrates the dedication and enthusiasm of owner-handlers and allows them to compete head to head against one another in the conformation ring. In a regular AKC show owners compete side by side with professional dog handlers. Owners, particularly beginners, may be intimidated and it can be difficult to beat the professionals. At a NOHS show after the Judge selects the Wheaten they feel is the "Best of Breed", the Judge is then told which Wheatens are owner handled and selects the Owner Handled "Best of Breed". There is also an owner handled Terrier group and owner handled "Best In Show" competition. AKC tracks the winning record of owner-handled Wheatens from October to October each year and the top ten Wheatens are invited to participate in the National Owner Handled Finals. This year five of the top ten teams are members of our club... Sandy Russo and Benny, Kathi Elliot and Marlie, Linda Hallas and Spicy, Gail Richvalsky and Shadow, Sherri Kase McKenzie and Fiona. All five of these teams will compete in the finals at the Eukanuba AKC Nationals Competition. Having five teams in the top ten is an incredible accomplishment; considering over 100 owner-handled Wheaten teams were competing. We hope that all club members will come to the show Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The owner-handled finals are free to the public. If you would like to become involved in conformation but don't know how to get started these members are a great resource for you. These ladies would be happy to help you find a show puppy, give you tips on grooming and showing and cheer you on in the owner-handled show ring. The sixth club member honored with an AKC invitation is Susie Blackledge. Susie and 9 year old Riley finished this year as the number 2 AKC Wheaten agility team and will be competing at the Eukanuba Agility Invitational December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and include admission to agility, obedience, conformation, dock diving and meet the breed.

### NEW AGILITY / OBEDIENCE / WORKING TITLES

MACH Roberts Sugarbear

Riley **MXG MJC OF**

(New Titles: **MXG**

Master Standard Gold &

**MJC** Master Century

Jumpers w/ Weaves)

Owned by:

Susie Blackledge



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
To all our dog sport enthusiasts



### Banana Oatmeal Hypoallergenic Dog Treats



#### Ingredients:

- 1 Ripe Banana (this is a great way to use that last banana sitting on your counter looking a bit mushy!)
- 2 Tbsp. Coconut Oil
- 1 Cup Oatmeal (we used the quick 1-minute oats type)

#### Directions:

1. In a bowl mix ingredients until thoroughly combined. Set aside and let sit 10 minutes.
2. Preheat your oven to 350°.
3. Take 1 tablespoon of the mixture and form it into a ball.
4. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten slightly. Don't mosh it down too much!
5. Bake at 350° until browned on the bottoms, about 15 minutes, remove and let cool.

**This is important, don't give it to your dog until it's cooled down all the way!**

**Store in airtight container and give out as desired.**



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