



What to Expect from Wheaten Breeders

Breeding Wheatens is a serious hobby for most breeders. Dedicated reputable breeders participate in many dog-related activities such as dog shows, dog clubs, obedience, agility, and educational events. Every SCWTCA member is bound by the Club's Code of Ethics. Although it's a hobby for them, you should expect professionalism when you contact a dedicated reputable breeder:

- ❖ *Expect to be interviewed* - Placing a puppy is a match and the breeder wants to match your interests, expectations and capabilities to the breed characteristics. This interview is a two way street.
- ❖ *Expect a contract* - Reputable Wheaten breeders usually have some form of written agreement with their buyers. The contract protects your interests as well as those of the breeder.
- ❖ *Expect a wait* - Hobby breeders usually only breed one or two litters a year. You may be asked to call back in a few months, to be put on a waiting list or referred to another reputable breeder.
- ❖ *Expect courtesy and respect* - Breeders should be professional.
- ❖ *Expect Health Clearances in the Database:* Visit the SCWT Health & Pedigree Database to research the dogs and breeders.
- ❖ *Expect knowledge* - Besides the knowledge you gain by re- searching the breed, you should expect to learn a LOT from a breeder. A reputable breeder will have a large national network of breeders to tap into for insight. Most importantly, plan on asking the breeder a LOT of questions and expect answers.
- ❖ *Expect support* - Breeders are concerned about their puppies for the life of that puppy. They are a resource for you long after you take the puppy home. They want to hear all the good things, but also want to know about any problems you may be experiencing, especially behavior or health issues, so that they can offer advice.

Remember that a quality, well-bred Wheaten puppy is worth the wait!



If you are considering a Wheaten Terrier visit the national club's website before taking another step:

**Puppy Buyer's Guide
Health
SCWTCA Code of Ethics
Breeder's List By State
Local Clubs**



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc.



The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was bred as an all purpose farm dog and family companion in his native country of Ireland.



The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is not everyone's perfect pet. Special requirements must be met if it is to achieve his full potential. First of all he must know that he is a dog and therefore below the human family in pecking order. Remember that you are dealing with a terrier breed, and as such, it can often be stubborn and headstrong. One must see beyond the cute fluffy puppy!

The SCWT Database has over 100,000 Wheaten Terriers entered with health clearances. Visit the database today to learn more:



A puppy, regardless of the breed, should never be an impulse purchase. Buying a Wheaten is a commitment for the life of a dog that may live 12 years or more. Shop carefully, making sure you are getting a quality pet that has been bred and raised to insure sound body and mind. Discuss the characteristics of the SCWT with various owners and breeders. Visit people with adult Wheatens. Make sure this breed is right for you and your family.



Health Issues in the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is basically a healthy dog that, given proper care and yearly check-ups with the vet, will live a long and active life. All breeds, however, have certain health issues and the Wheaten is no exception. Go to www.scwtca.org/health for information.



Where Does a Quality Pet Come From?

A quality hobby breeder is the best choice for getting a quality pup. For them, breeding is a serious avocation, not a business. A quality puppy is the result of the breeder's dogs, dedication to the breed, and an abiding responsibility for all the dogs the breeder has produced for as long as the dogs live. A quality pet comes from a careful breeding program in which the characteristics and temperaments of the pup's ancestors are known to the breeder. Dogs being bred undergo careful evaluation and medical screening. The quality pet is carefully socialized and bonded to humans by the breeders before a pup goes home to its new family.

Some people think they don't need to go to a "show" breeder because they "just want a pet." Breeders usually have both show potential as well as non-show potential puppies in each litter and getting your new companion from them means your puppy will have been bred and raised with the same care and attention as the next top winner! Visit the Breeders Directory:

