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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start by welcoming two new board members, Wendi Newman, and Pat Schmidt. Welcome to our 2024 Board of Directors. Wendi, with assistance from Pat and other determined helpers successfully recaptured one of our rescue program wheaten who escaped. Just minutes after arriving at its new home, this wheaten bolted in fear. She remained on the run for some seven weeks, in an unfamiliar area. Despite the challenges, this story has a happy ending. Whew! What an amazing search and rescue. Josie is finally home.

Thank you to Melissa Nelson and our rescue team, who got the search started; to Wendi and to club members in the Bradenton area who were out looking for Josie on their own time. Thanks also to everyone who made generous personal donations to supplement our club's efforts and to keep the search ongoing. After being missing for seven weeks, what a miracle Josie is now safe and being cared for by Wendi.

Beyond being slightly underweight and covered in brambles and mats, Josie is in remarkably good condition. When Josie is stable and given a clean bill of health, a decision will be made about rehoming. She is one terrier-tough Wheaten and we are so glad to have her back safely.

Save the date! Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 1-2:30 p.m. EST - General Meeting of Members and Bonus Health Update
Mark your calendars now and plan to join us July 21 for the SCWTCGTB General Meeting. The meeting will be held via Zoom conference call. Members attending will receive updates on our club's finances, rescue program, activities and more.

Immediately following the meeting, a knowledgeable speaker will be presenting an important health update on Degenerative myelopathy (DM). This fatal neurodegenerative disease is increasingly affecting wheatens and other dogs. With early detection and treatment, the progression of DM can be delayed. Look for more information and registration instructions via email soon.

Summer is upon us again, please keep you and your fur babies protected from the heat and hydrated,

Stay safe and have a wonderful season.

Lisa Perez, President

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www.flwheatenclub.org





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

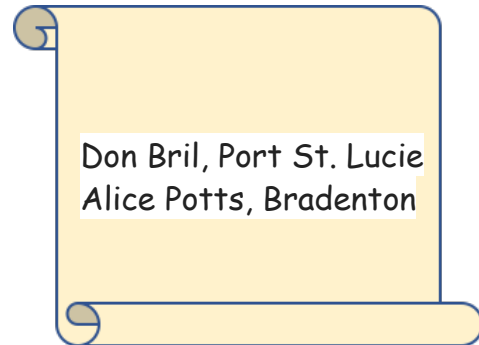


Peter & Lynn Lovell, for Mimi
Cheryl VanDeWalle
Mike & Sherry Carter
Jan & Dennis Baldwin



NEW MEMBERS

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



Don Bril, Port St. Lucie
Alice Potts, Bradenton



SAVE THE DATE

**General Meeting and Complimentary Speaker
(via Zoom)
Sunday, July 21, 1-2:30 PM, EST**



PERFORMANCE WINS

GCHB Sandcastle's Aingeal In Disguise SWN "Neala"

Owned and loved by
Sherri Kase-McKenzie



She titled in all 4 areas in order to get her overall AKC title in novice!

If The Nose Knows..... GCHB Sandcastle's Aingeal In Disguise

Neala earned her SIN, SEN, SCN, SBN* and her general novice search title SWN this weekend in 2 days!!!!

*Scentwork Interior Novice, Exterior Containers, Buried Containers, Scentwork Novice



SCWTCGTB CONTRIBUTORS

Rescue
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Melissa Nelson
Jody Greene
Linda Hallas
Debie Scurr
Volunteer Needed*
Lois Hiers

*Contact scwtcgtbp@gmail.com if interested in volunteering to chair the Awards.

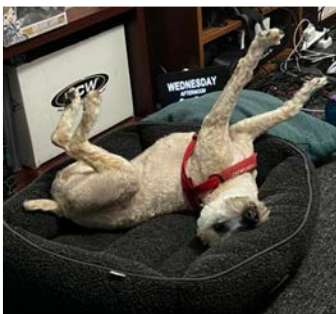
LET'S GET SOCIAL

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



How does your
Wheaten sleep?



RESCUE REPORT

It has been a very quiet quarter with only one adoption. In March, nine month old Peaches came into Rescue. Lisa and Gordy Alexander fostered the puppy - they said she sure livened up the resident dogs! Big thanks go out to them. Peaches was adopted by a nice couple in Pt. Saint Lucie and is doing well.



LOVE
RESCUED ME



There is a young male Wheaten, Mackey, at the Leesburg Humane Society. He needs a good home and would be best as an only dog although he is a love bug with people. See our Facebook page for more information.

However, Rescue was only quiet on the adoption front. Three year old Josie came into Rescue at the beginning of April. Sue Sousa handled the transfer to her new adoptive family in Bradenton. When they arrived home and opened their car door, Josie bolted. She had a collar, leash and halter on. During the following six weeks an enormous, concentrated effort was made to find little Josie. We hired a trapper, a tracker, a drone person and even an animal communicator. Shelters were contacted, fliers were posted everywhere, and she saturated social media. Huge thanks go out to the boots on the ground - the people who went out every day moving cages, replenishing food and searching. Thanks to Lori Briggs, Jo-Anne Bates, Wendi Newman (who never gave up hope) and everyone who helped. On or about Friday the 17th of May, two photos of Josie were spotted on camera. Lori came to Bradenton with her cage and food, the trap was set and Josie went in! She was still wearing the halter. Wendi had her vetted and other than being a little thin, she was very healthy. This was nothing short of a miracle. In the thirty years of doing Rescue, this had never happened before. Thank you so very much to everyone who helped Josie come home!



RESCUE REPORT, continued

Hug your Wheatens everyone, and stay cool!

Melissa Nelson Rescue Co-Coordinator

Speaking of Lori Briggs (Expert Pet Rescue Services), it's of important note that she is the only trapper in the state of Florida for lost pets. She is well respected for her successful results by numerous animal welfare and rescue organizations. Lori consults and travels to every part of the state, relying solely on donations. If you would like to support Lori's ongoing efforts, please consider making a donation.

- Zelle: 313.475-9132
- PayPal: lbriggs1396@gmail.com



Elvis Cox, HOPE Certified



Gail & Elvis Cox

For More Information on HOPE go to:

www.HopeAACR.org

In April, Elvis and I completed the training and received certification in HOPE, Animal - Assisted Crisis Response, to become a part of the Florida Team.

HOPE AACR Provides comfort dog teams to assist in recovery from crisis and disasters, assist mental health professionals on location, and are prepared for unpredictable situations. Teams are all volunteer, are insured and undergo regular background checks.

Teams must have a year of documented therapy experience before applying. Applicants are screened for suitability for crisis response before being accepted for training. During the screening, Elvis had to follow basic commands, stay quietly in a crate when I left the room and stay with another person when I left the room. He had to have no response to a tape simulation of the noise in Red Cross shelter during a crisis and provide comfort to people simulating someone affected by a crisis.

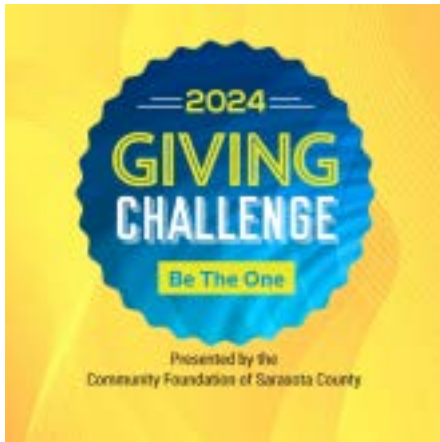
Once applicants are eligible, they attend a three day certification training. They receive comprehensive training in animal-assisted crisis response. The training topics include, stress management, crisis response protocols, canine behavior and welfare and field training. We had training in a fire station to see how the dogs responded to a fireman in full gear and the sirens. None of the dogs in our class had any response to the noise.

We also went through security at the airport and visited with passengers waiting for their flights.

It's amazing how Elvis can be such a good therapy dog and still be a crazy Wheaten! He is living up to his AKC name: Angel Eyes of Comfort and Joy.



Generous Donors Make Giving Challenge a Success



On April 9-10, 2024, soft coated wheaten lovers came out in full force to raise money for our SCTWCGTB Rescue program through the 2024 Giving Challenge. The Giving Challenge is hosted by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by the Patterson Foundation.

Forty-one generous donors contributed \$3775, in just 24 hours. Most of those donations will be matched by the Patterson Foundation. The grand total, including matching funds, will be announced in July. Many thanks to everyone listed below who participated. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed to help support medical and other expenses incurred by wheatens in our rescue program.

Steven Albano & Marc Breach,
In Memory of Quinn
Lauralee Barnes, In honor of Mavis & Hilda
Pamela Benton
Mary Butigan, In Memory of Marley
& Bogey
Sherry Carter
Ellen Chapman, In Honor of Oliver
John Cohoon
Karrol Davison
Jan Dobson, In Honor of Clarke, Declan
& Abby Girl
William Dobson, In Honor of Clarke, Declan
& Abby Girl
Peggy Gainey
Chip Taylor
John Godard
Jody Greene, In Memory of Seamus,
Finnbharr, & Fergus
Lois Hiers
Brittany Holtz, In Memory of Gracie Holtz
Jamie Holtz
Cindy Jacuk
Anonymous donors
BP
JB
JH

Trudy Horowitz, In Memory of Gracie
Barbara Kries
David LeFont
Chantelle Mackenzie, In Honor of Kaylee
Paula Mason
Melissa Nelson, In Memory of all my Wheatens
over the Bridge
Lisa Perez
Susan Robinson
Michael Sampson & Rod Schrag, In Honor of
the Leaders of the SCWTCGTB
Debie Scurr
Susan Sheikh, In Memory of Cookie, our
Wheaten Rescue
Christine Sorge-Guffey
Brenda Warren
Janet Wilcox
Robert Wright
Cathy Yount
Mary Yourich



IN THE KITCHEN WITH KACI & ELVIS



Peanut Butter and Banana Doggie Ice Cream

Ingredients:

- 3-4 Ripe Bananas
- 32 ounces plain yogurt, low-fat
- 1 cup peanut butter, organic

Directions:

- Add bananas, peanut butter, and yogurt to a blender.
- Blend until thoroughly mixed
- Pour into an ice cube tray and freeze

Notes:

- Organic peanut butter isn't required
- Make sure your peanut butter does NOT contain Xylitol (also called birch sugar). It is fatal to pups!
- Check the ingredients list before buying.



Recipes submitted by
Gail Cox, Kaci & Elvis

CALL FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Written by Sue Baker

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay is seeking foster homes for dogs in need! As a breed-specific rescue organization, the club is dedicated to rescuing and rehoming SCWT's throughout the state of Florida. However, we cannot do it alone and are in need of foster homes to provide temporary care for these dogs until they can be placed with their forever homes!



We receive dogs into Rescue in several ways, but primarily...

- from individuals who wish to relinquish ownership,
- through our partnerships with FL shelters and humane societies,
- daily social media search for SCWTs in need

Fostering provides a safe and loving environment while the dogs recuperate and wait for their forever homes. This can involve anything from providing basic care, such as feeding and grooming, to helping the dog learn basic obedience and socialization skills. As a foster parent, you will work closely with our Rescue coordinators to ensure that the dog is getting the vet care, home care and attention they need. And you will be provided with all the necessary supplies and support to ensure that the dog is happy and healthy.

Are you considering adding a new SCWT to your family? "Fostering to Adopt" is an excellent way to determine if a rescued wheaten is a good fit for your household. You will have the opportunity to spend time with the dog on a daily basis without making a long-term commitment. And should you decide you cannot live without your foster, you'll be given priority to adopt!

Fostering a SCWT in need can be a deeply fulfilling experience that greatly enhances our ability to provide rescue services to more dogs. Without available foster homes, we may have to turn away individuals or shelters seeking our help. If you are interested in fostering or please reach out to Melissa Nelson or Jodie Green. Your support can make a significant difference in providing loving homes for dogs in need throughout Florida!



PET DISASTER CHECKLIST

Hurricane season is here!
Be Prepared!



Documents:

- Copies of vet records
- Rabies Certificate
- Vaccination info
- Proof of Ownership

Pet Description:

- Photos of your pet
- Written description of your pet e.g. collar, tags, etc.
- Microship information
- Your contact information

Water, Food & Medications

- 2 week supply of food for each animal
- Manual can opener (if needed)
- Feeding instructions for each animal
- 2 week supply of water for each animal
- Dishes
- 2 week supply of medications with instructions
- One month supply of flea, tick and heartworm preventative

Other Supplies:

- Leash, collar, ID tag, harness
- Toys
- Pet carrier with bedding
- Pet first aid book
- Pet first aid kit
- Cleaning supplies for accidents

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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Photos of adorable Wheatens
Articles for future newsletters

Braggs

Senior Wheatens (13 yo or older)

Celebrations of Life

Show Results

Performance Results

Litter Announcements

Rescue updates

Next Newsletter Deadline

August 31, 2024

All braggs and show results must have occurred between
June 1 and August 31, 2024!

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