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Newsletter

Cheryl Johnstone
Helen Fraguela

Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is that time of year again, hurricane season is upon us. As we make plans for possible evacuations, please remember your Wheatens and make plans for whatever they may need from medicines and food to shelter. We are all aware of the devastation from the tornadoes in OK. A member of our National wheaten club who lives in the area (luckily not in the path of the tornado) reported that the many volunteers have reunited dogs with their families but there are still over 100 dogs in a temporary shelter and still more continue to be rescued. The need for crates, food, vet care, etc. is great and they are managing through with donations from AKC, National clubs as well as State clubs and personal donations. Our club donated to this very worthwhile cause. But for the grace of God it could be FL hit with a disaster. Please plan for the safety of your family and pets.

I cannot tell you how busy our rescue coordinators here in FL have been, it seems like it has been non-stop since the beginning of the year. I can't even imagine how we would manage in the case of a disaster but I know somehow we would. Our members are extremely dedicated and hard working. In some case it takes 4 or 5 people just to make sure that one dog is transported, groomed and receives the requisite vet care and evaluation before s/he can be placed. If you can help at all, whether to transport or foster, or anything in between please let Melissa Nelson or Debie Scurr know. I can tell you from personal experience, there is nothing more heartwarming than to see a rescue go to the perfect home. Please help if you at all can.

On a much lighter note, it was great to see everyone at the Education Day. As in the past we had grooming, a health seminar, CGC testing and lunch. It is a full day. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible and to all who attended.

Our second B Match is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th in conjunction with the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association. The location is the FL State Fairgrounds, Expo Hall. 4800 US Hwy 301 North, Tampa 33610. This is an indoor show and our B Match will take place at the end of the day 30 minutes after Best In Show. If you have a non spayed/neutered, non champion wheaten, please come out and support your Club. We need all the entries we can get and we can only be successful with your participation. If you don't want to show your dog yourself, let us know and we will find someone to help you. The rosettes are spectacular and anyone would be very proud to go home with one. It is also a fun time at the regular show so come on out for the whole day or just the afternoon and join us!

Again, we are looking for people to serve on our 2014 Board of Directors .It is worth repeating - we all know the story of 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Nobody told Anybody so Everybody blamed Somebody. We meet 4 times per year - not a huge time commitment, but a very important one for the success of our Club. New members bring new ideas, growth and benefits. Your Club needs you - length of membership is not a pre-requisite, just a commitment to our wonderful breed. Please contact Marilyn Stowell at 352-688-4099 for more information.

Kathi Elliot



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www.flwheatenclub.org

CLUB BUSINESS



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 2014 Wheaten Appointment Books Coming Soon...

Thanks to everyone who purchased a page in the 2014 club appointment book. We have some really adorable photos and the appointment books will be available soon. Pricing and information on how to order appointment books will be posted on the website.

- Wheaten Dog Show

June 15, 2013 at the Florida State Fair Grounds in Tampa the club will be conducting an AKC sanctioned "B" Match. This is a conformation dog show for non-champion wheatens that have not been spayed or neutered. There is no experience needed and puppies as young as 3 months are eligible to participate. No points are awarded at a match and we cannot allow puppies with glued ears to participate. The ribbons are larger and more beautiful than any other show and the entry fee is only \$8.00! Holding this match is a pre-requisite to our becoming a licensed AKC club, eligible to hold AKC dog shows. In order for our club to be successful in becoming AKC licensed, we need your support. If you have an eligible wheaten we need you to participate. If you don't know how to show your dog a match is a great place to learn. If you have any questions call Linda at 72 515-1800. If you don't have an eligible wheaten please come and watch maybe you will decide you want a show wheaten. See Flyer and entry form on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO
THE SCWTCGTB!

Jinny & Ron	Crone	West Palm Beach
Mary Beth	Fabian	Longwood
Elizabeth & Dale	Hanson	Sanibel
Elise McDonald & Robert	Ron Jacobs	Port St. Lucie
	Longo	Homosassa
Mary Lou & Ralph	Trevino	Mount Dora
Sarah E	Arnold	Winter Park
Arlene & Neil	Ortner	Wellington
Nancy	Starewicz	Valparaiso, IN

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd "B" Match	Tampa	June 15
East Coast Picnic	West Palm Beach	Oct 19
Annual Dinner	Brooksville	Nov 9
CPR & Doggie Massage Class	St. Petersburg	Sep 14



The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is the largest non-profit organization funding exclusively canine health research. Our success is a result of a unique grants process and a strong network of supporters and experts.

It all starts with donations from individual dog lovers, dog clubs, foundations and corporations. Our supporters trust us to use funds for innovative and sound scientific research.

Mission Statement

The Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to address the health needs of all dogs across their entire lifetime by focusing on all aspects of their physical, mental, and social well-being. We embrace the One Health model as a critical tool to achieving our vision.

Foundation's Goals

Within this mission and vision, the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation has three primary goals:

- To fund canine health research projects to the Foundation's capacity which address the diversity of canine health concerns and may have comparative medicine benefits for humans
- To select and monitor, through a rigorous process, research projects that meet high scientific standards and have the greatest potential for advancing the health of dogs
- To communicate to the pet-owners, veterinarians and researchers funded discoveries that help prevent, treat, and cure canine diseases.

How You Can Help

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is grateful to have the loyal support of corporations, foundations, dog clubs and individuals who love dogs. We need your continued support to keep funding canine health research that helps dogs live longer, healthier lives. No matter your capacity to give, there are ways you can help.

FEATURE ARTICLE

SCWTCGTB SECOND "B MATCH" PLANNED

REPEATED ARTICLE

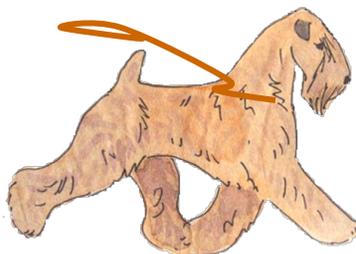
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay AKC Sanctioned B Match

Saturday June 15, 2013

Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 N.U.S. Highway 301, Tampa, Florida 33610

Judging starts 30 minutes following the conclusion of the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assoc. Show

Trial Secretary: Jane Cook
1313 Wickersley Place
Tampa, Fl 33625
(813) 968-3479
JCook9446@aol.com



AKC Judge :Daniel Dahlberg

Handlers may show dogs, no restrictions. Dogs with Major Points are allowed. AKC prohibits Champions from participating in B matches except in Juniors. Wins at Sanctioned Matches carry no AKC points.

Classes: 3 to 6 Months, 6 to 9 Months, 9 to 12 Months, 12 to 18 Months, Adult, Junior Showmanship, Best Puppy in Match (3-18mos), Best Wheaten in Match, Best of Opposite sex.

Fees: Pre-Entry Fee is \$5.00. Pre-Entry CLOSE June 3, 2013.

Day of Match Entries are \$8.00 and close before the start of the first class.

Send checks to Jane Cook...payable to: Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay Entry

ENTRY FORM

I Enclose \$ _____ for entry fees

Sex _____

Dog's
Name _____

Class _____ AKC # _____

Date of Birth _____

Owner _____

Handler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

In consideration & acceptance of my Entry, I agree to hold the Match giving club & anyone associated with this match harmless from any injury or loss that may occur to myself or my dog while participating in this event. I further agree to be bound by the American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations Applying to Dog Shows.

I (we) certify & represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Signature _____ Date _____

RESCUE REPORT... con't

They had put in an application 6 months ago, but things just never came together. .

Linda Hallas did the home visit, then Gracie and Linda transported Mollie practically to their doorstep. Thank you both so much! They absolutely adore her

We found six year old Boston at Citrus County Animal Services. He was in quarantine for biting his owner. Normally we do not even consider these dogs, but sometimes there are mitigating circumstances. His owners were elderly and the husband became ill and wheelchair bound. Boston became very protective of him. The wife got nipped trying to take his collar and get him outside. By all accounts, he was a great dog. Thanks to Kathi Elliot and Lisa Jaye Shore for saving his life! Kathi and Brian went to evaluate him, and Lisa took him in and fostered him for a few weeks. He went to a great couple in Cape Coral who adopted Mali from us about 5 years ago. He is doing very well.



Four year old Isabella's family in Ft. Myers adored her and took great care of her, but then the

baby came along. They hesitated and hemmed and hawed and changed their minds a dozen times, but finally Isabella came into foster care with Peggy Gainey. Peggy reported she was a non-stop, go-go-go little girl who wore her guys out. She went home to a couple with another dog her age and a work at home mom. Great match.

Currently we have a courtesy listing on Petfinder for a Wheaten in Naples. We also have two dogs in foster care with Sue Sousa and Peggy Gainey. They are likely to be long foster periods due to the condition of these dogs. One of them had to have his leg amputated due to neglect.



Almost half a year has gone by - the years seem to fly by - and our mission to re-home these needy dogs in wonderful homes is as important as ever. We pride ourselves on having a rescue group with integrity and compassion. We do the very best we can and as I have said many times, we could not do it without the help of those who donate their time and caring. Thank you all.

Melissa Nelson Co-Coordinator SCWTCGTB
-Rescue

I rescued my
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Excerpts from: **Confessions of a Breeder-Owner-Handler**

By: Paul Chen, MSW

"Why are you a Breeder/Owner/Handler?" we don't want to even think about the answer. We don't want to know why we get up at 3 a.m., drive six hours to some remote fairground to haul 200 pounds on little wheels through deep gravel to cover ourselves with mud and step on doggy chocolates before standing in 100-degree sun for 30 minutes to get a pretty ribbon.

"Sport" on Dictionary.com (so it has to be correct) says, "A diversion; recreation; pleasant pastime." Can we talk? Beg to differ? Have you looked in your checkbook lately?

I don't know about you, but the word sport just doesn't make it for me. In a short list my dog life sort of runs like this:

1. Many, many, many years of learning to show well, to groom properly, genetics, animal husbandry.
2. A year or more to find just the right foundation bitch and then getting her CH.
3. Two years spent choosing the "right stud." Agonizing over pedigrees to ensure good health as well as conformation.
4. Waiting what seems a lifetime for my bitch to be ready.
5. Two weeks of driving to my vet to get expensive progesterone tests.
6. Hundreds of calls culminating in flying a tiny vial of cold semen across the country, (or driving 20 hrs to the stud for a natural breeding).
7. Chasing the package around town because FedEx decided to deliver it second day instead of next day.
8. An expensive insemination. Total cost of this breeding > \$5,000.00
9. Nine weeks of worry and eating pickles with ice cream.
10. One very long night/day whelping, if you're lucky enough for the breeding to have worked.
11. Twelve weeks of constant care and puppy poop.
12. Eighteen months of puppy uglies and shattered dreams.
13. One year of send-in-the-entry-and-hope-it-is-a-major.
14. An additional 20,000 miles on my car and an equal amount of gray hair on my head to finally get the two letters Ch. in front of my dog's name.
15. Go directly back to #2, do not stop anywhere for anything.

You could call all of this diversion and pleasant pastime. My better half wouldn't. He calls it an insane obsession.

Well, I have a better label for what I do. I prefer to call it "art." Art is defined by Dictionary.com as, "the quality, production, expression, or realm, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing or of more than ordinary significance." Now doesn't that sound more like what we do? Don't you like having aesthetic principles and the expression of beauty more than having a pleasant pastime?

I feel like my dogs are my canvas and I paint with genes. I spend years sweating and picking up doggy chocolates to produce my expression of beauty and health. When the judge looks at my breeding he or she is looking at my creativity, my art form. And when I walk into the ring I'm signing the bottom corner of my painting.

Dogs, their breeding and showing have filled my life since I was 10 years old and dogs filled my dreams before that. They are my passion and one of the things that make me, me.

For us Breeder/Owner/Handlers, dogs are more than amusement or a diversion. Now, don't you think the "art of dogs" sounds much better than the "sport of dogs?" Wouldn't you rather be called an artist?

Paul Chen has been showing and breeding dogs for 46 years. He has produced more than 50 champions, including Top 10 dogs and National Specialty winners. Professionally he is a social worker in AIDS and hospice. He is an AKC provisional judge for Pembroke and Cardigan Welsh Corgis, as well as Juniors

EXHIBITOR'S CORNER



Excerpts from Sportsmanship and Etiquette: Getting The Best Out of The Sport of Dogs by Claudia Waller Orlandi, Ph.D.

In the competitive world of the dog fancy, your success as a breeder, owner, or handler will be greatly influenced not only by the quality of dogs you produce and show but also by the perception others have of you as a sportsman and ambassador of your breed. Sportsmanship is about "qualities and behavior befitting a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, without gloating, and who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy, respect, etc."

In the ring:

- Be on time for your class. Pay attention!
- If you are showing a bitch in season, alert the judge.
- Don't talk to the judge unless you are verifying instructions or answering a specific question.
- Don't volunteer information about your dog.
- Don't converse loudly with other handlers in the ring or with people at ringside.
- Don't allow your dog to jump up on the judge.
- Always allow sufficient distance between your dog and others at all times.
- Never block the judge's view of someone else's dog.
- Do not use squeaky toys or pieces of bait if they are distracting to other dogs in the ring.
- While gaiting, never "run up" on the dog in front of you.

The number of Wheaten exhibitors in FL is declining, rather than growing....Why?

What are we doing to cultivate new exhibitors and encourage those on the fence.

What future do we envision for our breed?

Question by: Helen Fraguera

After judging:

- Congratulate winners, especially in the group ring.
- Regardless of your placing, even if it is 4th out of 4, be a good sport, smile and thank the judge.
- If you are interested in knowing why you lost under a judge whose opinion you value, wait until he/she has completed their assignment before approaching them.
- Never send a judge flowers or gifts.
- Don't try to corner a judge to show him/her your scrap book of wins and never send photos of your dog to a judge before a show.

Friend judges:

If you have been in a breed or the dog fancy for any length of time, it is inevitable that you are friends with a certain number of judges. A lot has been said about the propriety of showing to one's friends, or even acknowledging that one knows the judge. Following are suggestions regarding the more gray areas:

- Avoid socializing with a judge friend during the show. If you know a judge and run into him/her prior to going into the ring, for appearances' sake keep all conversation brief.
- If you are friends with a judge do not hang around him/her before or after judging. This puts the judge in an awkward position, and compromises the integrity of your win to others.
- If a judge who is your friend prefers that you do not show to him/her, respect these wishes. Some judges do not care.
- Be prepared to lose under a judge even though he/she is your friend.
- The AKC is specific about certain restrictions, such as relatives or former clients showing to judges. If you have any doubts, don't show



SHOW RESULTS



3/1/13-5/31/13

GCH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

BOB, GRP2	Tupelo, MS	3/02
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BOB	Louisville, KY	3/14
BOS	Louisville, KY	3/15
BOB	Louisville, KY	3/16
BOB	Louisville, KY	3/17
BOB	Perry, GA	4/11
BOB	Perry, GA	4/12
BOB	Perry, GA	4/13
BOB	Zolfo Springs, FL	4/20
BOB	Zolfo Springs, FL	4/21
BOB, GRP1	Watkinsville, GA	5/04
BOB	Watkinsville, GA	5/05
BOB, GRP4	Brooksville, FL	5/18
SEL	Brooksville, FL	5/19
BOB	N. Fort Myers	5/25
BOB	N. Fort Myers	5/26

Bred: Cynthia Phelps

Owned: Kathi Elliot

Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance "Spicy"

WB	Louisville	3/17
BW	Perry	4/11
BW	Perry	4/13

Bred: Peggy A. Gale

Owned: Linda Hallas

Wheaten Lane's Heart of Gold "Quinn"

BOS	Perry, GA	4/13
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Bred: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela

Owned: Nancy Griffin

Wheaten Lane's Sunrise Heartbreaker

"Abbey"

BOS	Brooksville, FL	5/19
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Bred: Nancy Griffin & Helen Fraguela.

Owned: Gail & Geoff Johnston & Nancy Griffin

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

CH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance

Bronze GCH Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South

NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/WORKING TITLES

Robert's Sugarbear Riley MX MXJ OF
Darbydoo and Sailboat Too OA AJX
Owned by: Susie Blackledge

Ch Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm OA OAJ CGC
Owned by: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela

Shar D' s Oliver Do " N " The Twist
CGC, BN, CD, AKC THERAPY DOG, NW1, CD-C
Owned by: Ellie Chapman

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

WPB	6/8-9	WPB	7/13-14
Tampa	6/15-16	Deland	9/21-22
Orlando	6/21/23		

for more info visit

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



CONGRATULATIONS

To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Doggy Pupsicles

Ingredients

1 ripe banana

8 ounces of *plain* yogurt (lowfat or non-fat, greek yogurt is ideal)

1 tablespoon of peanut butter (creamy is best)

Mix ingredients together in a blender or food processor. Pour mixture into three or four different small plastic ice cube trays and freeze overnight. Pop them out and watch your pup eat them up.

Experiment with mix-ins like finely diced carrots, apples, or lean meat.



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue and Don Wuerz are pleased to announce the arrival of a new Sundance litter:

Dam: CH Sundance Order of the Irish Rose (Rose)

Sire: Am GCH CND CH Greentree Keepsake Surfin' USA (Surfer)

Born: 5/1/13



Cindy Phelps is pleased to announce the arrival of a Bossa Nova litter

Dam: GCH Bossa Nova Calkiem Inny Piesek (Nova)

Sire: AM GCH/CDN CH Sho-well's Bree's Boy Toy (Bentley)

Born: 5/29/2013



Sherrie Case- MacKenzie is pleased to announce the arrival of a Sandcastle litter

Dam: CH Sandcastle's It's Great to be Queen (Betti)

Sire: CH Whindancer's Sweet Baby James (James)

Born: 5/26/13



HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS

Happy Happy 13th Woofday to Darcy Dean the Beauty Queen.

She turned at least 13 on March 17!

Owned and loved by Debie Scurr

Darcy...we love your recipes!

