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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wheaten Greetin's to all

Thankfully, hurricane season has come to an end. Many of our members were impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Jan Dobson, our Corresponding Secretary, presented an excellent idea to help displaced Wheatens. Members would assist each other with temporary sheltering of Wheatens who were in need of a place to stay. We had members generously offer to open up their homes to those Wheatens. Fortunately, no one needed to take advantage of this offer. In the future, hurricanes will continue impacting us. This is a wonderful process to have in place should the need arise.

We received \$975 on Giving Tuesday despite sending out the reminder a little late. Thank you to all who donated.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I will be terming out of my role as President on March 31, 2023. Sadly, we have had no one step-up to fill the position starting April 1, 2023. Cathy Yount, who is chairing the nominating committee, has exhausted her attempts to find someone willing to take on this very important role. We need a President to keep the club going. I am optimistic someone will be willing to step-up to take on this very important role. The Wheatens deserve it!

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. Thank you for your continued support and love of our Wheaten breed.

Cindy Jacuk President

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

Reneé McKenzie Apopka Terry Stephens Gulfport Tricia Timlin Palm Coast Todd & Jackie Burch Oldsmar



### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## Celebration of Life Breezy Scurr

11-5-2009 - 9-20-22

Breezy never met anyone he didn't like and everybody loved him. He was quite the character and quite the poser.

He loved his sister Darcy and learned to love his little brother Gunny.





Breezy loved his therapy dog work. His favorite place to go was the the local college campus during finals week. He helped the students relax and get ready for more exams!

He adopted me when he was 14 months old. And of course, I was just 'fostering' him. He was the best foster failure anyone could want.

Miss him to pieces 💗 🐾 🖤





# Celebration of Life Declan Dobson



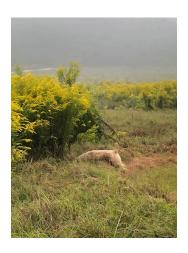
Canopy Roads Paralympic Sled Hockey Gold 2/20/2018 - 11/15/2022 Bred by Dennis and Bonnie Wirth, Owned by Bill and Jan Dobson

Spunky Mr. Declan died of lymphoma at just four and a half years old. But oh, what an Olympian-sized life he lived during his short time. Declan began as the family dog of breeders Dennis and Bonnie Wirth. He eventually joined the Bill and Jan Dobson family where he settled in, stole hearts, and stole many slippers too.:)

The name Declan means "Man of Prayer or Full of Goodness." It is a name "reserved for the truly proud Irish-American." As Bonnie explained it, "Our Declan was born during the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games in which the US ice hockey team won Gold. The name of the player who scored the winning goal is Declan Farmer. Farmer grew up in the St. Pete area and trained at Tampa General, where he played wheelchair hockey."

Our Declan was a high-energy and most joyful wheaten. He lived for daily field walks with his pack of dog and people friends. He leapt, ran, and pounced his way down trails -- never finding any critters but always optimistic that "this" time he would score. He loved to chase and be chased by his pals, adored stick keep-away from his buddies and was merciless in his barking at Fed-X and UPS trucks.

Declan was a beautiful animal and loyal friend. He lived large, running in the fields and patrolling fence lines right up to the day before he passed. His families and his friends miss him dearly.



### RESCUE REPORT

This quarter was relatively quiet in Rescue. Eight year old Coco was a foster failure. Much thanks to Sue De La Rosa in Oldsmar for taking this sweet one in, getting her vetted and trained.

At the beginning of September, ten year old Maddie went to a lovely couple on the west cost of Florida.





Five year old Millie went to her new home in Jacksonville last quarter, but her new owner could not handle her energy, nor had he owned a Wheaten before. Millie went to Karma K-9 in Jacksonville, our training facility. After a few weeks of training both Millie and the new owner, she went back to his home for good.

Two year old Daisy who came to us from the Humane Society in Tallahassee via Jan Dobson has spent a few weeks at Karma. They say she is a lovely little dog and she is now ready for a forever home.



Lastly, the tale of two year old Brody. Brody was found roaming the streets in Tampa. A rescue group took him in, fostered and vetted him. He was adopted by a wonderful woman in the Villages. However, she is in her 80's and does not have a fence yard. She worked with him diligently and trained him well but she was afraid of a fall. Brody was adopted by a great couple in Oldsmar, who have two young doodles and just adopted a ten year old puppy mill mama. They say that Brody is a dream and the pack is adapting. The 10 year old SCWT is finally having her puppyhood, doing the roomies and loving life.

A shoutout to Karma - Rescue has enrolled many Wheatens there over the years. They use compassionate, reward-based techniques. They keep the dog until he or she becomes a good canine, an adoptable dog. And many, many thanks to Jody Greene, my Co-coordinator in Jacksonville who handles all the Karma dogs.

Thanks to all the folks who support Rescue. Have a wonderful holiday season - and hug your Wheatens!

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-coordinator

### MEET SAMMY AND RILEY

Sammy and Riley are bouncy, bonded brothers. They love to run in the yard and cuddle together. They are very healthy. They would make a wonderful pair for someone looking for older dogs, and seniors really do rock. They are located in Windermere, FL.





Sammy (9) and Riley (11) are looking for a new forever home together. They are so deeply bonded that we will not split them up.

If you are interested, please reach out to Jody Greene...
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### **WOOF WOOF**

An article written by Susie Blackledge.... reprinted in her memory.

Puppies, Christmas and Hanukkah go together like Santa and his Sled. Try for a moment though to see it all through your pup's wondering eyes? All the decorations, people, noises and different scents in the house. Will it be overwhelming? Or are there steps we can take to make sure it is a positive experience for our furry family members?

First of all, try to stick to their normal routine for feeding, exercise, playtime and rest time. Does your pup have a safe place for down time? A quiet place it can get away to, such as a crate or ex-pen or even it's own room can provide the perfect Puppy Cave. You may also opt to keep your pup lashed to you if there are overactive children causing chasing and nipping behavior.

How about viewing your pet's cache of commands.

Door etiquette - Practice! Heavily reinforce Sits and ignore jumping up. Or Go to mat/place and stay there while the door is opened for quests.

Leave it - For anything off limits including the tree and dropped food items. Reinforce your pup's correct response with treats, praise or toys.

Drop it - Once trained your dog will happily spit things out to get something better. Remember everyone likes to trade up so be generous.

Sit - To be petted or for a treat

Stay / Wait - Can be used when you're getting something hot from the stove or opening doors for instance.

Off - This can be used to keep your pup from jumping on guests or counter surfing. Train your quests not to pet the dog or give any treats unless all 4 paws are on the floor.

Go to Mat / Place - Can be helpful when guests arrive or to keep your pup away from the table during meals.

Shake / High 5 - Everyone will enjoy your pup performing a trick for the crowd!

Come - A good recall is so important. Keep in mind guests can leave gates and doors open by mistake in all the excitement. Does your pup have ID on them just in case????

Other good reminders include making sure no one leaves bones from turkey or alcoholic drinks in your dogs reach. Remember some plants are poisonous to pets including holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

Whenever possible, give your pup something to do rather then letting them become bored and seek out trouble. Food delivery puzzles such as Kong and chew toys are wonderful ways to keep dogs happily entertained.



# IN THE KITCHEN KACI & ELVIS



# Beef and Oat Cookies



#### Ingredients:

- 3 cups oat flour, plus more for dusting
- 1 cup oat bran
- 1/2 cup packed ground beef
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup water

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350° F
- · Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- · Whisk the oat flour and oat bran in a large bowl
- Cook the ground beef in a medium skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up the meat, until browned all over. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate to drain and cool.
- Add the beef, egg and water to the flour mixture and mix well.
- Dust a clean surface with the oat flour and roll out the dough until about 1/4 inch thick.
- using a 3-inch cookie cutter, cut out as many cookies from the dough as possible.
- Arrange the cookies a few inches apart on the baking sheets and bake until crisp- about 20-25 minutes.
- Let cool slightly, then remove to a rack to cool completely.
- · Your pups will love them!





Recipes submitted by Gail Cox, Kaci & Elvis







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February 28, 2023

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