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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm Ann McCormick. My husband Jim and I have had Wheatens for 17 years, and we have been members since we moved here from Wisconsin in 2005. Currently we have a family of 4 Wheatens, ages 9 months to 12 years, they are Grandma, Mom, and her two kids.

I am honored to become President of a club that is all about **WE**, the things **We** do together with our Wheatens. As a **Breed Club** our focus is our wonderful breed, and **everything** it takes to promote quality in ownership and breeding of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, doing all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. It's about all of us working together to make it all work: behavior, breeding, conformation, education, health, performance, and rescue.

As you will read in the Rescue report, last year was the busiest yet for Rescue. Thank you to all of our dedicated rescue volunteers, to those who adopted a rescue Wheaten, and to our donors, your generosity made it possible to give these dogs the care they so badly needed. I would so love for those numbers to someday begin going down because every Wheaten was in a loving forever home from the day he or she left it's mother, but that is a pipe dream for now. If you can, volunteer, and please donate. Make your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com and designate Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay as your charity of choice, 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to our Wheaten Rescue.

Many of our breeder and budding breeder members, their dogs, some of the dogs they bred, and their owners continue to have very nice wins in the Conformation Shows, congratulations to all of you! Also to Susie Blackledge who with her Wheaten continues to excel in agility. Another congrats goes to our newsletter editor, whose Wheaten, GCH Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar was invited to be a good representative of our breed at the Louisville, KY Conformation Judges Teaching Seminar this month. These and others make our club proud!! You can read about members & their Wheaten accomplishments in the "Show Wins & New Titles" section of our newsletter.

At the 2015 picnic we did a nose work activity where your dogs had the opportunity to practice their smelling and searching skills. Agility Fun was planned for the 2016 picnic, however Mother Nature gave us a wet and rainy day that kept us under the pavilion. This year, for one of our education offerings we are thinking of introducing other interesting ways to build confidence in our dogs. Board members are researching a few possibilities, watch for an announcement on the website and by email.

We are again offering a Grooming Seminar in April where Master Groomer Marilyn Stowell will guide you through grooming your Wheaten, pet cuts and show cuts. This is a popular class and spaces are limited so sign up soon. The flyer was distributed at the picnic and you can also find information on page 2 of this newsletter.

As a retired nurse, I am very interested in Wheaten health. It's almost 3 years that we've had the DNA test for the PLN marker alleles. Breeders use this test to make informed decisions about breeding. Following recommended breeding combinations we can match sire and dam to avoid producing puppies at high risk for PLN. The percentage of high risk Wheatens is slowly decreasing, from 16% of tested dogs in the first year to 15% now. Any Wheaten can get PLN, but those with 2 markers are at higher risk. All Wheatens should have blood and urine screening every year for signs of PLN, PLE, and Addison's. The 15% of Wheatens with 2 markers should have their urine micro-albumin tested more often, every 4 to 6 months, so they can receive treatment for PLN if needed before their kidneys are permanently damaged. Anyone can have the DNA test for PLN performed, if you don't test you don't know what your dog needs to stay healthy.

Best Regards as **We** leap into another Wonderful year with our Wheatens,
Ann McCormick



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www.flwheatenclub.org

CLUB BUSINESS



2015 Club Awards & Information

Jackie Kase Annual Service Award
Linda Hallas

Devotion to SCWTCGTB Rescue
Lisa Alexander
Gail Cass-Culver
Jody Greene

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 Linda Hallas was nominated for the extensive work she did in writing the Rescue legal documents, and for her work with the Club Calendar, organized activities, and providing agility equipment for all to use at picnics and other events. **GREAT JOB LINDA!**

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. Managing 44 Rescue Wheatens in 2015 required many dedicated volunteers.

2016 Nat'L Championship and MEET THE BREEDS



The 2016 National Championship will be sponsored by Royal Canin and again will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Our club will once again be hosting the Wheaten Meet the Breed Booth on Saturday and Sunday, December 17th and 18th. Please **SAVE THESE DATES**, as we'll need members and their dogs to volunteer for shifts staffing the booth.



A BIG CONGRATS to Club Member Peter Covell, Who Won "The Traveling Wheaten" for a Year at our 2016 West Coast Picnic

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 10th, 2016 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

Location:

Maitland, FL (Orlando area)

(Exact address will be provided upon your confirmation)

Once your reservation is confirmed, your payment will be due. You'll receive information on where to send payment at that time. For questions contact Paula Henderson at paulah428@gmail.com OR (407) 921-2672

NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Arlene & Bennett Brummer Gainesville, FL

Bill Barrett & Patricia Guard Cape Coral, FL

Maureen MacSweeney Winter Park, FL



FEATURE ARTICLE

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING ... A Bit of Wheaten History

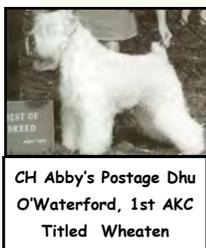
By: Cheryl Johnstone w/ excerpts from Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Coat of Honey-Heart of Gold by: Roberta Vesley & Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier by: Marjorie Shoemaker

The nobility in ancient Ireland kept Irish Wolfhounds and other hunting and coursing dogs, and because large dogs were too expensive for most people to keep, many fanciers turned to the Terriers as an outlet for their dog activities. The Irish farmer bred these medium-sized Terriers as farm dogs. They killed small vermin, herded and watched over livestock, hunted quarry to ground and alerted farmers to intruders.

Ireland was a land of few cities and many small villages. In these isolated towns, local dogs would breed indiscriminately, and in time they would all come to resemble each other. Owners were reluctant to share these animals with outsiders, and thus the local types remained relatively pure because of the small gene pool. It was from these local types that the Irish Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier and the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier all evolved. Many early fanciers believed that the Wheaten was the progenitor of the other 2 breeds even though the Irish Terrier and Kerry Blue Terrier were recognized as separate breeds earlier than the Wheaten Terrier. In some of the early dog shows an "Irish" Terrier was any Terrier that was bred in Ireland.

The Wheaten Terrier did not become recognized by the Irish Kennel Club until 1937 and may not have been recognized as it's own breed at all, had it not been for the efforts of Dr. G.J. Pierse, a Kerry Blue breeder, who recognized the outstanding qualities of the Wheatens. Two breed clubs, the Irish Terrier and Glen of Imaal Terrier breed clubs opposed the Wheaten Irish Terrier becoming a breed. Only when Dr. Pierse changed the name to Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier did both clubs become agreeable. The first recorded Irish Champions were Dr. Pierse's CH Charlie Tim and Mr. Blake's CH Kingdom Leader. Both these gentlemen were instrumental in garnering the recognition of the Wheaten in Ireland. Activity in Ireland increased when Maureen Holmes became involved and worked tirelessly to continue the promotion and recognition of our breed in both Ireland and abroad. From 1943, when she whelped her first Wheaten litter, until her death in 1996, Maureen Holmes was a potent force in our breed!! It was from Dr. Pierse that she obtained her foundation bitch and it is from Holmenocks that almost all the American Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers descend.

Wheaten Terriers first came over to the United States in the late 1940's. Lydia Vogels imported a male and female, whom she showed at Westminster Dog Show and subsequently bred. In 1947 her Wheaten litter was the first litter to be whelped in the United States. Unfortunately, the breed did not catch the fancy's eye at that time. Cecelia O'Connor and her daughter Margaret located and imported their first Wheaten Terrier in 1957, Holmenocks Gramachree from Maureen Holmes, and had their first litter in 1962. From there, the breed gained popularity steadily and on St. Patrick's Day in 1962 our national club was formed... Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America. For 10 years, the Wheaten Terriers were shown only in obedience and miscellaneous classes at AKC Point Shows. Meticulous Stud Book records play a key role in acceptance into the American Kennel Club. Steady growth, with a geographic distribution of the breed is the second important aspect to be considered. During this 10 year span, approximately 1300 Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers entered this Stud Book and on March 17, 1973 they were recognized by the American Kennel Club, and on October 3, 1973, they entered their first AKC Point Show as a recognized breed. The first Wheaten to gain the American Championship Title was CH Abby's Postage Dhu O'Waterford, bred by Joan Friedman and owned by Marjorie Shoemaker. Abby's Postage Dhu O'Waterford's sire was CH Stephan Dedalus of Andover, CD, a pioneer of our breed, bred by Cindy Vogels and owned by Jackie Gottlieb.



CH Abby's Postage Dhu O'Waterford, 1st AKC Titled Wheaten

In 1989, CH Andover Song and Dance Man became the first and only Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to win the group at Westminster Dog Show. →



Ir. CH Cheerful Charlie, sired by CH Charlie Tim, 1st recorded SCWT Champion in Ireland





Eukanuba Breeders' Symposium

(Taken from March 2016 SCWTCA Benchmarks Publication)



Powered by the American Kennel Club, Royal Canin and The Theriogenology Foundation

PROGRAM

Learn about Reproductive Nutrition from Drs. Jill Cline and Rick Kesler of Royal Canin

Learn about "The stud is from Mars, the bitch is from Venus: Planning the difficult breeding"

A brief overview of the importance and application of advance preparations involved in canine breeding.

Topics will include ovulation timing, semen evaluation, and the logistics of chilled and frozen artificial insemination along with other challenges faced when planning for that important breeding

- Dr. Kit Kampschmidt

Learn about "How to harvest the data to manage the yield: Using health databases to improve your success"

Using health databases can allow the breeder to choose potential breeding pairs that should decrease the incidence of disease. This information will help in decreasing frequency of inherited polygenetic and simple autosomal recessive related traits in breeds

- Dr. Frances Smith

Learn about "How to plant the seed and how to harvest the fruit"

Breeding methods to facilitate pregnancy, pregnancy diagnosis via ultrasound and parturition

- Dr. William Schultz

Learn about "Navigating the alphabet soup of genetic disease and testing"

With the growing advancements in genetics and the availability of genetic tests, which are being developed at an exponential rate, it is important for breeders to have a basic understanding of these techniques in order to control genetic diseases while maintaining genetic diversity, so bring your spoon!

- Dr. Cindy O'Connor

NOTES from attendees, Jeri Voyles and Cheryl Johnstone

The Theriogenology Breeders seminar at Eukanuba, a four hour program, was well worth attending. The seminar was recorded and is available to view on You Tube at the following link:

[http://www.bing.com/videos/search?](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+videos+breeder+seminar+akc&qvvt=youtube+videos+breeder+seminar+akc&view=detail&mid=FDA4DEB28B3DB5156EF1FDA4DEB28B3DB5156EF1)

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Below are a few items we thought especially interesting:

- ◆ With regard to reproduction, it is important to know what type of insemination is planned. Semen is packaged by the collecting veterinarian based on the type of insemination (AI, TCI, Surgical), and by when it will be used.
- ◆ When planning to use fresh chilled semen, you need to ensure that the dog's semen is still viable. When was the last semen evaluation? The dog may be proven, but that was then. Does the dog's semen survive extender? It's important to do a chill test.
- ◆ When determining whether to use TCI versus surgical, consider the quality of the semen and your willingness to do surgery. When doing a surgical, the repro vet will get to hold and palpate uterus, check it for cysts, and rupture cysts during surgery. Otherwise a surgical and a TCI are identical as to where the semen is placed.
- ◆ When using the semen of a dog long dead, or when there is limited supply or not the best semen quality, you should consider using surgical.
- ◆ Use health databases to improve your breeding success. An open database publishes all data in a set, whether normal or not. A closed data base publishes only normal results in a set. Semi-open data bases publish all normal and abnormal data, with the owner's permission.
- ◆ OFA Vertical pedigrees are a good source of breeding information. You can find all available genetic testing for dogs and which labs are running them on the AKC Canine Health Foundation site under the Genetic Testing Section.
- ◆ How is a disease inherited? Could a disease be genetic? How do we know? Everything is genetic. We are a combination of our genes. How those are utilized in inheritance is a different story. If a disease is reported in other breeds, it is likely heritable. Do you see frequency in lines or in the entire population? If it is very common in family lines, or if those with a higher degree of inbreeding show more expression of the disease, it could be heritable.
- ◆ We were introduced to a product from Royal Canin called Mousse. The product has the texture of mousse, and is built for puppies that don't have motor skills, who are barely going from sucking to licking. Numerous testimonials were given about saving several week old puppies using this product.

RESCUE REPORT



Winter 2015- 2016

Last year proved to be the busiest year ever in Rescue. We adopted out a staggering 44 Wheatens last year. I remember when we started 15 years ago, we would get maybe 8 or 9 Wheatens in a year.

Aine from Hernando County Animal Services was adopted out to a retired couple in Dunellon last year. Her skittishness and timidity proved too much of a challenge for them so she was returned to the loving home of Jody Greene in Jax, who is fostering her until we are 100% certain she is ready to go to the right home. Jody has been working diligently to socialize this sweet girl. Her young pack of 2, Finn and Aiofe do their part too! 8 year old Bailey was turned over to Rescue 2 years ago and went to a nice home in Tampa. Sadly, her owner became very ill and she was returned to us.

Zelda Schadt in Sarasota fostered her again and she was adopted by a wonderful couple in Sarasota. 11 month old Daisy - now Kaci - was given up because a pup needs a lot of attention and time. Kaci was adopted by Club members in Palm Harbor who have another Wheaten and is having the time of her life.



"Bailey"

"Mikka"



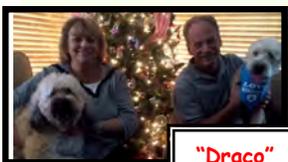
In November, Jody was contacted about a 3 year old Wheaten with a Rescue group in Jacksonville. She went and got Buddy - now Mikka. Jody taught some manners to the rambunctious young dog who we concluded was not a Wheaten at all. He looked like a panda bear. A lovely couple in Orlando adopted him and just adore him. 3 year old Bumble - now Wheatie - was in a home with 2 kids and a mom who worked 55 hours a week.

She felt he deserved more attention so did the right thing and gave him up. Sarah Garrett in Windermere fostered Wheatie and a great couple in Punta Gorda adopted him.



"Wheatie"

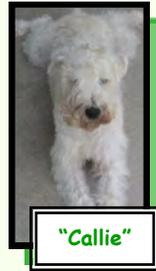
The circumstances for 6 year old Draco in Orlando changed. The couple changed jobs and worked very long hours. Although he is perfectly house trained, they would come home to accidents every day because he just could not hold it for 10 or 12 hours - so distressing for Draco. He was also terribly allergic and his allergies were not being addressed. A retired couple in Miami who have had Wheatens of ours for years got Draco and got him vetted and he is now a very happy boy!



"Draco"

We hit the ground running in 2016. In January we were contacted by Jake's people. 11 year old Jake in Tampa had Addison's and was partially incontinent and was therefore being kept outside most of the time. They loved Jake but the busy family could not deal with his issues. He went to a great home in Brandon. Brenda got him vetted and all sorted out and he is now living his golden years out happily.

6 year old Callie's people in Orlando were moving and could not take her with them. This sweet girl was adopted by a couple in Lakeland.



"Callie"

In January, Jody Greene's long time foster Jamie went home to a beautiful, loving home in Gainesville. 5 year old Andy's owner passed away very suddenly. The owner's mom contacted us, he had been taken to Animal Services in Pinellas Park -she needed help. Thanks go to Jody for arranging everything. Andy was described as dog aggressive. He was fostered by a family in Tampa and we brought in a trainer to evaluate him. Happily, he was not aggressive at all. Andy is a foster failure and his mom says he is the best dog she has ever had!

In February, 7 year old Kona's owner contacted us. Her husband lost his job and was on the road all the time, she has a 2 year old and was expecting another child. Kona had terrible allergies and she could not afford to take her to the vet. She adored this dog and was doing her best with home remedies but to little avail. Cece and Brad Westpfhal transported the dog to her new people in Naples, a Canadian couple who took her in and immediately started dealing with her allergies. This is such a wonderful couple! Kona is going to have a great life with them and their senior poodle. At the end of February 8 year old Charlie's person called and said she was moving and could not take Charlie with her. She was moving to downtown Orlando and Charlie is an escape artist and she was afraid she would get out and get hurt. Cece and Brad will be transporting Charlie to a foster home in Vero Beach.



"Kona"



"Charlie"



"Charley"

We also got a call from a lady who works at the Citrus County Humane Society in Inverness. 3 year old Charley had been with them for a month. His owners were an elderly couple whose son bought them a cute Wheaten puppy which they could no longer care for. Charley was unsocialized, mouthy and very sweet but he spent the first 3 years of his life in a crate watching the world go by. He needed an experienced foster home who would work with him. Once again our wonderful Jody Greene stepped up to the plate. Jan Baldwin from Tampa drove to Inverness and got Charley and met Jody. Jody will give him the training and attention he needs.

Thank you everyone for your continuing support of our wonderful Rescue group. We appreciate everything you do and I am sure that the 44 Wheatens of 2015 do too!

Melissa Nelson Co-coordinator

**I rescued my
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier**

SHOW WINS & NEW TITLES



12/1/15-2/29/16

GCH Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar "Beau"

SEL	Cleveland, OH	12/03
SEL	Cleveland, OH	12/04
SEL	Cleveland, OH	12/05
SEL	Cleveland, OH	12/06
SEL	Orlando, FL	12/10
BOB	Brooksville, FL	01/11
BOS	Brooksville, FL	01/12
BOS	Brooksville, FL	01/14
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/15
BOB	Brooksville, FL	01/16
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/18
BOB	Ocala, FL	01/29
BOB	Ocala, FL	01/30
BOB	Tallahassee, FL (Show #1)	02/24
SEL	Tallahassee, FL	02/25
SEL	Tallahassee, FL	02/26
SEL	Tallahassee, FL	02/27
SEL	Tallahassee, FL	02/28

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

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

WB	Brooksville, FL	01/15
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Bred by: Nona Mansfield
Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone

GCH Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"

BOB 2015 NOHS		
SCWT Nat'l CH	Orlando, FL	12/11
SEL/BOBOH	Brooksville, FL	01/11
SEL/BOBOH,grp 2	Brooksville, FL	01/12
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/20
BOS/BOBOH	Brooksville, FL	01/22
BOB/BOBOH,grp 3	Ocala, FL	01/28
BOS/BOBOH,grp 4	Ocala, FL	01/29
BOS/BOBOH,grp 2	Ocala, FL	01/30
BOB/BOBOH,grp 2	Ocala, FL	01/31
BOS/BOBOH,grp 4	Lakeland, FL	02/19
BOS/BOBOH	Lakeland, FL	02/20
SEL/BOBOH	Lakeland, FL	02/21
BOS/BOBOH	Lakeland, FL	02/22

Bred by: Kathi Elliot
Owned by: Kathi Elliot



GCH Ainle Something to Talk About "Bogie"

BOB	Orlando, FL	12/08
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/11
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/12
BOB	Brooksville, FL	01/15
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/17
BOB	Brooksville, FL	01/21
BOB	Brooksville, FL	01/23
SEL	Brooksville, FL	01/24
BOB	Richmond, VA	01/29
BOB	Richmond, VA	01/30
BOB	Richmond, VA	01/31
BOB	Atlanta, GA	02/04
BOB	Atlanta, GA	02/05
SEL	Atlanta, GA	02/06
BOB	Atlanta, GA	02/07
BOB	Lakeland, FL	02/19
BOB	Lakeland, FL	02/20
BOB	Lakeland, FL	02/21
BOB	Lakeland, FL	02/22
SEL	Tallahassee, FL (Show #1)	02/24
BOB	Tallahassee, FL (Show #2)	02/24
BOB	Tallahassee, FL	02/25
BOB,grp 4	Tallahassee, FL	02/26
BOB,grp 4	Tallahassee, FL	02/27
BOB,grp 4	Tallahassee, FL	02/28

Bred by: Kathi Elliot
Owned by: Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot

**NEW CONFORMATION
TITLES / AWARDS**

Grand CH Ainle Something to Talk About
"Bogie" 01/11/16

Owned by Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot

NEW AGILITY AWARD

MACH Roberts Sugarbear
Riley was Awarded "The
AKC Medallion" for Top
SCWT at the 2015
Eukanuba Agility
Invitational

Owned by Susie Blackledge

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

For More Info...<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

WPB	3/11-13	Zolfo Springs	4/23-24
Davie	3/19-20	Vero Beach	4/30-5/1
Lake City	3/26-27	Deland	5/21-22
Elkton	4/09-10		

 **CONGRATULATIONS**
To all our dog sport enthusiasts

2015 AWARDS INFORMATION

by: Marilyn Matthes

The American Kennel Club sponsors a number of competitions for people and their AKC-registered dogs. The most common AKC events Wheaten owners and their dogs participate in include: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, and Rally. Wheatens also enter non-competitive events such as Herding and Canine Good Citizen tests.

Our Club annually recognizes the achievements of Members and their Wheatens, by awarding out 'title' trophies. The first time you and your dog earn an award, you will receive an engraved plaque with the Club logo and your name. You also receive a brass 'dingle' to attach to the plaque. When you earn additional titles for any of your Wheatens, you will receive an additional 'dingle' with the dog's name, title, and date of title. If you become very involved in showing in any of the title events, you will receive a dingle for each win and can have a very long chain of 'dingles' on your plaque.

Below you will find a brief description of the most common competitions that Club Members enter. Please check the American Kennel Club website (www.akc.org) for more specific information concerning these and other AKC events.

Dog breeders and owners enter "Conformation" shows in order to evaluate breeding stock: i.e., which dog or bitch has the best overall structure and appearance that conforms to the Breed Standard. In order to earn a 'championship' title, the dog must defeat specific numbers of their own breed and sex. The specific numbers vary with each breed. This title is CH (champion).

Dogs and Bitches who have earned their 'championships' can then compete for higher levels of achievement, and seek to earn a "Grand Champion" (GCh) title. Dogs and bitches who win "Best of Breed" (BOB), "Best of Opposite Sex" (BOS); "Select Dog"; or, "Select Bitch" can also be awarded points toward levels of Grand Champion. Examples are Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations.

Wheaten owners interested in "Obedience" events spend a lot of time training their dog to perform specific exercises. Titles include: Companion Dog (CD); Companion Dog Excellent (CDX); Utility Dog (UD); Utility Dog Excellent (UDX); Obedience Master (OM); Grand Master (GOM); Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH); National Obedience Champion (NOC)

"Agility" competition demonstrates your dog's willingness to work with you. Agility provides exercise and bonding time for dog and owner, requires conditioning, concentration, training, and teamwork. Dogs and handlers run through an obstacle course while racing against the clock. Titles include: Novice Agility (NA); Open Agility (OA); Agility Excellent (AX); Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (AXJ); Master Agility (MX); Master Jumper With Weaves (MXJ); Master Agility Champion (MACH).

"Rally" is also an obedience sport, requiring teamwork between dog and handler, though the performance standards are much easier than either Obedience or Agility. Handler and dog start the course when told to by the judge, but then are on their own to follow the written signs to complete the course. Rally is often the next event owners enter after completing their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. Titles include: Rally Novice (RN); Rally Advanced (RA); Rally Excellent (RE); and Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE).

"Herding" events have both non-competitive and competitive versions. Initially the dogs 'instincts' and trainability to herd animals are tested—before moving into competitive herding events. Herding helps preserve and develop the inherent skills in herding breed, and helps to demonstrate 'that they can perform the useful functions for which they were originally bred'. Initial titles include: Herding Capability Tested (HCT) and Junior Herding Dog (JHD). Titles for competitive herding include: Herding Trial Dog I (HTD I); Herding Trial Dog II (HTD II); Herding Trial Dog III (HTD III); and, Herding Trial Champion (HTCh).

"Canine Good Citizen" (CGC) program provides a 10 step test to recognize responsible owners and well-mannered dogs. It also introduces participants American Kennel Club events. Dogs must pass all 10 parts in order to earn the CGC title.

The Following Titles Were Earned by Owners and Breeders in 2015:

2015 CONFORMATION TITLES / AWARDS	
<u>Cheryl Johnstone & Sue Wuerz:</u>	
<u>CH</u> Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar	10/15/2015
<u>GCH</u> Sundance My Beau's A RoxStar	11/22/2015
<u>Gail & Tom Richvalsky & Kathi Elliot:</u>	
<u>CH</u> Ainle Money Talks	05/07/2015
<u>GCH</u> Ainle Money Talks	08/22/2015
<u>Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot:</u>	
<u>CH</u> Ainle Something To Talk About	06/13/2015
<u>Kathi Elliot:</u>	
<u>GGCH CDNCH</u> Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South	06/07/2015
<u>Kathi Elliot:</u>	
<u>CH</u> Ainle Gift of the Gab	06/21/2015
<u>GCH</u> Ainle Gift of the Gab	11/08/2015

2015 AGILITY / OBEEDIENCE / WORKING TITLES	
<u>Ellen C. Chapman:</u>	
SharD's Oliver Do "N" That Twist CGC, CD, BN, THD, <u>RN</u>	02/27/2015
SharD's Oliver Do "N" That Twist CGC, CD, BN, THD, RN, <u>CGCA</u>	05/03/2015
SharD's Oliver Do "N" That Twist CGC, CD, BN, THD, RN, <u>CGCA</u> , <u>RA</u>	08/14/2015
<u>Kerry & Beth Rudy:</u>	
Sandcastle's Enchanted Tail <u>CGC</u>	06/06/2015
<u>Cindy & Scott Jacuk:</u>	
Dundalk To Kill A Mockingbird <u>CGC</u>	05/30/2015

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO EARNED TITLE AND RESCUE AWARDS THIS YEAR! If you would like to explore some of these activities, talk to one or more of these people to learn about these performance events, and to consider volunteering to help with Rescue.



St. Patrick's Day Dog Treats



Ingredients:

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



Directions:

1. Heat your oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Place the brown rice flour into a large mixing bowl and set aside.
3. Using a food processor, combine the mint, parsley, coconut oil (make sure it's warm and liquid), and 1/4 cup of the chicken broth until you have a smooth green juice. Add this green juice mixture to the flour and mix in well.
4. Beat the egg and add it to the flour mixture and mix that in as well. Knead and mix the dough mixture while slowly adding the remainder of the chicken broth (if your dough is super dry you may want to add a bit more chicken broth/water) until you have a thick, dry dough.
5. Place your dough on a large flat surface (you can flour the surface with a little of the brown rice flour to prevent sticking) and roll it out until it's about 1/3 of an inch thick.
6. Using cookie cutters of your choice (we used 4-leaf clovers), cut out your cookies and place them on a cookie sheet.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes depending on the size of your treats and how much crunch your dog prefers.
8. Enjoy! Be careful when handling the cookies, as they can be pretty crumbly. These make a perfect snack for your dog and also an adorable St. Patty's Day gift.

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HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



Happy birthday!



Mr Rogers turned 13 on Jan 21st.
Owned & loved by Deborah Wolford



Taser turned 13 on Dec 1st & still going strong after 2 Cancer Surgeries.
Owned & loved by Lisa Shore



Here's our Beautiful Ben. He turned 15 on Feb 26th. Ben is a wonderful boy, and we are blessed to have him for all these years. He's still doing well and still loves his walks - shorter now. He's just a sweetie. Owned & loved by Paul & Edie Larson



Say Goodnight Gracie celebrated her 15th birthday Dec 2015. She's owned & loved by Marilyn Matthes