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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past quarter has flown by and it was a busy one. We represented the national club, SCWTCA, at the 2019 AKC National Championship Meet the Breeds in Orlando December 14 & 15. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with setup, take down, and manning the booth. The event is a great way for people interested in the breed to learn more about the dogs. Who better to learn from than owners and breeders.

On January 18th we sponsored a Supported Entry at the Brooksville show. It was a beautiful day to watch all the wonderful Wheatens. The club provided rosettes. These were presented to the Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, Select Dog, Select Bitch, and Best of Breed Owner Handler. Club flags and flag poles were awarded to Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch.

We wrapped up the quarter with our picnic and annual meeting. This year the event returned back to Lake Seminole Park. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was a fun event for both our members and their Wheatens. We had almost as many Wheatens as members and hope to see more next year. Susie Blackledge provided an introduction to Rally and brought some pieces of agility equipment which was a big hit. Everyone did well with the jump bar but some needed treats of encouragement to tackle the tunnel. After lunch we held our annual membership meeting and announced the new board members. The new two year term goes into effect April 1. Remaining in their positions are Lois Hiers-Corresponding Secretary, Debie Scurr-Director, and Sherri Kase-Mackenzie-Director. We welcomed Janet Wilcox as our new Vice President. We finished the day with a photo opportunity with pictures taken by Scott Jacuk. Thank you to all who helped make the day a great one!

Thank you for your continued support.

Cindy Jacuk, President

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NEW MEMBERS

**Welcome to the Soft
Coated Wheaten Terrier
Club of Greater Tampa**

Mike & Sherry Carter
Cape Coral
Connie Cockriel-Collison
Tierra Verde



**The Board of the SCWTCGTB would like to
thank the following members and friends for
donating to our Health, Murffy and/or
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Dangerous to your dog: Cane Toads

By Merle Nicholson



Cane toads are very dangerous to your dog. They are everywhere in south and central Florida. If your dog gets one in his mouth he will most certainly die within 15 minutes or so. While it's possible to survive with emergency vet care, there's very little time. I've personally talked to three dog owners who have lost their pets in this manner.

We - my spouse and I - kill several cane toads in our back yard and townhouse property every year. They are an invasive species not native to the US. The Tampa area used to be at the northern edge of their range, but I'm sure that's creeping northward with global warming, and we're certainly seeing an increasing number at our home. This happens yearly during our summer rains.

Cane toads were introduced to the South Florida sugar cane fields to control insects and is one of those great ideas gone wrong. They're dangerous because they exude a toxin that's deadly to other animals. If a dog or cat gets his mouth on one, the dog has about 15 minutes to live suffering a horrible, painful death usually of a heart attack. A bite on the toad isn't necessary, the toxin invades through the mucus membranes in the mouth and eyes.

The size of the toad - another name is "Giant Bufo" - doesn't matter. They are just as poisonous when tadpoles. They are laid as eggs - about 25,000 in one clutch, and I guess fortunately, are cannibals so they feed on each other and only a few survive. But given time and a food supply they can grow quite large - 6 to 9 inches. The ones we have been seeing are about five inches long, but I'm assuming these are fairly young.

The prescribed method of humanely killing them is to put them in a zip-lock bag and freeze them for a couple of days. The State of Florida says that they are to be killed when found. They are easily identified - cannot be mistaken for a friendly frog. They are mottled brownish and are extremely well hidden in soil or vegetation or mulch until they feed just after dark. We have found just a couple in daylight, but usually find them from their motion from a flashlight. They are relatively easy to catch, but if they detect pursuit they'll move faster than you could pursue. We use a frog gig on a 5' pole. We keep a "toad kit" at our back door consisting of the frog gig, gallon ziplock bag and plastic disposable gloves.

The State of Florida website states that if you have what looks like a toad that is 4 inches in length, it's definitely a toad. Their legs are shorter in proportion to their bodies than a frog, and if you're interested, the Wikipedia site has a recording of their sound. They're quite noisy after a rain, and the sound is distinctive.

Cane Toads continued

Our main concern is our Wheaten, Guinness. For many years now we cannot turn him out for his final poop, we have to walk him on a leash in our own back yard, scanning ahead with a flashlight, and it's that walk that we will find a toad, sometimes a close call. We also notice a decline in our lizard population, a sure sign we have a resident toad.

They are capable of limited climbing a tree, maybe a couple of feet to escape but I don't think that's a regular activity. As a part of their natural defense, if you stop pursuing, they'll stop, too. That's to give a predator a chance to put his mouth on the toad, with probable fatal results.

There are pictures available on the internet, just Google "cane toad". There are huge areas of Australia that have been invaded and there are some interesting YouTube videos where people are attempting to deal with them including grinding them up to manufacture fertilizer. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cane_toad



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

"Maille"

GCH CH Inishkeen Maille Of VanBeard CGC
(CH VanBeard's Sir Chancellor x VanBeard's Sunsprite)
1/12/2004 - 12/13/2019

Bred by Kathleen Ostrander Bowers

Owned by James and Ann McCormick and her breeder

From March 2004 when we brought Chancey and Daisy's 8 week old puppy home to join McDuffie in our family, at Paradise Island on Lake Wisconsin, this little Wheaten ruled the roost. Her name, Inishkeen, meaning beautiful island became our kennel name. Maille led a busy life, moving to our retirement home in Florida, becoming an AKC Champion and Grand Champion, raising 13 puppies of her own and supervising the raising of her grand puppies and great grands. Her favorite perch on the back cushion of the couch allowed her to watch out the front and back windows at the same time, to sound the alert for all the interesting events in the neighborhood. At age 12 she still had a lively step around the veterans ring, earning BV/VG2 a few times.

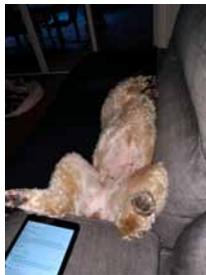
Maille had a severe case of pancreatitis at age 13 that put her in the hospital for several days, and required a permanent change to a low fat prescription diet to keep her healthy. A year later she was diagnosed with bladder cancer that was kept in check with chemotherapy for the remaining 19 months of her life. Her last ultrasound and X-rays showed no spread of the cancer, and her lab work showed nothing unusual a week before she passed. She was a happy and comfortable old girl who had a spot to nap in every room of the house, and still cuddled on the couch when we lifted her up. We watched her slow down as she aged, noticing that at almost 16 she slept more and stiffness from lying still made it difficult to stand up; once up walking though, she moved faster than expected! We miss our sweet Maille, and know she and McDuffie are watching when we see the rainbows in the Florida sky.

RESCUE REPORT

In the year 2019, Rescue adopted out 23 Wheatens, which is considerably fewer than prior years.

During December 2019, 2 year old Lucy was turned over to Rescue. She went to a great couple in Birmingham.

During January, 5 year old Sugar and 7 year old Chief were turned over to Rescue. The owner died and their was no one to take them. Her niece was going to have them put to sleep. Wire Fox Terrier Rescue got wind of this and took them in. They then transferred them to us. We were lucky enough to find a home for them together in Bradenton.



Jake and Jasper from Orlando are five and seven. They were given up because the owner did not have enough time for them. They are currently in a Foster to Adopt home in Sarasota. The couple plans to adopt them both.



At the end of February, Ocean Blue and Island Thyme from Jacksonville were turned over to us. These one year old siblings were given up because of illness in the family. They will be adopted out separately in February.



Seven year old Roxy was placed in a Foster to Adopt home in St. Augustine in December and was adopted officially in January.



RESCUE REPORT...cont'd

Three year old Simba came to us from Boca Raton. Simba was outfitted with a shock collar and rarely exercised. The couple just did not have enough time for her and wanted a better life for her. She was adopted by a wonderful lady in February who will walk and socialize her and take her to training.



2020 is starting off at quite a pace. My colleague Jody Greene in Jacksonville has now taken three pairs of Wheatens. Big thanks to her for arranging the pickup and adoption of these dogs.



Thanks go to our Rescue Family for all you do! Let us hope 2020 is as quiet as last year!

Melissa Nelson, Rescue Co-Coordinator



The SCWTCGTB Supported Entries at the Tallahassee shows, February 22nd & 23rd drew 19 entrants on Saturday and 17 entrants on Sunday. Rosettes were generously offered by Ochlockonee Kennel Club each day.



On Saturday SCWTCGTB provided Wheaten stemware gifts to the winners: 4 wine glasses for Best of Breed, 2 wine glasses for Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, and one wine glass to each for Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Select Dog, Select Bitch, and Owner Handled Best of Breed.

On Sunday Bonnie Wirth and Ann McCormick offered Wheaten collectibles from their collections: 4 place setting Wheaten desert set for Best of Breed; Wheaten art glass plate for Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed; a Wheaten ceramic tile to each for Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Select Dog, and Select Bitch; Wheaten insulated mug for Best of Winners; and a Wheaten china plate for Owner Handled Best of Breed.

Cookies and sparkling beverages were provided to celebrate everyone's great performance. This was the culmination of a 5 day cluster. In addition to six conformation shows, Wheatens competed in FastCat, Agility, Rally, Obedience, and Barn Hunt. There was a barbecue dinner with a band for dancing, a pizza and wine party, and peach cobbler during Groups one afternoon.

2019 AKC National Championship

December 14-15, 2019

Meet the Breed

It is always an honor to participate in Meet The Breed at the Royal Canin AKC Nationals in Orlando each December. Not only do we have the opportunity to represent our National Club, SCWTCA, we also showcase our own FL Club and our Wheatens. Meet The Breed is all about sharing our wonderful breed with the public and providing the opportunity to "see, touch, and feel" as well as learn about Wheaten terriers. We had a great turn out of volunteers with wheatens of all ages, from young puppies to seniors. This 2-day event involves many people to make it a success and we thank everyone who participated. The AKC Nationals are always held in mid December and as soon as the 2020 dates are announced we will be looking for volunteers once again. Why not plan now to be a part of this event? It is a great opportunity to connect with Club members while giving back to the breed. Also keep in mind that you receive a day pass that allows you total access to the show for the full day (and there are great vendors too for those last minute gift ideas). Many thanks to all the Wheatens and their owners for participating in 2019!





SCWTCGTB supported entry at Brooksville Jan 18,2020

Best of Breed GCHS Doubloon's Extreme Gamer
Best of Opposite Sex GCHS Moxxy Shandalee Hello Gorgeous
Best of Winners Keepsake's Ropes and Chains
Select Dog GCH Sundance's Kajun Ball of Fire
Select Bitch and Owner handled Best of Breed Edgewood
Scandalous Scarlett

