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## CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Kathi Elliot
Vice President:	Linda Hallas
Treasurer:	Debie Scurr
Recording Secretary:	Pam Benton
Corresponding Secretary:	Lois Hiers
Board Members:	Jane Cook Marilyn Stowell Melissa Nelson Maureen McCormick

### Newsletter

Cheryl Johnstone  
Helen Fraguela

# Wheaten Words

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy summer for a number of our breeders who had new litters over the past few months. It will be fun to see these little ones at our events and in some cases competing in the show ring. Many congratulations to all!

Our second "B Match" took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Tampa show. Thank you to all our participants and their lovely Wheatens. (See photos included in this newsletter). Kudos to Linda Hallas, Jane Cook and Marilyn Matthes for all their hard work to ensure the success of this Match. Many thanks to AKC Judge Dan Dahlberg for judging the Match at the end of the day after Best In Show. We have now applied to AKC for "Advancement to A-level", which is the next step in becoming a licensed Club. It would be great if we could complete the A Matches and become licensed in 2015 - our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Over the past few months a committee was formed to review our Code of Ethics and clarify actions that are considered contrary to the best interests of the Breed and Club. This was not an easy task. The Code of Ethics was not changed; instead an addendum was created and presented to the Board at our August meeting. The Board voted to adopt this addendum and it is included in herein. Please review it and let any member of the Board know if you have any questions or concerns.

It is again that time of year and the Nominating Committee report with the proposed slate of Officers and Directors to be voted on at the Annual Dinner in November, 2013 is in this newsletter. If there are any further nominations please notify Lois Hiers, our Corresponding Secretary, no later than October 30 as per Article IV, Section 4 of our Bylaws. Please note that candidates must be nominated by a voting member.

We have a number of upcoming events that I hope everyone will mark their calendars and make an effort to attend if it is in your locale.

**Wheaten Health Day** - St. Petersburg - September 14<sup>th</sup>; **East Coast Picnic** - West Palm Beach - October 19<sup>th</sup>; **Annual Dinner and Auction** - Brooksville - November 9<sup>th</sup>. I am happy to report that we will be back in the Main Clubhouse at Southern Hills Plantation Club for this year's Annual Dinner. We will have lots of space with both the Private Dining Room and the Main Dining Room booked exclusively for us. This is a fun evening with a Silent Auction to benefit Rescue. There are always great items offered! This year we will also be Raffling 2 life size Dana Loring Wheatens - Waggity Ann and Andy - valued at \$1000. Contact Debie Scurr if you would like Raffle tickets and cannot attend the dinner.

Also coming up on December 14 & 15 is the **AKC Eukanuba National Championship**. Once again we will be hosting the SCWTCA Meet the Breed booth and are looking for a total of 8 people and their dogs to cover Saturday and Sunday. We will have 4 "shifts" 3 hours in the morning and afternoon both days. If you can help out please let me know or sign up at the Annual Dinner. The AKC Eukanuba National Championship is a fun event with every dog-related activity you can imagine. There will be a number of Club members competing in Conformation on Sunday. In addition, we have members Susie Blackledge and Riley competing in Agility and Darline Pinherio's Ellie in Dock Diving.

We have a lot going on over the next few months and hope you will come out and support your Club and fellow members. Everyone's involvement ensures our success.

Kathi Elliot



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[www.flwheatenclub.org](http://www.flwheatenclub.org)

## CLUB BUSINESS



### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Marilyn Stowell (Chair), Dottie Haney and Linda Cantor propose the following slate for the 2014 Board of Directors of the SCWTCGTB:

#### Officers

President - Kathi Elliot

Vice President - Linda Hallas

Corresponding Secretary - Lois Hiers

Recording Secretary - Maureen McCormick

Treasurer - Debie Scurr

#### Directors

Jane Cook

Paula Henderson

Melissa Nelson

Marilyn Stowell

Additional nominations may be submitted to Corresponding Secretary, Lois Hiers, by voting members no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 herein as per Article IV Section 4 of the SCWTCGTB Bylaws.

Marj Lorand, our immediate past President; has recently undergone surgery. She is recuperating at home. For details and to send her a note, please go to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org). Click on "visit a site" and enter her name. I know she will appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

We are having a special raffle for rescue. Tickets will be sold for these lovely Waggity Ann and Andy dolls at our events and the winner will be selected at our annual dinner (you don't have to be present to win). Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Kathi at [kelliot@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kelliot@tampabay.rr.com) for more information.



## NEW MEMBERS

### WELCOME TO THE SCWTCGTB!

Susan	Aguiar	Lakeland
Mary Ellen & Michael	Ballotta	Weston
Patrick	Bragan	New Port Richey
Katherine	Hulick	Palm Harbor
Ron & Robin	Mallory	Sarasota
Amy & R Christopher	Murdoch	Ocoee
Gail & Tom	Richvalsky	Summerville, SC
Bibi & Chuck	Rucker	Mount Dora
Dena & Scott	Ubillos	Lithia
Brad & Cece	Westpfahl	Vero Beach

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Doggie Massage Class (see flyer)	St. Petersburg	Sep 14
East Coast Picnic	West Palm Beach	Oct 19
Annual Dinner (see flyer)	Brooksville	Nov 9



## PREVALENCE OF VARIANT ALLELES ASSOCIATED WITH PROTEIN-LOSING NEPHROPATHY IN SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIERS.

MP Littman, MG Raducha, PS Henthorn. University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.

Variant alleles in NPSH1 and KIRREL2, the genes which encode the slit diaphragm proteins nephrin and filtrin/Neph3, respectively, were previously found associated with protein-losing nephropathy (PLN) in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (SCWT) by a genome-wide association study and subsequent gene sequencing of candidate genes in a statistically significant interval that differed among dogs with PLN compared with geriatric (14 to 18-year-old) SCWT. Genotyping assays were developed for both of the single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in these genes that are in linkage disequilibrium in the breed. Homozygous positive dogs were shown to be at highest risk for the development of PLN, heterozygous dogs were at intermediate risk, and homozygous negative dogs were at low risk for the development of PLN. A prevalence study was performed to ascertain if breeders could safely remove carrier dogs in one generation. Cheek swab, blood, or semen samples were tested from 1208 SCWT dogs of all ages (median 4 yrs). Haplotypes are described as 1-1 (homozygous negative), 1-2 (heterozygous), and 2-2 (homozygous positive) for the PLN-associated variant alleles. The following table shows the frequencies found in various countries.

	1-1 %	1-2 %	2-2 %	Variant Allele Frequency (%)
USA, n=880 (Hardy-Weinberg expected frequencies in the USA)	33 (32.5)	48 (49)	19 (18.5)	43
Canada, n=108	40	52	16	39
Total USA and Canada, n=988	34	48	18	42
Nordic Countries, n=93	43	41	16	37
UK/Ireland, n=100	65	23	12	24
Other countries (Australia, Poland, Argentina), n=27	63	30	7	22
Total all countries, n=1208 (Unknown Sex, n=11)	38	45	17	40
Females, n=712	38	45	17	40
Males, n=485	38	44	18	40

Without genetic counseling with the knowledge of these haplotypes and assuming random breeding, the variant allele frequency would remain 43% in the USA. This high frequency indicates that it would be unwise to cull all carriers (1-2 or 2-2 dogs) of the variant alleles in one generation, thereby risking loss of genetic diversity, increased inbreeding, and the potential of increasing the incidence of other deleterious genetic traits. An approach to avoid producing high risk homozygous positive (2-2) dogs would be to preferably breed desirable heterozygous (1-2) or homozygous positive (2-2) dogs



## RESCUE REPORT... con't

They have Kailey, a 14 year old WIN girl as well. In July we received a phone call from a gentleman in Vero Beach - he was unable to take care of his eight year Lucy girl for 4-6 weeks, she had been at Vero Humane Society for 3 weeks, could we take her Rescue Co-Coordinator temporarily? We normally do not do temporary fosters, but the love this man had for his Lucy was so obvious, we agreed to take her. And wonderful Cece and Brad agreed to take her so now temporarily they have three girls. Thank you so much!

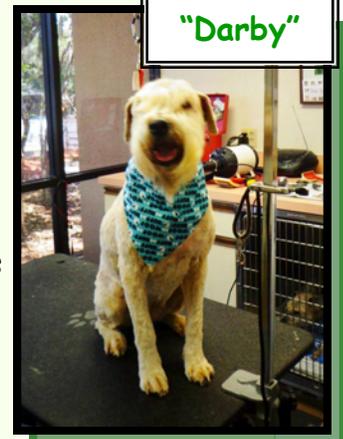
Nine year old Ozzie was placed with an older couple a few years ago. They had to give up their home and go into an ACLF. With the help of Nancy Nauman in WPB, we located a wonderful forever home for him.

We currently have a courtesy listing on Petfinder for Schenley. His owner (from a pup) is seriously ill. A friend took Schenley in but he has his own Wheaten and two Bouvier's so Schenley needs a home of his own. Schenley is in Naples. He just turned ten, just had a complete exam and had his teeth cleaned, he is ready to go! Please contact Debie or Melissa if anyone is interested - he is a wonderful boy. Club Members received an email a few weeks ago about Murphy, the six year old stray that the Nelson's found at Miami Dade Animal Services in June. After weeks of care, he was a happy boy, eating well, playing and taking walks. We needed hospice care for Murphy as he has chronic kidney failure.



"Murphy"

Mary Lou and Ralph Trevino from Mt. Dora generously offered to take Murphy in and take care of him for the rest of his life. It may be weeks or months, we don't know at this point. The Trevino's got Teddy through us last January, so Murphy has a brother and they love to play! Thanks to the Trevino's for finding the huge spaces in their hearts to take Murphy in. We sometimes find ill Wheatens that are doing well but need palliative care. We do not take extreme measures but they basically need hospice care until they go. We also come across senior Wheatens that need homes. We got Teddy at age fifteen and he lived for two years with Doug Marks' loving care. Rita McComas has been taking wonderful care of fourteen year old Morgan. Jean Krause has had Darby since early 2011 and she is now seventeen and a testament to her care! These are basically "forever foster" homes - Rescue helps with vet bills until they go. We want to thank these very special people with such kindness in their hearts.



"Darby"

Rescue has placed 25 Wheatens this year - and a poodle! Some of these dogs have been extremely costly - so if you want to make a tax deductible donation we would be very grateful. Thanks to everyone who helps us make our Rescue the stepping stone to each of these Wheatie's furever homes.

Melissa Nelson  
Rescue Co-Coordinator SCWTCGTB

I rescued my  
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



### THE "BACKYARD" BREEDER

Reprint from Wheaten Words 12/11

Of the 53 million dogs in the U.S., about two-thirds come from backyard breeders. They are the single greatest cause of the pet overpopulation crisis in this country. And, of course, many of these dogs also end up in shelters. Shelters then often turn to rescue groups, because they know that the dogs -- unsocialized, requiring more medical care than most shelters can afford -- will have to be euthanized.

A backyard breeder is someone who keeps a number of dogs and either breeds them deliberately or just lets them breed. They may have a few dogs or many, one breed or several. They usually have absolutely no understanding of, or concern about the breed standard, genetics, socializing the dogs, and maintaining their health. Don't confuse them with **REAL "hobby breeders,"** who are involved in the dog sport. They breed small numbers of dogs for quality, health, and temperament, and care for their dogs well.

Backyard breeders are typically not ill intentioned... just ignorant about the impact of what they are doing, and trying to make some "easy" money. They casually breed dogs in the home, mating the untested, untitled, often inbred, family pet(s) to recoup the cost of purchase or dog care, to provide pets for their friends and family, and/or to produce another dog "just like Fluffy".

Backyard breeders are not particularly knowledgeable about their breed, dogs in general, genetics or the breeding procedure, and the puppies they produce are poor quality, possibly sick and temperamentally unsound.



#### So, what is a "Reputable Breeder"

A responsible breeder is one who:

- Is active in the breed in some fashion, perhaps in the conformation ring, or in the performance aspect, such as obedience, agility, earthdog, ring sport, fly ball, etc...
- Is completely knowledgeable about his/her breed and breed standard
- Has done extensive health testing on the breeding dogs, and is willing and able to discuss whatever faults his/her dogs have (and all dogs have them. No dog is perfect.)
- The environment the dogs and puppies are kept in are open for your inspection and are kept sanitary
- At least the dam of the litter is on the premises and is available for your inspection, with pictures and information about how to contact the owner of the sire available to you
- Has provided proper medical care and nutrition to all his dogs and will provide you with medical records
- Has provided extensive socialization of the puppies and can make recommendations for the continued socialization and training
- Will offer a health guarantee
- Will take back the dog at any time during the dog's life if you become unwilling or unable to care for it
- Will be available to you for advice during the life of the dog
- Have a written spay/neuter contract for pets, and bill of sale.
- Will want to maintain contact with you and the dog throughout the dog's life

# SHOW RESULTS



6/1/13-8/31/13

## GCH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South

"Gabby"

BOB, GRP 1	Lakeland, FL	6/1
BOB, GRP 3	Lakeland, FL	6/1
BOB, GRP 2	Lakeland, FL	6/2
BOS	Asheville, NC	6/8
BOS	Asheville, NC	6/9
BOB	Tampa, FL	6/15
BOS	Tampa, FL	6/16
SEL	Orlando, FL	6/21
BOB	Orlando, FL	6/22
SEL	Orlando, FL	6/23
SEL	Houston, TX	7/17
BOB	Houston, TX	7/18
SEL	Houston, TX	7/19
SEL	Houston, TX	7/20
BOB	Houston, TX	7/21
BOB	Greenville, NC	7/26
BOS	Greenville, NC	7/27
BOS	Greenville, NC	7/28
WB	St. John, Can	8/16
WB	St. John, Can	8/17
BOB, GRP 4	St. John, Can	8/18
BOB, GRP 2	St. John, Can	8/19

Bred: Cynthia Phelps

Owned: Kathi Elliot

## CH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance

"Spicy"

BOB	IABCA Orlando, FL	6/2
BOB, GRP 3	Prince Edward Island, Can	7/20
BOB, GRP 4	Prince Edward Island, Can	7/20
BOB, GRP 4	Prince Edward Island, Can	7/21
BOB	Prince Edward Island, Can	7/22
BOB, GRP 4	New Brunswick, Can	7/26
BOB, GRP 1	New Brunswick, Can	7/27
BOB, GRP	New Brunswick, Can	7/28
BOB	New Brunswick, Can	8/16
BOB	New Brunswick, Can	8/16
BOB	New Brunswick, Can	8/17
BOB, GRP 4	New Brunswick, Can	8/19

Bred: Peggy A. Gale

Owned: Linda Hallas

## NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

AM GCH, Can CH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South  
IABCA international title, Can Championship

AM CH, Can CH Pinehome Merrimoor Came To Dance  
IABCA international title, Can Championship

## NEW AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/WORKING TITLES

Roberts Sugarbear Riley MX MXJ MJB OF  
(new title Master Jumpers Bronze)

Darbydoo And Sailboat Too AX AXJ  
(new title Excellent Agility)  
Owned by: Susie Blackledge

## SCWTCGTB AKC Sanctioned B Match RESULTS



**BOB**

Wheaten Lane's Heart of Gold "Quinn"  
Owned: Nancy Griffin  
Bred by: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela



**BOS**

Sundance Tuscan Sun's Heirloom "Lexie"  
Owned: Paula Henderson  
Bred by: Sue Wuerz

## UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Deland	9/21-22	Arcadia	10/10-13
Ocala	9/28-29	Brooksville	11/9-10
Lake City	10/5-6	Ocala	11/14-17

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

 **CONGRATULATIONS**  
To all our dog sport enthusiasts

## IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

### Carrot and Apple Clusters

#### Ingredients:

2 cups brown rice flour  
2 cups gluten free oats  
2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 cup carrot, finely grated  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup unsweetened applesauce  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water



#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the rice flour, rolled oats, and cinnamon. In a small bowl, combine the grated carrot, applesauce, eggs, water and molasses.

Make a well in the center of the flour mixture and add the carrot/apple mixture. Mix thoroughly together until it is well combined and is a semi-moist consistency.

Drop teaspoon sized clusters onto cookie sheets (spray lightly with cooking spray). Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Rest the clusters on the cookie trays for 5 minutes, then allow to cool on wire racks.

**ENJOY!**

## LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis and Bonnie Wirth are pleased to announce a new Canopy Road Litter

Sire: "Link" AM & CA CH Greentree Keepsake Tobasco Cat

Dam: "Mia" GCH Canopy Road's A Star Is Bjorn

Born: July 15, 2013



Helen Fraguela is pleased to announce a new Moonstruck Littti (one pup)

Sire: "Bear" CH Avalyn's Bearenstein Bear

Dam: "Flirt" CH Marland Moonstruck Minx

Born: July 8, 2013



## HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS



### "Hobie"

turned 13 on July 17th,  
he's wearing his  
Bark Mitzva Hat!

Owned by: Lisa Jaye Shore



### "Lil Eva"

Sandcastle's Locomotion celebrated her 16th birthday on Aug 28th. Lil Eva and Sherri grew up together, she went to college with her, and now lives with 4 generations of Sandcastle Wheatens

Owned by: Sherri Kase-McKenzie



### "Caitie"

Sandcastle's Caitie Bar the Door had her Sweet 16th birthday Aug. 28th and is littermate to "Lil Eva"

Owned by: Beth & Kerry Rudy



## SCWTC of Greater Tampa Bay Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction

### Silent Auction to Benefit Rescue

Please look around and see if you have any Wheaten items or dog items you are willing to donate for our silent auction! Let us know and we will email you the Silent Auction form. Bring them to the dinner with you! Donations are tax deductible.

This will be your opportunity to bid on some wonderfully unique Wheaten items!

### Special Raffle Item to Benefit Rescue!

Dana Loring Original Life Size

“Waggity” Ann & Andy!

Value \$1000

Don't forget to bring cash!  
We will be able to take Credit cards as well for a small service charge.

Date: **November 9, 2013**  
Place: **Southern Hills Plantation Club\*\***  
19858 Southern Hills Blvd.  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Time: **Social hour 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**  
Cost: **\$36.00 per person**  
Cash bar  
RSVP: **By November 4, 2012**  
**Guests are welcome!**  
**We will have Hotel recommendations soon!**  
**\*\*Dress Code: NO DENIM**



### 2013 Annual Dinner RSVP

Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: # of guests at \$36.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this RSVP and your check made out to SCWTCGTB by Nov 4 to:

Debie Scurr, 7276 Moffatt Lane, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Contact Debie @ [flwheaten@gmail.com](mailto:flwheaten@gmail.com) for more information and

PayPal or Credit Card instructions.



## SCWTCGTB Massage Class



When: Saturday, September 14  
11:00 - 3:00

Where: St. Therese Byzantine  
Catholic Church Hall  
"Large White Building"  
4265 13th Avenue N  
(enter from 43rd St)  
St. Pete, 33713

Cost: \$30.00 per person  
(\$45.00 - family)  
Pizza lunch included

RSVP: To Debie @  
flwheaten@gmail.com

### MASSAGE

You'll learn the "ins and outs" of soothing massage, including musculoskeletal structure and pressure points. Canines attend and enjoy! You'll learn hands-on massage techniques.

Anatomy, Reasons to Massage,  
as well as contraindications

Hands on practice with your dog

Bring a grooming table or mat!

Presented by: Shonna Bender, LMT,  
NCTMB

Certified Canine Massage Therapist

10:30-11:00 - Registration

11:00-12:00 - Grooming supplies talk

presented by Marilyn Stowell and Carol of Blue Grooming Supplies

We will also have our CPR dog and a video available for you to watch and practice CPR!

12:00-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-3:00 Massage class

## ADDENDUM TO CODE OF ETHICS

The mission of the SCWTCGTB is to support the betterment of the breed. The Club Constitution requires the Board of Directors to make decisions on suspension and expulsion of members who engage in actions contrary to the best interest of the Breed or Club. Over the past year we have had a few situations where members of the Club have allegedly taken actions that the Board considers contrary to the best interest of the Breed and Club. Some such actions include the procurement of a wheaten from a backyard breeder, breeding a wheaten without following the strict age and health-testing requirements as set out in the Club's Code of Ethics and actively promoting procuring wheatens from a backyard breeder. It is the Club's responsibility to educate its members and it is possible that the members were not aware that these actions are the type of things that are not in the best interest of the Breed. The Code of Ethics contains separate and additional requirements for all members including those that are breeders. Anyone who owns a wheaten that is either the dam or sire of a litter is a breeder in this context. There are no exceptions for wheaten owners who decide just to have a single litter. In order to assist members to avoid actions contrary to the best interest of the breed or Club, the Board of Directors wishes to define certain behavior that we consider contrary to the best interest of the breed or the Club. This list is in addition to the specific items listed in the Code of Ethics. Many of our members obtained their wheatens from puppy mills and backyard breeders before joining the Club. In order to become members of the Club we each agree to abide by the Code of Ethics. We are an AKC specialty breed Club and need to remain focused on our mission to protect the breed. **We wish to emphasis that in no event shall a member - who after joining the Club - obtains a wheaten from SCWTCGTB rescue or any other recognized animal shelter or rescue group be considered to be acting contrary to the interests of the Breed or Club.**

1. Any member who AFTER joining SCWTCGTB obtains a wheaten from a back yard breeder or pet store shall be deemed to be acting contrary to the best interest of the Breed and the Club. Back yard breeder shall be defined as any breeder who fails to strictly adhere to the breeding requirements set forth in the Code of Ethics and/or refuses to provide proof that all required health testing has been completed.
2. Any member who breeds a wheaten that is not either a Champion in another Country or actively participating in AKC conformation with a **minimum** of 10 points and one major win shall be deemed to be acting contrary to the best interests of the breed and Club.
3. Any member who advocates procuring wheatens from pet stores or a backyard breeder by any means including advertising that their wheaten was obtained from a backyard breeder or pet store, shall be deemed to be acting contrary to the best interest of the Breed or Club.
4. Any member who owns a wheaten that is bred without strictly adhering to the requirements set forth in the Code of Ethics shall be deemed to be acting contrary to the best interest of the Breed or Club.

**The above actions are considered contrary to the best interests of the Breed and Club and may result in a Board hearing as set out in our Club Constitution Article VI.**