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# WHEATEN WORDS



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

This is my first message serving as President. I am extremely excited to be part of the wheaten community. To say I love the breed would be an understatement. I came about joining the Board through Sue Wuerz, I reached out to Sue letting her know I was looking to be more involved with the wheaten community. Sue put me in touch with Cindy Jacuk. Cindy and I talked for a long while and at the end of our conversation I was very excited to take on the role as President of the SCWTCGTB. Thank you Cindy for your continued support and guidance.

I became interested in the breed after we got Casey, she was our first. We had her for 14 1/2 years, she brought us so much joy. She loved swimming in the pool and zoomies. We miss her very much. We now have Maggie, granddaughter of Kiss that belongs to Sue Wuerz. Maggie is quite the character. I am trying to teach her to enjoy swimming, but she prefers to stay dry.

I have great news to share with all of you. We will soon begin to receive distribution from Gail B. Cass-Culver estate in the amount of \$250,000. Gail was a long-time member of SCWTCGTB joining in 2007. She was a devoted club member and Soft Coated Wheaten owner. Gail's estate gift is sizable and should benefit the club's efforts for quite some time. The paperwork was signed and returned to the attorney last week. I will let you know when I know more.

Lastly I had the opportunity to attend a puppy evaluation in April where I was able to meet some of the club members and learn more about this wonderful breed. I look forward to meeting and working with more members at future events.

P.S. Save the date - look for more information to come soon regarding a general meeting of members to be held in July via Zoom. We hope to offer an educational component about wheaten behavior, grooming, or health as part of the meeting...possibly Sunday, July 16th or 23rd.

Regards, Lisa Perez President

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# **SENIOR**

### Seamus Shore

Owner surrender at the age of 4 due to health and aggression issues. Not a mean bone in his body and he was healthy until 9 or 10! I call him my 6 million dollar pup. 2 TPLO surgeries, 4 cancer surgeries and now Cushings. Still living his best life at 13 - my Bark Mitzvah boy!



Loved by Lisa Jaye and Greg Shore





The Board of the SCWTCGTB would like to thank the following members and friends for donating to our Health, Murffy and/or Rescue funds.

Barbara & Robert Kries In Memory of Oatmeal
Cheryl & Albert MacCallum
Steven & Amanda Lachterman in Honor of Millie
Cheryl VanDewalle In Honor of Henry
Frann Birnkrant
Jody Greene in Memory of Finnbharr
Nancy Griffin
Martin Padget
David LeFont





## GETTING SOCIAL

### Getting Social

In case you missed it...

Are you a member of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay Group on Facebook? If yes, did you see these posts\*? If not, we invite you to join our Facebook Group and get social with us!

From Shelly Kafka-Smith - June 9



From Debie Scurr/Admin - June 8



# RESCUE REPORT

This past quarter was fairly busy in Rescue.





In March, we were contacted by eight year old Molly's family in Bradenton. Her owner had a boating accident and was no longer able to care for Molly physically. Molly was adopted by a lady in Georgia who just adores her.

Three year old George in Winter Park lived in a busy home with two kids and lots of traffic. George was nervous around strangers and did not react calmly to them. He spent a few weeks at Karma K-9, our training facility in Jax. They said he is a great little dog. George went home two weeks ago to a couple in Orlando. He is doing very well with them.





Eight year old Koda from Tampa has been at Karma for a few weeks. Koda is ready for his forever home. He is a good boy who needs to be in a home with no other dogs.

We posted five year old Winnie on our Club Facebook page a couple weeks ago. Winnie is good with other dogs and people, however she needs to be in a home with no little kids. Winnie is in Pembroke Pines. She is a really nice dog. Please contact Rescue if you are interested in adopting her.



# RESCUE REPORT, continued

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-coordinator

In May, Rescue was contacted by the coordinator of Wheatens in Need out of Texas. Gwen Arthur got a phone call from a man in Largo FL who wanted to surrender his three year old Wheaten Penny. He bought Penny in TX but subsequently moved to FL. His goal was to breed Penny, however imaging revealed that Penny has hip dysplasia and needs surgery. He is unwilling to pay for the surgery. Our wonderful Club member Sue Dela Rosa in Oldsmar will be fostering Penny and will get her the vet care she needs, hip surgery and spaying. We cannot thank her enough!





Six year old Maggie spent some time at Karma and has been in her forever home in Tavares for a year and a half. However, her person is moving out of state and Maggie needs a new home. Maggie is crate trained. She needs a dog savvy home. Contact Rescue if you are interested.

In summary, Koda in Jax, Winne in Pembroke Pines and Maggie in Tavares all need new homes. Many, many thanks to my Co-Coordinator Jody Greene, who handles all the Karma interactions.

As we head into summer, keep your Wheatens cool and give them lots of hugs!

Thanks again for all who support Rescue. Hug your Wheatens

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-coordinator



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## **BOOK REVIEW**

# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



JOAN PICONE

For fans of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Breed, "It's a Dog's Life and Other Tails" is a must-have. The illustrations of Buddy the Wheaten puppy seem to jump off the pages, delivering a warm hug to reader hearts.

The hardcover collection of puppy stories is relatable to readers of all ages, supported by utterly charming illustrations. Author Joan Picone thoughtfully weaves positive life lessons into each true story and, proceeds from book sales are being donated to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Foundation (for dog health and rescue activities) - Bravol

Readers will see the world through a puppy's eyes. Picone's collection of stories underscore how patience, understanding and keeping treasured items off the floor are key while raising wheatens and other puppies. The large book  $(8.25 \times 11 \text{ inches})$  is an ideal gift for a family getting a new puppy, or for anyone who loves dogs. At 104 pages, this charming and heartwarming read features large print and large, full-color illustrations.

The book tells three true stories about "Buddy" the wheaten puppy...his struggles of growing up, training, competition, friendship and love. A chapter entitled, "Wheaten' Words of Wisdom" shares affirming messages that are applicable to four-legged friends and humans alike. "Life is short! Never miss a chance to play in the puddles."

Pages with lists of dog names are cleverly interspersed among the stories. These names, from A-Z, are real dog names, as submitted to the author by doting owners. In the back of the book is a page with four paw print graphics that readers can personalize with the names of their own beloved pups.

One note of caution, people will be hard-pressed to choose between the artful illustrations and the stories as their favorite parts of this book. Luckily, readers of "It's a "Dog's Life and Other Tails" get both -- beautiful stories and delightful graphics. A very enjoyable read, from cover to cover. Available through Amazon in hardcover, \$24.



# IN THE KITCHEN KACI & ELVIS

# Doggie Cookies





### Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 4 Cups flour
- 3 Cups oats
- 1 Egg
- 2 Cups broth or water

#### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
- 2. Combine all ingredients and mix well
- 3. Divide into two sections
- 4. Spread like a pizza or use a rolling pin
- 5. Score or use a cookie cutter (they have some cute Wheaten ones on Amazon)
- 6. Bake for 30 minutes
- 7. Remove from oven and Score again.
- 8. Bake an additional 30 minutes.
- 9. Give to your pups after they cool.





Recipes submitted by Gail Cox, Kaci & Elvis





## BUYER BEWARE

### A Quality Puppy is Worth the Wait

Buyer beware. As adorable as they may look, soft coated wheaten terrier puppies sold by backyard breeders may not be genetically sound. Excellent breeding doesn't happen by accident. We recently heard about an owner of a female wheaten with hip dysplasia in search of a male wheaten for breeding. Hip dysplasia is a genetic disease and largely preventable by not breeding dogs that have it.

Unfortunately, irresponsible breeding is all too common. Reputable breeders ensure their dogs have a healthy family line going back several generations, including healthy hips.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America's <u>Code of Ethics</u> lists responsible practices for its member breeders including;

- Only breeding dogs whose progeny are eligible for AKC registration
- · Hip and eye clearances on the sire and the dam
- · PLN Variant Gene Test results on the sire and dam (or the puppy)
- · A four-generation pedigree
- · Annual blood testing and urinalysis

If you or someone you know is thinking about adding a soft coated wheaten terrier puppy to your family, please review the <u>SCWTCA Wheaten Buyer's Guide</u>. You also can view our list of SCWTCGTB member breeders <u>here</u>. SCWTCGTB breeders follow the same Code of Ethics as SCWTCA. As part of your research before buying a puppy, be sure to ask breeders about their genetic testing protocols and other breeding practices.

Buying from a reputable breeder who is a member of their local or national breed club ensures that every effort has been made to ensure a healthy puppy. A quality puppy is worth the wait!





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### Wheaten (noun)

1. The best friend you will ever have. A loyal, loving companion that cares for you more than himself. 2. A special creature whose time in your heart will far outnumber its days on earth.





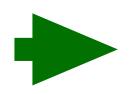






# NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters
Brags
Senior Wheatens (13 yo or older)
Celebrations of Life
Show Results
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Litter Announcements

Rescue updates
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August 31, 2023

All brags and show results must have occurred between June 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023!

Email Debie at <a href="mailto:flwheaten@gmail.com">flwheaten@gmail.com</a> with your information!

