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Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer months tend to be a bit slower for most and that includes our Club - with one exception - our Rescue program. What a busy summer it has been and thankfully our members have stepped up to the plate. Picking up frightened dogs, transporting from one side of the State to the other, fostering some of the saddest cases you could imagine; it is unbelievable what our rescue coordinators and members accomplish. Nothing is too much to ask and every single time there is a need someone is there. The stories can be heartbreaking and the medical needs overwhelming at times, but we find a way each and every time. That is commitment to the breed. It takes a village and if you can assist in any way (including but certainly not limited to financially) the help is always sincerely appreciated.

Our member breeders are also committed to the breed. Did you know that in addition to breeding for the betterment of the breed and being held to a high standard by our Code of Ethics each and every one of our breeders claim responsibility for each dog they breed for the life of the dog? No matter the age or health condition. Each breeder guarantees they will take back their dog if the owner cannot keep it for any reason, at any time, during the life of the dog. Hobby breeders are about breeding the best possible Wheatens, but also about being responsible for their breeding.

Our Club represents all facets of the breed... rescue, show dogs and pets, performance dogs (agility, obedience, etc.) - whatever your dog does (or doesn't do) we try to offer something of interest. We try to be all things to all Wheatens and our members have worked hard for 20 years to achieve that goal.

On November 7th our 20th ANNIVERSARY dinner and auction will take place at Southern Hills Plantation Club in Brooksville. It will be a celebration of our love of all Wheatens and I hope you will join us. It is a fun evening and this year we will be offering "throw back pricing" - \$20 per person for first 60 paid members for a great buffet dinner. Our auction provides an opportunity to find that special Wheaten item that you just can't resist (and of course the money you save on dinner gives you more to spend at the auction). I hope to see a great turnout and to have an opportunity to say thank you to each and every member on behalf of your Board.

We also have Meet the Breed coming up at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, December 12th and 13th. As in past years, we are looking for Club members and their Wheatens to participate. We have four hour shifts in the morning and afternoon on both days and are looking for ambassadors to represent our breed. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

Don't forget this is the time of year when we nominate our new officers and board members for next year. Details are in this newsletter.

Wishing you lots of Wheaten kisses,

Kathi



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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Ann McCormick (Chair), Pam Benton and Marj Lorand propose the following slate for the 2016-2017 Officers and 2016 Directors of the SCWTCGTB.

Officers:

President - Ann McCormick
Vice President - Linda Robison
Corresponding Sec. - Toni Hudson
Recording Sec. - Ann Phillips
Treasurer - Lois Hiers

Directors:

Kathi Elliot
Sue Wuerz
Darlene Pinheiro
Pat Weese

Additional nominations may be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary, Lois Hiers, by voting members no later than October 30th. The Corresponding Secretary will verify that the member nominated desires to be a candidate and if so shall post a notice on the Club website and prepare secret ballots for the annual meeting, Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided in the SCWTCGTB Bylaws, found on our website.



... And Join in the Celebration of our 20th Anniversary

Dinner and Auction

Saturday, November 7th, 2015

Southern Hills Plantation Country Club, Brooksville, FL

6:00-7:00pm Cash Bar, Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres, and Silent Auction

7:00pm Dinner Buffet including Carving Station

Details to follow by mail and on our website.

Be one of the first 60 Members to RSVP and pay and you'll receive the "special" 20th Anniversary price of \$20 per person.

Non-members and guests \$36 per person. Tax & gratuity is included in both prices.

RSVP TO: Debie Scurr, 7276 Moffatt Lane, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

E-mail: flwheaten@gmail.com / Make Checks Payable to: SCWTCGTB



Available at the annual SCWTCGTB Dinner /Auction on Nov. 7th...

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



SCWTCGTB Ambassadors Needed

AKC Eukanuba National Dog Show will be in Orlando again this year. We will be hosting Meet the Breed on December 12th and 13th for our National Club. We are looking for Wheatens and their humans to commit to representing our breed. We have two shifts each day 10:00am - 1:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Please contact Kathi Elliot at 813-340-3030 or kelliot@tampabay.rr.com if you are able to assist. It is a fun day and already we have people from last year signed to participate but need additional assistance. The only requirement is that your Wheaten is people and dog friendly and comes groomed, as we do not have grooming facilities for Meet The Breed. If you are participating in the AKC events we will schedule you for a time that does not conflict.



2018 Roving Specialty

We're pleased to announce that SCWTCA has confirmed their 2018 Roving Specialty (conformation) at the Brooksville show on January 20th, 2018. This is the first time we have had this honor!!

The National Club organizes everything from judges to trophies and everything in between. Our Club will support this event wherever there is a need. As we get closer more information will be available. Although 2018 seems like a long time away, plans are already being made by SCWTCA and it's been announced to the National Club members. There's been a lot of positive comments already from out-of-state members who are planning on attending.

NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!**

Patti	Barrow	Tampa
Jim	Echols	Springfield, MO
Adrienne & Gordon	Nash	Wellington
Cheryl & Gregory	Roberts	Spring Hill
Rosemary Reitler &	Dustin Meyers	Dunedin
Beth & Kerry	Rudy	Kissimmee
Brad & Caiti	Wolfe	St. Petersburg



From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time-spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's NOT "just a dog", but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman".

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" just smile... because they "just don't understand".

RESCUE REPORT

Summer 2015

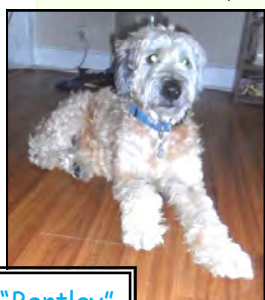


I rescued my Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Thanks go to Jen McNally who went and met 9 year old Coco in Melbourne in June and to Sue Robinson in Sarasota who adopted Jack/Finn and then drove to Melbourne and adopted Coco in June. Sue is very dog savvy and she put a lot of effort into making the adoption work, but Finn decided he wanted to be the "Only" Dog. We found a lovely couple for her in Savannah, GA who had Wheatens for 30 years. When they picked her up they commented that they had never seen a dog with so much "stuff!"

One year old Bentley in Bradenton was a foster failure. The family has another young Wheaten that they adopted from us a while back. The adoption almost did not happen - they live on the water but their other Wheaten Jasper hated the water. One day Bent-



"Bentley"

ley disappeared and they found him swimming two houses down heading into open water! They secured the yard and kept this charming boy.

Nine month old Dudley from Land O' Lakes was given up because his people worked long hours and did not have enough time for him. Pam and Tim Benton fostered him and he was adopted by a nice couple near WPB.

Seven year old Oliver from Pt. Charlotte was given up because of health issues in the family. He was adopted out and came back after a couple weeks. We were corresponding with a wonderful man in MO (who lives part of the year in FL) who had just lost his Wheaten. Thus ensued the longest WURL of the year! A volunteer picked him up and met Jan Dobson from Tallahassee who overnighted him. Jan drove northward and met Doug Marks who took him to Pensacola where

"Jeannie"



he was adopted and is loving life now. This will be his fourth and last home. As Jan said: "all the stars came together for Oliver!" Thanks to you folks and to Sue Sousa for arranging everything for Oliver - twice.

July started out with the strange tale of eight year old Jeannie from Auburndale. Her Dad was deployed by FEMA and he could not take her.

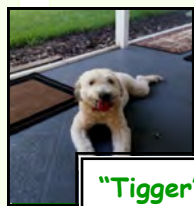
Huge thanks to Lois and Bruce Hiers for dropping everything and taking her at a moment's notice. Lois took some fabulous pictures of Jeanne and she was posted on Petfinder. Within 2 hours, the owner's daughter called us and said she had just discovered Jeannie was put up for adoption - the family wanted her back! So back she went.

In August a Behavioral Survey from Deland popped up in our in-boxes. Seven year old Sadie was not house broken and lived in a crate. The family had 10 kids and no time for her. Michele VanHorn in Deland went and met Sadie and took her to her vet to get her up to date on everything. Poor little Sadie was woe-fully skinny and wormy. Michele got her up to Jody Greene in Jax who showered her with TLC and fattened her up. As is often the case, she was house trained. She just needed someone to pay attention to her. She went to a lovely retired couple in Jax who just dote on her.



"Sadie"

Jody received a phone call from one year old Tigger's person. Jody said the lady cried everytime she talked to her. Tigger was being kept in a crate 10-12 hours a day and he "leaked." Lois and Bruce took Tigger to foster and boy, it was rough the first few days. Lois says he is just the sweetest little dog, and plays nicely with her two. Tigger was going to his adoptive home as we go to press.



"Tigger"

Finally we have the curious tale of the three senior Wheatens from Hernando County Animal Services in Brooksville. I received the following email from Shannon in Animal Services on a Saturday not too long ago. I include it here in its entirety because it is so poignant...

"We could really use your help. We have a senior Wheaten Soft Coated Terrier here at the shelter that desperately needs out. Initially an owner was found for this dog- who stated that the dog got away when the owner was moving and has been running at large for weeks (owner no longer in Florida). Owner has no way to get the dog or anyplace to put the dog since his new apt does not allow pets. Then this pup was lucky enough to get an adopter, but when the adopter found out the dog was a senior with some health concerns they backed out of the adoption. This is a mild mannered dog, approx. 12 years old, spayed female. She deserves to get out of the shelter and needs a place to live out her remaining days. She is beginning to shut down here and get depressed so I'm hoping you may have some available room for this girl.



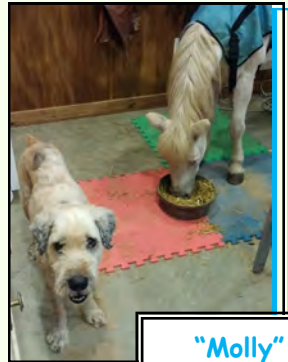
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These are the notes from our vet on staff...

NICE SENIOR SPAYED WHEATEN TERRIER IN HORRIBLE CONDITION. 35 LBS, NO MICROCHIP. MODERATE MUCOID DISCHARGE IN EYES, SEVERE EAR INFECTIONS, RIGHT WORSE THAN LEFT, WITH GREEN-YELLOW DISCHARGE, CONSISTENT WITH PSEUDOMONAS INFECTION. MULTIPLE PROMINENT SOFT TISSUE MASSES ALONG BACK. OVERGROWN TOENAILS. THIS DOG HAS BEEN SEVERELY NEGLECTED. SHE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CONSULTATION.

I have attached a few photos for you to view. Please let me know if you have any availability for this sweet senior. We are at capacity at the shelter, her time is very limited and I would really like to see her out of here and into a home."

I immediately wrote her back and said we would take her. There is no such thing as a throw away dog and we would not let it happen! I posted Molly's pictures on Facebook with a plea for *someone* to help her. Lisa Alexander in Ocala replied within an hour, saying she and her husband would take her. They drove to Brooksville Sunday morning. The shelter is closed on Sunday but Shannon came in on her day off and met them. We do not believe she would have made it another day. Molly is being healed both physically and spiritually and is cradled in love by her new family. Her new family includes 4 horses, 2 mules and 6 dogs. If you want to read the touching story of Molly's journey visit Lisa's blog at findingjubileeblog.com.



"Molly"

Eight year old Guinness and Aine came into the shelter as strays within a few days of one another. Kathi Elliot went and met both dogs, who were in woeful condition. She sprang Guinness who went to Marilyn Stowell for fostering. Kathi has arranged for all of his vet care and found a great couple who will be taking him home soon.

Lois picked up Aine and drove her to meet Jody Greene in Jax. Aine has been in foster care with Jody for two weeks and she is improving daily. She was so shy and traumatized at first, she would just stand and shake. Jody is working miracles with this sweet little dog.



"Aine"

It is so very odd that three senior Wheatens would show up within a short period at the shelter.

I would like to introduce Jody Greene from Jacksonville as my new Co-Coordinator - Welcome! It can get hectic and crazy, but the work we do is so worth it when we see the new lives our Wheatens lead. They all deserve our help - from the puppies to the seniors. I will make a plug for the seniors here - they are house trained, mellow and eager to please. Don't be afraid to adopt an older Wheaten, they need love in their golden years!!

We have placed thirty one Wheatens this year, and counting...thank you everyone for helping our Wheatens on their journey to better lives!

Melissa Nelson SCWTCGTB Rescue Co-Coordinator



SHOW RESULTS



6/1/15-8/31/15

CH Áinle Something To Talk About "Bogie"

WD WPB, FL 6/06
BOS WPB, FL 6/07
BOB Tampa, FL 6/11
BOB Tampa, FL 6/12
BOB Tampa, FL 6/13

Bred by: Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot

GCH Pinehome Merrimoor CameTo Dance "Spicy"

BOB, grp 1 Cavendish, PEI 6/20
BOB, grp 1 Cavendish, PEI 6/20
BOB, grp 1 Cavendish, PEI 6/21
SEL Kensington, PEI 7/18
SEL Kensington, PEI 7/18
SEL Kensington, PEI 7/19
BOB, grp 3 Kensington, PEI 7/19

Owned by: Linda Hallas

Bred by: Peggy Gale

GCH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

BOB, grp 3 WPB, FL 6/06
BOB, grp 3 WPB, FL 6/07
BOS Tampa, FL 6/13

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps

Owned by: Kathi Elliot

CH Áinle Money Talks "Cash"

BOB Tampa, FL 6/19
SEL Greenville, SC 7/23
BOS Greenville, SC 7/24
SEL Greenville, SC 7/25
SEL Greenville, SC 7/26
BOS Atlanta, GA 8/20
BOB, grp 4 Atlanta, GA 8/21
BOB Atlanta, GA 8/22
BOB Atlanta, GA 8/23

Bred by: Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Tom & Gail Richvalsky & Kathi Elliot

GCH Villanova Áinle Just One Look "Shadow"

BOS Tampa, FL 6/11
SEL Tampa, FL 6/12
SEL/BOBOH Tampa, FL 6/13
BOS Tampa, FL 6/14
SEL Orlando, FL 6/19
BOB, grp 3 Orlando, FL 6/20
SEL Orlando, FL 6/21
SEL/BOBOH Atlanta, GA 8/20
SEL Atlanta, GA 8/21
BOS/BOBOH, grp 2 Atlanta, GA 8/22

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps & Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Tom & Gail Richvalsky & Kathi Elliot



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

BV/Veteran, grp 1 Tampa, FL 6/14

Bred by: Marilyn Stowell

Owned by: Kathi Elliot



CH Áinle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"

BW WPB, FL 6/06
BW WPB, FL 6/07
WB Tampa, FL 6/11
BOS/OHBOB/OH, grp 4 Tampa, FL 6/12
WB Tampa, FL 6/13
BOS/BOBOH/OH, grp 3 Orlando, FL 6/19
WB/BIS Bdr Showcase Orlando, FL 6/20
BOB, grp 2/OHBOB/OH, grp 1 Orlando, FL 6/21
SEL Greenville, SC 7/23
BOS/OHBOB Atlanta, GA 8/21
SEL Atlanta, GA 8/22
BOS Atlanta, GA 8/23

Bred by: Kathi Elliot

Owned by: Kathi Elliot

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6/1/15-8/31/15

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES/AWARDS

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Owned by: Linda Robison & Kathi Elliot

CH Áinle Gift of the Gab "Marlie"
Owned by: Kathi Elliot

CH Áinle Money Talks "Cash"
Owned by: Tom & Gail Richvalsky & Kathi Elliot

CANADIAN GCH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance "Spicy"
Owned by: Linda Hallas

GOLD GCH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"
Owned by: Kathi Elliot



UPCOMING FL CONFORMATION SHOWS
For more info...<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

Deland	9/19-20	Brooksville	11/07-08
Ocala	9/26-27	Ocala	11/12-15
Arcadia	10/10-11	Davie	11/28-29
Plant City	10/24-25	Miami	12/05-06

**NEW AGILITY/
OBEDIENCE/ WORKING
TITLES**

Shar D's Oliver Do "N" the Twist RA
(new title: AKC Rally Avanced)
Owned by: Ellie Chapman


CONGRATULATIONS
 To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Sweet Potato Squash Dog Treats

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour (I use Rice Flour)
- 2 jars baby food (I use a jar of sweet potato and a jar of squash) you can use vegetable, fruit, or meat baby food, just be sure it does NOT have onion in it!
- Extra flour to sprinkle on hands and tray for cutting out the cookies.
- Healthy oil to grease cookie sheet with

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 335 degrees
2. Shake baby food jars, as they tend to separate
3. Pour baby food into mixing bowl
4. Add 2 cups of your choice of flour and mix well
5. Sprinkle flour on a tray or counter top
6. Grease your cookie sheet
7. Roll out the dough
8. Use a cookie cutter to cut out the shapes you want
9. Cook at 335 degrees for 22 minutes
10. Allow to cool and then serve! Store in an air tight container, so they'll last.



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

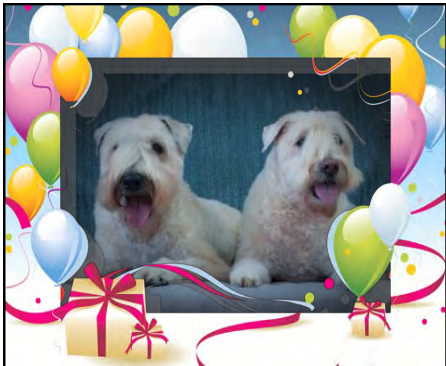
Nancy Griffin is pleased to announce the arrival of a new Wheaten Lane litter:

Sire: Gold GCH Sundance Second Chance "Benny"

Dam: CH Wheaten Lane's Heart and Soul "Rory"

Born: August 11th, 2015

HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



Kipper (left) was 14 on July 12th, and Yommie (right) was 13. Kipper unfortunately was in the hospital for 2 weeks during his birthday, so we had to postpone the celebration. He has made a miraculous recovery and is now celebrating with his sister Yommie. I am ecstatic beyond words to have my best friends by my side. I never miss a chance to tell them everyday..."Daddy loves you".