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From the President...

What a wonderful Montgomery weekend this year! Tremendous thanks to Kathy McIndoe and her many committee members for putting on a great show AND for giving us sunny days without rain!

Within hours of the 2007 Montgomery weekend’s conclusion, Kathy and next year’s MCKC Coordinator, Bev McDonald, met with the new Board of Directors to debrief on 2007 and announce the theme for 2008, the upcoming 35th anniversary celebration for SCWTCA. Mark your calendars now for next October.

I would like to highlight a few plans for the upcoming year:

The Canine Phenome Project is now ready to accept DNA from all SCWTs. A series of blood draws for SCWT DNA is currently being planned at various regional specialties and other regional venues modeled after the collection success at this year’s Denver specialty. Please consider giving your “blood and money” to support this DNA data bank that will provide an accessible resource for multiple research studies focused on canine health issues. Even now the host institution, the University of Missouri Columbia, is conducting a Wheaten “sibling project” to explore genetic differences between older Wheaten siblings where one is healthy and the other affected with PLE /PLN. This is an exciting time in canine research, with technology now enabling studies only dreamed of a few years ago. At its October meeting, your Board pledged $10,000 of support, joining the SCWT Endowment and SCWT GRF who are major contributors and leaders in this project.

Please visit our new SCWTCA website, (www.scwtca.org). It has been redesigned by webmaster Robyn Alexander and features easy access to SCWTCA publications, MCKC results and the opportunity to buy the new 2008 SCWTCA Calendar. Do bookmark this website as I believe you will find it a useful resource and communication device.

SCWTCA and the SCWT GRF both won a first place in the poster contest held by AKC/CHF at the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference recently held in St. Louis. Roxanna Springer did the poster for SCWTCA and Judith Martin designed the poster for the GRF. Congratulations to all for representing our breed so well in this competition.

On the SCWTCA Discuss listserv (for SCWTCA members only) were numerous generous offers to house or otherwise assist those displaced by the California wildfires. It was gratifying not only to see this outpouring of support from the membership, but also to view its usefulness in meeting members’ needs for quick/efficient communication. If you are an SCWTCA member and have not signed up for this listserv, I encourage you to do so by contacting moderator Kathy Drobnak, at kdrobnak@jcfkk.com. You can choose to leave messages on the web to read them at your leisure if you are concerned about getting too much email.

From the Editor...

Another Montgomery weekend been and gone. Was it further proof of global warming or simply a fluke? It certainly was a far cry from the days we sat ringside dressed in boots and furry mittens, wearing warm hats, down jackets and huddled under stadium blankets as gray clouds spit snow. Never mind…we now know, as we never knew before, to expect any, and I mean ANY, sort of weather Mother Nature may throw at us. This year she sent many gals scurrying to buy whatever summer clothing was still left on the racks at the mall while others peeled down to their skimpiest tank tops. As always, we rose to the circumstances and were none the worse for wear!

Kudos to Kathy McIndoe and her committee for a superb four days. I understand the awards presentation was exciting thanks to the combined imagination of an innovatative pair, Pam Mandeville and Carol Carlson, and the creativity of Gerard Thompson. Two large screens were set up with pictures of all the award winners and their dogs flashing up on both screens simultaneously. Wish I could have been there!

Our new board came together for the first time on the Monday following and, from initial reports, the meeting went well. At the same time, there occurred an unfortunate situation ending with the denial of an applicant for membership. Without going into detail, it is my understanding that several letters in opposition to the candidate were read. Those in support of the candidate had no forewarning of this and felt they had been blindsided. It becomes apparent that the procedure for membership needs thoughtful revamping. It seems only fair under such circumstances that the applicant and sponsors be given the opportunity of responding to whatever accusations are made by those in opposition. In point of fact, the applicant and sponsors should be allowed to read the opposing letters and to offer their responses, these responses taken into consideration prior to any action on the part of the board.

With this issue we prepare to say farewell to another year, my 37th as a Wheaten breeder/exhibitor/fancier/lover and my 3rd as editor of Benchmarks. I am learning every step of the way! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have aided and abetted me in this endeavor, which includes but is not limited to: Carol Carlson, Toni Vincent and Ronnie Copland. Lastly, I offer warmest wishes for the very best holiday season ever as we prepare to step into 2008. May it be a year in which we find the mode of inheritance for PLE/N, begin to race for the cause of breast cancer research, with technology now enabling studies only dreamed of a few years ago. At its October meeting, your Board pledged $10,000 of support, joining the SCWT Endowment and SCWT GRF who are major contributors and leaders in this project.

Gav Dunlap
Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to reply to the charges made about the eye health of Newkilber Perfidia. We want to share with you the findings of Dr Rownan Blogg on June 29, 1987 on certificate number 20353. Wicket was three years and three and a half months at that time. Dr. Blogg examined the fundi, lenses, corneas, and conjunctiva, and stated that she had Nuclear Sclerosis associated with an aging lens in both eyes. She also had conjunctivitis. We hope that this information will set the record straight.

Maureen Prokosch
Jean Peterson
Newkilber

To the Editor

I write with regard to the article by Dr John Collard and Dr Monica O’Kelly. In this article they state: “However it was interesting to read recently on the UK list, that what was diagnosed as RD in the 1980s may have been a form of what we now refer to as PLE/N. This is not a statement ever made by the SCWT Club of G.B. It appeared on one of the chat lines from Wheaten people elsewhere.

We list the parents of those Wheatens which have been proven by post mortem to have died of renal dysplasia. Almost all of these post mortems were carried out at Glasgow University Veterinary School under the supervision of Professor Andrew Nash, our Club’s advisor on this problem and internationally recognized for his work on kidney problems. A number of the Wheaten’s on our list had lived to 5 & 6+ years of age, which the chat line contributors said was impossible. Dr Littman, when in the UK earlier this year, agreed that Weatens with RD can survive in some cases to this age. The post mortem indications for RD and PLN are different.

We would appreciate your printing this to correct the Collard/O’Kelly’s misleading statement.

Sincerely

Judy Creswick, Honorary Secretary, SCWT of Great Britain

To the Editor

We regret any distress that this error has caused Maureen and Jean.

We are very appreciative of the support and knowledge we have been given over the years by breeders around the world including Maureen Prokosch and Jean Peterson, Gay Dunlap, Candy Way, Neil O’Sullivan and Gerard Thompson, and Ingrid Olson. They have had the courage to send Wheaten to Wheaten semen to the antipodes – as Maureen Holmes put it when we approached her for a puppy. They have also co-operated with the protocols that the Australian Quarantine Department require for the importation of dogs or semen. Without their good will we would not have such a strong Wheaten presence here in Australia.

Monica O’Kelly & John Collard

P.S. We would also like to point out that the photo listed as that of Am & Aust Ch Geragold Tinkers Wedding in the British Newsletter was actually Ch Gleanngay Rebel With a Cause.

From the President…continued

I would be remiss if I did not also mention that the most frequent topic on SCWTCA Discuss listerf following MCKC was related to the SCWTCA membership approval process. From the hundreds of emails/posts it is clear that the Board must re-evaluate how these decisions are made. To that end, Director Jinx Moore will head up an evaluation of membership policies and procedures and provide recommendations for Board consideration at its February meeting.

Another major project will be undertaken by a Director as Nancy Draper leads a cost/benefit analysis regarding the feasibility of SCWTCA supporting an independent specialty. We expect a report on this in February.

To begin this new year, I asked the various committees to identify goals that they would be working on for the upcoming year. I was gratified to see thoughtful and focused direction in numerous critical areas. Because health of our Wheatens is so important to the membership, one of the key areas to me has been the organization and direction provided by the various health committees. Director Anna Marzolino will be working with the co-chairs, Cecily Skinner and Helen Moreland and various heads of other Wheaten health projects to insure we have the best organizational structure and focused direction to achieve their goals.

With six of the nine directors new to the Board and two of the remaining in only their second full year, this truly is a “green team”. However, like most greenies, we are blissfully optimistic that with your support we can make a difference! We look forward to serving you and our SCWTs in the months to come!

Betty Chapman
MEET THE NEW SCWTCA BOARD MEMBERS

CAROL CARLSON

Every year in October at the SCWTCA Annual Meeting, we have the opportunity to meet the incoming Board members. This past October we met several new officers and directors. The new board is: President – Betty Chapman (IL); Vice President – Cherie Turner Fogarty (MD); Corresponding Secretary – Jinx Moore (MO); Recording Secretary – Nancy Draper (IA); Treasurer - Kenna Kachel (MI); and Directors – Ronnie Copland (IL), Lori Kromash (PA), Anna Marzolino (CA) and Susan McGee (MO).

You have met several of our leaders in previous issues of Benchmarks. I’ll introduce three new members of the board in this issue and the rest in March.

I asked each Board member a series of questions and suggested they provide a photo of themselves, preferably with their dogs. You will see that our Board is a very interesting, experienced and well-qualified group of people.

Here is your chance to meet Board members and put a face to the name. Each has more in her life than SCWTCA. Here is what I asked each of them.

After a brief introduction of yourself, please answer the following “dog related” questions.

• How and when did you first become interested in Wheatens? When did you get your first Wheaten? When did you join SCWTCA?
• What SCWTCA offices and committees have you worked on and how long have you been an active member?
• What all breed, obedience, agility, or breed clubs do you belong to? How are you involved (offices, committees, etc.)? Do you have any other special club or work experience; e.g., P.T.A., that especially qualifies you for the SCWTCA Board?
• How many litters have you bred?
• Who was your first finished champion, performance titleholder, etc.?
• What is the funniest thing that happened to you at a dog show when you first started out?
• If you could pick one thing to focus on for the next year, what would it be and why?

Following in their own words:

MEET NANCY DRAPER

Nancy Draper has been showing dogs for 20 years. She has owned Wheatens for 12 years, after first showing a Beagle, and then an English Foxhound. She currently has eight Wheatens. Six of them are AKC champions, and two younger Wheatens are in the early stages of their show career. She has co-bred five Wheaten litters.

In 1995 Nancy attended her first Montgomery national specialty and has attended yearly, except in 2003 when she stayed home with a litter of puppies. Nancy joined SCWTCA in 2002 and has served as a ring steward for Montgomery sweepstakes and prepared welcome bags from 2005-2007. In the past Nancy has been active in her local obedience club and all-breed club. She was an assistant in the Tuesday night obedience class for ten years and was assistant obedience training director in 2001 and 2002. She chaired her kennel club’s two-day conformation dog show in 2005 and 2006. She has been a ring steward in obedience, agility and conformation and has been a judge in fun matches and puppy groups. She attends numerous dog shows every year and tries to attend Wheaten specialties in her area.

In her professional life, Nancy is a court reporter with the Iowa Judicial Department and travels with her judge to courthouses in southern Iowa. She has been a member of the Iowa Court Reporters Association since 1978, served as editor of their quarterly publication from 1986-1992 and on the board of directors from 1998-2000, as president-elect and then president. She also served on the West Des Moines Library Board from 1990-1997, during which time a new library was constructed.

Wheaten health is of concern to Nancy. Her ten-year-old male has PLN, and his sire and dam are both on the open registry. She supports the work of the health committee, including involvement in the Canine Phenome Project and the formation of a steering committee to coordinate the work of SCWTCA, the Endowment Board, and the Genetic Research Fund. The health newsletter is an excellent example of their work.

As recording secretary, Nancy believes in open board meetings and improved club communications. As a board member she would like to focus on the feasibility of holding an independent national specialty, establishing a performance committee and discussing ways to offer support to Wheaten breeders.

Nancy Draper with her “Zara”
I have bred and raised five litters and have nine Certificates of Champion for Conformation. My dogs have been shown across North America and Canada, winning specialties, specialty sweepstakes and placing in strong groups. They have also been ranked as top producers, breed and all-breed top 10 dogs. I have also co-bred an AOM winning bitch at Westminster.

When asked about my funniest dog show experience, I have to recount an incident that occurred at the Del Val show when I entered 4 girls from my first litter in the 6-9 month puppy bitch class at our sweepstakes specialty. With the help of two friends, my husband and I along with the pups entered the ring. We quickly discovered that these girls were not “quite” ready for the show ring. Not one of them ever had 4 feet on the ground at the same time.

Again, thanks to a very understanding judge and very gracious spectators I once again provided lots of entertainment in the face of total humiliation.

I look forward to serving as a board member and learning much more about the SCWTCA.

MEET JINX MOORE

My name is Jinx Moore, and yes, Jinx is my given name. I am 58 years old, and I have been semi-retired for four years from the Sedalia Public School System. I taught for thirteen years every level, kindergarten through eighth grade, and was an elementary principal for eighteen years. Since my retirement I have worked in an upscale boutique, which has cost me more money than I have made, but it is great fun!

Question: How and when did you first become interested in Wheatens? When did you get your first Wheaten? When did you join SCWTCA?

How I became interested in Wheatens is a unique story. My husband, Stan, and I were dating. We had both been previously married and wanted to make sure we were really “right” for each other before marrying again, so we decided to get a puppy and raise it together to see how we would get along. We planned a date to the local dog show to check out different breeds. By the end of the show, we were “on the list” for a Wheaten pet puppy. We convinced ourselves on the drive home that we should get a show puppy, since we were showing saddlebreds, because how difficult could it be to show a dog?? (Little did we know!) This all happened in July of 1988; we picked up our show puppy in October; we bought our second show puppy the following March; and got married that September.

We finished both our girls on our own, only because we didn’t know anyone with Wheatens. We eventually met Renee Kotaki and Elaine Azerolo, who have been wonderful mentors and joined the SCWTCA in 1993, I believe.

Question: What SCWTCA offices and committees have you worked on and how long have you been an active member?

I have been a member of SCWTCA for fourteen years, and I am now serving on the Canine Phenome Project Committee. I felt I did not have the time to devote to committee work until now due to my responsibilities as an elementary principal, but I was very honored to be selected as a board member at this time.
Question: What all breed, obedience, agility or breed clubs do you belong to? How are you involved? Do you have any other special club or work experience, e.g. P.T.A., that especially qualifies you for the SCWTCA Board?

I have been a member of the Sedalia Kennel Club where I served as Trophy Chairman and Co-Chairman for our two-day show with another kennel club. I am Trophy Chairman for the SCWTCA at this time. And the committees on which I served and chaired during my educational career are too numerous to mention, and yes, I was even president of the PTA and principal at the same time and was successful at keeping everyone happy.

Question: How many litters have you bred?

We have bred eighteen litters and have had twenty-three champions to date.

I have always enjoyed the anticipation of bringing healthy, happy puppies into the world. However, there are challenges to face when dealing with Mother Nature. In one incidence, I bred a bitch without conclusive evidence on one hip. (The other was normal.) She had never shown signs of any kind of problem, and before breeding, we studied both pedigrees going back five generations and found no “red flags” and numerous OFA excellent certifications. Even though I would not take the chance again, the positive aspect of the situation was the experience I had with Penn Hip. This certification is far more detailed, giving the breeder a good understanding as to the quality of the hip, rather than just a subjective rating of “good”, “excellent”, etc. (Both offspring x-rayed were in the 80th percentile) by a vet who must obtain special certification to submit films.

Who was your first finished champion, performance titleholder, etc.?

Tiffen’s Dazz’In Molly Muldoon, “Molly”, was our first champion and ROM.

Question: What is the funniest thing that happened to you at a dog show when you first started out?

Our third dog show we attended was in Little Rock, Arkansas. We won that day with our first Wheaten, Tiffen’s Nanal Dar’n Daisy. We had been on the road for home about forty-five minutes and quite proud of our win when it occurred to us that we might have won one of those things called “a major”, and we thought that was considered a big deal. We convinced ourselves that maybe there was a prize for doing something like that and turned around and drove all the way back to the show and announced to the ring steward that we were there to pick up our winnings for the day, who most graciously announced to us that there were none for our breed. Disappointed, we got back in the car and started for home AGAIN. When we reached the spot where we had turned around, there were cars overturned, and a roadside restaurant destroyed. A tornado had crossed the road about the time we had decided to go back to the show and pick up our prize. Stupid and lucky all in the same day!!

Question: If you could pick one thing to focus on for the next year, what would it be and why?

With so many of us being new on the board, an effort needs to be made to get to know one another, so we are all comfortable having honest discussions about issues concerning the club. For any board to be successful, it is important to work together as a team, have commonality of purpose and share information with the membership.

“...To breed dissimilar together in order to obtain the mean is a common method doomed from the outset to failure. The animal produced, even if the desired result is attained, is a detached unit without any ancestral backing. At best it can only be regarded as a new creation, without any finity of type, and it can be of breeding value only when mated with something similar to itself and very strongly descended from similar ancestors. It is, in fact, little removed from a mongrel.”


Mr Buckley, in his delightfully charming book, also casually suggests that “The man or woman who breeds dogs in a haphazard way is a decadent who ought to be locked up.”
Happy Birthday Sam, our Colony Wheagle!

Who loves ya, baby?

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Big thanks to Dr. Shelly Vaden, Tonya Harris & Carol Carlson
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We mourn the loss of the first Wheatens In Need Dog and a great ambassador for our breed. May the light from the hundreds of candles that have been lit in your memory guide you to the Bridge.

Kudos to you, our faithful friend and to your Mom, Pat for giving us the quintessential rescue success story. Rest in peace, until we meet again.

YOUR FRIENDS AT WIN
Bonnie O’Connor is Recipient of the Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award

At the Annual Meeting on October 5, 2007, SCWTCA awarded the Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award to Bonnie O’Connor, Duidream Wheatens, SCWTCA Web mistress from 1998 to 2007.

The Linscheid Award is given only when appropriate to "a member of SCWTCA who has made an extraordinary contribution to the club and to the breed and who epitomizes the outstanding human qualities of Jan Linscheid."

Bonnie was nominated for this award by a number of her fellow club members. Excerpts from their email...apropos! to the SCWTCA Board tell the story:

On the way into work this morning, I heard an ad with the line “The Internet has changed how we purchase things.” It has certainly changed virtually every aspect of purebred dogs: breeding, buying and selling, exhibiting, clubs and education of all types. As web mistress for the last decade, Bonnie has helped change SCWTCA.

Off and on, I’ve worked with Bonnie on things for the website. Always eager to evolve the site, she also always balanced out what she might have wanted with what was in the best interest of SCWTCA.

While it’s easy to focus on Bonnie’s work with the web, she has also been, to a large extent, our resident “techie.” She has often stepped up to help get things like Yahoo Groups for SCWTCADiscuss, the COE project, SCWTCAUpdates...and of course, has been the “go to” person often when members have needed computer hand-holding.

I’ve known Bonnie as a Wheaten person since she had her first bitch...much longer ago than either of us would like to recall! Her commitment to the breed and to doing it right is unblemished and well worth respect.

For me, first and foremost, she has the right approach to “being in dogs”: she takes the dogs seriously...but not herself. Any of us on Wheaten-L or SCWTBreeders-L can appreciate that she has strongly held opinions that she manages to get across in a “more appropriate” way than some of the rest of us.

Bonnie has made a significant contribution to the breed and to the education of Wheaten owners and the general public through her work on the SCWTCA website. Her creative presentation of material on the website encourages visitors to explore the site further and learn more about Wheatens and their needs. The “Help Me” sections particularly are very informative for new owners and for those considering a Wheaten as a pet. The website design is user friendly and addresses the major issues of importance to pet owners as well as breeders. It is a testament to Bonnie’s careful management that rarely has the website had administrative problems such as incorrect data, missing links, slow response, or down time. Her commitment, knowledge, and vision deserve special recognition by the club.

Bonnie’s commitment to the breed and particularly to the puppies she has bred is evident in her mentorship of those who purchase her dogs. She stays in touch with nearly all of the folks who have her pups and shares her knowledge willingly. She has been active on Wheaten-L for years, providing correct and helpful information to pet owners.

Bonnie understood the potential of a SCWTCA website as an educational tool long before many of us became Internet savvy. I was one of those people when I began my term as SCWTCA president in 2001. Recognizing an Internet novice, Bonnie took the initiative. She scheduled time on the MCKC weekend to walk me through the site and show me what it could do for the breed and the Club. Bonnie’s enthusiasm was contagious. Her dedication, vision, technical knowledge and hours of work helped SCWTCA develop one of its most valuable assets.

For the 9 years that Bonnie has been Webmaster, I have worked with her on “health issues.” Her insights into people’s interests and concerns about Wheaten health have been foremost in her mind. She was particularly helpful when I was compiling a list of the health articles from Benchmarks. She knew the practical and legal requirements for posting articles on the web.

When the Open Registry was put up on the website,
Bonnie joined the Open Registry committee and has served on that committee for the last 4 years. Her long experience as a medical librarian helped with the evaluation of the proposed end user agreement.

Bonnie always had the reader/user’s best interest at heart.

Bonnie:
- Brought the club kicking and screaming into the 20th century with the website.
- Deserves the gold medal for bravery in keeping the website going and the Purple Heart for surviving battles amongst competing interests over many years!
- Trained many, many computer insufficient club members in basic Internet tools/capabilities.
- Is able to put aside personal feelings for the better of the breed. It’s hard to explain but Bonnie tries to keep the diverse breeders in this area “functional;” we may not all like each other, but we stay civil, and much of that is due to Bonnie’s efforts.
- Willing to whelp any litter, any time, anywhere!
- Can always be counted on in an emergency, is always willing to help. She is someone people in whatever area she is in can count on.
- Intelligent - asks good questions, thinks issues through.
- Diligent regarding Wheaten health. Participates in any Wheaten Health fundraiser.

We salute Bonnie O’Connor, our newest Linscheid Award winner, and thank her for her service to SCWTCA and to Wheatens.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California had our annual Wheaten Fun Day on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The event was chaired by M.J. Carr, co-chaired by Jeanine Flavell and the games were conducted by Karla Cohen. We ate a lot and had Wheaten Fun Day Games, a Doggie Halloween Costume Contest, a White Elephant auction, Parade of Rescue Dogs, a canine teeth cleaning booth, finishing the day off with an official Soft Coated WheatenTerrier Club of Southern California Club Meeting. A great time was had by all of the people and Wheatens as can be attested to by the faces of the people in the picture!

Southern California talent and consumate Wheaten lover, Mary Peltier, designed these charming Wheaten O’Lanterns. Note the one on the left, obviously a puppy, with darker ears and muzzle!
Dear Readers:

I misplaced an “Happy Birthday Seniors” tribute that was to appear in September’s issue. Unfortunately, this Wheaten did not live through the quarter to appear in the same section of December’s issue and is now located in “Celebrating Long Life.” With my deepest apologies to Nancy Butler and Rita Wilson, I have made a donation to the SCWTCA Endowment Fund in Mousa’s memory. Included here, are both tributes.

Toni Vincent-Fisher

CH TRIGO'S STAGE WHISPER  “MOUSA”
September 8, 1992 - October 9, 2007

Ch Legacy in Shining Armor X Ch Kaskadon's Windcrest Whisper

Mousa, as she is known by her breeder Nancy Butler and owner Rita Wilson, is celebrating a long healthy life. Though she has trouble seeing, she still knows when it is dinner time and, of course, handles her housemate, who is a Basset Hound. Mousa is from a litter of three champions and her daughter, Ch Trigo Sweet Golden Whisper, and her grand daughter, Ch Trigo's Dom Perione, and grand son, Ch Trigo Whisper of Light, have done their share of winning. Mousa (pretty lady in Spanish) will be 15 on September 8, 2007 and her breeder wishes her the best and thanks Rita for taking such good care of her.

Ch Trigo's Stage Whisper, Mousa, was a cherished pet of Rita Wilson for the last ten years of Mousa's life. Mousa produced Ch Trigo Sweet Golden Whisper, who in turn, produced Ch Trigo Dom Perione (won at Great Western) and Ch Trigo Whisper of Light (won at Buck's County). Mousa was a little sister of two champions. The name Mousa means, “pretty lady” and she was always that with a great personality, managing to live successfully with several Basset Hounds during her last years.

Owner: Rita Wilson     Breeder: Nancy Butler

CH GALWAY SUNSHINE SHANADOOD “SHANA”

Ch Gleanngay Waggin Wheel X Ch Galway Butterfield Eight

Shana was unlike many other Wheatens I have owned. She was very laid back; however, when tested by the other dogs she definitely showed her dominant side. She was so sweet and loved her hugs and kisses, but once they were given she was off to another room. She wasn't one to sit at your feet.

Shana had a total of five litters and was a fantastic mother; however, when her job was finished she was ready to move on.

The last month or so of her life she showed signs of dementia by pacing a lot. However, she did not show any signs of physical illness until the day she died. Shana died with cancer of the pancreas that had metastasized.

Shana was so easy to live with and she will always have a part of my heart.

Breeder/Owner: Ellen Amrein

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Hunter Schwartz
March 6, 1992 – October 22, 2007
Ch Ivywild Clanheath Ivy League X Harwelden Janwell's Suni Bri

How do I sum up 15 years of life with Hunter in a couple of paragraphs? He was simply the best companion one could ask for. Loving, sweet, funny, lively. He saved one child's hamster from the family cats. His fur soaked up more than one kid's tears. He'd chase circles and jump many feet into the air. He counter surfed. He hated trucks and loved school buses. He had the sweetest Wheatie kisses.

Hunter absolutely loved people. He never met a stranger he didn't like. He thought everyone was his friend. He was my constant companion from the puppy days where he followed me into the bathroom, to his golden years where he was happy to rest nearby and just keep an eye on things.

He was part of our family. He helped his four kids grow up and leave, one by one, for college. He was always here to welcome them and their friends. He outlived our first two cats and welcomed two more into the family. At twelve years old he took Razor, our Border Terrier puppy, under his wing and showed Razor how to be a good dog.

Hunter never competed to earn a CH before his name or an obedience or agility title after his name. He was beautiful and well groomed. He was well mannered. He was well exercised. He was well loved and loved us in return. To me, he will always be Hunter, NBF (No Better Friend).

Owned by Gail Schwartz and loved by the Schwartz family
Celebrating Long Life, continued....

CH STARLIGHT SEAMUS M’DARLIN “SEAMUS”
August 13, 1992 - September 24, 2007

Ch Legacy Summer’s Gone ROM X Ch Ballyhoo Starlight Express

Seamus lived with his dads, Ross and Russ, after completing his championship, and until he passed. He was a happy, sweet soul with lots of spirit. Seamus was bred by Ann Leigh.

Owners: Bonney Snyder and Russ Landis

NEW OPEN REGISTRY MEMBERS
November 7, 2007

The Open Registry is a joint project of SCWTCA-sponsored research at NC State University, University of PA and the University of Guelph (Canada). Its purpose is to publish information on confirmed cases of genetic diseases in Wheatens and to maintain health and genetic records for SCWTCA-sponsored research. Dr. Meryl Littman at Penn maintains the Registry at the request of SCWTCA.

Members of the Open Registry agree to forward pedigrees and medical data for all Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers they own, have owned or bred that may be affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease to the SCWT Open Registry, c/o Dr. Littman.

For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://www.scwtca.org/scwtopenregistry.html. If you would like to receive complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

William Auerbach
Anthony & Maureen Avella
George & JoAnn Barbeosch
Trish Bernhard
Stacy Cannan
Richard & Jean Carter
Susan Cull
Matthew Cullen
Tari Davis
Patricia Delonno
Shirley & Joan Denley
Mellissa Eggert
Ian & Jill Ellis
Bruce & Pam Epstein
Jeffry & Margaret Ford

Nancy Griffin
Carol Harracksinoff
Robert Hoak
Bob Jaichner
Hillel & Karen Kashtan
Lenora Klein
Alama Lally
Carmine & Shannon Lancelbotti
Jennifer LeFebvre
Mauricio Londono
Peter & Joan Maffetone
Robert & Michael Ouiimette
James & Barbara Schroeder
George & Jean Sieghardt
Daphne was purchased by us from Susan Sakauye in 1999 after retiring from life on the runway as a show dog. She produced the beautiful “Just Desserts,” “S’More Desserts,” and “Classic Peanuts” kids, and was awarded a ROM. She is perfectly proportioned, classically profiled, has a wonderful disposition and a hilarious way about her as she parades her independence of thought and action on a daily basis. She is magical, clever, sweet, comforting, empathetic, understanding, maddeningly independent and never forgets a slight—real or imagined. On a particularly busy day at our house we noticed her strutting down our lane towards our house. “Oh my God…how did she get out and where has she been?” Apparently she had taken it upon herself to go for her daily “duty walk” on her own…up our lane, turn right onto and down the sidewalk to the corner and around the corner to her grass “duty plot” and then back home she went. As if “what’s the big deal?” Her pace is slower but she continues to enjoy short walks, her beloved car rides, and napping. Her hearing is now gone, her eyesight failing, and she has good and not-so-good days.

We are unable to imagine anything or anyone that could take Daphne’s place in our lives and hearts.

Owners: Richard and Susan Traister

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LEKO
October 10, 1992

In 1999, we rescued Leko at the age of 6 1/2. His previous owner said he barked too much and was waking the baby. We took Leko for the weekend on a “trial basis.” He wound up needing surgery a week later for two herniated disks in his neck but Leko won us over in the first 5 minutes that he was with us and there was absolutely no way we could have ever decided we didn’t want him.

Leko is renowned for schmooging (rubbing his face and whole body on the sofa, carpet, or any available fabric surface), is affectionately called, “Leko the Licker” by our nephew, is addicted to belly rubs, walks, and treats. He’s been a welcoming big brother to many foster dogs over the years, and even manages to put up with our three cats. His eyesight and hearing are not that great anymore, but he still enjoys all of his favorite activities, just at a slower pace! We love you Leko!

Owners: Marc and Susan Getter

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CH WILDFLOWER COLUMBINE
September 20, 1993

Ch Legacy Wildwest Wildflower
X
Ch Wildflower Camellia

“We call her Grandma Crystal and she’s the best dog in the world!”

Owner: Bonney Snyder
CH LISSADELL CAJUN STAR  “STELLA”  
October 5, 1993

Ch Lissadell Ragin Cajun X Lissadell On Her Toes

Stella is our gold standard for the picture perfect Wheaten girly. She was Ginger to Kieffer’s Fred. She went where Kieffer went, except the water, and did it in style. She dances alone nowadays, but still dances to her own drummer. Wishing you many more birthdays, dear Stella Bella.

Owners: Jana Carraway and Jason Gretton

(Kieffer is pictured with Stella)

CH LEGACY CARAWAY WORTH THE GOLD, ROM  “REGAN”  
December 11, 1993

Ch Caraway Worth Your Thyme X Ch Legacy Clanheath Wildflower

As grand dam of the Caraway household, Regan’s job is to twice daily announce “Time to Eat – Feed Me!” Always a chowhound, we accuse Regan of loving food better than life itself.

All that is Caraway comes down from Cara through Worthy and Regan. She is a daughter of a male that we kept from our very first breeding in 1990. Regan’s grand dam, Ch. Bhan-Or Natural “E” Classic Cara (Cara), was our foundation bitch that produced only two puppies (both males) in her first and only litter. To carry on from our foundation, instead of a stud fee we asked for a puppy back, and got Regan, from one of Worthy’s breedings to Ch. Legacy Clanheath Wildflower.

Always owner-handled, Regan’s most notable wins were BOS Montgomery Kennel Club 1995 under breeder-judge Gwynne McNamara, BOS Hatboro 1996 under breeder-judge Gary Vlachos, and AOM MCKC 1996 under Anne Rogers Clark. Showing wasn’t Regan’s thing. She did so only to please us, for food or to flirt. Montgomery weekends 1995 and 1996 Regan was coming into season. As a result, she was convinced she was pretty cute and was determined to be noticed.

Today, in addition to announcing mealtime, Regan takes daily walks to fetch the morning newspaper and afternoon mail.

While all are not apparent in her registered name, Regan’s pedigree is a wonderful mix of Andover, Bantrybay, Gleanngay, Greentree, Legacy, Waterford and Wildflower. She reminds us how very fortunate we are to have had such a wonderful start in Wheatens. Barring a spell of Old Dog Vestibular Syndrome, a couple of bone spurs, and an Anterior Cruciate Ligament repair this year, “Reegie, Deggie, Do” is in good health. For that and the joy she brings to our lives, we give daily thanks.

Owners: Beth Verner and Betty Chapman

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to our seniors, 14 years or older...

CRANAGH’S MOONLIT ROMANCE, CD, CGC  “KIRA”  
December 22, 1993

Kira is our first Wheaten. She is now and always has been a rather laid-back one, judging by all other reports! This is not to mean that guests don't get a greetin', just a slightly more tame one. We have so loved her all these years. The kids were barely in kindergarten when she arrived and now one is off to college. She is so good around other dogs and those backyard bunnies. Actually trots tail wagging toward them. They just don't stick around to play! I don't think she knows she's a dog, let alone a Wheaten. She is in great health, sleeps a few hours extra now every morning. Doesn't always hear the doorbell, but Ian, her nephew, lets her know it rang. Everyone says they have the best dog, but I KNOW I do. Happy Birthday Kira!

Owners: Ray and Chris Szalko

CH RUNDAEL EARTH ANGEL  “RACHEL”  
May 26, 1991

Ch Hullabaloo Counterfeit Bill  X Ch Amaden Ballynacally Bryna

While her eyesight is not so keen and she is selectively deaf, she never misses a meal and is quick to remind you if it's just slightly past dinnertime. She has spent the last 7 years in the loving and devoted care of co-owner Mary Lanigan. Rachel's dam, Jody, lived to over 15 1/2 years. Rachel, besides being an endearing, devilish imp, was WB at the 1992 Roving Specialty in Louisville at the tender age of 9 1/2 months. In later years, although motherhood was not her calling, she produced Ch Rundael I'm No Angel, who quickly finished her championship in 9 shows along with a Group 4.

 Owners: Sue Poulin and Mary Lanigan

SHANDALEE HOT WAX  “CONNOR”  
August 3, 1993

Ch Amaden’s Leading Man  
X  
Shandalee Shining Star

Happy Fourteenth Birthday Connor!

You are the match for my husband as 'man' of the house. Thanks for all the Sundays you watch football together, raucously celebrating each touchdown.

You are the companion to the grandparents. Thanks for understanding they need a little less of your energy and a little more of your gentleness.

You are the shadow that never strays from my side. Thanks for being my best friend.

Co-owners: Henrietta Pesce and Sue Goldberg
Marjorie Shoemaker ...  
Ruminising About Casey

Our first Wheaten champion of record

Ch Abby’s Postage Dhu O’Waterford, ROM

Casey, pictured here at 7 months of age

I saw a photo of Gramachree’s Minuteman, and I wanted a Wheaten Terrier. In 1967, Dan and I went to the Wilmington KC dog show to look for SCWTs and - indeed - we found a few, in obedience at the time. This is where I met Father Tom O’Connor, Margaret O’Connor’s brother. This is where I met my first Wheaten Terrier. It was through Father Tom that I found my first and also my second Wheaten Terrier. We first got a little bitch pup we named Cully, from Marilyn Carens, in State College, PA who was “Irish-coated”. Unfortunately, she got out and was hit by a car, so we went back to Marilyn, and got our second Wheaten, Amber, (Cloverlane’s Connaught) when she repeated the breeding.

From that point on, we started adding to our collection, deciding that just one dog was not enough.

We were showing two dogs in Miscellaneous class, Ian Harrigan and Amber, where we met people like Charlie Arnold of Sunset Hill Wheatens, Bobbie Miller, (now of Max-well Norfolk fame), Jackie Gottlieb, Emily Holden and Carol Carlson, Gay Sherman, the Brownells, (from whom we got Dena) and others who are no longer active.

I was visiting Jackie, on Long Island, looking for a prospective mate for Amber, when I saw a litter of two male pups, and came home with one of them. Joan Friedman used the dam’s call name, “Abby”, and “Dhu” as her kennel prefix. We chose the name Abby’s Postage Dhu. The other pup was named Abby’s Dhune Buggy, for those of you who are into trivia.

It was about this time that we learned the AKC was ready to admit the Wheaten as a registered breed. While there were two camps at odds with each other, the trimmers and the non-trimmers, we all united in this great cause for celebration. The announcement of our acceptance was March 17, 1973 – St. Patrick’s Day! Our first eligible show weekend was the weekend of Montgomery County, Hatboro, Devon, and Somerset Hills Dog shows. Wow! What a debut date!

Everybody was scrambling around, taking handling classes, lining up professional handlers, trying different shampoos, and of course, “tidying” techniques. We were busy showing the gangly teenager, Casey as we called him, in Miscellaneous Classes throughout the summer. We were one of those trying different tidying techniques. We did line up Peter Green to show Casey for the big weekend. The catalogues for that weekend, have him listed as handler. The big day arrived – Hatboro, the first show of our debut weekend.

Ye Gods! Peter had a conflict in another ring! I walked into the ring with Casey, facing the big task. I don't really think I was expecting to do anything more than place in the class. After all, Casey’s big winning dad, Sweeney, was there and the venerable Cliff Hallmark was showing him. Mr. Kendrick would surely give him the nod. When it was all over, I looked down and saw that I had a purple ribbon. I was puzzled and a bit surprised. Omigosh! I have five points!

Oh wait; this is not Miscellaneous Class, any more. I have to go back in and fight it out with the girls. Here I was facing the top-winning Annie Sullivan, and a “surprise” newcomer, an import, Irish Champion Benmul Belma, handled by Peter. Emily and Carol of Amaden Wheatens had imported her. By this time, I was numb. I really don't remember much of anything, until I was outside the ring again, looking at that big beautiful purple and gold rosette. People were congratulating me, I think. Then a friend in Wolfhounds walked over to me, and she had tears streaming down her face. She hugged me, and congratulated me, and I remember I started crying.

The second day, Devon, was a different matter. Jackie will remember this! Mr. Loebe was going over the dogs in the open class. After going over Casey, he directed me to stand in the far corner. He went over a couple more dogs, then over Sweeney, and told Jackie to join me in the corner. We stood there with our dogs, chatting, and watching, as he sorted through the other dogs. We could tell he was having some difficulty picking. We think he got so involved that he forgot we were there and placed the class, leaving us out. He looked a bit surprised when he saw Jackie and me walk out of the ring.

Sunday was Montgomery, the world’s biggest terrier showcase. Wow! We took another five points, going BOS to Annie Sullivan!

Monday, at Somerset Hills, we went BOB, and to my utter astonishment, Casey became the first SCWT champion.
I remember spending the next year, looking at my dog at home, and wondering how this happened. And why did he continue to win BOB at dog shows? At home, Casey often alternated by being an adorable clown, and schlumping around the kitchen like an old shoe. How could this dog become the first champion? He was just such a goofy shmoo. It wasn’t until almost a year later that I really understood. Dan and I decided that he would show Casey at the next show, so I could step back and see what the dog looked like in the ring. Gay and I were standing ringside, chatting and watching the classes. Then the Specials walked into the ring, and I saw Annie walk in, followed by this striking dog. Who was this nice dog? I had never seen him before. I looked up at the handler of the dog and gasped when I saw Dan. My loveable shmoo had vanished and was replaced by this upstanding, showy creature!

Above and beyond the acclaim Casey brought, he was a charmer to live with. He loved a good laugh! If we laughed at his antics, he doubled his efforts to keep us laughing. He became famous with the locals because he “played the drums” with his front feet when he was excited about something. He was a gentleman in the house but could be a terror in the ring. He learned to dislike Kerry Blues early in his show career, and soon after, added Airedales to his list, followed by other breeds. These minor distractions made Casey a handful in the ring, but he was a great joy to live with. And he taught me a lot about the game of showing.

Joining Mikey, Mary Alice and Edie on Wisteria Ln......

**Casey catches Marjorie off guard at Haboro in 1975. The other dog is Ch Erinmore’s Gleanngay Charlie, shown by Gay (Sherman) Dunlap. Photo by Jackie (Luckenbaugh) Whitham.**

**Harbour Hill Perfect Housewife “Bree”**

Owned by Laura Tomooka

Breeder/Co-Owner: Susan Sakaye

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It's October, the leaves are turning, the competition turns keen…whoever said baseball and dog shows didn't have their similarities? Both offer Fall Classics…the World Series and the SCWTCA National Specialty at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in Blue Bell, PA.

This year, Chair Kathy McIndoe stepped up to the plate to deliver a “classic” National Specialty weekend. Her team…way more than nine!…hit home runs throughout the weekend.

As usual, Wheaten fanciers split on Thursday morning. Some stayed at our headquarters hotel in King of Prussia to hear a terrific presentation from Dr. Heidi Parker of Dr. Elaine Ostrander’s Laboratory at the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH about mapping the canine genome, what we can do to help and how we can benefit. Holly Craig organized the seminar and also will be providing a summary for a future Wheaten Health Newsletter, available on the SCWTCA website at www.scwtca.org.

Others headed out to Hatboro for the first adventures in showing in the heat and battling some sort of weird insects! Accommodating exhibitors and dogs, judge Jim White moved through a 93-dog entry as quickly as possible.

- WD from the 12-18 month class, Lovesong’s Dream Along with Me, owned/bred by Nona & William Mansfield and handled by Laura King.
- RWD to the 9-12 winner from Canada, Shorestone’s Passionate Legacy, owned/bred by Monika Brauer.
- WB & BW to the Open bitch, Greentree Trinity Follow Your Heart, owned/bred by Michelle & Raymond Serafin and handled by Bev McDonald of Greentree Wheatsens.
- RWB to Lovesong’s Hope and Dreams, littermate to the WD.

Onto the heart of the order! Hitting the first home run of the weekend for a BOB was CH Frolic’s Hoodoo the Voodoo, owned/bred by Cherie Turner and handled by Shari Carusi.

- BOS: CH Kaylynn’s Pistol Packin’ Mama, owned/bred by Kay Baird & Gwen Meyer and handled by Gwen.
- AOM: CH Lovesong’s Dance to the Beat, owned/bred by Nona Mansfield, co-bred by Laura Dienstbier and handled by Laura King.
- AOM: CH Banner Bada Bing, owned/bred by Pam & John Mandeville and Joyce & Rob Pisani, co-bred by Marc & Meryl Strassler, handled by Pam.

Back in King of Prussia, Thursday concluded with an Ask the Breeder Symposium organized by Elena Landa. Breeders Marjorie Shoemaker, Waterford, and Beverly McDonald, Greentree, answered questions and led a lively discussion. Hospitality followed, chaired and hosted by Lori Kromash.

Conflicts over, everyone headed back to Hatboro on Friday morning to see Don Munro, a Kerry Blue Terrier breeder from England, judge 116 Wheatens.

- WD to the Open dog, Reyem’s YukonGold, owned/bred by Kay Baird & Gwen Meyer and handled by Gwen.
- RWD also from Open, the Canadian dog, Pinehomes Seamus Walnut, owned/bred by Peggy Gale and handled by Crystal Murray.
- WB/BW: the 12-18 class bitch, Clanheath Wait Till the Midnight Hr, owned & bred by Gwynne McNamara, co-owned by Peggy & Steve Hellrung, handled by Tracy DeLoria.
Friday was ladies’ day as CH Doubloon’s Ultimate Player, owner-breeder-handled by Elena Landa was named BOB.

- BOS to CH Lovesong’s Dance to the Beat.
- AOM to CH Frolic Hoodoo the Voodoo.
- AOM to CH Katdancer EZ to Look At, owned & bred by Lee Martin, co-owned by Laura Steele and handled by Judy Hartell.
- AOM to CH Acacia’s Rosheen Hot Patootie, bred by Barbara & Ann Smith, Gerard Thompson & S. Wilson, owned by Melissa & Gail Lopez & Barbara Smith and handled by Melissa.

Friday night was the always-popular boutique, organized by Pat Bajoras and Sharla Walstrom. The dinner featured a first-time-ever continuous slide show presentation of our Award winners, created by Gerard Thompson. In addition to being a great opportunity to revisit the successes of our breed during 2006, the slide show and accompanying booklet helped the Annual Meeting end early!

During the Annual Meeting, it was announced that Nancy Butler was the AKC Sportsman of the year and Bonnie O’Connor, retiring club web mistress, was the recipient of the Jan Linscheid Award for her service to the club and breed. Outgoing President, Helen Moreland, recognized her fellow retiring Board members before turning the podium over to incoming President, Betty Chapman.

Friday started early with Obedience and Rally at the MCKC site. High Scoring Dog, as judged by Betsy Horn Humer, was CH Azlough Turn on The Charm CD RA AX MXJ, scoring 183.5 in Novice B, owned/handled by Susan McGee, owned/bred by Elaine & Bob Azerolo, co-bred by Elena Landa.

The entire Rally entry qualified:

- Carrick’s Rousing Courage, owned/bred by Pam Peckham.
- CH Gleenngay Millionaire CD RAE, owned by Sue & Bruce Peters, bred by Gay Dunlap.
- CH Azlough Turn On The Charm CD RA AX MXJ
- Star Of The Irish Mist CD OAJ OJP OAP NA RN, owned by Rob & Amy Crowel & Denise Daniel, bred by Denise Daniel & Billy & Debby Priest.
- Holweit’s Stancher CD RN owned by Dorice B Stancher, bred by Sylvia & Bill Hamilton.
- Wayland’s Bailey CD MX AXJ RN owned by Debbie Shew, bred by Patricia Meservey & Jane Logan.

The rookies came up to bat in Sweepstakes, judged by breeder Nancy Butler, Trigo Wheatens. (See her Critique on page 25)

- Best in Sweepstakes was a 9-12 month bitch, Eringlo Light My Fire, owned/bred by Cindy & Dennis Shea, co-owned by Elaine & Bob Azerolo and handled by Elaine.
- BOS was the 6-9 dog, Lontree Tuck & Caitty Dude It, owned/bred by Joy Layon, co-owned/handled by Bonney Snyder.

Divided loyalties had taken many to Devon on Saturday, where unfortunately the breed was judged at the same time as Sweepstakes. Out in Ludwig’s Corner, judge Dennis McCoy gave:

- WD to the Bred By dog, Aran the Better to Hear You With, owner-breeder handled by Shari Carusi, co-owned/bred by Holly Craig.
- WB and BW to the Open bitch, Ivywild’s Kedalee Ivy Too, owned/bred by Genie & Bob Kline, co-owned by Fay Taylor and handled by Tracy Deloria.
- RWD to the Bred By bitch, Kriskenny Perfect Tonic Cadence, owned/bred by Kristin Peterson & Sharon Morgan, co-owned by Beth & Doug Taylor and handled by Kristin.

Juggling the lineup from previous days, Mr. McCoy rewarded CH Lovesong’s Dance to the Beat with BOB and CH Kaylynn’s Pistol Packin’ Mama with BOS.

Did someone say “Fall” Classic? It was much more like a midsummer
day on Sunday at our National Specialty at MCKC where an entry of 154 greeted judge Edd Bivin. Mr. Bivin retained his cool throughout the sweltering day, making sure our less experienced exhibits showed to their best advantage.

- Dog winners were repeats from earlier days, with Winners going to Lovesong’s Dream Along With Me and Reserve to Pinehomes Seamus Walnut.

- The bitches were first time winners for the weekend from Open, with WB going to Kennally Faolin Ruadh, owned/bred by Fran Talbot, Susan Skaith & Kenna Kachel and RWB to the Canadian bitch Waverlyglen’s Access Denied, owned/bred by Jan Cunningham, co-owned and handled by Shari Robinson.

And then…time for the All-Stars to swing for the fences. By the afternoon, hot K9s, handlers and some fanciers were actually hoping the clouds would bring rain; how often does that happen at MCKC?

Mr. Bivin sorted through multiple groups of specials to find his BOB in CH Lovesong’s Dance to the Beat, owned/bred by Nona Mansfield, co-bred by Laura Dienstbier and handled by Laura King. “Kelli” is currently the #1 Wheaten, all systems, and a Best in Show winner.

BOS was CH Kaylynn’s Pistol Packin’ Mama for the third time during the weekend. Many remember “Minnie” as the bratty but cute 6-9 month old puppy who came oh-so-close in 2005.

Per Mr. Bivin, AOMs were awarded in no order, so alphabetically, they were:


- CH Doubloon’s Ultimate Player, breeder/owner handled by Elena Landa. Ch Lonestar’s Order of The Phoenix X Ch Doubloon’s Playing The Field.


- CH Marland’s In Style, bred by Martha Rowland, owned by his breeder and Tracy Deloria, handled by Dana Frady. Ch Lakkas Ustilago X Ch Paisley Pretty Please.

- CH Mariner’s Sundance Kid, breeder owned by Angie DeBruyn, handled by Peter Scott. Ch Balleymena’s Wild Wild West X Mariner’s Magical Moment.

Kathy and her far-flung and hard-working managers and coaches put on a World (class) Series of weekend events…in addition to those mentioned many thanks to:

- Robyn Alexander
- Roni Andrews
- Carol Carlson
- Jana Carraway
- Kathy Clarke
- Lynn Cone
- Ronnie Copland
- Nancy Draper
- Betsy Geertson
- Amy Havel
- Kayce Healy
- Andrea Jalensky
- Kenna Kachel
- Genie Kline
- Anna Marzolino
- Beverly McDonald
- Holly Million
- Helen Moreland
- Tom Neill
- Vicki Noah
- Mary Payton Noah
- Darcie Olson
- Mary Peltier
- Susan Ratliffe
- Willie Rueda
- Marjorie Shoemaker
- Christine Thorpe
- Pam and Bob Tinnelly
- Cherie Turner
- Jan Van Ness
And, From SCWTCA Sweeps
Judge Nancy Butler...

My goal in judging the 2007 Sweepstakes was to give each puppy a good ring experience. Unfortunately several very nice puppies were overwhelmed by travel or new experiences and could not be examined though they presented pleasing pictures prior to examination. Judging the 2007 Sweepstakes was a pleasure and heartfelt thanks to the exhibitors who entered. It is always difficult when Devon is the same day and especially when judging times conflict.

Overall, the bitches were considerably stronger than the males. Breeders need to take a strong look at their program and concentrate on hopefully producing some “drop dead” gorgeous boys. Bites were good but at least six entries needed teeth cleaning this should not occur in young dogs.

Best in Sweeps was won by Eringlo Light My Fire, bred by Dennis & Cindy Shea, owned by the breeders and Robert & Elaine Azerolo. She is sired by Ch Starlight Teasure Chest. Her dam is Ch Eringlo Cuddlebug.

In dogs several caught my eye. 6-9 Lontree Tuck Caity Dude It, who went on to Best Opp and 9-12 Cuileann I Got Something-Irish coated, upstanding. 12-15 Meirleac’s Never Ending Dream exuded breed type.

Bitches were a challenge. Many bitches were left out of the ribbons due to the depth of quality. 6-9 class (6 entries) Aisling Claddagh U2 Can Be Like Me- moderate, good color, presented well. My most difficult class to judge was 9-12 with 14 entries. 1st, Eringlo Light My Fire, never put a foot wrong, lovely outline and balance, expression and impeccably presented. 2nd, Kincora Roll The Dice- typey and showy, good color and coat, presented well. 3rd, Greentree Tabu Red Heels-great attitude, top line, head. 4th, Jendu Forbidden-moderate, lovely coat. This class was truly outstanding. The breeders and exhibitors should take great pride in this group of youngsters. 12-15 class (8 entries) Bendacht And The Award Goes To- moderate, top line and tailset good. 15-18 class (4 entries) All four were of excellent quality and I’m sure will finish easily. 1st, Glenamon A Star Is

Bjorn- moved with great reach and drive, lovely coat and head, a bit on the tall side but well-balanced.

Best In Sweepstakes to Eringlo Light My Fire- a joy to watch either standing or moving. Never let down and all the parts made a very balanced whole. Conditioned and presented to perfection. Best Opposite to the 6-9 puppy dog, a well trained puppy, very steady with great color, reach and drive. I will enjoy watching him mature. Thank your for the opportunity to judge these puppies!

Lots of homers, triples, doubles and some great singles too, for the weekend…no rainouts or rain delays…a few double plays and most of all, a Fall Classic to hold us over until MCKC 2008*

Ch Azlough Turn On The Charm CD RA AX MXJ was Highest Scoring Dog. Regular Classes, owner/handled by Susan McGee, co-owned and bred by Elaine & Bob Azerolo, co-bred by Elena Landa.

(And from Benchmarks, thanks to Sandra Hurd and Gerard Thompson and, of course, John Ashbey for the wonderful photos.)
The SCWTCA Endowment, Inc. announces the Breeders’ Challenge to benefit improved health among Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. The health of our Wheaten is of paramount importance to us all. Health Research is the key to a long and healthy life for our beloved show dogs and companions.

Our efforts target two worthy research projects, the Canine Phenome Project and the Siblings Pairs Study. (Both projects are under the care of Dr. Gary Johnson at the University of Missouri, Columbia.)

- The goal of the Canine Phenome Project is to assemble a resource consisting of DNA samples from a wide variety of dogs with well-characterized phenotypes and have it ready when the technology is ready. This will establish a DNA bank with supporting data for researchers to identify genes responsible for canine diseases and is now open to all Wheaten.
- The goal of Wheaten Siblings Pairs Study is to locate genes involved with PLE & PLN.

In an effort to shine light on these two significant research endeavors, SCWTCA and the SCWTCA Endowment have endorsed a unique fund-raising program: The Breeders’ Challenge.

Who will take up the Challenge? We invite and encourage all SCWTCA member breeders to contact the owners of Wheaten bred by them. We need as many as are able to contribute to this worthy cause. The SCWTCA Endowment is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Therefore, all donations are tax-deductible. A decal of a running Wheaten will be sent to donors that contribute $25.00 or more to the Challenge.

The SCWTCA Endowment has provided a template/form letter that breeders can personalize. It features a tear off contribution sheet that will include: the breeder’s name, a list of specific projects, including a general fund, and a list of available incentives. (The template is available to breeders as a Microsoft Word document.)

How can donations be made? Donations can be submitted as individual checks or in batches of checks. Donations will count towards the breeder’s total only if the breeder’s name and Breeders’ Challenge notation accompany the checks.

- Make all checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment in US funds only.
- Make notation on check indicating Breeders’ Challenge and the name of your breeder.
- Mail checks to:
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When should we begin? Now! The Challenge will run until December 31, 2008. The winner will be the breeder whose owners donate the combined largest amount of money. Breeders’ own donations do not count towards the winning amount.

The winner of the first Breeders’ Challenge will be notified in January 2009 and an award will be presented at the SCWTCA 2009 annual meeting. The first year’s award will be a head study painting of the breeder’s dog of choice created and donated by Darci Olson.

So get your Wheaten owners’ names and addresses … Ready! Set! Go!
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

AWARD WINNERS FOR 2006

The following awards were given out at the 2006 Montgomery County specialty:

Andover Challenge Trophy (Best of Breed)
Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life, owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman

Bryan E. McNamara Memorial Trophy (owner of 1st place, Bred by Exhibitor Bitch Class)
Kriskenny Perfect Tonic Cadence, owned by Beth & Doug Taylor, Kristin Peterson & Sharon Morgan

The following awards were given out at the Annual Meeting in October 2007:

Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award - Presented when deemed appropriate to a member of SCWTCA who has made an extraordinary contribution to the club and to the breed and who epitomizes the outstanding human qualities of Jan Linscheid.
Bonnie O’Connor

Best in Specialty Show Breeder Award
MCKC – Beth Verner, Betty Chapman and Gary Crawley for Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life

Best in Roving Specialty Show Breeder Award
Great Western Terrier, June 2006 – Beth Verner, Betty Chapman and Gary Crawley for Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life

Everett Keller Memorial Trophy (Breeder of Winners Bitch at Montgomery County KC)
Dee Boyd and Kathy Alverez for Shar-D’s Eire Regan O’Ruru

Mary Ann Dallas Award (Breeder of Best of Winners at Montgomery County KC)
Dee Boyd and Kathy Alverez for Shar-D’s Eire Regan O’Ruru

Maureen Holmes Memorial Trophy (Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes)
Sylvia & Bill Hamilton for Holweit’s What Ever Lola Wants

Ch. Abby’s Postage Dhu O’Waterford “Casey” Award (Wheaten who defeats the most Wheatens by going Best of Breed)
Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life, owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman, defeated 1,208 Wheatens

Ch. Amaden Trophy (Wheaten bitch who defeats the most Wheatens by going Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex)
Ch. Stratford Spice Girl, owned by Molly O’Connell, defeated 457 Wheatens

Best In Show Award
Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life, owned by Beth Verner & Betty Chapman
Hilton Head Island Kennel Club, March 11, 2006
Hilton Head Island Kennel Club, March 12, 2006
St. Clairsville Ohio Kennel Club, May 20, 2006
Hockamock Kennel Club, July 1, 2006
Providence County Kennel Club, July 29, 2006
Wachusett Kennel Club, August 18, 2006
Wachusett Kennel Club, August 19, 2006
Hatboro Dog Club, October 5, 2006
Hatboro Dog Club, October 6, 2006
Queensboro Kennel Club, October 27, 2006
Cheshire Kennel Club, November 9, 2006
Framingham District Kennel Club, November 11, 2006
Worcester County Kennel Club, December 3, 2006

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Junior Showmanship
Mary Payton Noah, handling CH Shar-D’s Happy Go Lucky Fella

Obedience Dog of the Year Award
Doubloon Last Lil’ Wise Guy, UD, AX, AXJ, OAP, OJP, owned by Linda Ruedy, with an average score of 193.7

High in Trial Award
Doubloons Last Lil’ Wise Guy, UD, AX, AXJ, OAP, OJP, owned by Linda Ruedy
   Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes, Terrier Association of Oregon, Jan. 19, 2006, score 197
   Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes & Highest Combined Score in OB and UA/UB, German Shepherd Dog Club
   of Oregon, May 27, 2006; score in Regular Classes 195 and combined 192.

Versatility Dog Award
   Ballybae Katie’s Uptown Girl CD, OA, AXJ, owned by William E. & Helen R. Gore
   Ch. Eringlo Alwaz An Angel NAJP, owned by Dennis M. & Cindy Shea
   Ch. Grian Annie O’Klee CD, RE, owned by Joanne & Larry Werth
   Ch. Heirloom Wish Upon A Star NA, NAJ, NAP, NAJP, owned by Patrice Chevalier & Robert Bergman
   Ch. Mil Mear’s Kaleidoscope CD, RN, owned by Monica & Bruce Kipp
   Ch. Trebol Top Billing NA, NAJ, owned by Carol H. Crouch & Guillermo Rueda

Ch. Gleanngay Holliday “Doc” Award (Top Sire for the year, with minimum of 5 champion get,
   Breeder/owner must be a SCWTCA member)
   Ch. Bryr Rose Degas ROM, owned by Jeanne Ferris, produced 11 champions.
   Ch. Bryr Rose Les Nymphes
   Ch. Bryr Rose Red Ryder
   Ch. Bryr Rose Les Trois Saules
   Ch. Caraway Dancin’ Dali O’Darby
   Ch. Caraway Going for Baroque
   Ch. Chermar’s Riley Ben David
   Ch. Doubloon’s Finger Painting

Register of Merit (ROM) (Sires with at least 15 champion get and dams with at least 8 champion get)
   Ch. Bonney Midnight Spice Dreams ROM, co-owned by Tom & Darcie Olson & Bonney Snyder
   Ch. Bonney American Patriot
   Ch. Bryr Rose Petal Pusher
   Ch. Caraway Celebrate Life
   Ch. Caraway Circle of Life
   Ch. Caraway Spirit of Life
   Ch. Doubloon Erindale Once Again
   Ch. Greentree Gleanngay Feelings
   Ch. Lechaun’s Just a Whisper

   Ch. Bryr Rose Degas ROM, owned by Jeanne Ferris
   Ch. Ballybae Katie’s Una
   Ch. Birchbank Talli Twofeathers
   Ch. Bonney Paint Your Waggin
   Ch. Bryr Rose Lasting Impression
   Ch. Bry Rose Les Nymphes
   Ch. Caraway Dancin’ Dali O’Darby
   Ch. Chermar’s Riley Ben David
   Ch. Caraway Going for Baroque
   Ch. Clanheath Crimson ‘N Clover
   Ch. Doubloon’s Finger Painting
   Ch. Doubloon Azlough Watercolor
   Ch. Dundalk The Painter’s Son

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Happy Jack Memorial Award (Given to the dogs who earn an AKC CD, CDX, UD, and/or UDX)
9 Wheatens earned a CD, 1 Wheaten earned a CDX, and 1 Wheaten earned a UD

Ch. Acacia’s Some Like It Hot CD, owned by Betsy Geertson & Guillermo Rueda
Ballybae Banshee’s Limeric UD, owned by Helen R. & William E. Gore
Ballybae Katie’s Uptown Girl CD, owned by Helen R. & William E. Gore
Burch’s Rugby of River Woods CD, owned by Stephen P. & Cherie A. Burch
Galen’s El Tovar CD, owned by Penelope Smith
Goldkist Jellybean O’Toole CD, owned by Cheryl Demallie & Bruce Goldsmith
Ch. Grian Annie O’Klee CD, owned by Joanne & Larry Werth
Maggie Mae CD, owned by Robin & Robert J. Stoudt
Star of the Irish Mist CD, owned by Robert & Amy Crowel & Denise Daniel
Von Reh’s Ozzy Odin CD, owned by Joyce Rienzo
Wheatworth Come On Over CDX, owned by Agnes Poilucci

SCWTCA Rescue Family of the Year
Justin and Sondra McFadden

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Medallion (Given to individual who deserves special recognition in the sport of purebred dogs, embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and has been an active and valued member of an AKC member club).

Nancy Butler

There were no qualifying winners for the Harry Blair Memorial Award.

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Congratulations to the winner of the Maureen Holmes Trophy, awarded to the Canadian-bred Wheaten who placed the highest at the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada Specialty on August 24th

Ch Wheatnbrook’s Celtic Prince
(Ch Wheatnbrook’s Irish Impulse x Ch Wheatnbrook’s Dublins Dream)

Ch Wheatnbrook’s Celtic Prince was Best in Sweepstakes under Beverly MacDonald and Best of Breed at the Canadian Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada Specialty under judge Gary Vlachos.

“Winston” was bred by Kristen Williams, Wallaceburg ON and is owner-handled.

A donation to the AKC/Canine Health Foundation was made by the donors, Emily Holden and Carol Carlson in the name of the owner and the dog.
Ch Marland’s In Style

Sire: Ch Lakkas Ustilago     Dam: Ch Paisley Pretty Please

“Styles” is pictured with Dana Frady winning an Aware Of Merit at Montgomery County Kennel Club, SCWTCA National Specialty, 2007. He was Winners Dog at MCKC in 2006.

Our appreciation to judge Edd E Bivin!

A personal note of thanks to Dana Frady for all she has done for the breed, “Styles” and for us, Martha and Tracy.

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It all began with a simple phone call. A group of dog show enthusiasts decided it was time to start a course of “lessons” for potential junior handlers in our region of the country, Cape Breton Island. Our advertising and media promotion brought the phone call. A mom asked if it would be possible for her 11-year-old daughter, Sara, to join. There was just one snag…Sara was in a manual wheelchair. Apparently, Sara loved dogs and was really interested in getting involved. Of course, I said yes, we would love to have her, before I began to think of how this would work out. After all, my background as a paediatric nurse and an owner-handler seemed the perfect fit to help Sara.

At our first class, we met the first of many, many challenges. It was January. Snow, slush and mud coated the unpaved parking lot, there was no handicapped parking spot and the building had two steps to navigate. However, these obstacles were met with ease and we were introduced to Sara. She is a typical 11-year-old girl with the most beautiful smile you have ever seen. We were hooked on making this work!!

The next challenge was finding a dog that was the correct size and temperament. The dog had to be able to walk beside the chair without fear and handle the turns on the corners without backing up or getting in the way. My Wheaten Terrier, Ch. Dunfrae’s Classy Lady, aka Molly, rose to the occasion. Now the real challenge arose…to figure out how to put all of this together to get Sara and Molly working together effectively in the ring.

I really did not anticipate much of a problem getting literature and resources so I began my search. Much to my dismay there was absolutely nothing helpful on the Internet. I moved from that approach to contacting people I was sure could help me. Again I met with roadblocks and many ‘naysayers; i.e., those who said it had never been done before and thus could not be done at all. That sort of attitude is just like waving a red flag in front of a bull! And fortunately, I did get responses from some positive and helpful people; the one who stands out is Lee Steeves, our CKC representative. She was always just an email away and responded in a positive way no matter how frustrated I became with the attitudes of those less encouraging.

During this frustrating time I continued to work with Sara and Molly and, in spite of our lack of knowledge, the team progressed. Meanwhile, the bond between these two became stronger and stronger. I spent many a night and day pondering how Molly’s leash could be attached to the chair and still allow Sara the needed flexibility for her arms, how Sara could gait Molly without wearing herself out, how the two of them could master the corners, and how to help Sara stack Molly without falling out of her chair! We tried approach after approach. Some worked. Others were dismal failures.

Eventually I managed to beg, cajole, whine enough to persuade Harding Medical Supplies to at least see Sara and perhaps come up with an idea for an adaptor for her chair that could hold the leash. They were very negative prior to the visit but once they saw Sara and Molly their attitudes changed and the next two hours were spent brainstorming and trying different approaches…and at no charge! What wonderful people!

At the time of this writing, Sara has been in three shows. I have to say that when she and Molly entered the ring at the Prince Edward Island show (her first) I held my breath. She stopped at the gate, looked at me, clearly terrified. Then she squared her shoulders and she and Molly wheeled into the ring. There was a total hush over the audience as all stopped to marvel at the pair in the ring.

No, she and Molly did not come in first as far as ribbons went, but she certainly came in first in our eyes. She has been in two more shows and has improved with each show. In her third show, she was first in Intermediate Novice and then got Reserve Best Overall. It was amazing to see the row of juniors cheering her on from outside the ring. To sum it all up, as one of the 11-year-old Juniors stated, “It gives me goose bumps to see her in there and it sure makes you appreciate how easy it is when you can use your legs.”

Our classes have started again and Sara and Molly, once more are back together. The adapter is not perfect. It is just a start. Sara has an appointment with her team at the paediatric hospital in

There was not a dry eye in the place!

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Warm weather and crystal blue Colorado skies welcomed visitors to the 2007 Denver Specialty Weekend. Once again the Specialty show was held at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado. With a Sweepstakes start time of 8 am on Friday, the pace of activity in the grooming area was in high gear at a very early hour. Our hospitality chairs, Ed and Barbara Dash, were set up bright and early to get the exhibitors and guests fueled for the morning activities with juice and coffee and an assortment of fruit, pastries and other breakfast goodies.

A beautiful lineup of 25 puppies and junior dogs were presented to our Sweepstakes Judge, Kathy Clarke. The Best in Sweeps and Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps winners received hand crafted Wheaten frames. Following Sweeps, Judge Robert J. Shreve was presented with an outstanding entry of 45 dogs and bitches on which Linda had painted pictures of our favorite breed. An auction of the beer baskets generated over $400 that was donated to the AKC – CHF Genetic Research Fund.

On Saturday, the Denver Wheaten Club was pleased to host the first Canine Phenome Project DNA Collection Clinic. During the clinic, blood samples were collected from 34 Wheaten Terriers for delivery to our research team at the University of Missouri. The SCWTCA, the SCWTCA Endowment Fund and the Genetic Research Fund supported this project by underwriting a portion of the costs. Thanks go to Molly O’Connell for spearheading this effort and to Stan and Jinx Moore for hosting the clinic in their motor home.

The Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club would like to thank all of you who joined us in Greeley for our Specialty weekend. It was a weekend of fun, friends and beautiful dogs. We hope to see you all again next year!

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

RAISIN AND GRAPE TOXICITY IN DOGS

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but....

Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1/1 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM. The BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At this point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care. He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on three different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. His urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This was a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes can be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handlers. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

Laurinda Morris, DVM
Danville Veterinary Clinic
Danville, Ohio

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November and Molly and I will be attending so the OT's can begin another round of brainstorming to improve the adaptive device. In class, Sara needs to work on baiting and positioning on the diagonal among other goals.

Keep your eyes out if you are going to any shows in the Maritimes. You may well see Sara and Molly in the ring. You will know her by her beautiful smile. And, of course, you will know Molly by her Wheaten beauty!

I hope this will encourage others to work with Juniors who may have to overcome special challenges to do what others do naturally. Look around for the dog-loving kids who may need extra help. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance. My email address is Elizabeth_buffett@cbu.ca.

I want to give special thanks to some of the people who supported me in my quest to make this work; the members of our junior handling (conformation) classes ('teachers' and kids), Lee Steeves and my husband, Doug, who had to listen to all my rants when people said it can't be done. Without this support, I don't know if I would have persisted. ☞

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I want to give special thanks to some of the people who supported me in my quest to make this work; the members of our junior handling (conformation) classes ('teachers' and kids), Lee Steeves and my husband, Doug, who had to listen to all my rants when people said it can't be done. Without this support, I don't know if I would have persisted. ☞

RAISIN AND GRAPE TOXICITY IN DOGS

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but....

Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1/1 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM. The BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At this point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care. He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on three different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. His urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This was a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes can be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handlers. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

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For many years veterinarians had recommended neutering companion animals at 6 months. Then we began to hear of neutering even younger animals. Indeed, many breeders were urged to perform the surgery before placing puppies in their permanent homes. I could never quite go along with that idea; it seemed to me that it was important to allow maturation to take place under normal hormonal circumstances. So I've always recommended that my little bitches be allowed to have a first season, and that little dogs be at least 6 months old. Friends who adopted from humane societies had incontinence problems with spayed bitches. My rationale was this: if I couldn't trust these people to keep the puppies safe, why would I want to let them have the puppies in the first place?

At the AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference, Dr Peggy Root Kustritz, DVM, PhD, DACT discussed the pros and cons of surgical sterilization, and determining optimum age for gonadectomy. This was the “easiest” topic covered, so I feel very comfortable sharing the essence of her presentation. We all know the societal benefits of neutering. 56% of dog litters are unplanned, likewise 68% of cat litters, with the consequential pet overpopulation and relinquishment. Medically, we are aware of the benefit to bitches in regard to mammary cancer. For males, it eliminates the possibility of prostatic hypertrophy, a cancer of low morbidity.

Aside from obesity, which the owner can control, there are medical detriments. There is an increased risk of prostatic carcinoma, which is high morbidity, and of osteosarcoma, and hemangiosarcoma, plus the possibility of cruciate ligament injury. This is particularly true in larger breeds.

She recommended a case by case evaluation of males, since the behavior patterns of intact males can be a large factor, and so the societal benefits must be weighed against the medical consequences. In females, the dangers of pyometra, breast cancer, coupled with the esthetics of owning a bitch in season, must be weighed against urinary incontinence, which can be controlled with estrogen, and the possibility, especially in larger breeds of an increased risk of some carcinomas and cruciate ligament injury.

Most important in making the decision to neuter is real knowledge of the owner. In females where long, frequent seasons make the animal prone to mammary tumors, spaying should be done before the first estrus, but never before 3 months of age. All this science and we are back to the conventional 6 months. Of course, maturity varies from breed to breed and with individuals within a breed, so this breeder hasn’t changed her mind. And unfortunately there are so many vets out there who insist on castrating 4 and 5 month old males, despite a breeder’s best advice. ♦
CH BRYR ROSE DEGAS, ROM

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MICROALBUMINURIA
Clinical Use in Evaluation of Renal Disease

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What is the Microalbuminuria (MA) Test?
• It measures previously undetectable levels of species specific albumin (1-30 mg/dl) in urine.
• A “positive” MA is an abnormal finding in urine resulting from either reversible or irreversible damage to the glomerular, tubular or vascular portions of the kidney. This finding may be defined as transient, persistent or progressive.
• This test is very sensitive and specific for urine albumin, and is much more sensitive than other urine protein tests (urine dipstick or P:C ratio) which are “macro” protein tests detecting overt proteinuria.
• The MA test has been known as the Heska ERD (Early Renal Detection) test, but that name can be somewhat misleading (see below).

Why Use MA in Patient Evaluation
• In human medicine, the presence of MA in diabetic patients has been useful in predicting impending kidney disease (Diabetic Nephropathy) and potential renal failure. It also appears useful in evaluation of people susceptible to strokes and heart attacks (detects early endothelial blood vessel injury).
• Early studies in animals suggested the persistent presence of MA in dogs and cats could be a consistent identifier of renal damage and an early predictor of future renal failure; however, this has not proven to be true in many cases and additional studies are being conducted.
• Further studies have shown that 20-25% or more of older animals have MA but only a fraction of those develop renal failure (5-10%). Most patients with persistent or progressive MA have underlying systemic disease that may lead to kidney damage or possible sub clinical renal injury at the time of diagnosis.
• The presence of MA (persistent or progressive) is absolutely an abnormal finding and can be very useful and helpful clinical information making the MA a very good screening test. This test is a marker for glomerular, tubular and or vascular kidney injury as well as systemic blood vessel (endothelial cell) injury.

Limitations with Current Evaluation for Chronic Renal Disease
• Chronic Renal Failure is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in older pets.
• Canine prevalence:
  • 3% of Dogs 10-15 years
  • 6% of Dogs >15 years
• Feline prevalence:
  • 8% of Cats 10-15 years
  • 16% of Cats >15 years
• Beyond a certain point of kidney damage, the disease appears to be progressive with a similar outcome (end stage renal failure); however, not all patients with kidney damage will progress to renal failure.
• Current tests are relatively insensitive and by the time renal insufficiency is detected by an increased serum creatinine the disease is already end stage.
• The goal is to separate treatable early renal disease from irreversible and progressive renal failure, and the MA test may help determine which patients may be prone to developing progressive kidney disease.

Utility of MA as a Screening Test
• The MA test is a screening test and a positive result does not diagnose a specific underlying condition. Further patient assessment and follow up is required.

Transient MA must be differentiated from persistent or progresive MA
• MA is significantly abnormal when the urine sediment is benign (no evidence of inflammation or infection).
• A positive result is declared persistent or progressive when 2 or more MA tests are positive over a > 2 week time period.
• The reason for the MA may not be apparent on routine physical or other lab findings.
• A persistent or progressive MA indicates ongoing renal injury or renal changes due to either primary renal disease or possible systemic diseases that have been found to cause MA.
• Diabetes Mellitus
• Cushing’s Disease
• Hypertension
• Hyperthyroidism
• Chronic inflammation or infections (Periodontal disease, Heartworm, etc.)
• Neoplasia

Note: One potential mechanism of chronic renal failure (glomerulonephritis) may result from immune complex formation associated with chronic infections and inflammation.

There have been anecdotal reports of animals with periodontal disease having positive MA reverting to negative MA following a dentistry and treatment. These are interesting examples of the potential utility of MA screening.
• Small amounts of proteinuria can be very significant.
• Polzin reported that dogs with renal disease and Urine P:C ratio >1.0 had a much greater chance of uremic renal failure and death than animals with no macro protein detected.
• Anecdotal reports indicate cats with renal disease and positive MA have a much more progressive disease and early mortality.
• Persistent protein in the urine not only is a marker for underlying renal disease or damage, but the protein can actually cause further renal injury.
• Detection, evaluation, and treatment of patients with persistent protein in the urine will have potential long-term benefits to kidney health.

Concerns associated with use of Microalbuminuria Screening
• Because of the very sensitive nature of the MA test, there is concern that many results will lead to unnecessary worry and additional testing.
• Up to 24% of all dogs can be positive
• Positive MA results can be transient with no apparent cause.
• Due to previous test name (ERD), there was a misunderstanding that a positive test meant early renal disease, which is not true in most cases.

BOTTOM LINE: THE MA TEST IS AHEAD OF OUR KNOWLEDGE
In some patients, the reason for persistent MA may not be obvious, even after a thorough workup. This had led to some confusion in its value. However, based on newer information and increasing interest in this test from many nephrologists, it is now considered an important screening test for renal damage.

Recommendations for Use of Microalbuminuria
• In using the MA test, clinicians need to consider there are 2 types of patients:
  • Those patients not at low Risk:
    • Young, healthy animals - in these patients a positive MA means performing another urinalysis 1-3 months later unless other concerns are present.
    • Those patients at Risk:
      • Older patients: Dogs >6 and Cats >8 years of age
      • Patients with a known or expected history of kidney disease
The Essence of Breed Type
by Cindy Vogels

Essence - “the intrinsic nature of something; the quality which determines something’s character” (Oxford University Press)

The essence of breed type can be defined as how the various parts of a dog come together with the requisite temperament to make a breed unique.

Part 5 - Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Movement

The final installment of my series of articles on the Essence of Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier type is devoted to movement. This will not be a primer on dog movement as there are excellent books devoted to the subject. I highly recommend: MacDowell Lyon, The Dog in Action, Rachel Paige Elliot, Dogsteps, Gilbert & Brown K-9 Structure and Terminology and Brown, Curtis, Dog Locomotion and Gait Analysis.

As an expression of the sum of all parts, movement is an integral part of breed type. In addition to structure, temperament and condition also play major roles in how dogs move. While proper structure cannot be downplayed, too often we only look at bones and forget that it is the muscles and their attachments that contribute to make canine athletes.

Often, beautifully structured dogs do not move particularly well because they are lacking in muscle development. On the other hand, sometimes extremely athletic dogs move well, making up for structural weaknesses.

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier movement is not complicated. Knowledgeable dog fanciers consider side gait first and are willing to forgive minor faults coming and going when side gait is acceptable. So, it’s important to look at movement from the side first.

Ours is a moderate, square breed, so, at the trot, from the side, we should look for reach and drive, but not the tremendous “opening up” of rectangular sporting dogs. In other words, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers shouldn’t be built like Golden Retrievers so they shouldn’t move like them either. When fully extended, front feet should reach the nose and there should be equal extension behind. Balance is extremely important for endurance, so neither front nor rear should overpower one another.

As dogs trot, the rear foot reaches underneath propelling the body forward. There should be good flexion at the hock joint. Ideally, the opposite front leg reaches out equally creating a smooth, effortless gait. When moving correctly, dogs retain their silhouettes, head held high and a bit forward, back level, tail high.

Rear propulsion is a product of a flat croup which creates the requisite high tailset with ample “butt behind,” equal length of first and second thighs, and the angles created by their connection. There should be good flexion at the hock joint. Correct reach is attained by a combination of the equal length of shoulder, and forearm and the angle formed at their junction. Angulation will not be the classic 45 degrees, and in fact, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers should not have the extreme sweep behind, nor the prominent keel in front commonly seen in many Sporting and Working breeds.

When dogs lack rear angulation the rear leg does not reach under the dog, so the resulting gait is mincing, covering little ground. This can be easily assessed by watching the front and rear feet meet under the dog while trotting. Ideally, they should come together; the rear foot will not overstep the front, nor will there be a gap between them.

It is common to see overangulation in the rear have a negative
When coming and going, legs should move straight forward. As speed increases, there is a natural tendency for legs to converge on a center line, but this should never be confused with moving close or crossing front or rear. Common faults seen in rear movement are hocks that do not flex and/or point in or out, and feet that point in or out. Coming towards you, front faults include elbowing out, and toes pointing in or out. It should be noted that poor feet (flat with splayed toes) cause a flipping motion of the feet that can be seen from the side and front.

Flowing coat presents an added challenge when assessing Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier movement and breeders must accustom their eyes to see beneath the coat. Have a capable handler move your dogs for you, and if necessary, wet them down in order to assess their gait accurately. I also recommend that you go to the dog show and watch other breeds. Of course, our closest cousins, Kerry Blues, provide good models. But also, try watching Dobermans. Although they are not exactly the same structurally as Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, they are a square, moderate breed. Another interesting exercise is comparing the English versus the American Cocker Spaniels. The English Cocker standard specifically calls for moderation and directs that they should move at moderate speed. In general, understanding movement in other breeds will enhance your knowledge of proper gait for the Soft Coated Wheaten.

This concludes my series of articles on the Essence of Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier type - Silhouette, Head, Coat/Color, Temperament and Movement. Dogs are the sum of their parts, and it behooves breeders to be aware of the nuances of detail, which create proper breed type. But, while it is necessary to assess the various components comprising the essence, we must always look at the whole dog when seeking that illusive perfection. 

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**Microalbuminuria** continued from page 40

- Young patients with an inheritable risk of kidney disease
- In those patients at risk, a single positive MA in urine (with a benign urine sediment) means the patient should be further evaluated for systemic disease or occult renal disease.
- As a follow up, it is then recommended:
  - See the patient in 2-4 weeks for a re-check
  - If positive again, define the results as persistent or progressive.
  - Persistent or progressive MA correlates well to the presence of renal lesions.
- If you have a positive more than 2 weeks apart with negative urine sediment, there is a likelihood of underlying systemic or renal disease.
- Continued monitoring of urine and serum chemistries on a regular basis (every 3-6 months depending on age) to monitor for persistence or progression.
  - If the MA is > 30mg/dl, do a P:C ratio for overt proteinuria

**Important Points in MA Interpretation:**

- Studies have show ~50% of animals with persistent positive MA will be found upon further workup to have active underlying non-renal systemic disease.
- Chronic inflammatory systemic immune complex disease may lead to glomerulonephritis.
- Approximately 30% of patients with persistent or positive MA are suspected of having primary renal disease. However, not all renal disease patients will progress to renal failure.

**What Is the Value of the MA Test?**

- MA can help to identify those patients that have potential significant renal lesions and progressive renal disease prior to kidney failure (early detection).
- MA is a perfect test for wellness and preventative health screens.
- MA can help stimulate looking for underlying (hidden) disease.
- MA screens can help your practice to promote dentals
- Nephrologists support the value of MA screens.
- MA is a classic screening test: sensitive to the potential presence of both overt kidney disease and asymptomatic disease, but is not a specific diagnostic test: Additional work up is required to determine an underlying cause.

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