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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! Editor Debie Scurr has packed this March issue of Wheaten Words with great content.

We are grateful to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Foundation for allowing us to reprint its Annual Health Testing Protocols for Wheatens. I encourage you not only to read this important update but to share it with your trusted veterinarian. It is through partnership with our vet that we parents can ensure our wheatens receive the best medical care.

Also in this issue is an article about the upcoming Giving Challenge 2024. All donations made during the challenge help fund our rescue program. Look no further than Melissa Nelson's Rescue Report, beginning on page six, to see how busy our program has been and how important your financial support is. We appreciate every donation and put every dollar to work to help the dogs in our program.

Sincere thanks to our recent donors (page two). We are so grateful for your support!

The nominations for the Vice President's class for our Board of directors are:

Vice President: Cathy Yount

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Director: Pat Schmidt

Filling out Cathy Yount's director position will be Wendi Newman.

Lisa Perez
President

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

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In Memory of Quinn
In Memory of Oliver
In appreciation of furbaby Wheatie
In Honor of Gracie
In Honor of Gracie
In Memory of Scout & Crossley
In Memory of Oatmeal
The Wheaten rescue journey starting with Riley
In Memory of Aoife
In Memory of Sweet Girl Zoey
In Memory of Darcy, Spencer & Breezy
In Honor of Maggie, Molly & Max



NEW WEBSITE COMING

New SCWTCGTB Website Coming

We are pleased to announce that our website is under construction! One of our members has been diligently working behind-the-scenes, transforming our online presence. This anonymous member is redesigning our FLWheatenClub.org website, while his five-year old Wheaten, Leo, zooms around the living room.

In retirement, when many people seek relaxation and leisure, this volunteer is choosing to channel his energy into something meaningful - a gesture of support for the SCWTCGTB, a club he holds dear to his heart. With a long background in technology and a desire to contribute, he started revamping our outdated website, and is making real progress, all while Leo naps.

We will be unveiling the new site later this year. It will be packed with exciting new features and enhanced functionality. "We want a website that not only reflects the values and mission of our club but also enhances the experience for members and visitors alike," said Club President Lisa Perez. "With improved accessibility and a fresh new look, we're confident that the new website will serve as an invaluable resource, enriching knowledge and understanding of this beloved breed and of our club," said Perez.

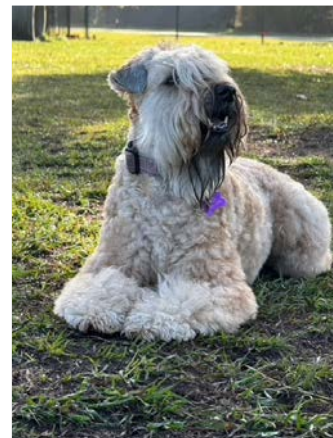
As Leo's dad noted, "We want the website to equip you with essential information to ensure the well-being and happiness of your Wheaten. Moreover, the platform should foster a sense of community among Wheaten enthusiasts, providing opportunities to connect with fellow owners, share experiences and learn from one another." Whether you are seeking advice on behavior issues or simply browsing cute photos of Wheatens in action, the new site will be a trusted resource on your journey as a proud Wheaten parent.

Seeking Web Testing Volunteers

Be among the first to view our new site by volunteering as a web page reviewer. To sign up, please email Jan Dobson

scwtcgtbcorrespondingsec@gmail.com.

Technical expertise is not required. Volunteers will be checking web pages for clarity and usefulness. Contact Jan for more information. Thank you.



Leo

SHOW WINS AND TITLES

What do all these initials mean?

Go to <https://images.akc.org/pdf/events/conformation/GESHW1.pdf> and read all about "A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows"

Keebler's Finn MacCool ("Finn")

New Champion

Award of Excellence

December (AKC National - Orlando)

Dam: GCHB Adako Villanova Deja Vu

Sire: GCHP Ainle Something To Talk About



Breeder and Owner - Linda Robison



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CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Guinness Nicholson 15 years 2/22/2024.

Guinness still walks his dad around a long block daily - the old guy needs the exercise - , has cataracts and loss of mid range hearing, but is still in good health, no real issues. He's not fond of the stairs, but then, who is?

Owned and Loved by the Nicholson's



Morgayne Shore - 13 years old

Morgayne is a rescue pup that I fostered. She was adopted out twice but came back to me twice. I guess she was never meant to leave!

Owned and Loved by Lisa Jaye & Greg Shore

Seamus Shore - 14 years old

Seamus is an owner surrender. Silliest boy I've ever had!

Owned and Loved by Lisa Jaye & Greg Shore



RESCUE REPORT

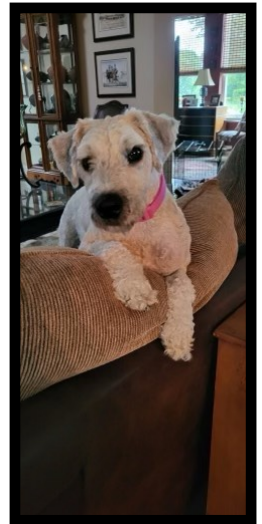


Normally the Wheatens we get into Rescue are older dogs, however in this past quarter we have encountered very young Wheatens.



At the beginning of December we were contacted by a friend of the owner. Seven month old Maggie (now Bella) was living with a nice couple, but the wife became ill and her husband had his hands full. Bella went to a lovely couple in Sarasota who have adopted two of our Wheatens in the past.

In January, we came across the same situation. Two year old Bella Rose was living with a couple in an apartment with a lady who became ill and could not physically take care of her. A friend of the owner contacted us and begged us to help as the situation was not good. Bella Rose was adopted by a couple in Groveland who have also had two of our Wheatens. Bella Rose has been a handful, but they are working with her. Big thanks go out to Lisa and Gordy Alexander for overnighting her and handling the transfer.



Also in January, nine year old Abby came into Rescue. Her people sadly did not have enough time for her. She was adopted by a lady who adopted from us before. They are having a great time together.

At the beginning of February, we heard from a couple in Cooper City -they purchased a puppy from a breeder in Mount Dora, had her only two weeks and found they were overwhelmed. The Nelson's drove to Cooper City, picked Phoebe up and drove her over the Alley to Naples to her new person. She came with a whole carload of things. The seventeen week old puppy is now living a great life in Bradenton.



RESCUE REPORT continued



Finally, at the end of February, the owner of one year old Peaches filled out our Behavioral Survey. The dog sounds lovely, but the owner got a new job which entails long hours and Peaches is alone way too much. She is near Ocala, and is being fostered by Lisa and Gordy Alexander.

A very Happy New Year to everyone, thanks for all your support and hug your Wheatens!

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator



LET'S GET SOCIAL

**Are you on FaceBook? These are just a few of the posts our members have posted!
If so, please join our group! Just search for:**

SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER GROUP OF GREATER TAMPA BAY



Visions of sugar Plums

Snow turns an ordinary Wheaten not a completely different animal.



The wheaten coat makes for great spring bird nesting material. We "share" every year. (Use clean fur only, topical treatments can be toxic to birds.)

IN THE KITCHEN

KACI & ELVIS

PupCakes

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 1/2 cup peanut butter (be sure it does not contain xylitol)
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup oil
- 3/4 cup water



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Line a muffin tin with cupcake liners
3. Place bananas in a bowl and mash with a potato masher until they are as smooth as possible
4. Add peanut butter, honey and eggs.
5. Whisk until smooth
6. Fill cupcake tin until each hole is 3/4 full
7. Bake for 22 minutes until the top is golden brown

Recipes submitted by
Gail Cox, Kaci & Elvis

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Quinn Albano-Beracha

We said goodbye to our wonderful Quinn, whom we adopted from you just over 3 years ago. Although we had such a short time with him, he brought so much joy to our home. Our hearts are broken and we will miss him greatly.

Loved and owned by
Steve Albano & Marc Breach





GIVING CHALLENGE 2024



Get ready for #GivingChallenge 2024*!

April 9-10, Noon to Noon

1:1 Matching of Your Donation*

Join us April 9-10 as our Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay and nearly seven hundred nonprofit organizations participate in this unique-24-hour online giving event.

Since 2012, the Giving Challenge has been the catalyst, connecting passionate donors and community members in supporting diverse causes benefitting areas served by the Community Foundation of Sarasota, including animal welfare; arts and culture; the environment; health and human services; and more.

Beginning at noon on April 9, for 24-hours only, donations made to support our wheaten rescue program will be matched, 1:1! During the last Giving Challenge (2022), more than \$6 million in matching funds from The Patterson Foundation were awarded to worthy nonprofit partners, like us.

Save the date and look for more information to come on how you can double your donation to help our rescue wheatens when they need it the most.

*The Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation as well as support from Manatee Community Foundation and the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation. The Patterson Foundation is matching 1:1 for every unique donation, up to the first \$100.



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Turbo (Sundance's Turbo Charged and Ready) and Ellie (Sandcastle's Love Me Like You Do) are proud parents of 3 handsome boys and 2 beautiful girls. They married in November and Ellie gave birth on January 20th. Puppies will go to their forever homes In late March. This is the first litter for Wicklow Wheaton located in Winter Springs Florida and kudos to Sue Wuerz and Sherrie Kase McKenzie for all their help and encouragement. And, special thanks to Kerrie Rouse and Tari O'Tool for all the help. We had a small wedding ceremony in November because our grandkids were very intent that they be married before the babies came.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters

Brags

Senior Wheatens (13 yo or older)

Celebrations of Life

Show Results

Performance Results

Litter Announcements

Rescue updates

Next Newsletter Deadline

May 31, 2024

All brags and show results must have occurred between
March 1 and May 31, 2024!

Email Debie at flwheaten@gmail.com with your information!



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Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Annual Testing For Healthy Dogs:

Every year, beginning at age 1, a Wheatens annual check-up should include blood and urine testing. The test results can uncover early indications of diseases found in Wheatens, such as protein-losing nephropathy (PLN), protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), renal dysplasia or juvenile renal disease (RD or JRD), and Addison's disease. Other potential problems that might otherwise go undiagnosed might also be discovered.

Suggested Annual Testing includes:

- Biochemical Profile, aka Chem Screen – *includes total protein, albumin, globulin, creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), SDMA, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, etc.*
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Urinalysis – *including specific gravity, dipstick, and urinary sediment*
- Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio (UPC) or a Microalbuminuria (MA) test. These are add-on tests to the urinalysis and need to be requested.
- In tick or heartworm endemic areas, a SNAP-4DxPlus or AccuPlex4 test.
- If you are concerned about finicky appetite, gulpies, occasional gastrointestinal signs, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) or PLE in the dog or its relatives, ask your vet about additional testing such as fecal examinations, the Antech CE-IBD Assay test, the TAMU GI panel-plus (B12/folate/TLI/PLI with resting cortisol added), and the TAMU Alpha1-proteinase inhibitor (A1-PI) fecal test. Visit the Wheaten Health Endowment to obtain a test kit for the Alpha 1-proteinase inhibitor fecal test.
- Blood Pressure Measurement (BPM): Ideally, the vet will obtain the dog's BPM during each healthy visit (starting at 1 year of age), in order to get a baseline and to get the dog used to having the procedure done.

The PLN Variant Gene DNA Test is Recommended for All Wheaten Terriers:

It is recommended that each Wheaten Terrier dog have its DNA sample tested for the PLN-associated variant alleles. The results will determine what risk group (low, intermediate, or high) the dog is in for developing PLN during its lifetime. The DNA test is available in the USA at PennGen (PennVet, where it was developed), Optical Selection (Mars), Embarkvet (Cornell), and in Europe at Laboklin. See <https://scwtca.org/health/health-testing/dna-testing/>.

There are no genetic tests yet for PLE, IBD, RD/JRD, or Addison's disease. Dogs that are carrying one or two copies of the PLN-associated variant alleles should be checked for proteinuria more often, perhaps 2-4 times a year, especially after age 3 years.

Wheaten Health Database:

The Endowment offers a database of over 80,000 Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. We ask that all Wheaten owners enter their dog in the database and list any health and/or behavioral issues that they have. Visit us at www.scwtodb.org.

For more information on Wheaten health visit:

- The Wheaten Health Endowment at www.wheatenhealthendowment.org
- The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. at www.scwtca.org
- The Wheaten Health Initiative at <http://www.wheatenhealthinitiative.com/>
- SCWT Health and Pedigree Database at www.scwtodb.org

About the Wheaten Health Endowment: The SCWTCA Endowment, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation dba the Wheaten Health Endowment, was established by the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc., in 2001 for the purpose of supporting research related to the health of SCWTs. Learn more about the Endowment at www.wheatenhealthendowment.org.

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