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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FALL 2019

Submitted by **Lana Campbell**



LANA CAMPBELL

IT HAS been a busy and exciting summer for us with two litters of puppies born just three weeks apart. I know, what was I thinking?!!

Before my summer job of puppy nanny started, Jack and I were able to get to a couple of June dog shows. We had a wonderful dinner and visit in Regina with Alan & Carolyn Fox, Barb Osborne & Mike Dumelie, Margaret Stewardson & June Fraser (see photo top right).

On the SCWTAC election front, we have received nominations for most of the available positions. We still need members to come forward for the positions of Secretary and President, as well as a Director for Manitoba. Our club can only grow and develop new ideas and strategies with the involvement of new members. Please consider lending your talents to the Executive/Board of Directors.

Ballots will be included in this issue to vote on the final changes to the **Procedures Document (Sections 11-15)**. This will complete the updates to our **Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Procedures Document**. I would like to sincerely thank the committee members who have worked on these updates for their time and diligence. We are now positioned to go forward with documents that reflect changes in technology and science over the last decade. **Ballots also be included for**

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Section 2 - Board of Directors. At our last Board meeting we discussed the addition of a **Register of Merit program** for member-owned Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers to be recognized for their contributions to the breed as breeding stock. We discussed various parameters for numbers of conformation champions for both Sires and Dams to attain this prestigious designation. Also discussed was whether there should be a versatility program or whether performance titled dogs should also be part of the ROM program. Member input is welcome, please direct any comments to either myself or Dianne Mackie.

The BC LSC is working hard on their plans for the upcoming Nat'l Specialty on **September 26**. Well known breeder judge Sue Goldberg will be officiating. Don't delay making your plans to attend! Award sponsorships are all taken, catalog ad space is available! Information on all the festivities is online at **scwtac-bc.ca**. **Our AGM happens before the dinner.** Hope to see many of you there!

That's all from me, I'm back to puppy snuggles and sweet puppy breath for the next few weeks until everyone is off to their new homes and adventures.

Yours in Wheatens, Lana

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Submitted by **Dianne Mackie**

HIGHLIGHTS OF MINUTES FROM SCWTAC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S TELECONFERENCE MAY 26, 2019 Full minutes available by request.

Members in Attendance: Lana Campbell, Sylvia Hamilton, Linda Martin, Dianne Mackie, Katia Lemay, Peggy Gale, Lorene Jones, Barb Osborne, Cheryl Werner. Regrets: Cheryl House, Eileen Olensky, Jacquie Holowka, Teresa Gustafson.

Wags Report: Great response from Members with submissions for Summer *Wags* as we are celebrate CKC's Top Wheatens for 2018. Directors all met May 1st deadline. Thank you, everyone! It really helps to have reports in on time.

Barb offered to be 'Roving Reporter' for Montgomery

SCWTCA National Specialty. For the B.C. National Specialty Brochure, Lana will work with Teresa and is hoping members will submit good photos.

MOTION 2019-4 by Peggy Gale, seconded by Dianne Mackie, that the final edits to Sections 11 to 15 of Procedures Document be approved by Board. All present in favour.

Elections Positions on the Board and Executive are ideally 2 year terms, though it is sometimes difficult to fill positions. Lana, Cheryl W., Eileen and Peggy are in their third 2-year terms, while Dianne and Barb are in their second 2-year terms. A note of this will be added to *Wags* to encourage new candidates.

Cheryl and Kevin Werner will audit 2017 and 2018 club finances when documents are received. Katia Lemay was welcomed to the Board by Lana and thanked for representing Quebec Members on short notice.

Trophies Article written by Priscilla Tims on history of the Maureen Holmes Trophy will be in Summer *Wags*. Trophy could be retired or continued if we have a new sponsor. Board feels it would be worthwhile to continue with this Trophy. Request in *Wags* for a new sponsor.

MOTION 2019-5 by Sylvia Hamilton, seconded by Linda Martin, that the next 3 issues of 2019 *Wags* be sent as a pdf, as well as hard copy, to all Members. Sylvia will send pdf in addition to the hard copies. All present in favour.

Archiving New home needed for approximately 18 file sized boxes of *Wags* and SCWTAC Archives. Dianne has stored these for more than six years and enjoyed having the opportunity to read the old *Wags* back to the '70s. She would now like to give another member the opportunity to read and safely store this information which documents the history of our Club and Wheatens in Canada. Discussion regarding scanning documents electronically and storing on website.

It was suggested we keep documentation, minutes, correspondence etc. for seven years.

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Register of Merit Program (*presently under discussion*). Lana researched breeds similar to ours which had ROM programs and produced a proposal for our Club. **This is a Breed Club program, not a CKC initiative.** Wheatens from past, present, future would be eligible. A Versatility Award could include Performance Titles.

Proposed: The SCWTAC Register of Merit recognizes Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers who have contributed to the advancement of the breed in Canada, through their demonstrated ability to conform to the breed standard and by producing quality offspring.

Eligibility

1. The SCWT must be bred by or owned/co-owned by a member of the SCWTAC. If the dog is not currently owned by a SCWTAC member it must have been during the time of breeding/whelping.
2. Offspring must be Canadian or American bred (in the case of a member residing in the US) and titles may be Canadian or American champions of record.

3. ROM Sire – a dog must have produced a minimum of 8 conformation champions.
 4. ROM Dam – a bitch must have produced a minimum of 5 conformation champions.
 5. All titles must be confirmed by providing the Championship certificates and Registration forms confirming parentage, along with the application form to the secretary of the SCWTAC.
 6. The listing of the new ROM recipients will be confirmed each year at the SCWTAC AGM and posted on the club website at www.scwtac.com
- Maureen Holmes Trophy:** We are pleased to announce that Cheryl House has offered to sponsor this award starting, in 2020.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FALL 2019

Submitted by **Lana Campbell**

Membership numbers as of August 1, 2019 are as follows:

Regular Members -----	95
Associate Members -----	22
Lifetime Members -----	2
Breeders List -----	38
(households)	
Households -----	75

I would like to welcome new members Andrew & Claire Papierz of Ontario, and Natasha Mousseau also of Ontario to the SCWTAC. These families are new owners of puppies from Peggy Gale! Welcome and we look forward to hearing all about you and your Wheatens in this and upcoming issues of *Wags!* I would like to thank the Papierz family for

their donation accompanying their membership dues.

I have also heard from a lady who has imported an Irish coated SCWT boy from Ireland, who is interested in showing and joining our club.

The SCWTCA has reported that they are working on three new health projects for Wheatears that the Board will investigate supporting with our donated funds. They are being developed by Dr. Paula Henthorn at U Penn Veterinary School and will research additional information on both PLE and PLN.



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Regional Director reports reflect our SCWTAC Club members. They include news, photos, articles, ads, senior's reports, notable achievements in any dog activity or sport, and more. Please contact your Regional Director if you have anything you want included in the next edition of *Wags*. From West to East:



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Submitted by **Teresa Gustafson, DIRECTOR**

THE WEST COAST is well into summer as this is being written and I am happy to report relatively smoke free so far.

CONFORMATION NEWS

Penny and John Rogers are happy with a recent Best in Show for their boy



Oban. Oban was awarded the win at the Victoria Club show in June. Oban is now eligible for the Veteran class and he just keeps getting better like his fine whiskey namesake!

Yan Zavelion's kennel had a new litter of five. His show

pick is a little gal named Emmy. We look forward to seeing how she does in the ring.

SCWTAC National Specialty: We are almost to the **SCWTAC National Show**

on Sept. 26. This show is held under the auspices of the Mt. Cheam Canine Association All Breed Shows, September 26 -29

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in Chilliwack, BC. Specialty dinner tickets and auction items are available on the BC LSC website at www.scwtac-bc.ca. Thank you for your support!

SPORTY NEWS by Laurel Brunke: My 3 year old Ruairí and I have found a new kind of fun - the CKC Sprinter Test. The Sprinter Test is a 100 metre timed run chasing a lure (plastic bags on a moving line). I wasn't sure if Ruairí would chase 'the bunny' so we went to a practice. A friend released him and I waited at the other end to catch him. Well the lure went right past me and he kept going, not even noticing I was there. He did a second run and was even faster and having a blast.

On June 23 he did his first official Sprinter Test. He did 2 runs and ran like the wind. His first run was 26.5 mph/42.66 km/hr. His 2nd run was not quite as fast - 25.26 mph/40.66 km/hr. He earned 125 points towards the 150 points he needs for his first title. We're hoping to get that in August. If he does I think he'll be the first Wheaten in Canada with a Sprinter title. Looking forward to lots more fun doing this. (See Laurel's agility article about her Paddy in this issue of *Wags*.)



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ALBERTA

Submitted by **Cheryl Werner, DIRECTOR**

AS you read this article the evenings are cooler, leaves are starting to turn and there will be a big push to attend as many shows or matches before the snow falls. Travel plans will have been finalized for the annual Specialty being held in beautiful Chilliwack, B.C. on September 26 followed by the annual October Montgomery Terrier show in Pennsylvania, USA.

S.A.W.A. has wrapped up its annual booster during the All Terrier Club of Alberta held on August 2 here in Calgary. Winners of our booster will be announced in the winter edition of *Wags*.

In the conformation ring, Tom and Alvina Eaglesham are proud to announce that their boy, Trooper, has completed his CKC Championship title with a number of group placements in British Columbia and the Yukon. Congratulations to the Eaglesham's and Sylvia/Bill Hamilton.



SYDNEY VALLANCE ENJOYING THE KOOTENAYS

The whelping box at Lana Campbell's house has been crowded this summer. Durum (and Justice) had six happy and healthy puppies in June. Not to be out done, Flirt (and Ryder) also had five puppies the beginning of July. We are all looking forward to seeing some of these youngsters in the ring this winter.

Kevin Jorgensen (Darla Dickson) and Willow are competing in Agility closer to home this summer. Churmy Fan with Bui and Penny continue with their Trick training along with Agility. I too have been doing Trick training with my 14 yr old boy, Rocky. Our trick won't earn us any titles or accolades but will get us out on longer walks. Rocky now has his own set of wheels in the garage and is grateful for the chance to be down in our fabulous provincial park for a longer time. Needless to say he also enjoys all the attention he is receiving.



HANDSTAND DUO; BUI AND PENNY



SASKATCHEWAN

Submitted by **Barbara Osborne, DIRECTOR**

PUPPIES! Puppies! Puppies!

In the last few months, three of our local club members welcomed new Wheaten puppies, and a fourth puppy is due to be placed in his forever home at the end of August. Ellie and Oliver arrived from Manitoba in early July, while Margaret Stewardson welcomed Jetta, all the way from Russia. I have seen Jetta a few times and have to say that she is a very sweet, smart puppy. Margaret has her hands full with this little one. Some local club members are hoping to get all of these puppies together for a play date in the park at the end of August. Should be fun! Perhaps this puppy play date will make up for the Regina Humane Society's annual fun day in the park that was rained out this year. Too bad, as it is always a great opportunity for the local enthusiasts to meet other Wheaten owners, talk 'dog' and watch their Wheatens have a wonderful afternoon in the park.

In the middle of June, the Balgonie dog show brought to town Lana Campbell, Jack Slack and their Wheaten, Piper, and Sharon Lang, with her young pup, Briggs, from Saskatoon. Both Piper and Briggs did well in the ring. With our Wheaten friends in town, a few of us decided it would be a good opportunity to get together for an impromptu dinner. Good call, as a great time was had by Alan and Carolyn Fox, Jack and Lana, Margaret, Mike Dumelie and me. We reminisced about the early Wheaten days, showing dogs, raising puppies, Montgomery and all things Wheaten. We certainly shared a lot

of laughs too! The same Regina folks are looking forward to another dinner out in August, this time with Dianne Mackie. She will be passing through Saskatchewan on her way home to Ontario.

On a very sad note, Margaret is mourning the loss of her beloved Charm. He was her heart dog, and ever faithful companion. Twist, his lifelong Wheaten buddy, is lost without him, making it that much more difficult. Jetta, the new pup is missing him too, even though they didn't have a lot of time together. All of us who know Margaret knows that she is heartbroken, and those of us who have lost a beloved four-legged member of the family can relate to her tremendous sense of loss and grief.



JETTA, MARGARET'S NEW PUP.



MANITOBA

Submitted by **Eileen Olensky, DIRECTOR**

IT HAS been very quiet on the Wheaten scene in Manitoba.

Here is an event that occurred recently – the 14th birthday of two Wheaten sisters, Signe and Maggie.

It just seemed liked yesterday when I had to decide which female in the litter I was going to keep. Common dilemmas with most breeders.

Fortunately a couple who never owned a dog were smitten with one of the puppies. I explained how both females were potential show dogs and I would keep both and possibly down the road one female would be available. Wrong answer; they persisted and they became the co owners of Maggie. I would groom and show Maggie How would I ever imagine what the future held?

The sisters were two different faces seen in different places. Both girls are

Canadian and American Champions. When Signe earned her title in Louisville the owners thought Maggie should also. Somewhat unsure I showed Maggie at the Montana Cluster and sure enough returned with an American title.

And so it goes whatever activity I signed up for Signe, Maggie did as well. They were very different temperament and physically. Signe loved to challenge the sheep. Maggie preferred the ducks.

Agility was an all out blast for Signe, where Maggie followed the instructions to a T.

We would like to run the Wheatens in open areas where they loved to chase and often Maggie would let her sister know when she had enough.

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SIGNE AND MAGGIE
CELEBRATE THEIR
14TH BIRTHDAY



ROCKY ARNAL
PLAYS "FIND THE
WHEATEN" IN A
WHEATFIELD.

MANITOBA *continued from
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It was an easy decision to breed Maggie much to the delight of her owners. While waiting for puppies, Signe was kept busy learning Obedience – something she never quite understood – but we did earn a CDX title.

Maggie moved in and had a litter of 8 puppies with her owners present. They were ecstatic. Maggie produced my boy another Canadian American Champion like mom.

I continued on with Gulliver while Signe and Maggie enjoyed life. The sisters continued on walks year round. Maggie spent most of the holidays seasons with us. Often when she arrived the other dogs reaction was "oh not her again" and Maggie would take over her favourite spot.

Fourteen years later our families have a lasting friendship thanks to our Wheatens. I am so grateful for the trust and support from two people that had no idea the journey they were about to experience. Nor did

they expect the joy and happiness Maggie brought to their lives. There was an abundance of love and perhaps a bit of spoiling.

Signe and Maggie now in their twilight years are doing reasonably well. Selective hearing and longer naps. Shorter walks but it didn't prevent them from trekking around the pond at St Vital Park. They knew it was a special day: their birthday.

Another Wheaten enjoying life and chalking up more points is Rocky Terry Arnal's boy. At the Fort Garry Show he got a Group 3 and his Grand Championship. Congratulations! But wait there is more...

Terry worked for the next title Rocky earned his PCD in obedience and a Novice Trick Dog title on his birthday. They took a stab at the CKC Sprinter trial but that is when Rocky's clown act took over.

What an adventurous team!

There is no end to the joy and happiness our Wheatens bring. But you know that already.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLAIRE & ANDREW PAPIERZ

HELLO Fellow Wheaten Owners and Lovers.

Claire and I (Andrew) are new to the association but not new to Wheatens. Rosy, who is now 20 months old is our third Wheaten. We have been proud and happy Wheaten owners since the late '90s. First we adopted Taffy, then Chloe, and as mentioned, now Rosy. Chloe and Rosy were both adopted from Peggy Gale at Pinehome. We don't need to tell you that they all quickly capture a spot in our hearts and in our homes.

As you can tell from the pictures, Rosy's favourite places to spend time are at the cottage, boating and wading on the shoreline of the lake, searching for the frogs that thankfully she never seems to catch.

Rosy's also loves to play fetch with the frisbee, chase after a ball, and best of all a serenade us with a nice loud squeaky toy, preferably first thing in the morning when all is quiet!

When at home in Toronto, Rosy lives near High Park and the Lake Ontario waterfront. Both are close enough to make for either a short or long walk, depending on the weather and the mood. Zoomies are a big deal so we regularly find a place where she can let off some of her energy.

Rosy has proven to be a selectively quick study when attending Rally O classes, and now Tricks. Like most Wheatens, Rosy has that carefree, independent streak that means we get to be pleasantly surprised when she masters something instantly or wonder where her mind is at others.

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The highlight of any day is getting to visit with our daughter Elizabeth, who was with us to bring Rosy home for the first time. Instant friends for life.

Rosy is always happiest being close to her humans and without a doubt is the biggest cuddler of all our Wheatens.



Canadian CH Holweitz's Red Grenadine
CGC, CGCA, CGCU, RN (CKC/AKC). THDA, HT, BN, TDA, DN, DJ, DJE

BOW 2010 at the Canadian Specialty • 2015 Canadian Wheaten Ambassador

Krista

Bold, Brave and Beautiful!

AKC
2018 Nationals
7th place
Dock Junior Veteran



**Krista at 10 years young is the first
Wheaten Terrier to earn the
Dock Junior Excellent title and her
fourth invitation to the AKC NADD Nationals.**

She continues to amaze us with her courage, tenacity and joy.

We are blessed to have her as part of our family and
look forward to many more adventures with our perky little bitch!

Owned by Dorice and Mark Stancher • Bred by Sylvia and Bill Hamilton



ONTARIO EAST

Submitted by **Jacque Holowka, DIRECTOR**

HELLO from Eastern Ontario – summertime has definitely arrived!

On May 26th, we held our annual *For the Love of Wheatens* Seminar. This get-together gives our EOSCWTC membership as well as our Facebook membership the opportunity to attend and benefit from our speakers of interest to fellow Wheaten fans.

This year Dr. Paige Willis, a Wheaten owner, and local veterinarian who has many local Wheatens in her practice, once again attended to answer health-related questions.

One popular enquiry this year is the subject of the status of Taurine Deficient (Nutritional) Dilated Cardiomyopathy. The CKC informed its members of an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) in

partnership with the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, into “the potential association between reports of canine DCM in dogs and certain pet foods the animals consumed containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds or potatoes as main ingredients.” This is an ongoing investigation.

The take-away is that we should work in conjunction with our individual veterinarians informing them of diets we are feeding our s’Wheaties and monitoring the outcome of annual testing results.

Vicki Duncanson, who is affiliated with Wheatens In Need (WIN), was invited to give attendees an overview of how WIN helps Wheatens who are in need of re-homing for any number of reasons.

VICKIE DUNCANSON –
“WHEATENS IN NEED”
REPRESENTATIVE FOR
EASTERN CANADA.



On Saturday, June 1st, our EOSCWTC hosted a Wheaten Walk at our beautiful Central Experimental Farm and started out from the Fletcher Wildlife Garden to enjoy the beautiful day and lovely company. A tailgate gathering with Timbits was enjoyed at the end of the walk. As you can see from the attached pictures a great walk was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th!

A new event is scheduled this year – a Halloween Party – on Saturday, October 26th where our s'Wheaties and their families have the

opportunity to have fun playing their favourite games while providing a venue for socializing their s'Wheaties with fellow s'Wheaties and their humans!

This year is an election year for our Local Section Club and a request for nominations is being sent to our EOSCWTC membership at the end of July.

Goodbye from Eastern Ontario!

WHEATEN WALKS ARE ALWAYS ADVENTURES!





Mariner Kenn

SIRE: Can Am Grand Champion
Mother's Finest Born To
Be Animagical
DAM: Mariner's
Grande Finale

Only the second time in the ring
Stella is awarded a Group 4th
under Judge Shawn Nichols

Ch Mariner's Stellar Dreamchaser 'Stella'



BREEDER: Angie DeBruyn, Mariner Kennels, Acton ON
angiedebruyn@icloud.com
OWNER: Colette and Percy Cottreau
Yarmouth County NS pcottreau@hotmail.com

els Introduces

SIRE: Can Am Grand Champion
Mother's Finest Born To
Be Animagical
DAM: Ch Mariner's Final Chapter

Pictured going Best Puppy in Group
and a Group 4th at the Hamilton Show

Two weeks prior as a Junior puppy Frankie
was awarded Best of Opposite over Specials
at the Terrier Breeders Specialty at the
Erie Shores Shows

Mariner's Frankly My Dear 'Frankie'



BREEDER/OWNER Angie DeBruyn, Mariner Kennels
angiedebruyn@icloud.com



2019 ELECTIONS



NOMINEES LISTED HERE

– ALL POSITIONS NOTED FILLED BY ACCLAMATION

PRESIDENT: No nomination

VICE- PRESIDENT: **Sylvia Hamilton**

– nominated by Lorene Jones

TREASURER: No nomination

SECRETARY: No nomination

BRITISH COLUMBIA: **Teresa Gustafson**

– nominated by Yan Zavelion

ALBERTA: **Darla Dickson**

– nominated by Cheryl Werner

SASKATCHEWAN: **Barb Osborne**

– nominated by Carolyn Fox

MANITOBA: No nomination

ONTARIO NORTH: **Peggy Gale**

– nominated by Bruce Ernst

ONTARIO SOUTH/WEST: **Lorene Jones**

– nominated by Dianne Mackie

ONTARIO EAST: **Jacquie Holowka**

– nominated by Priscilla Tims

QUEBEC: **Katia Lemay**

– nominated by Marc-André Hebert

ATLANTIC: **Colette Cottreau**

– nominated by Linda Martin

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is time again for the Annual General Meeting of the **Membership and of the Board of Directors**. Both meetings, will coincide with the place and date of the SCWTAC Specialty Show – **September 26 at 5:00 PM PST**, venue is the **Twisted Thistle Restaurant** in Chilliwack.

Notification and any updates can be found on our website - scwtac.com



We still need members to come forward for the positions of Secretary and President, as well as a Director for Manitoba.

Our club can only grow and develop new ideas and strategies with the involvement of new members. Please consider lending your talents to the Executive/ Board of Directors



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Paddy

Submitted by **Laurel Brunke**

MY Paddy is my Champion! He worked his heart out at Agility Association of Canada BC/Yukon Regional Championships June 8-10.

Each day we had to run a standard, a jumpers and a gamblers course. No clean courses but only little blips. Gamblers he got the mini gamble both days and the final gamble on Saturday.

We scored higher than last year, he placed 5th in gamblers on Saturday in his class and we qualified to compete at Nationals!

So happy to be able to play this game with my boy! (Also see the BC Report for the story on RUAÍRÍ - PAGE 12)



RUAÍRÍ AND HIS LURE COURSING RIBBONS
PHOTO BY LAUREL BRUNKE



Puppies Rescued

by Cheryl House

THIS article is to honour a 21-year-old hero named Ryan Dobney, who saved the lives of 13 Wheatens, including seven puppies, two of them five days old, from a burning house.

As some of you already know Denise Daniels of Star Wheatens (USA) was out to dinner when her house caught on fire from a faulty attic fan.

Ryan, a neighbour, was driving by on the way from work and noticed smoke coming from Denise's house. He stopped the car to check to see if anyone was inside.

Ryan had no idea that there were dogs inside until he noticed a sticker on the door that said "in case of fire save my dogs".

Ryan managed to get into the house and then saw that all the dogs were in crates. With quick thinking and youthful energy Ryan somehow managed to get them all out.

Meanwhile Denise received a call that her house was on fire and rushed home. Upon arrival Denise rushed to see that all of the dogs and puppies were accounted for. It was then she realized that the two five-day-old puppies were still in the house.

Denise pleaded with the fireman to go back into the burning house to get the puppies. Denise pounded on the window of the room where the two puppies were so that the fireman could hear her.

The fireman opened the window and passed the two puppies out the window. Seconds later the entire ceiling collapsed on the fireman, luckily he got out of the house OK.

Denise, and the owners of the dogs she was babysitting, were so grateful to Ryan that they honoured him with a neighbourhood party.

The police and fireman department were also there. They showed Ryan their appreciation by presenting him with an award of recognition for his bravery.

Ryan is studying to be a nurse and has already saved lives!

The Wheaten community (U.S. plus!) honoured Ryan by presenting him with a monetary award that was enough to cover a semesters tuition.



DENISE DANIELS FAR LEFT, RYAN IN THE MIDDLE WITH HIS AWARD.

Three New Champions from Holweit

Stormy



Ch Holweit's Hush Money

(Am Ch Can GCh Haldane Lighting's Hand x Holweit's In Her Defence)

*This stunning gal completed her title
by going Best of Breed over Specials*



Owned, bred, loved and spoiled by:
Holweit | Sylvia & Bill Hamilton
www.holweit.com 519-853-1456

WE ARE PLEASED to have two Holweit boys complete their Championships this year. **Trooper** co-owned with Alvina Eaglesham and **PK** co-owned with Louise Beakes Dubreuil. Please see the ads on the following pages.

Three New Champions from Holweit

PK

New
Canadian
Champion!!



Ch Holweit's PK Subban

(Am Ch Can GCh Haldane Lighting's Hand
x Ch Holweit's Show Me The Money)

***PK was only shown two
weekends. Finishing with
multiple Group Placings!***

OWNERS: Louise Beakes Dubreuil, Sylvia & Bill Hamilton

BREEDERS: Sylvia & Bill Hamilton

Louise Beakes Dubreuil — Marolou — 819-864-9466

Three New Champions from Holweit

Trooper



Ch Holweit's Perfect Storm

(Am Ch Can GCh Haldane Lighting's Hand
x Holweit's In Her Defence)

***Finished with Multi Group
Placing wins and completed
his championship with a Group 1st***

OWNERS: Alvina Eaglesham, Sylvia & Bill Hamilton

BREEDERS: Sylvia & Bill Hamilton

Alvina Eaglesham — SeriousOne — 780-992-1718



ONTARIO NORTH

Submitted by **Peggy Gale, DIRECTOR**

WE WOULD like to welcome our newest member Natasha

Mousseau to the Club. Natasha lives in Dryden, Ontario and got her second Wheaten in March. Little 'Dexter' is a true Northerner, curling up in the skidoo seat for a little nap! This one is destined to love the outdoors just like his new family.

'Finley' from Newmarket started a new running regime with his owner Bruce Ernst earlier in the year. They jog 5 km per day. Finley can barely contain his excitement when preparations begin for their morning run. Finley starts with three laps in the pool just to wet down, goes for the jog and finishes with a few more laps of the pool to cool off. He welcomes the cooler fall weather but will probably still go for a swim just for fun. His vet says Finley has gained 10 pounds of pure muscle since starting his new exercise regime! Well done Bruce & Finley.

I have been out to a few shows with 'Coady'. First weekend out she nabbed a Group 3rd. Second weekend out she finished her Championship by winning Best of Breed with 7 Wheatens competing, under U.S. judge Michael Dougherty. Just eight months old; see her ad in this issue. Look forward to showing her in the fall.

From skidoos to show rings, our northern Wheatens continue to demonstrate the amazing versatility of this breed.

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DEXTER LEARNS TO SKIDOO!



DEXTER TAKES A NAP.

DAM: AM GCH/CAN GCH CH BOREAL NORTHERN STAR GUINNESS
SIRE: AM GCH/CAN GCH EX GREENTREE KEEPSAKE SURFIN' USA

CH BOREAL SPECIAL K

**NEW
CHAMPION**

- KAYLEIGH GRACE

COMPLETED HER CHAMPIONSHIP WITH
TWO 4 POINT MAJORS IN THE BREED,
WON 7 BEST PUPPY IN GROUP WITH
VERY LIMITED SHOWING.

FINISHED FROM THE OWNER/HANDLER CLASS.
WE WILL BE PURSUING HER AKC AND
CANADIAN GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP.



BREEDERS: KATIA LEMAY &
MARC-ANDRE HEBERT
OWNER/HANDLER:
CHERYL HOUSE

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ON CENTRAL/WEST

Submitted by **Lorene Jones, DIRECTOR**

I HOPE everyone has been enjoying their summers. It looks like I wasn't the only one with Wheatens traveling this summer.

Dianne took Maggie who is 11 ½ years young for a cross country trip to Vancouver, stopping to see Margaret Stewardson in Regina and her lovely new pup, Jetta. The mountain passes proved more challenging than anticipated but she made it and now Maggie has travelled across Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific (see her story in this issue of *Wags*).

This has been a year of distance shows for us. First Sault Ste Marie, where my puppies Chance and Style split the best of winners points coming home with three each. Then at The Lakehead Kennel Club show near Thunder Bay, Chance took group 2nd twice with a group 4th to complete her Championship, while Style received a group 4th. Meanwhile Mia is at home with three puppies sired by Angie's Mick. Brie who is now a Grand Champion was a model at the Toronto Grooms competition where her groomer tied for third place.

Angie DeBruyn's girl Frankie achieved two more points at the London show going BOB over two males.

Meanwhile, Cathy Wesley and Liz Stonehouse have been home looking after new puppies. Brady had a beautiful litter of seven on May 29 consisting of four boys and three girls. Liz is planning to show at Barrie in August.



MCKENNA AND CHERYL HOUSE HAVE BEEN OUT PADDLE BOARDING THIS SUMMER!

Cathy says her boy, Dylan only needs another four points for his Grand and will be back out to shows soon. She has kept a female puppy out of her last litter and will start showing her in the near future. She has a litter due in 10 days or so and is hoping to get to Montgomery this year. All her dogs are enjoying the shade and the pool.

We are now sitting in the dark, as a thunderstorm just passed through taking down trees at the campsite across from us. Both girls have travelled extremely well and have enjoyed the camping experiences.

While off on our adventure, Brie was used as a model for a groom in the TOGO's grooming competition.

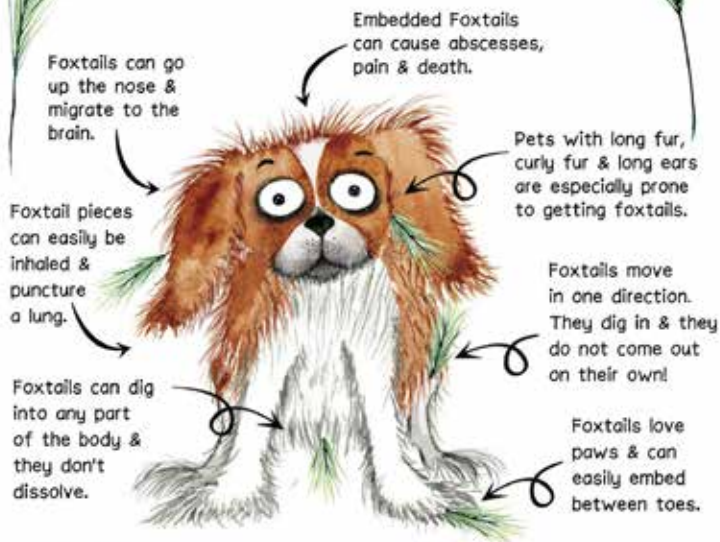
A special welcome to our new members, Andrew and Claire Papierz!



"MOOCHING AT GLOBAL" PHOTO FROM ELIZABETH STONEHOUSE

BEWARE OF FOXTAILS!

Foxtails have barbed, razor-sharp needles that are extremely dangerous.



SAFETY TIPS: If your pet is exposed to foxtails, do a **thorough** inspection afterwards: Brush coat, feel every part of body with hands. Look closely at ears, nose, eyes, underbelly, between toe pads, and underneath collar (foxtails burrow quickly & are hard to see). Check inside mouth & around lips.

for more safety tips visit: www.RedandHowling.com

FINNEGAN STACKS
AGAINST THE ATLANTIC
PHOTO WENDY MACKEIGAN





ATLANTIC REGION

by **Linda Martin, DIRECTOR**

ATLANTIC CANADA has had record breaking temperatures and hours of sunshine this summer. While this makes for super vacations we are ready for a few ocean breezes.

A number of our members have entered shows in the Atlantic with Wheatens being in the Group standings in PEI and several shows in Nova Scotia.

One of Wendy MacKeigan's males took two Group 4ths while, Colette Cottreau's male Zeke finished his Grand Championship with a Group Placement as well as Stella finishing her Championship with a number of great wins.

Linda Martin's Junior Puppy female, Krissy, earned her first point with a Puppy in Group and Best of Winners. Diane and Terry Brennan enjoyed viewing the PEI Shows and saw Linda Hallas' female Spicy take a 2nd in group in one of the shows.

Colette has been one of our busiest members as she has been teaching Obedience Classes to the general public in the Yarmouth area of Nova Scotia for her local All Breed Club as well as recently having three of her four Wheatens participate in the dog club's Switch Event. Her oldest Wheaten, Nelson, got lots of attention with his amazing sit stay. Yarmouth closed a main street in the town for this event.

Zeke, her two year old has just started Dock Diving which he really likes. Linda Martin welcomed a male pup, Liam from Ireland to join the family and Hubert, Linda's husband made

the trip to Ireland especially to pick him up as they had both been there the month before but Liam was too young then to leave his country. He made his debut the end of June as Baby Puppy but enjoyed the treats more than preforming. He's certainly not a picky eater.

Hope this finds you all enjoying your summer and best wishes with all your Wheaten Events.



ALERT AND FUN ATLANTIC WHEATENS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PATRICK AND CATHERINE HAMEL

WITHIN the weeks following the last holiday season, my daughter Catherine and I, while going through a hard time, decided to watch the three Belle and Sebastian movies, almost back to back. Suddenly, it reminded me of myself as a little boy with my dog. Dogs were my friends and until I became a young adult, I had always had one at home. I still remember my pal, Pacha, who happened to be my last one, but also, my first Wheaten! For years, I was left without a furry friend, but thinking of myself as Sebastian couldn't have made me happier. The opportunity was there, and we grabbed it! To say the least, there was absolutely no opposition from my daughter! Catherine and I needed Elska! It might help to know that we were back from a wonderful trip to Iceland the previous summer and that "elska" means love in Icelandic!

We were lucky enough to adopt Elska from "Élevage Larocque" in May 2019, at two months of age. She was exactly the dog we wanted: caring, lovely, beautiful and energetic. Elska is now four months and she's grown so much! She lives with us in Montreal, but like us, I believe she really enjoys travelling as she also spends a good share of her time with our extended family in Quebec City and on a farm near Cornwall, Ontario. I wouldn't want to make anyone jealous, but without any doubt, we have the nicest Wheaten in the world!

Everybody loves her and as any Wheaten, she likes to answer back!

Nothing's perfect, of course, and we really look forward to the moment when she'll be totally housebroken and when she'll have learned that playing with us might hurt less if she doesn't make use of her little teeth. However, looking back, there's no doubt that we took the best decision, and we really love her playfulness, her "joie de vivre" and how she's so attached to us and we're so attached to her. So often, she reminds me of my first Wheaten, Pacha, and it just makes my life so happier.

She's been with us for only two months now, but I can't imagine how our lives would be without "Elska."

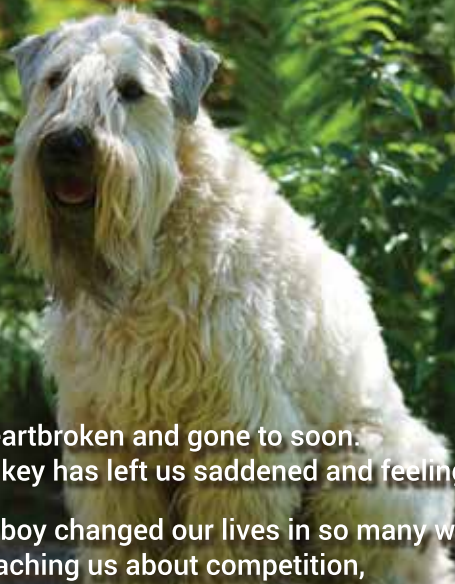


PATRICK AND HIS DAUGHTER
CATHERINE WITH NEW PUPPY "ELSKA"
AND HER DOGGIE MOM.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Marolou Whiskey

March 14, 2012 — June 15, 2019



Heartbroken and gone to soon.
Our beloved Whiskey has left us saddened and feeling lonely.

Our beautiful boy changed our lives in so many ways;
teaching us about competition,
learning how to cut a Wheaten's hair,
being part of a Therapy Team, finding ways to
learn together and so much more.

Whiskey's character and personality were larger than life,
that he made everyone smile and most fell in love with him.
With such a big personality missing, the loneliness is so immense.
We had our own understanding with our boy that only required a look.
Run free our boy; know that you are forever in our hearts

Thank you Louise Beakes for bringing Whiskey into our family

He was so special.

SHELLEY, MURRAY AND JAIME BORENSTEIN

WHEATEN BEAUTY!

Grooming Shows

Article by **Peggy Gale**



GROOMING SHOWS are held across Canada and the United States throughout the year. Groomers are constantly looking for dogs to prep for competition.

Those who choose to work with a Wheaten could find the challenge quite rewarding.

Such is the case with Kat McMillan who owns a grooming shop in Southampton, Ontario. She has contacted SCWTAC members in the past and found members who were willing to lend their dog for the big event. After all, who couldn't use a free haircut? Plus, it's a great venue to encourage groomers everywhere to trim a Wheaten showing off all its best attributes.

At Mastergroom Canada 2017, Calgary Kat worked with Lana Campbell's 'Rhodes'. Together they achieved 2nd Place in their Division. Congratulations Kat & Rhodes. In July 2019, she took Peggy Gale's 'Coady' to the Toronto Grooming Show.

Wheatens are entered in either the Purebred or All Other Purebred Class. Groomers compete in one of three Divisions: Open, Intermediate or Novice.

Groomers enter dogs that have 6-8 weeks hair growth, are matt free, clean and ready to be groomed. They're given 2 hours to do a full groom to breed standard.

According to Kat, Coady was a Rockstar! She was amazing to groom and everyone loved her. It was a long 2 days but Coady found time to relax in between all the attention.

On Day One, Kat and Coady won First Place in the Intermediate Division!

Day Two they competed for Best Groom in Show and Kat won Best Groom in Show by an Ontario Dog Groomer Association Member.

Big Congratulations! Kat and Wheatens both Rock!

So if a groomer approaches you regarding borrowing your Wheaten for a weekend event, explore the possibility. It's a Win-Win situation.

CHECK IT OUT: www.togroomingshow.com and www.mastergroomcanada.com



CH. PINEHOME'S LASSY COADY

COADY

NEW CHAMPION
AT 8 MONTHS OLD

- A BEACH GIRL AT HEART



THANK YOU JUDGES:
MICHAEL DOUGHERTY, USA
JOS DE CUYPER, BELGIUM
& DOUG WINDSOR, CANADA
FOR REWARDING THIS TYPEY GIRL

LOVINGLY OWNED AND BRED BY:
PEGGY GALE — PINEHOME WHEATENS

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CELEBRATING SENIORS

Bentley

**GCHS CDN CH
SHO-WELL'S BREE'S
BOY TOY CGC**

by **Kathi Elliot**

Bentley celebrated his 12th birthday on Canada Day! This is very appropriate as we are originally from Canada and his sire was Keepsake The Chaz Singer.

Bentley joined our family as a pet, a companion to then five year old, "Bree". (Hence the registered name he's had to live with, as I would say "Bree, I am getting you a Boy Toy"). Had I known the road he would take us on he would have had a different name or at least a grammatically correct one.

The owner of his sire talked me into showing him and the journey began. Bentley did well in the conformation ring with many breed and group placements but more than that he opened the door to a whole new



world. Dog shows introduced us to many new experiences.

Without him, breeding would never have been a part of life, or the generations of Wheatens that followed, and will continue into the future.

The paths we chose because of "Mr. B." have brought endless joy and many wonderful new friends. At twelve years old he continues to be very healthy and puppy-like in his ways. We will be forever grateful and he will always hold a special place in our hearts.



TRAVELS WITH MAGGIE

by **Dianne Mackie**

Thinking about taking your Wheaten on a road trip, a very long road trip? Here's our 2019 summer adventure!

MY MOTHER, at the grand age of 94, lives on Vancouver Island. I go to see her a couple of times a year. The first decision was to take Maggie, or not? She is an active and enthusiastic Senior Wheaten at age 11 ½. Because life is precious with an older Wheaten, and having lost my old boy in January, I didn't want to leave her at home. Twice before, I had driven as far as Jasper, Alberta. But not with dog! It was my goal to drive from Guelph, Ontario, to Vancouver Island. I didn't book accommodation ahead, not knowing how far we would travel each day but always managed to find a place for the night. Our pace was leisurely.

Perhaps you remember Maggie's story from two years ago? Maggie was critically ill with acute liver failure in Intensive Care at Ontario Vet College. There was the time, just after hospitalization, I took her to the vet to be euthanized as she was so poorly, not recovering and uninterested in life. The vet came outside to help me bring Maggie in. To our surprise, Maggie jumped out of the car and ran to greet her. The vet said to me, "You are not putting her down today, are you?" I said, "No, not today." Maggie jumped back in the car and we went home. We have had 2 great years since.

PLANNING: The first issue was safety. It took some time and research to



MAGGIE POSING IN HER STYLISH SAFETY HARNESS

find a dog safety travel harness which attached to the car's seat belt, would be comfortable for Maggie and was safety tested. There are many harnesses on the market, claiming they are crash tested but by the company which markets the harness. I chose a harness which was crash tested by an independent body, The Centre for Pet Safety.

PACKING: Dog necessities were food, leashes, grooming equipment, crate, dog-coat and a blanket for the cool nights. And her bed. My mother said, "You are bringing her bed, aren't you?" I wasn't planning on it but did bring it along. It has been her home away from home and her security when we stopped for the night.

CONSIDERATIONS: The car had new tires, a service and 24

oil change so was ready to roll.



To limit the amount of travel time in a day, we took breaks every 2-3 hours. I was concerned how to buy ice, food, drinks, groceries, without leaving Maggie in the car. We started the day at first light; we were the first ones up in the campground, and ended the day's drive by 5pm. I liked the roadside rest-stops so Maggie could come with me. In one scenic stop by a river in north Ontario, we were swarmed by blackflies and made a hasty retreat back to the car. Those bites are nasty.

What if we had a breakdown or got stranded by the side of the road? There was not always phone or internet connections along the way. One has to rely on fellow travellers.

So, we were as self sufficient as possible, carrying food, water, tent, sleeping bags etc. I have roadside assistance and knew to keep my gas tank above 1/2 full. The Provincial Information Centres, as you cross into a new province, were good sources of information.

The drive was 4500 kms, 7 days and 6 nights, two ferry rides and 5 mountain passes. After the first 2 nights, we were still in Ontario! Arriving later than planned in Thunder Bay, we took a motel. It was my least favourite overnight stop as loud music kept us up until well after midnight.

All other nights we camped. Being close to nature and wildlife, seeing the stars at night, listening to the crackle of the campfire soothes my soul. Maggie and I soon got into the rhythm of life on the road.

Third and fourth nights were in the Prairies – the beautiful Prairies with their endless blue skies, clear colours and brilliant yellow fields of canola. In Regina, Margaret Stewardson arrived at my campsite with dinner. She brought Jetta, her 4 month old Wheaten puppy, recently arrived from Russia. It was a lovely break in our routine and sustained me to carry on happily through Saskatchewan. Next day, we entered Alberta and got as far as Fort MacLeod where we found a

quiet, scenic riverside campgrounds. This was my favourite as there were great walks for Maggie and birdwatching for me. The next stop was into B.C. where we camped near Christie Lakes.

Next day, we found ourselves in a mammoth hailstorm at the top of Stagleap mountain pass, just outside of Osoyoos. It grounded us for a while. The truck drivers were heading down the mountain so I figured I could do it too. Slow and steady; I led a convoy down the mountainside, passing a crew of emergency vehicles helping a car out of the ditch. Oh, those mountain passes! I wasn't really prepared for them. Onward, downward, through the Okanagan Valley with its roadside stands of peaches, blueberries and strawberries. We boarded the 8pm ferry from Tsawwassen, arriving 10pm in Nanaimo. If your vehicle goes in the upper car deck, you can access it to check on your dog. Another hours' drive and we arrived at our destination, Qualicum Beach.

Maggie was an awesome traveller. She settled in well at my Mum's and remains happy and healthy. She made

many friends along the route. I'm so glad I took this journey with Maggie. Wonderful memories to treasure forever.

Now, as my mother reminds me, Maggie and I still have to make the drive back home!





QUEBEC

Submitted by
Katia Lemay, DIRECTOR

L'ÉTÉ est arrivé ici et les compétitions/activités avec nos Wheatens roulent à plein régime. Plusieurs sont en vacances car je n'ai pas eu de nouvelles de plusieurs de nos membres. Par contre, je sais que Sylvie Marchand a très bien performé avec Izzy, elles ont obtenues leur Championnat CKC en agilité et aussi très bien performé au Championnat provincial d'agilité en battant leur record personnel et finissant à quelques marches du Podium. Vous pourrez aussi lire ses exploits en kayak dans cette édition du *Wags*. Johanne Forget vient de finir un marathon de rendez-vous chez le vétérinaire pour que sa Caffi devienne maman une dernière fois. Louise a complété le Championnat de son mâle ce printemps et Stéphanie a gardé une femelle de sa dernière portée, on devrait lui voir la binette dans le ring dans le futur.

Nous avons de nouveaux membres Patrick et Catherine, vous allez apprendre à les connaître dans les pages du *Wags*. De mon côté, ma petite dernière Stout a complété son Championnat très rapidement, j'étais très fière de sa deuxième position de groupe de 3 points à 6 mois et demi. Je dois avouer que le troisième weekend que moi et Stout sommes sortis dans le ring, nous avons littéralement fondus avec le 42 degrés qu'il faisait dehors... Crystal est allé à Rimouski et est reparti avec 4 premières positions de Groupe, bien fière d'elle. J'espère avoir des nouvelles de tous les membres pour le prochains *Wags*, d'ici là, profiter de l'été!

SUMMER is here and competitions/activities are running at full speed. Several Quebec members are probably



on vacation as I didn't hear from them lately. However, I learned Sylvie Marchand and Izzy earned their CKC Agility Championship. And they performed very well at the AAC Provincial Agility beating their own personal highest achievement and finishing very close to a podium spot. Sylvie spent some time kayaking with Izzy, you will be able to enjoy a text from her in this edition of *Wags*. Johanne Forget just finished a vet appointment sprint to get her Caffi pregnant for her last time. Louise completed the Championship of her new male and Stephanie is preparing her Wheaten baby girl to be shown in the future.

We have two new members, Patrick and Catherine Hamel, you will be able to learn more about them in this *Wags*.

On my part, my little girl, Stout, completed her Championship very fast. I was particularly proud of her 3 point Group 2nd at only six and a half months of age. I must say we totally melted the third weekend we were out with 42 degrees outside... Crystal went to Rimouski and managed to win four Group 1s. I am very proud of her!

I hope to get news from every member for the next *Wags*, but for now, enjoy the summer!

DOGS NEED TO SNIFF FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Dorice Stancher, MBA, CPDT-KA

SOMETIMES we humans just don't understand when it comes to the mental and emotional needs of our dogs. Dogs learn about their world through their noses which according to Dr. Alexandra Horowicz, canine researcher, have 50 times as many scent receptors as humans in addition to an organ called the vomeronasal organ above the roof of their mouths and under their noses. Humans have only six million scent receptors and no additional scent trapping organs.

A recent article by Patricia McConnell referenced a study by Birte Nielsen and colleagues who

“I never let my dog sniff,” remarked the gentleman in the tweed blazer, “they are obedience trained.”

published a groundbreaking paper in December of 2015 titled *Olfaction: An Overlooked Sensory Modality in Applied Ethology and Animal Welfare*. They concluded that we humans do animals a disservice by not acknowledging the impact of odour on their behavior and well being. A very good book on the understanding the communications barriers between humans and their dogs is *The Other End of the Leash* published by McConnell.

For dogs, going on a walk means getting new information by carefully reading smells, while for humans, it is taking in the view and covering



ground quickly. As dog owners we need to be aware of this conflict and the need to provide opportunities either on or off leash for dogs to satisfy their need for sniffing. There are times when we want our dogs to give us complete attention whether in the competition ring or when training, however; in order for a dog

to truly thrive and be happy, we cannot ignore what he was born to do.

For many dogs, especially those with anxiety, exploring new scents can have

a calming effect and even improve behaviour. Many dogs thrive on the stimulation from being given the opportunity to sniff and have gone on to be Versatility Champions excelling in many AKC performance sports. Barn hunt and Nosework both rely on scent discrimination and are challenging and fun for both the dog and owner. Think about how you can make your walks more interesting. Why not teach your dog new heeling patterns, change your pace, incorporate recalls, add sits, touch, circles and u-turns? As part of his payoff, incorporate permission to sniff.



SOCIALIZING YOUR PUPPY: WHY LATER IS TOO LATE

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IT'S a common scenario.

You've just brought home your new puppy. Eight-weeks-old, all roly-poly fluff and cute as a button.

You've heard that puppies need to be "socialized," and you definitely plan to work on that when you get a chance. Maybe sign up for a class with your local trainer, or start taking her for walks around the neighbourhood. But not just yet.

You'll start when the weather gets warmer. When your work schedule eases up a bit and you have more time. When the kids go back to school. And you want to make sure she's had all her shots first, right? There will be plenty of time for socializing later.

Wrong. Unfortunately for many new puppy owners, it's easy to assume that there's no need to worry about training

or behavior issues at such a young age. I talk to owners about puppy kindergarten classes and socialization during every new puppy exam at our veterinary clinic, and it's a constant refrain: "Oh, we don't need to start anything like that yet. She's doing fine right now, no problems. Maybe when she's older."

The fact is, "when she's older" will be far too late. Scientifically, here's the reason why: puppies go through a critical socialization period from 6 to 16 weeks of age that will dramatically impact their behavior for the rest of their lives. During this period, their brains are like tiny sponges – soaking up everything they experience and filing it away for the future.

(I should note here that some experts in the field consider the socialization period to end as early as 12 weeks, and there is also some evidence to suggest differences in the optimal socialization window for different breeds – which is a fascinating topic in itself, but beyond the scope of this article! Suffice it to say, as a general rule of thumb, 16 weeks is a good estimation.)

Whatever puppies see at this age, they will consider a normal part of life as adults. Kids on bicycles? Fine. People with umbrellas and shiny coats? No problem. Lawnmowers, crying babies, men with beards and hats – for a well-socialized puppy, these things are all a normal part of the world around them.

BUT... beyond 16 weeks, something happens. New things, which before were accepted with cheerful curiosity and a wagging tail, are now met with suspicion.

Anything that the pup has not already encountered is automatically assumed to be dangerous and scary – so bicycles,

umbrellas, lawnmowers, etc. are now terrifying monsters to be barked at or cowered away from. You may have met adult dogs who are fearful of everyday objects or unfamiliar people; in many cases, this is the end result of poor socialization during this all-important period.

This is actually a pretty staggering fact – nothing “bad” has to happen at all. A simple lack of exposure at the right time can result in an adult dog who is unable to cope with normal life. And in practice, this is one of the saddest things I see.

Why are dogs wired this way? From an evolutionary standpoint, in the wild, having a short window of time for accepting new things makes a lot of survival sense. For wolves, coyotes, and foxes (the domestic dog’s closest wild relatives) as well as for feral dogs living on their own, odds are high that anything truly “new” is bad news – something that may hurt or kill them.

Thus, there’s an expiration date on how long the canine brain is open to novel experiences. An adult wolf or coyote that happily walks up to unfamiliar things (like other predators, cars, or even humans) won’t survive long. Even though our pet dogs lead comparatively protected lives with little to fear from their environment, they have inherited this hard-wired behavior pattern from their more cautious ancestors. This is why no amount of cajoling and coaxing can convince a poorly socialized adolescent dog that a plastic bag blowing across the parking lot is no big deal – to her, escaping from it or defending herself is a matter of life or death.

So when should you start actively socializing your puppy? Right now. As

soon as possible. From the very first day your new pup comes home, the clock is ticking.

Now, one final caveat... what about vaccines? You may have heard that your puppy should not go anywhere until she’s had all of her shots. You should absolutely be careful! Diseases like parvo, distemper, and others can be deadly, and are unfortunately common in many areas. But consider this – your puppy will not be fully vaccinated until after she’s 4-5 months old. If you wait until then, you’ve already missed your opportunity.

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) feels so strongly about this issue that they published a position statement on puppy socialization in 2008, stressing that owners should be introducing their puppies to new places, people and other dogs prior to completing their vaccination series. In particular, they strongly recommend beginning puppy kindergarten classes as early as 7-8 weeks of age.

So, what does this mean for you? It means to be smart about where you take your puppy before she’s fully vaccinated. I normally recommend avoiding places like dog parks, pet stores, and high-traffic public areas where lots of strange dogs are walked. Instead, visit friends with healthy, vaccinated pets. Go for car rides – visit McDonalds, Starbucks, or the drive-thru lane at your bank or pharmacy. Walk your pup around the block to meet your neighbours. Invite the kids playing outside to say hello.

Just do it before 16 weeks of age. Someday, when she’s a happy, well-adjusted adult, your puppy will thank you for it.

Une journée en kayak avec Izzy

by/par **Sylvie Marchand**

IZZY a eu un printemps assez chargé. Beaucoup de compétitions étaient au programme où elle a très bien performé. Entre autres, nous avons eu le championnat provincial en AAC qui se déroulait à Trois-Rivières cette année, et où elle a battu son record personnel en ce qui concerne les points accumulés pendant le week-end et pour la position dans sa catégorie. Nous avons donc notre laisser-passer pour le championnat national. Malheureusement, j'ai décidé de ne pas nous inscrire. De plus, en CKC, elle a obtenu son premier championnat AGMCH.

Début juillet, j'ai commencé mes vacances, et celles d'Izzyaussi. Pas de compétitions, pas d'entraînement, rien. Mais il faut rester actif. Quoi de mieux d'une balade en kayak avec les amis humains et canins. Nous sommes allées sur la rivière Rouge, près de Mont-Tremblant, dans les Laurentides. Une belle journée ensoleillée bien agréable et surtout très relaxe où nous avons pu profiter de la nature. Izzy n'aime pas particulièrement nager mais aime bien être dans l'eau, tant qu'elle touche au fond. D'ailleurs, c'est elle qui est le capitaine du kayak, si on se fie aux photos.

Une expérience à répéter.

Kayaking with Izzy

IZZY had a very busy spring. She entered lots of competitions where

she performed very well. One of the competitions was the AAC Provincial Championship in Trois-Rivières where she added to her personal points record and raised her level ranking. With these results Izzy and I received our invitation for the National Agility Championship (unfortunately, I decided to not go this year). On top of this achievement, Izzy obtained her first AGMCH Championship.

Finally, at the beginning of July, my vacation arrived and coincidentally Izzy's vacation started at the same time! No competition, no training, nothing to do but relax. However, we like to stay active for fitness. What is better than a day kayaking with both K-9 and human friends? We went to the Rivière Rouge in the Laurentides, close to Mont-Tremblant. It was a beautiful sunny day and very pleasant. We enjoyed the natural surroundings. Such a relaxing day to enjoy ourselves! Izzy is not particularly a fan of swimming, but she likes to spend time in the water where her legs can touch bottom. As you will see in the picture, Izzy is the Kayak Captain! Kayaking will be an adventure which we will seek out again.





Izzy Rocks It Again!

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Breeder/Éleveur: Louise Beakes

***Owned, handled and loved by
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MAY 7, 2005-MAY 17, 2019

Owned by Jan and Bill Cunningham
and Esther McGee



BEST IN SHOW 2006

Submitted by Jan Cunningham:

Tam was our Scottish boy. We brought Tam's mother over from Scotland. She wasn't fond of the show-ring, but produced Tam, who achieved a Best In Show in 2006 at Caledonia Kennel Association.

He lived with and was much loved by the McGee family.



THIS POSTER WAS MADE TO CELEBRATE
TAM'S 14TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 7, 2019

Tribute written by Esther's husband, T. Darcy McGee:

This morning we mourned the loss of Tam, the patriarch of our Wheaten pack. He recently turned 14, but suffered a stroke this a.m. Yesterday he was still chasing our girl Tess, who is in season. Tam demonstrated to the end, that the spirit is willing, even though the flesh is weak. RIP my good buddy. We will miss you. Thanks to Jan and Bill Cunningham of Waverleyglens Wheatens for entrusting us with such a wonderful furkin and the wonderful friendship that developed because of him.

“Tam was the best;
a much loved boy.”

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40TH CKC ANNIVERSARY

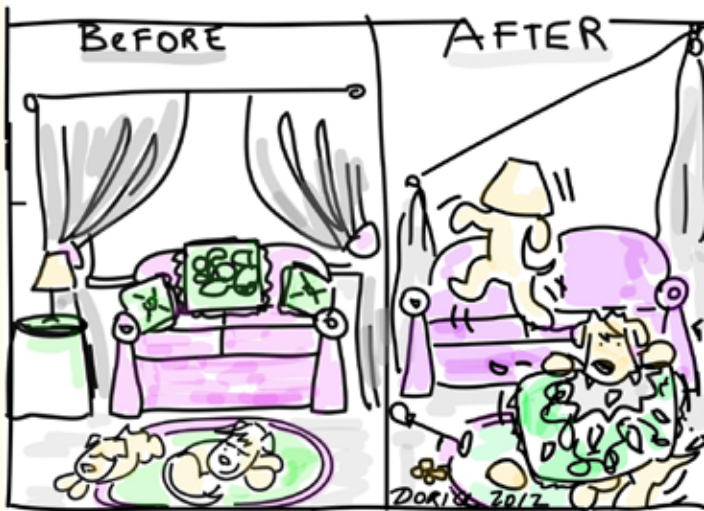
Thank you!

by **Carolyn Fox**

THANK YOU for the 40th Anniversary Wheaten scarf. It is beautiful! I appreciate receiving it as a thank you for sharing stories surrounding the recognition of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier by the Canadian Kennel Club. It was fun reliving that time and remembering the efforts required by Alan and others to meet all of the requirements. I felt it was important to share memories on this anniversary because many of the papers that Alan had meticulously accumulated for historical purposes were lost early on as they passed from secretary to secretary. Another reason is that at our age, who knows if we will be around when the 50th anniversary will be celebrated. The time to share memories was now and I was happy to do so!



CAROLYN FOX SPORTING HER NEW "40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHEATEN RECOGNITION BY THE CKC" SCARF.



COMIC BY DORICE STANCHER

Kirby

by **Barb Osborne**

LIKE any other breeder, I love hearing from my puppy owners. I welcome all emails, phone calls and photos. It warms my heart to know that my pups are having a great life in their forever homes.

In the past few months, I have been corresponding with one of my puppy owners. They own Kirby, who is now 2.5 years old. He is a littermate to our Kenzie, and Chester, who I see on a weekly basis. It amazes me how similar these three are in personality – headstrong, very smart, sassy, busy, mischievous, boundless energy, but so very cute in their own way. They are all the life of the party, never wanting to miss out on anything.

Kirby is very lucky to have been placed in a family that includes three children under the age of six. Kirby is especially close to Brynn and Owen, the two older children. Brynn actively participated in every one of Kirby's puppy socialization classes. She amazed me with her patience and ability to train Kirby. She was like a young dog whisperer.

Among many photos sent to me by Kirby's owners, one photo really stood out for me. It was included in a series of photos of Kirby playing in the backyard with Brynn and Owen.



Here was Kirby, on top of a kid's play structure, appearing to go down a slide. It piqued my attention, so I asked the owner if Kirby actually went down the slide. I also wondered how Kirby got to the top of the slide – did he climb up the 'ladder' to get to the top? The answer was yes on both – Kirby climbs up the ladder to go down the slide. No convincing, no coercion, he just follows the kids. Wow, that really impressed me!

Here is another story about Kirby. When Brynn's parents were invited to her first school interview, they were surprised to see Brynn's journal filled with pictures of her and Kirby. They expected to see the many other activities the kids participated in. They just couldn't compare to Kirby! It made them realize just how truly special Kirby is, and how the little drawings with no words shows Brynn's love of him (see inset photo above). Kirby has a good life! I look forward to more stories.



PET FIRE SAFETY

KNOW THE FACTS • BE PREPARED • PROTECT YOUR PETS

THE SCARY TRUTH ABOUT FIRES

40,000 pets die each year in house fires

1,000 fires are started by pets each year

MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Assemble a portable emergency kit with enough supplies to last 7 days.

It should include:

- Medications and medical records
- Leashes, harnesses or carriers for safe transport
- Current photos in case they are lost
- Bowls, cat litter and pan, can opener
- Plastic bags and paper towels to clean up waste
- Toys and pet beds
- Emergency contact numbers
- Food and bottled water

TIPS FOR PREVENTING HOUSE FIRES

Remove or lock the knobs on your stove your pet may nudge the stove knobs just enough to ignite a burner. Knob covers are an inexpensive and effective way to prevent this from happening.

Do not leave candles unattended extinguish all open flames when you leave a room so they aren't tipped over with a paw or tail. Consider using flameless candles.

Pet-Proof your home go through your home as if you're baby-proofing and eliminate any loose wires or other potential hazards.

Beware of water bowls on wooden decks the hot rays of the sun, when filtered through a glass water bowl can actually ignite the wooden deck below. Use ceramic or stainless steel instead.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY



GET A RESCUE ALERT STICKER

These stickers, placed on a front-facing window, will alert rescue workers of the presence of pets inside your home.



ARRANGE A SAFE HAVEN

Arrange a place for pets to stay if you evacuate. Do not leave your pets at home. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for them!



MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have your kit made and keep it in a safe location near your front door for easy access.



KEEP IDENTIFICATION ON YOUR PET

Keep up-to-date license and contact info on your pet at all times. Consider having pets microchipped.

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