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## CLUB OFFICERS

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## Newsletter

Cheryl Johnstone

# Wheaten Words

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Anniversary - 2015 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Club! We have current members who started the Club and remain active members today. It is the members who make the Club a success and I hope everyone will participate throughout the year and help celebrate this milestone.

Many of our members took time from their busy schedule in mid December to work the Meet the Breed booth at the AKC National Championship in Orlando. We had a great turnout of members and their Wheatens representing our Club. Thank you to everyone. 2015 will be the last year for this event in FL and I hope many will again lend their support. It is a lot of fun and some people have already contacted me to say they want to participate again this year. If you are interested please let me know.

The Annual Picnic, our first event of 2015, was a fun day in spite of the cold weather. If you missed it you also missed the opportunity to purchase one of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tee shirts. If you would like one please see the details in this newsletter. All monies raised go to our rescue program. This year has already started out being busy with dogs that need health care from the moment we receive them.

This year we have a new event planned. On March 29<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a grooming seminar in Maitland, FL. Spots are available for "hands on" grooming with your Wheaten or you can come as a spectator. Participation is limited so please sign up as soon as possible. Details can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Mark your calendar for our annual Wonderful World of Wheatens day scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> in St. Petersburg. Details will be posted soon at [www.flwheatenclub.org](http://www.flwheatenclub.org).

November 7<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Annual Dinner, please plan on attending this special event. We will have lots happening to celebrate this milestone, including drawing for our Anniversary Raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be available at all our events throughout the year.

If you have any ideas for events that may be of interest please let a Board member know. We are always looking for different activities.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Debie Scurr on being awarded the Jackie Kase Service Award. Debie is very active on the Board and with our Rescue program and certainly deserves this honor.

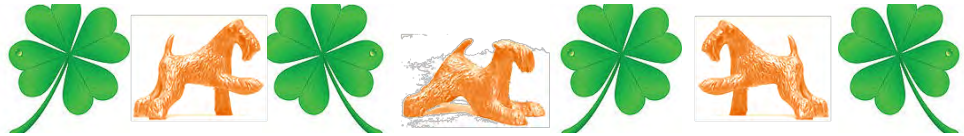
Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Kathi Elliot



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## CLUB BUSINESS



### Club Awards 2014

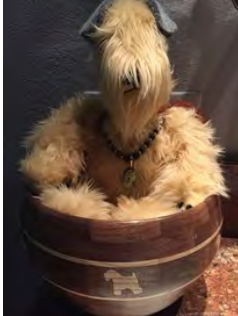
**Jackie Kase Annual Service Award**

**Debie Scurr**

**Devotion to SCWTCGTB Rescue**

**Gracie Haley**

### 20th Anniversary Items



Raffle Item CONSISTS OF A HANDMADE "STUFFY" BY DANA LORING, A WHEATEN NECKLACE FEATURING AN ENAMEL WHEATEN HEAD DESIGNED BY HUNTING HORN AND A HAND MADE BOWL WITH WHEATENS AND SHAMROCKS. TOTAL VALUE IS OVER \$2500. TICKETS - \$20 EACH, AVAILABLE AT ALL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON NOVEMBER 7TH!!



TEE SHIRTS ARE AVAILBLE AT EVENTS OR CONTACT DEBIE SCURR OR KATHI ELLIOT. AVAILABLE IN BOTH UNISEX AND LADIES SIZING. (PLEASE NOTE THAT LADIES SIZES DO RUN SMALL). WE CAN ORDER YOUR SIZE IF WE DO NOT HAVE IT IN STOCK. THE PRICE IS \$20 WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO OUR RESCUE PROGRAM!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SCWT GROOMING SEMINAR PLANNED!

In depth, hands-on teaching of grooming to breed standard from Master Groomer Marilyn Stowell. All are welcome, from beginner to advanced!

**SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER NOW!!!**

**Sunday, March 29, 2015 10 am - 3 pm**

**See flyer on page 10 for details**



## NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO  
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Jan	Dobson	Tallahassee
Peter	Covell	Largo
Amy	Tronolone	Deland
Barbara	Klare	Cape Coral
Karrol & Harold	Davidson	Tampa
Terry	Fein	Key Biscayne

### DO DOGS REMEMBER PREVIOUS OWNERS

By: Cece Westpfahl w/ Excerpts from Patricia McConnell PhD & Daily Puppy's Debra Levy

Anecdotal evidence supports the thought that dogs do remember previous owners. Humans have what is known as "episodic memory" using time (minutes, hours) to remember specific events. We remember events by relating them to other events at the same time, unlike our furry friends who only have a sense of a period of time has passed since an event has happened. This has presented many with personal experiences where dogs and other animals have recognized their owners after many years have passed. Self-preservation, trust and the need to avoid similar past unpleasant experiences are reasons for dogs to remember things, says the author of several books about dog behavior, and her studies in "Applied Animal Behavior Science" Patricia McConnell, PhD.

Dogs can imprint memories of an abusive owner such as a heavy set dark haired male. They may fear the presence of such a figure whenever they encounter a male of this stature. Adoptive dogs may come with no clear history and their growling or barking at such a person can be misinterpreted as aggressive. It is important during the time that they are fostered to understand if a dog is aggressive or fearful. This allows them to be placed in homes where the adopted families understand their behavior and help the dog begin to trust and feel safe again. Many dogs who go to shelters do not have the privilege of being fostered and are too often put down as a result of trust damaged by humans.



On a good note, just as a dog has bad experiences, many adopted dogs can come from good stable homes. These dogs associate good memories with people. Their owners were kind, gentle and loving with them. They may be friendly and trusting with almost anyone they meet. They are calm, well centered dogs who adapt well to their new adopted families within a few weeks. These dogs can be very young or as old as 14 years old and if they encounter their original owners they react joyously, wagging their tails, barking, licking and jumping up on them giving in to the notion that they indeed recognize them. As much as several years after they have been adopted can have passed and this will still be the case.

Of course there is the ever present defense of good genes. You can get two pups from the same litter one stable and the other very timid and shy. It all starts with good genes, good breeders, good environment and good owners. However, many of us have seen that go awry, those pups end up in rescue.

It really depends on the nature of the dog when it comes right down to it. We have all seen rescue dogs who have been adopted that have assimilated into families like ducks to water. There is no magic formula for an adoption rescue dog except LOVE!!



## Regular Health Testing Is Important for Your Wheaten

By: Ann McCormick

Whether your dog is due for an immunization or not, health checkups are important for all dogs, they should be done every year to be sure your best friend remains healthy. Because of the 4 genetic diseases inherent in the breed the recommended annual blood and urine tests for Wheatens are a little different than for most other breeds. These inherited diseases are: Renal Dysplasia (RD) abnormally small kidneys that do not concentrate urine, Protein Losing Nephropathy (PLN) losing protein through the kidney, Protein Losing Enteropathy (PLE) losing protein through the intestines, and Addison's Disease where the adrenal gland does not secrete enough cortisol. Even young Wheatens need screening for kidney disease, tests more commonly done on senior dogs. Performing all of the correct annual blood and urine testing and properly recognizing the implications at these checkups could mean the difference between an untimely early demise, and living a long life. Found early, treatment for most of these diseases can be started to prevent organ damage, identified after the organs have been damaged treatment is to keep the dog comfortable for his remaining days. Diagnosis is difficult, and dependent on evaluating everything, one bad test result does not mean your dog has these diseases. Be sure to get a copy of the laboratory printout from your vet for your records. An easy way to compare results from one visit to the next is the Watchdog Health Tracker, an easy to use, comprehensive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet available from the SCWTCA Endowment for a donation of \$10.

[www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/healthtracker.htm](http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/healthtracker.htm)

The tests to be run are:

1. **Serum Chemistry Panel** including at least the following 9 tests:

*Always refer to the laboratory printout for the established normal values or reference range for that laboratory, they sometimes vary from the values cited here.*

- 1) **Total Protein**; a combination of Albumin and Globulin fractions of the blood will be low with the PLN, PLE, possibly Addison's, and with other diseases as well. (5.0-7.4)
- 2) **Albumin**; produced by the liver, will be low with PLN, PLE, possibly Addison's because losses exceed the liver's normal ability to produce albumin. (2.7-4.4)
- 3) **Globulin**; other proteins including the immunoglobulins, normal with PLN, low with PLE and possibly Addison's. (1.6-3.6)
- 4) **Creatinine**; a byproduct of muscle metabolism that is excreted by the kidneys, serum creatinine's relationship to BUN and potassium levels indicates the extent of kidney disease. (0.5-1.6)
- 5) **Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)**; urea nitrogen is produced by the liver and excreted by the kidneys. Elevated nitrogen in the blood (azotemia) indicates any condition that interferes with the kidney's ability to filter body fluids or interferes with protein breakdown. BUN will be high with RD, eventually becomes high with PLN, possibly with Addison's. BUN remains normal with PLE. (6-31)
- 6) **Cholesterol**; an essential nutrient most of which is synthesized by the liver, with dietary sources as well, low levels are found with dietary malabsorption including PLE. Elevated cholesterol levels are seen with a variety of disorders, including PLN and other diseases of the kidneys, heart disease, diabetes, liver disease and stress. This is a fasting test, eating before the test can cause elevated values. (92-324)





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- 7) **Sodium**; will be high with dehydration, low with increased excretion from serious diarrhea and vomiting. Low sodium to potassium ratio is found in Addisons and Diabetes. (139-154)
  - 8) **Potassium**; an essential body electrolyte, low levels can occur from vomiting and diarrhea, high levels cause cardiac abnormalities and can be seen in Addison's disease or in acute renal failure, not in PLN. The relationship of sodium to potassium is important, low sodium/potassium ratio is seen in Addisons. (3.6-5.5)
  - 9) **Phosphorous**; a very complex element, elevated levels are very significant in advanced kidney disease, but not significant in young, healthy, growing dogs. Low levels can indicate mal-absorption, the relationship to calcium is important in making a diagnosis. (2.5-6.0)
2. **Complete Blood Count**; screens for anemia, infection, inflammation, immune mediated disease, dehydration.
  3. **Urinalysis**, including:
    - 1) **Specific Gravity**; an indication of urine concentration, RD has an inability to concentrate (isosthenuria), will be low with Addisons, mean 1.023 with PLN, mean 1.033 with PLE. (1.015-1.050)
    - 2) **Dipstick**; qualitatively measures urine pH, protein, glucose, ketones, and bilirubin.
    - 3) **Urinary sediment**; a microscopic analysis of the sediment including red blood cells, white blood cells, casts, crystals, bacteria, and epithelial cells. Please note that urinary crystals (calcium or magnesium) are not a precursor to PLN. They are caused by excessive protein and minerals in the diet, and low fluid intake. They are associated with urinary tract infections.
  4. **Urine Protein Creatine Ratio (UPC)**; quantifies protein loss through the kidney, and is used to measure and monitor glomerular (kidney) disease. *Although some labs consider all values less than 1.0 to be normal, values of 0.5 and higher are suspect and should be monitored every 6 months.* (</=0.5)
  5. **Microalbuminuria (MA)**; although still considered optional, our leading researchers in PLN have found that urine microalbumin that rises over time is the most reliable test to identify PLN early, before the disease damages the kidney mesenchyme. MA will be abnormal before the kidney damage is enough for UPC to begin to rise. Dr. Littman recommends this test annually for most Wheatens. Dogs carrying 2 DNA markers for PLN should have their urine tested more often, every 4 to 6 months to follow trends closely. The results may vary within the normal range, if they are above normal a UPC should be run. (<2.5)
  6. **Fecal API**; an optional test for a digestive enzyme that is not broken down by normal digestion. Its presence in the stool may suggest that other proteins are also not being absorbed. This test may screen for PLE but is affected by the presence of parasites and other intestinal irritants, causing false positives.

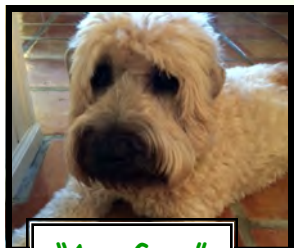
Approximately 15% of Wheatens carry 2 DNA markers for the PLN Associated Variant Genes. These Wheatens are at much higher risk to develop PLN during their lifetime than the remaining 85%. Dogs identified to be carrying 2 markers are recommended to have testing done more frequently, 2 to 3 times per year. If you would like to know if your dog is in this group ask your breeder if the test has already been performed. In some cases testing is not necessary because the breeder knows the parents' status and selectively bred to assure no puppies would inherit 2 copies. The test is a simple cheek swab that you can do at home and send to Penn Vet in the regular mail. All instructions are at [www.scwtca.org](http://www.scwtca.org) on the health pages under DNA.

## RESCUE REPORT



### Rescue Report Spring 2015

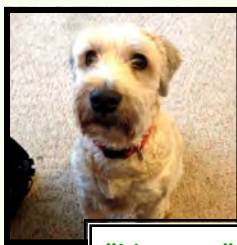
**2014:** As we went to press last year, Nancy N. in WPB was fostering Ana-Graw, the Wheaten from WPB Animal



"Ana-Graw"

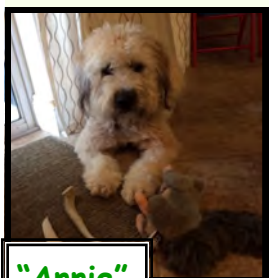
Services that needed the leg surgery. She came through her operation with flying colors but is a reluctant rehab patient so she is still in rehab. Thanks to those kind souls who helped this get done!

We found a home for 10 year old Megan and Annie from Melbourne, whose elderly owner could not keep them. Good news - we were able to place them together in a great home in Ft. Lauderdale. In December, we also found a home for 10 year old Cody from Plantation. His person had downsized and he was squabbling with the other



"Newman"

resident Wheaten. Also in December, we got 7 yo Newman from Jacksonville. He was in a family with a lot of commotion and did not do well with the noise and brouhaha. Gracie H. from Vero Beach kindly took Newman into foster and is working very, very hard to assimilate



"Annie"

him into her household. In **2014** we placed forty-two Wheatens in Florida, which I believe was our busiest year ever. **2015:**

In early January we received our first phone call of the year. 7 year old Annie's people in Wellington were going through major life style changes and Annie was not getting along with the other female in the home. Cece and Brad in Vero Beach fostered her and she went to a wonderful retired couple in Largo who report that she is a

"Riley"



delightful girl. 8 year old Riley in Punta Gorda was adopted from our Rescue at about 2 years old. He came back because his person was moving in with a relative who could not take Riley. The Marwicks in Sanford fostered him. He was adopted by a long time Club member and is doing well with her kindness and TLC.

7 year old Oscar in Tampa had to go. He lived in a busy family with young kids who kept leaving the doors open. Oscar escaped on a regular basis and went for walkabouts. Thanks to the Knights in Hollywood for fostering him - he is a big guy! Bill H. was a tremendous help in re-homing him with a nice couple in Deland. He gave them advice and moral support in the transition into the home with their other Wheaten.

13 year old Rascal was dumped by his people at Animal Services in WPB (what is it about that place?) I called Chelsie K. and she and Skylar dropped everything and scooted up to WPB and brought him



"Rascal"

back to foster him in Hollywood. They got him groomed and vetted - thank you to the Knights for being so willing to help out! There are angels on earth - Jeanne J. in Vero Beach adopted this senior af-



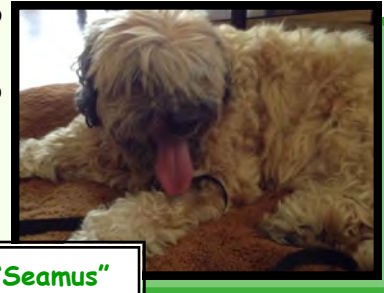
"Oscar"

ter adopting 13 yo Scarlet from us awhile back. When there is a Wheaten in Miami Dade Animal Services (which is rare) I get a gazillion emails because I live fairly close. Mid-February a flurry of emails came my way. 10 year old blind Wheaten at AS!!! We managed to get him out of there after only 2 nights, but he was very, very ill the first night we had him. He spent a couple days at my vet's and got completely vetted, turns out he is almost deaf and has bladder stones. Speaking of angels on earth - I drove him up to meet Jen M. from Melbourne, and she took Seamus in as a forever foster. Thank you Jen! A couple days later he started having seizures, but he is doing much better. Please send healing vibes to Jen and Seamus.

7 year old Max from Coral Springs came into Rescue because his owner has health problems. Brad and Cece stepped forward once again and are fostering big boy Max, and we are currently looking for a home for him. They say he is wonderful boy but would do best as "Only" Dog. Thank you Brad and Cece for your willingness to foster, transport, make calls and help out in so many ways!

## RESCUE REPORT... con't

Last but certainly not least - we sent out an email blast to ask our membership if someone could foster little one year old Annie. Annie was born with both female and male genitalia and had gone through two expensive surgeries which did not cure her. She is sweet as can be, but there were two small kids in the family and they just did not have the time or financial wherewithal to keep her. Gloria and Bob M. in Sanford generously offered to foster her and she is there with them. She goes to see the specialist in Maitland Tuesday - and will probably need another (expensive) surgery.



"Seamus"

### Donations would be gratefully appreciated!!

The Annual Picnic was February 14<sup>th</sup> in Pinellas Park. I was unable to attend for the first time ever - because we had blind little Seamus. Our Annual Rescue Award was presented to Gracie Haley for the devotion she has shown to Rescue over the years, ever willing to take in the old, the sick and the rescues with behavioral issues. She is wonderful!

I always end my Report with heartfelt thanks to the myriad of kind folks out there that help out in so many ways. Stay tuned for what 2015 brings!!!

Melissa Nelson—Rescue Co-Coordinator





# SHOW RESULTS



## 12/1/14-2/28/15

### GCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

BOB	Orlando	Dec 14
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 05
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 06
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 10
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 11
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 14
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 15
BOB	Brooksville	Jan 16
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 17
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 18
SEL	Atlanta	Jan 29
SEL	Atlanta	Jan 30
SEL	Atlanta	Feb 01
BOS	Tallahassee	Feb 20
BOB	Tallahassee	Feb 21
SEL	Tallahassee	Feb 22
BOS	Tallahassee	Feb 23

Bred: Cynthia Phelps  
Owned: Kathi Elliot

### Ainle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"

BOB Puppy Grp 1	Tallahassee	Feb 20
BOB Puppy Grp 1	Tallahassee	Feb 21
BOB Puppy Grp 1	Tallahassee	Feb 22

Owned & Bred by: Kathi Elliot

### GCH Villanova Ainle Just One Look "Shadow"

SEL	Brooksville, FL	Jan 06
BOB	Brooksville, FL	Jan 08
BOB/BOBOH/Grp3OH	Charleston	Jan 25
BOB/BOBOH/Grp4OH	Charleston	Jan 26

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps  
Owned by: Tom & Gail Richvalsky

### Ainle Money Talks "Cash"

BOB Puppy Grp 3	Charleston	Jan 25
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Bred by: Kathi Elliot  
Owned by: Tom & Gail Richvalsky

### GCH Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree "Treasure"

SEL	Orlando	Dec 09
SEL	Orlando	Dec 10
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 08
BOB	Brooksville	Jan 09
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 10
BOB	Brooksville	Jan 12

Bred by: Liz & Mike Jamiolkowski  
Owned by: Helen Fraguela, & Liz Jamiolkowski

### GCH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance "Spicy"

BOBOH	Brooksville	Jan 08
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 09
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 10
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 12
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 13
BOS	Brooksville	Jan 14
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 15
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 16
SEL	Brooksville	Jan 17
BOS/BOBOH	Atlanta	Jan 29
BOBOH/OHGrp1	Atlanta	Jan 30
BOBOH	Atlanta	Feb 01
SEL	Tallahassee	Feb 20
SELBOBOH/OHGrp1	Tallahassee	Feb 21

Bred by: Peggy Gale  
Owned by: Linda Hallas

### Wheaten Lane's Heart and Soul "Rory"

WB/BW	Orlando	Dec 10
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Owned by: Nancy Griffin  
Bred by: Nancy Griffin & Helen Fraguela

### CH Moonstruck Gift of Gold "Jewel"

WB	Brooksville	Jan 10
WB	Brooksville	Jan 11

Owned & Bred by: Helen Fraguela

### GCH Sho-well's Bree's Boy Toy "Bentley"

**Best Veteran/1st Award of Excellence** Dec 14  
at AKC Eukanuba Nat'l Championship  
Bred by: Marilyn Stowell  
Owned by: Kathi Elliot

## NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

### **CH** Wheaten Lane's Heart and Soul

Owned by: Nancy Griffin  
Bred By: Nancy Griffin & Helen Fraguela

### **GCH** Clover's Moonstruck Reflection of Greentree

Owned by: Helen Fraguela & Liz Jamiolkowski

### **CH** Moonstruck Gift of Gold

Owned & Bred by: Helen Fraguela

### **GCH** Wheaten Lane's Sunrise Heartbreaker

Owned by: Nancy Griffin, Gail & Geoff Johnston

## NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/ WORKING TITLES

### **Shar D's Oliver Do "N" the Twist RN**

(new title: Rally Novice)

Owned by: Ellie Chapman

## UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Davie	3/14-15	Vero Beach	4/25-26
Lake City	3/21-22	Deland	5/16-17
Elkton	4/4-5	Ft Walton	5/23-24
Zolfo Springs	4/18-19	WPB	6/6-7

For more info...

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



# CONGRATULATIONS

## To all our dog sport enthusiasts



## IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY



### ST. Paddy's Loaf O'Green for Wheatens

#### Ingredients:

1 lb ground turkey, beef or chicken  
2 eggs  
1/8 cup milk  
1½ cups bread crumbs  
10 oz frozen chopped spinach,  
thawed & drained  
4 oz cheese, cubed

#### Directions:

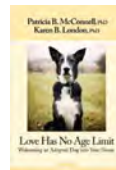
Preheat oven to 350. Mix together the meat, eggs, milk & bread crumbs. Put half meat mixture into greased loaf pan. Layer spinach & cheese on top of meat mixture, then top with other half of meat. Bake for 1½ hours or until done. Store in refrigerator. Serve as a snack or cut a slice & crumble in your Wheaten's kibble.

## MISC

#### Recommended reading:

Love Has No Age Limit—

Welcoming an Adopted Dog into Your Home



**SCWTCA 2015 Calendar**

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## HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



Ben turned 14 on Feb. 26th. He's still happy & healthy, but going deaf. He's a wonderful boy... happy go lucky & loves life!!

Owned & loved by: Paul & Edie Larson



Chazzy turned 15 on Dec. 10th, 2014. He's been my companion and best friend, and loved me unconditionally. I am blessed every day to have this boy in my life and cherish each moment. ... Love this boy!!!

Am/Can CH Keepsake's The Chaz Singer, CGC



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club  
of Greater Tampa Bay  
Presents

## Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Grooming Seminar



In depth, hands-on teaching of grooming to breed  
standard from Master Groomer Marilyn Stowell.

All are welcome, from beginner to advanced!  
**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Sunday, March 29, 2015 10 am – 3 pm

Maitland, FL

(address provided upon your confirmation)

- Working Spot \$40: Bring your grooming table, clippers, scissors, chair, crate, and your Wheaten
- Audit Spot (observation only -no dog) \$20, bring a chair
- Once your reservation is confirmed, your payment will be due. You will receive information on where to send your check at that time.

Space is limited. Please reserve your spot or email questions

to: [paulahenderson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:paulahenderson@cfl.rr.com)

Complimentary lunch will be provided.