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Wheaten **WAGS**

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WHEATENS
AND WATER



Whiskey's Legacy Jameson

A toast
to turning

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OWNED AND LOVED BY
SHELLEY, MURRAY AND
JAIME BORENSTEIN



I LOVE!

My family
My baby
Paxton
My ball
To play!

JAMESON

TODAY I AM
1

I AM
17

I WEIGH
27

Happy 1st
BIRTHDAY

Jameson

MY LATEST
TRICKS!

Roll Over
Jump through a
hoop
skateboard

FAVORITE
TOYS

A BALL
MONKEY
DINOSAUR

Thank you Louise Beakes Marolou Wheaten
for this beautiful baby

Thank you Katia Lemay for all your guidance



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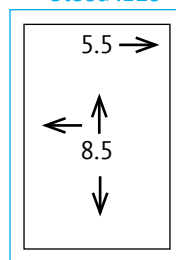
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JOHN ROGERS

SINCE January this Corona crisis has definitely been an interesting journey. Daily life as we knew it, has definitely not returned to normal and will be probably bring

about a modification of how we will live in the future. The health care workers, care givers, hospice workers and all essential workers are true heroes and deserve monumental recognition. As our Provincial Health Officer—Dr. Bonnie Henry, says at each of her updates, —‘ Be kind, be calm and be safe.’


I am very pleased with the committee work on revision of the *Caring for The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier* manual. Committee members have spent hours on video conferencing and delegating homework has been assigned to improving and updating the Manual. Over 80 pages needed revising and the Committee members have eagerly taken on this task. Many thanks to Peggy Gale and her committee for this endeavor. We are looking for photos that might be included in the manual under certain sections. More information on the types of photos will be addressed later in this issue. Also, Lana Campbell has been busy with her committee in establishing guideline criteria for recognizing ROM males and females in Canada. More information will be in print soon.

While the pandemic still has major constraints on large gatherings, this is a great time to explore many other activities available to your Wheaten for training and exercise. The Wheaten breed is very versatile and is willing to participate in many different undertakings. Some of these include agility, nose scent, obedience, rally, herding, therapy training, barn hunt, dock diving and tracking to mention some. Other avenues might be available for your dogs and those can be investigated as well. Dog shows might be few and far between right now, so seize this opportunity to explore other activities for your dog to try and keep their attention engaged.

The Board discussed and recently passed a motion to donate \$1000 US to the Wheaten Endowment Fund. This donation has been made through generous donations from our members over the past several years. This contribution will assist with further research with health problems that Wheatens are prone to.

A situation came to me recently about a Wheaten person taking their dog in for dental cleaning. This individual had a pre visit with the vet and all was in place to go ahead with the cleaning the following week. The owner received a call stating that the dog had a heart murmur and was rated a 3 out of 6 in severity. The dental cleaning therefore, was placed on hold until she followed the Vets suggestions of an ECG and X Rays. This Wheaten owner wanted to get a second opinion and did so. After the

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second veterinarian consultation, it was determined that there wasn't a murmur. I am not bringing this to your attention, to discredit the vet but to point out the advisability of seeking a second opinion to confirm or dispute the diagnosis.

Our National Wheaten Specialty was cancelled on September 6th due to Covid 19. I wish to recognize the hard work that Linda Martin, Colette Cottreau, Dianne Brennan and Paulette Langdon who were organizing the National Specialty. The decision was not an easy one and was done in consultation with the Provincial and National guidelines and what was in the best interest of exhibitors, judges, vendors and the dogs. The Committee is eager to plan a future Specialty in the Atlantic region. We will look forward to returning to this venue when it is decided.

On another note, if you haven't seen the movie Ocean's 8, I would recommend it as there are Wheatens in the show.

Finally, the AGM has been scheduled for October 18th at 7pm EST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Submitted by **Jeff Vallance**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MET BY TELECONFERENCE ON July 12th, 2020. HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TELECONFERENCE. FULL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
John Rogers, Jeff Vallance,
Colette Cottreau, Peggy Gale,

Lana Campbell, Katia Lemay,
Barb Osborne, Sylvia Hamilton,
Darla Dickson, Lorene Jones,
Teresa Gustafson, Jacquie Holowka.

SECRETARY REPORT: Lana mentioned there is not much to do with the cancellation of the Specialty, as the show was never officially registered/ approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have a total of 130 members.

WAGS REPORT: Theresa mentioned we had a lot of complements on the stunning cover. Sylvia added that she looked at what it cost her to mail, and what it cost Ampersand to stuff and mail. It was concluded that it makes financial sense for Ampersand to keep mailing...the difference was \$2.92 total difference. The Wags committee has decided to continue mailing with Ampersand.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update: 'Caring for a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Manual'

Peggy stated a meeting has been set up for Sunday, July 19th to go on Basecamp and review the comments that have been submitted. The plan then is to assign volunteers to redraft each section, or make suggestions of members who may be willing to draft sections.

Audit: Update from Barb: she has been corresponding with Lana and mentioned going back to individuals for some missing information and receipts.

Pragmatic: John wanted to discuss

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where we are going with our conferencing. Lana heard back from Heath at Pragmatic. Their platform is not sufficient for our needs. Jeff said he is happy to set up a club Zoom account, and also mentioned he is happy to continue to use his account.

NEW BUSINESS: John asked Katia to expand on a PLN test being done at a lab in Montreal. Katia mentioned she has been using this lab for 2 years. She did some DM and PLN tests, and she got her results in ~4 days. Paid in Canadian dollars, and shipping was ~\$2. They do the same protocols as the labs in the US.

ROM PROGRAM: There were questions about how realistic the targets were. Some felt they were not attainable/achievable. It does need to be earned and not awarded for simply walking into the ring. It's important to involve people from all



LORENE JONES HAS A BEAUTIFUL POND DECORATION.

the different disciplines (obedience, tracking, herding, etc.). Lana would like to leave the ROM strictly as a conformation award and look at other awards for other disciplines.

OTHER NEWS: Barb mentioned the blogs on the website. John said the priority is to have something fresh and up to date, keeping the site active and current.

John mentioned termination of any committees should be published in Wags. Sylvia mentioned we need to hold the AGM before November, 2020 and recommended a Zoom AGM.

⇒ **The AGM will be held October 18 at 7pm EST.**

Motion 2020-4: By Lana Campbell, seconded by Sylvia Hamilton that \$1000 donation be made to the Wheaten Endowment.

All present in favour. Motion passed.

⇒ **Next Board Meeting: September 20th, at 7pm EST.**

CARING FOR SCWT MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The committee is currently reviewing, updating and rewriting the Caring for a SCWT, 1997 manual.

Committee Chair: Peggy Gale

Members: Lana Campbell, Sylvia Hamilton, Marianne Berkey, Teresa Gustafson, Lorene Jones and Barb Osborne.

If you would like to comment on content of the Final Draft, please send an Email to Peggy at pinehome@vianet.ca. Committee is also seeking photos for potential inclusion in the manual.

Photo content includes: puppy litters, grooming, vet visits, adult & puppy, two adults, senior dog,

Action shots in performance events ie. agility, herding or just for fun activities: boating, beaching, skidooring, ATVs, Conformation shows, junior handling, Best in Show, Top Agility Dog, Canada Location shots: East to West coast, north and south

Please send photos for consideration to: SCWTAC-wagseditor2019@shaw.ca. Subject Line: SCWT Manual

BREEDERS LIST COMMITTEE

The Breeders List Committee will be working on a review of the guidelines for the SCWTAC Breeders List, proposing guidelines for the Stud Dog Registry and other website postings, and compliance for Breeders with the updated Code of Ethics. The recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

If you are interested in working on this committee, please email Lana Campbell at lana.campbell68@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT SPRING 2020

Submitted by **Lana Campbell**

Membership numbers as of Aug 1, 2020 are as follows:

Regular Members -----	104
Associate Members ----	34
Lifetime Members -----	2
Breeders List -----	38
(households)	
Households -----	107



TOP 10 HUMAN MEDICATIONS THAT CAN POISON YOUR PET

by **Dr Karen Becker**

NO matter how the poisoning occurs, human medications can cause serious illness and even death in dogs and cats, so if you have any of the following drugs in your home, be sure they are kept safely out of your pet's reach at all times. The Pet Poison Helpline lists the following 10 human medications as most often involved in pet poisonings.

- 1. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS)**
- 2. Acetaminophen**
- 3. Antidepressants**
- 4. ADD and ADHD drugs**
- 5. Thyroid hormones**
- 6. Beta-blockers**
- 7. Benzodiazepines**
- 8. Albuterol**
- 9. ACE inhibitors**
- 10. Birth control medications**

Dr. Karen Becker can also be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxLgFNaMP4> for more information on medication poisoning.

How to Keep Your Pet Safe From Medication Poisoning

To prevent your dog or cat from getting into your medications, always keep them safely out of reach and never administer a medication to your pet without first consulting with your veterinarian.

Never leave loose pills in a plastic sandwich bag – the bags are too easy to chew into. Make sure all family members and guests do the same, keeping their medications out of reach.

If you keep your medication in a pillbox or weekly pill container, make sure to store the container in a cabinet, as your dog might think it's a plastic chew toy.

Never store your medications near your pet's medications. Pet poison hotlines receive hundreds of calls every year from concerned pet owners who have inadvertently given their own medication to their pet.

Hang up your purse or backpack. Curious pets will explore the contents of your bag and simply placing it up out of reach solves the problem.

It's important to realize that even seemingly benign over-the-counter herbal medications, human vitamins and mineral supplements may cause serious poisoning in pets. If your pet has ingested a human over-the-counter or prescription medication, please call your veterinarian, your local emergency animal hospital or Pet Poison Helpline's 24-hour animal poison control center at 855-764-7661 immediately.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laurie Jewell — Ontario

I AM A Wheaten owner since 1989, so well acquainted with this mischievous, loveable breed. I lucked out the first time with my wish list for the perfect family dog. After having and loving Raleigh for 14 1/2 years, there was no other choice for me. He was gentle and quiet, but spunky.

I was still grieving his loss, seven months later, when puppy Seamus moved in. He was smart, sassy and the busiest creature on four legs. We did agility, and taught him every trick possible. Sadly agility ended with a diagnosis of Addison's, before the age of four. His life expectancy would be short, but he outweighed the odds, and in April 29, 2019, at the age of 15 years and 2 months, he gave up the good fight. I was so grateful for the time I never thought he had.



Before, I knew what I was doing, I contacted the CKC, a breeder called, and the rest is history.

My little girl Ellie (aka

Ballerina Dancer) was my first female, so I felt I wasn't replacing my old boy. She is delightful, spunky, only 26 pounds, and thinks she's a lap dog, and never misses an opportunity to grab contraband. Usually now, it's just for attention. Ellie is a clown, contortionist, guard dog against wildlife who dare come to our yard,



but welcoming to all people and dogs, if it means a play day.

Mostly, she's happy wherever I am. She had her first canoe ride two weeks ago, appearing quite calm. However, when her lifejacket came out for ride two, she went into hiding. Pools or lakes represent bath time to her so far, but we'll keep practicing. Ellie loves 4K walks in cooler weather, leaps like a jackrabbit through mountains of snow, lets no creature go unnoticed in our yard, and adores people and other dogs. She graduated from Puppy Socialization, Manners 1 and 2, and hopefully will train for therapy in the future.

She has been my comfort this last year, and her personality is a winner. Whatever she does in the future will be fine with me, as long as she she keeps having fun. I am grateful she had such a good start in life, and to have a wonderful mentor in Liz Stonehouse. Our sibling pups have play dates when possible, and we have become great friends.

PADDY'S REHAB

by **Laurel Brunke**

ON MARCH 13 our 30-pound Paddy was attacked by two 70-pound Alaskan Malamutes who had escaped their yard. He survived the attack because my husband Dave reacted quickly when Paddy got free and put him up on the hood of a nearby car. Paddy had an over six hour surgery to repair all the muscle damage and reattach his kidneys. His vet bills for the surgery and post-op care, including rehab, were over \$16,000.

On June 4th he was cleared to return to agility two and a half months after the attack. His fighting Irish spirit came through! For 10 weeks, we made twice weekly visits to our rehab vet and I did his 20 minute exercise routine at home on the other days. The rehab team was blown away by his ability and desire to do everything they asked him to do including walking backwards on the treadmill. His formal rehab is over and we're now into his maintenance plan which will continue as long as he plays agility.

He's been back at agility for almost two months now and he's still fast and crazy. We have so much fun. Dave's started taking him to Nosework classes and he loves that too because there is **FOOD!**



We couldn't love this boy more and I'm so glad to be playing agility with him again. Truth be told though that

if he couldn't play agility it wouldn't matter because he's still my best boy!



Kira

Celebrating
our foundation
girl !

Ch. Hion Skyfall Some Like It Hot

USA Ch. Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane

X CA. Ch. Hion Just One Look

Bred by **Judy Hodgkins**

Owned and loved by: **Yan Zavelion**

MY PRINCESS is now retired from the show ring and from the whelping box, but loves spending time with her grandkids. She loves everyone and everything except the sound of text messages and French bulldogs.

Kira had three litters and produced three Champions including puppy group winners, group winner and a group placer.

Thank you Judy Hodgkins (Hion) for entrusting me with such a beautiful and sweet girl and beloved pet.



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WATER DOGS

In this issue of *Wags* we are celebrating the Wheaten's love of water. Considering they are a terrier and expected to be more earth oriented our Wheatens can surprise us! From Dorice Stancher's amazing achievements in Dock Diving with her amazing Krista to pets that just really enjoy their lake time – we hope you enjoy these images and read the article on “How to introduce your dog to water” found on page 18.



DORICE STANCHER'S AMAZING KRISTA



TESTING OUT THE WATER



LEARNING TO LOVE WATER YOUNG



LORENE JONES'S POND DECORATION



DORICE STANCHER PADDLE BOARDING



A GOOD ROMP!

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

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

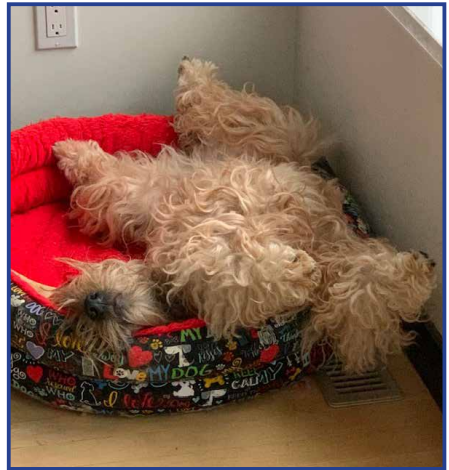
Submitted by **Teresa Gustafson, DIRECTOR**

COVID-19 WOES continue as we have no shows to attend.

BC came really close to having a show in July when the Tye Club tried, but last minute issues caused a cancellation. Those of us with youngsters are training (and dreaming) as best we can under the circumstances.

It is still hard to get a Vet visit in BC without a long wait. I have heard this is due to the fact COVID-19 protocols just take longer. We were already short on Vets before the Pandemic.

Condolences go out to Jeri Voyles who lost her foundation boy Mack recently. Mack is in many of our pedigrees and has left his stamp on the breed.

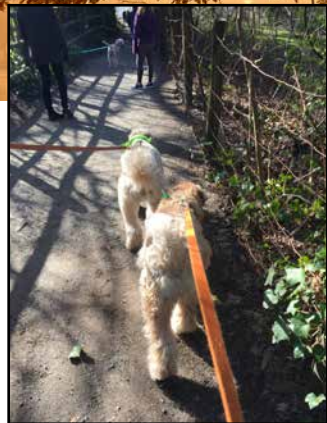


JOHN AND PENNY'S HANA IN THE FAMOUS WHEATEN POSE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — LOCAL SECTION CLUB

By **Teresa Gustafson**

OUR BC LOCAL SECTION CLUB held a Wheaten field and forest walk, ably organized by Marianne Berkey, on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Burnaby Lake. Small, but mighty with nine attendees! All enjoyed the socially-distanced outdoor activity and hands were sanitized often as we all try to fight COVID-19 and still have lives.





ALBERTA

Submitted by **Darla Dickson, DIRECTOR**

NEARLY The world is six months into the COVID-19 Pandemic, and it has been interesting to observe how humanity copes with the new normal. A young boy in Brazil was captured on video donning a mask on his little dog, then carefully placing his pal on the front of his bicycle before donning his own mask, then riding off together! The news story made me smile.

Agility events have kicked back into gear. An Agility Fun Match was held in July in Calgary by the Calgary Agility



“POPPY” AND THE FASHIONISTAS.

Association (CAA). Kevin Jorgensen & Willow and Churmy Fan & Penny & Bui participated. Kevin & Willow participated in an Agility Fun Match that was hosted by the Rocky

Mountain Agility Club (RMAC) in Calgary in July.

Upcoming Agility events include a Canadian Kennel Club Agility Trial to be held September 18th – 20th at *Wet Noses Bed & Biscuit* in Carseland, AB and an Agility Association of Canada member’s trial to be held at *Wet Noses Bed & Biscuit* in collaboration with the AAC and the RMAC on September 5th.

Pet Access League (PALS) pet therapy (face to face) remains on pause for our “Jake”. PALS pet therapy provided virtual pet therapy to children at the Alberta Children’s Hospital by the way of a recorded Calgary Stampede Parade in which the volunteers and therapy animals dressed up in Stampede wear.

Our “Aili Cat” has spent many of the dog days of summer in her pool. It really is “a dog’s life”!

Cheryl Werner and “Harley” have been keeping busy by participating in canine aqua-fitness classes via Zoom.

Les and Deb Grieve’s “Poppy” has become immensely popular with all the little girls in their neighbourhood. Poppy can be seen sporting the latest couture courtesy of the neighbourhood fashionistas (see photo to the left).

Christine-Dore Brown was remarkably busy with “Fiona’s” May litter. Fiona provided surrogacy to two French Bulldog puppies as well as her own litter. See the story and photos on page 46.

Sander & Karen Van der Wissel’s “Bailey” received a new look



(see photo at left) “Eyebrows by Lisa & Lauren” may become the new “Wheaten must have”!

A huge welcome goes to returning member of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada Karen Sontag and her Wheaten “Sorscha” from Spruce Grove, AB.

As we all strive to work through all the changes and our emotions during this unique time in history, our Wheatens continue provide the ever watchful, non-judgmental support to see us through.

Wheaten Wags would like to acknowledge an error on page 15 of the Summer Wheaten Wags edition. The photo on the lower left side of the Alberta Report page should state “Will Grieve with Poppy”.

“BAILEY” RECEIVED A NEW LOOK!

Water DOGS



DORICE STANCHER AND HER BFF – KRISTA



DORICE STANCHER AND KRISTA WITH HUSBAND AND CHARLY WATCHING.

JAMESON BORENSTEIN: FIRST SWIM!



water DOGS



Wheatens and water photos can be found on pages 14, 17, 45.

MANY dogs love the water and become great swimmers over time. However, to get your dog to that point, you need to begin by introducing your dog to the water safely and positively. This introduction should begin when your dog is young, should only consist of positive reinforcement that builds your dog's love of the water, and should include a variety of safety precautions to keep your dog safe. If you start early and make the water fun for your dog, while keeping a close eye on its safety, you could have an expert swimmer sooner than you think.

1. TRAIN YOUR DOG TO COME WHEN CALLED.

It is very important that when you put a dog in the water it will respond to your commands. A dog won't always see dangers or problems in its path in the water, so you need to be guaranteed that it will follow your command when called if you spot a hazard. This will help to assure its safety and will make its swimming time less stressful for you as well.

2. INTRODUCE YOUR DOG TO WATER EARLY.

While it is important to have a dog well-trained before you take it swimming, getting your dog used to water in general should happen much earlier. Start getting your puppy used to water when it is about 8 weeks old. This is usually when you will bring a puppy home if you have gotten the puppy from a reputable breeder.

- Getting a young puppy used to water as a concept early will make

the transition to swimming much, much easier.

- You should introduce your puppy to water by letting it walk around in an inch or two of water, not any deeper, while you closely supervise.
- Letting small puppies watch adult dogs in water can also peak their interest. This will show them that swimming is a natural part of life.

4. MAKE WATER FUN. Give your puppy a shallow bowl of water to play with or set up a sprinkler in the yard on a hot day and let it run around in it. Whatever you can do to build a positive association with water early on, do it.

One reason that some dogs shy away from water is that they have a negative association with it. So, one of the best things you can do to safely introduce your dog to water is to increase their interest in it and decrease their fear of it at an early age.

5. ESTABLISH REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS.

Some dogs really are born swimmers. They take to the water immediately and look like they were born swimming. Some dogs are not. If you have a dog breed that is known for swimming, such as a Labrador retriever or a Portuguese

water dog, then you can expect that the dog will become an excellent swimmer. However, if you have a dog with very short legs that is not known for its athleticism, such as a Chihuahua or a Pug, then the likelihood that it will be a great swimmer is much slimmer.

If you have a dog that will probably not be a great swimmer, it's still important to introduce them to the water and make sure they can keep afloat. This is key for their safety and they may even enjoy the water, even if they are not that good at navigating it.

Introducing Your Dog to Swimming

START IN VERY SHALLOW, WARM WATER. When your dog is two to five months old, you can start to teach your dog to swim. At that age it will have the strength and endurance necessary for its first swimming lessons. Do not throw a dog that is new to water into deep, cold water and expect it to automatically swim. Instead, you need to allow the dog to go through a gradual learning process, much the way humans need to gradually learn to swim.

Let your dog spend a lot of time playing and having a good time in shallow water that is at a comfortable temperature before you introduce it to deeper water. This will give it good associations with water to begin with. Spend time in shallow water playing your dog's favorite game. This could be simply running and sniffing around or it could be a game of fetch, whatever your dog loves to do.

There are some dogs that are better at swimming than others. This can be about the individual dog but swimming skills also tend to fall along breed lines.

USE A FLOTATION DEVICE. If you are worried about your dog's safety, you can put a life vest on it to make sure it doesn't drown. There are a wide variety of canine flotation devices on the market that are designed to keep a dog safe while it is enjoying the water.

Just like flotation devices for humans, it is important that you get one for your dog that fits it perfectly. A snug fit is important when it is keeping your dog afloat.

Canine flotation devices often have a handle on the back so that you can more easily grab your dog out of the water if it is having trouble or you simply want to get it out of the water.

Enter the water with your dog. Don't assume that you can tell your dog to go into the water alone and it will go. Instead, it may need some encouragement and support in the form of you going in with it. Carry a timid dog into the water and show it that you are there to help it. Hold onto the dog and let it do a few paddles with its paws while you continue to hold it. Expect to go into the water with your dog multiple times before the dog is comfortable in deep water.

Hold onto the dog tightly if it is scared and don't force it to paddle without support. Be prepared for the dog to struggle. Hold onto it, preferably with a harness or flotation device, so that it doesn't get away from you if it panics.

[You can read the complete article at wikiHow.com.](#) Co-authored by Pippa Elliott, MRCVS. Dr. Elliott, BVMS, MRCVS is a veterinarian with over 30 years of experience in veterinary surgery and companion animal practice. She graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1987 with a degree in veterinary medicine and surgery. She has worked at the same animal clinic in her hometown for over 20 years.

QUINN, THE WATER DOG

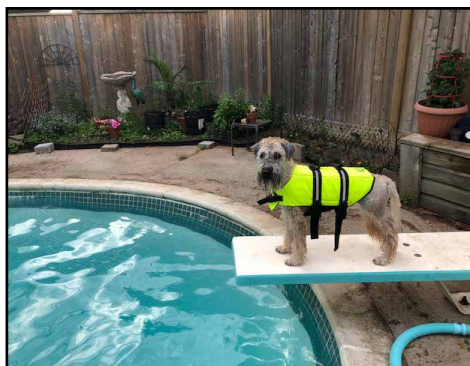
by **Elizabeth Stonehouse**

QUINN was in a litter born May 29/19 who had daily exposure to an outdoor pen with a puppy splash pool, tunnel and flying saucer and just loved the water.

As we have a pool and the grandkids went in throughout the summer, she happily followed them in. This year, she decided she could just dive in

I have never had a dog so crazy about water!!!

(sometimes even uses the diving board) especially when Riegan



is in the pool. I took her once to Ruff Sports but at that time last month she was not so interested in retrieving a toy, but rather in retrieving kids.

We have worked with her on bringing the toys back and will go again to Ruff Sports to see if she has the potential for dock diving.





SASKATCHEWAN/MANITOBA

Submitted by **Barbara Osborne, DIRECTOR**

THE YEAR of COVID-19 is a time that all of us want to put behind us. Although it has been a difficult time, we should feel blessed that we have our beloved Wheatens to provide a much-needed distraction. My Wheatens manage to tear me



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Fortunately, it is only hair and it will grow back!

In these days of social/physical distancing and spending more time at home, a Facebook page is a wonderful way to keep people informed without having meetings and gatherings. Many people who would not join a local club may prefer to keep current by joining a Facebook group. For example, our local club's

away from the news by telling me it is time for a walk or a play in the yard. Funny, they never tell me when it is time for a bath or a grooming session. I also find myself perusing the various Wheaten Facebook pages, looking at pictures of cute puppies or dog show wins of yesteryear. I have seen numerous grooming dilemmas, some with less than desirable outcomes.

Facebook page shares: warnings (eg. harmful blue-green algae in our lakes, poisonous plants, foxtails); dog food recalls; information on health related matters; cute photos; dog-friendly recipes; training tips; cartoons that prompt members to share like experiences; and so on. Anyone is welcome to join our Facebook group at Assiniboine Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Association. We would love to hear your stories and see some pictures of your Wheatens!

Margaret Stewardson and Jetta have been missing their Rally classes so they have found other activities to keep them busy. They try to do some training every day, which includes meeting other people, going on various outings and running around outdoor skating rinks. Jetta lives life to the fullest, happily greeting every person and dog she meets. Unfortunately, she also enjoys eating wires, cords, Christmas lights, plaster, etc. She is a busy girl. For Margaret's sake, classes can not start up again soon enough!

Terry Arnal is making the best of this current situation by taking Rocky to Winnipeg for Intermediate Trick class on Mondays and a Fun and Fit class on Tuesdays. Terry needed to find something to get Rocky out the house, and herself out of her pyjamas! Glad to hear they are making the best of these unprecedented times.

Stay safe!

MY GROOMING ADVENTURES

by **Churmy Fan**

WHEN we first met, my then boyfriend (now husband), Angus's family had three dogs: two Miniature Schnauzers named Haydn and Radar, and a Shih Tzu named Pancake. I didn't grow up with dogs and we often joke that I only dated him because he had three dogs. It's partly true. As any new girlfriend typically would do, months into dating, I asked his parents if I could groom their dogs. His parents had been doing their own grooming for many years and had all the equipment. All that I was missing was experience. Thinking back, my in-laws must have had a lot of faith to trust that I wouldn't completely fudge this up! I really appreciate that!

I guess I did an OK job and from then on, I groomed Haydn, Radar, and Pancake every chance I had. When we moved to Calgary in 2012, we got my first dog, a Wheaten Terrier, Bui Bui. Bui had to suffer through a lot of embarrassing haircuts growing up. There was one point in his life when he had a fall that looked like a baseball cap. That was not my proudest groom at all. But I kept at it and worked on improving something, even the smallest thing like getting the tail to look like a Christmas tree, with every groom. When we got our second Wheaten, Penny, in 2016, I was on a mission to learn the proper breed groom. I was very fortunate to have met Lana Campbell early on in this grooming journey of mine. Lana told me about a grooming workshop she was hosting and invited me to join them. That workshop opened my



eyes to so many things I had been doing wrong for so long, and all

the ways that I can be better. I will always thank Lana for being my first grooming mentor!

From there on, I joined the 'Wheaten Grooming Matters' Facebook group and meticulously studied the videos kindly posted by master groomer Lisa Lopez. Determined, I started keeping a photo log of every groom I had ever done with Penny to track my progress. Before each groom, I looked at photos of previous attempts and decided on what I liked and what I wanted to try differently. Then, it was just practice,



photograph, study, and repeat.

This summer I found a unique opportunity to enter in the Stay Home Online Grooming

Competition Canada. I thought it would be a fun way to test how much I had learned over the years, and hopefully get some feedback from the grooming community. I entered under the Intermediate Purebred Scissoring division. The support and response from the community was overwhelmingly positive and Penny and I came in 2nd, winning some cool grooming supplies and bragging rights!

ONTARIO EAST - LSC

By **Jacquie Holowka**

HELLO from Eastern Ontario!

Our Eastern Ontario Region and our Local Section Club have been very quiet since March.

Since Ron and I are both retired and have been for some time, our five-year-old Kallie has not had much of an adjustment to make with having one or both of us and our oldest son,

Allan, to keep her occupied. Albeit, we have been at home much more than is normal for us.

Enjoy the pics below illustrating how our Wheatens have been keeping occupied over the past few months!

FINTAN SWIMMING WITH HIS FAMILY



'KALLIE' WITH BFF 'KEEPER'

FINTAN BOATING WITH HIS FAMILY



ALISON AND WILL STAYING FIT



Willow

“Willow’s Quest” began in 2013 with two Best Baby Puppy in Show wins in Calgary at the Evelyn Kenny Kennel and Obedience Club Show.



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KIRBY DURING COVID

BY Barbara Osborne

LAST YEAR at this time, I wrote about Kirby, a then 2.5 year old Wheaten from our litter in 2016. At that time, I wrote about Kirby's great life with his human family, and how fortunate he was to live with three children, all under the age of six. Kirby spends his days actively participating in all the kids' activities, morning until night. He is even included in the nightly ritual of reading bed-time stories. 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.

I recently reached out to Kirby's family to see how they were doing during this time of COVID-19. I was told that Brynn did not return to school after March 13th, but her Grade 1 teacher was able to initiate some online learning assignments. Brynn did not hesitate in getting back into her routine of including Kirby in every single one of her assignments. (As told in my previous submission to Wags, 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. The parents were surprised because they do so many other things with the kids that should have warranted a journal entry, but they must not have compared to the excitement of the



adventures with Kirby. They realized just how truly special Kirby was, and how the little drawings with no words showed Brynn's love of him.) Each conversation with the teacher started with "How is Kirby doing?" and "Did you convince your dad to get



another dog yet?" Brynn has been working on her printing this year and has learned to write "I love Kirby". Brynn's Mom is constantly finding little notes with "I love Kirby"

written on them. Brynn's younger brother, Owen, has started following this trend and is writing them as well. Brynn's mom loves finding these notes all through the house. She finds them



everywhere – the kitchen drawers, countertops, bedrooms, dog crate, etc.

With school becoming virtual, Brynn had the opportunity to upload pictures of Kirby for the teacher to see. The kids had to participate in google meetings with their teacher and classmates where they could

converse back and forth. Brynn and Owen weren't looking forward to talking so when it came to their turn, Brynn flashed the camera to Kirby and showed him to the class. Apparently this started a chain reaction as all the other children were trying to track down their pets so they could show everyone. None of the pets wanted to hold still for a video call, including Kirby, so all these kids were chasing around their pets with an iPad trying to get a glimpse of them on the screen. I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall for that google meeting with the Grade 1 kids. They must have a very patient teacher!

On another note, with all the COVID-19 closures, Kirby was unable

to visit his groomer. His owners decided to tackle it themselves, but apparently Brynn and Owen were not happy with the outcome. So, the kids took it upon themselves to watch YouTube videos on grooming. They could only find videos on grooming Portuguese Water Dogs. Brynn's mom was amazed at the lingo and information they picked up from these videos, and the kids did not shy away from telling their parents how to groom Kirby. Brynn knew which clipper blade to use and that you can't knock the clippers off the grooming table or they won't last.

Kirby's family has definitely made some memories during this new normal that they may not have made otherwise. They have just been trying to keep things fun for the kids as much as possible. They really haven't skipped a beat, taking one day at a time. In their words, they are not leading a very adventurous life right now, but they are really enjoying their family time and not being obligated to be anywhere. And, they are so thankful they have the comfort and consistency of Kirby during this time. Kirby is one lucky Wheaten!





ON CENTRAL/WEST

Submitted by **Lorene Jones, DIRECTOR**

HI EVERYONE, I hope everyone has been happy and healthy through the trying days of the COVID-19 lockdown.

March was the last dog show in our area leaving a lot of time on our hands. Our summer has been busy with putting up fences, lots of trick training, learning to groom, and fielding calls for people wanting puppies.

As reported in our spring edition, Norm and I got engaged and now during COVID got married. Style and Chance attended as they were born the night of our first date (Norm brought dinner to my house while we waited for her to deliver).

Liz Stonehouse's dogs have been having a great time with all this heat swimming in the pool with her grand-daughter. Afterwards she loves to be wrapped in the towel like a burrito (see photo to right).

Sarah and Matt Hohner got their new puppy, Pimm, and have been working very hard at getting him out there to socialize safely during this trying time of non socialization.

Stay safe. Be well.

DIANNE MACKIE'S
MAGGIE ENJOYING
SOME SUNSHINE.

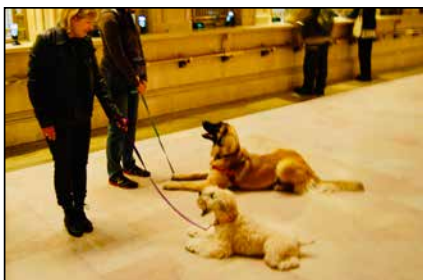


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DOG WALKING STARTED RIGHT!

by **Dorice Stancher**



1. Teach your dog to pay attention.

Before you even put the leash on make sure that you train your dog to look at you. Say their name and treat when they turn to make eye contact with you. Practice in a variety of places and use high value rewards and praise. All dogs should learn the “touch” command where you present a flat palm and they touch with their noses. This will help your dog to learn to follow your hands and to help you get them in the right position.

2. Choose your equipment wisely.

I like the use of a 6ft. leash preferably made of leather, and either a flat collar, martingale or the Easy Walk harness. I do not recommend the use of a slip or prong collar especially on a puppy. This is because of the damage that can happen to the trachea if the collar is not positioned properly, and the fact that in the very beginning your dog will pull and be strung up in a very uncomfortable walk. And they may equate the choking and pain with the approaching child or dog that they just can't wait to greet.

3. Take the time to practice heeling patterns.

This teaches your dog when to move and how to follow closely by your

side. When teaching heeling we often face our dogs first, treating them for coming and then turning forward in the heel position. Another popular method is heeling around cones at different paces in a figure-eight. The main thing is to be creative and do the opposite of what your dog wants to do. In order to engage your dog you should change your pace to make things interesting. And you can bring a small toy with a squeaker to engage their interest. Don't forget to bring some tasty treats and praise for good behaviour. Practice makes perfect!

4. Shape heeling behaviour by using walls.

One of the easiest methods to teach heeling is to find a long building in a safe area where you can practice with your dog on your left side against the wall creating a narrow space so they are focused on proceeding ahead by your side.



5. Be patient and have fun!

On your first experiences teaching your dog to walk, you may not get very far but with patience your dog will be a willing companion.

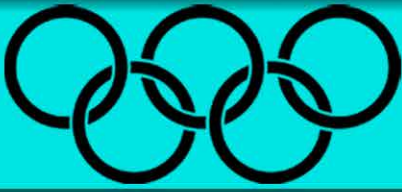
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ONTARIO NORTH

Submitted by **Peggy Gale, DIRECTOR**

OUR WHEATENS are looking forward to the cooler fall weather.

Swimming is a favourite past time to stay cool during this exceptionally hot summer. Whether it be in the kiddie pool, like Lugh in Holland Landing or in the lake, like Dexter from Dryden, Ontario.

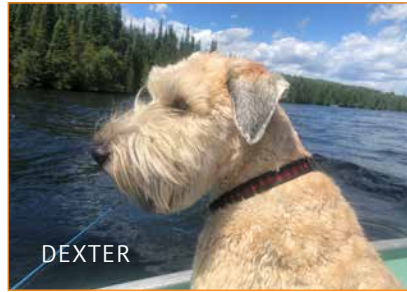
Learn more about Lugh, Jamie and Shannon in the Welcome New Member article pages 38, 39.

Dexter loves his boat rides and keeps a close eye on the fishing rod for Natasha and Ryan. Natasha submits Dexter is handsome and strong, loves to play and is very friendly with everyone he meets.

Some like to stay cool by running through the hostas, like Reagan from Ridgeville. As Sharon tells it:

‘Reagan is an extremely gentle dog and learns exceptionally quickly - He totally respects my flowers in the run at the back along with all the hostas but at any chance he has he will run between flowers rocks and hostas and not touch one!!!

Reagan is a snuggler and has taken



DEXTER

ownership of my bed – oh and did I mention that he shares space with his very close friend Rikki the orange tabby cat? Right from when he was a baby he had the most intense gorgeous eyes!! He knows if he wants a treat – he has to be on his mat. I lean over whisper in his ear – “go to the mat” And in a blink of an eye – he is poised on his mat – paw up and ready to shake paw before he receives a treat. He is beautiful charming loveable and my little prince Reagan Joey!!! Thank you Cathy for my beautiful boy. I love my dogs, Reagan is Wheaten number five!’

I, like many, will miss my Wheaten fix of seeing 25 to 150 Wheatens in one place

at the Canadian and American National Specialties, respectively. We are thinking of our American neighbours and wishing all a safe and secure resolution to this COVID-19 situation. (Waiting for the rainbow after the storm).



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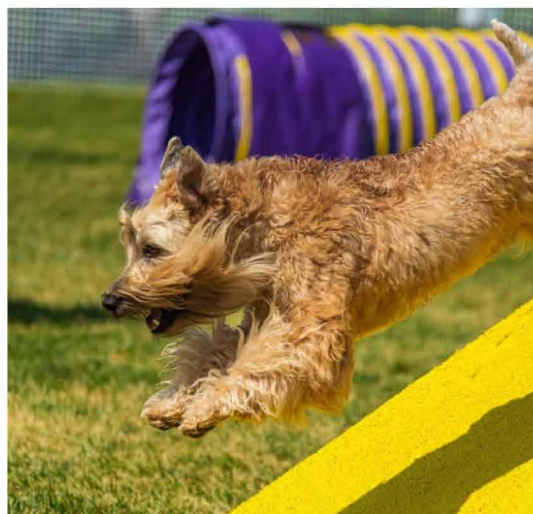


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PANDEMIC PUPPY SOCIALIZATION

by Sarah Hohner

LAST YEAR, I joked with my husband that we would be on “lockdown” with our puppy to socialize. Who could’ve imagined a literal pandemic lockdown!



SARAH HOHNER AND
PIMM'S NO.1 CUP (PIMM)

We got Pimm in June from Katia Lemay when Ontario was still in Stage 1 Re-opening. Each week, I planned Pimm's (very active!) social calendar with

playdates, classes (virtual and in-person at Dogs in The Park Training School), and outings to expose him to sounds, people, and places, while making sure he got enough sleep and play.

I've assisted at Dogs in the Park with its puppy program for years, and know how important positive experiences are before the Sensitive Socialization Period ends at 16 weeks. Early on, I used a mirror so that Pimm could see the other cute puppy (himself!) and simulated play with stuffed dogs. We even wore costumes (winter clothing, raincoat and umbrella, canoe paddles and a life jacket, flippers and snorkel, etc) and gave treats. As restrictions lifted, the dog school's community have opened up their backyards for



people greetings and short dog play sessions while wearing masks and keeping distance.

Sitting on our lawn was perfect to watch traffic,

and a nearby trail had skateboarders, bikes, and joggers. A local park had alpacas, goats, and peacocks. Friends offered farm visits to see horses, and another introduced her tolerant cats. Pimm's walked over bridges, gone in an indoor mall, up an elevator, and ridden in shopping carts in dog-friendly stores. He's watched construction, garbage trucks, and sound-making at 7:30 pm to thank our Healthcare Workers. Downtown Kitchener has diverse people. He's walked on sand, gravel, concrete, and even snow at an arena. Every day he has a long-line forest romp and goes on car rides.

The best part has been seeing Pimm's love of water blossom! The first time, I put his kiddie pool on a slant giving him a dry spot. It only took a moment to confidently go in and now we have a water-loving dog! Where there's water, he's in it! Thanks also to Dianne Mackie's Maggie for showing him how to hop into a pool.

During any of these experiences, if nervous or excited, I've either fed treats to help build a positive association, or given him distance to better cope. Pimm's already a bold, confident puppy with solid genetics, so I'm hopeful he'll develop into a well-rounded adult after the careful (and fun!) socialization.



QUEBEC

Submitted by **Katia Lemay, DIRECTOR**

ON TRAVERSE une période étrange en ce moment, c'est le moins que l'on puisse

dire... Pour la conformation, aucune compétition en ce moment, nous espérons que celles-ci reprendront bientôt. Plusieurs de nos membres ont hâte de pouvoir montrer leur jeunes Wheatens dans un ring! Je dois avouer que je suis une de ceux-là.

Par contre, au niveau de l'agilité, les activités ont repris tranquillement. J'ai vu de nos membres agilitistes performer avec leur chien. Diane Guillotte a même eu une invitation avec Highway pour le Championnat qui se tiendra aux USA. En espérant que la frontière ouvre ses portes bientôt.

Le CKC a introduit les sports de flaire (Barn Hunt) dans ses disciplines et je crois que plusieurs de nos Wheatens vont aborder cette discipline avec entrain et succès.

Johanne Forget a eu une belle idée en formant un Groupe sur Facebook qui regroupe les propriétaires de Wheatens du Québec. C'est vraiment génial de voir les photos et histoire de chacun. Belle initiative Johanne!

En tant qu'éleveurs Johanne, Louise et moi on s'est tenu occupé avec des portées ce printemps et cet été : des petits poilus ça occupe.

Je souhaite un superbe automne à tout le monde, en espérant se voir bientôt ! ♣

WE'RE going through a strange period right now, to say the least ... For conformation, no competition at the moment, we hope the shows will resume soon. Many of our members can't wait to show off their young Wheatens in a ring! I must admit that I am one of them.

On the other hand, Agility activities are slowly resuming. I have seen some of our



Agility members perform with their dogs. Diane Guillotte and Highway even got an invitation to the 2020 AKC Agility Championship to be held in the Orlando, Florida, in December. Hoping that the border opens its doors soon.

The CKC has introduced the sport of Barn Hunt and I believe that several of our Wheatens will try this activity with enthusiasm and success.

Johanne Forget had a great idea to form a Facebook Group which brings together the owners of Wheatens from Quebec. It's really great to see each other's photos and stories. Nice initiative Johanne!

As breeders, Johanne, Louise and I have kept busy with litters this spring and summer – the little furry kids can keep you busy.

I wish everyone a great fall season and hope that we see each other soon! ♣



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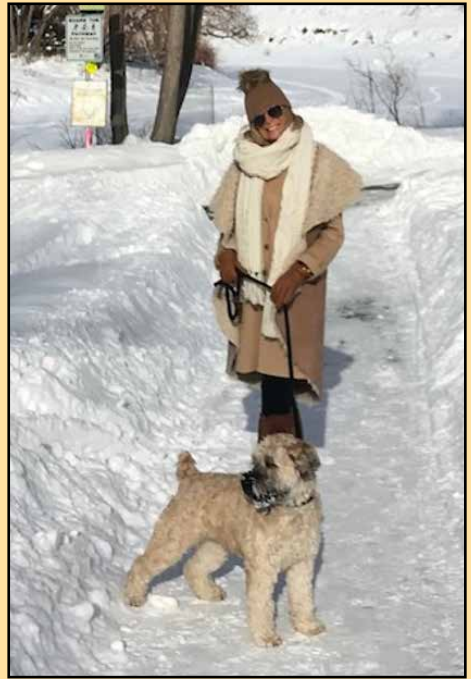
LES AND DEB GRIEVE — ALBERTA



LES AND DEB GRIEVE along with their three sons Alex, Andrew and Will hail from Calgary, AB. The family was remarkably familiar with the Soft-Coated Wheaten breed

when “Poppy” popped into their lives shortly after the passing of their beloved “Daisy”. Poppy was just getting settled in with the Grieve family when mother-nature caused the flooding of many areas in Calgary and the surrounding area in 2013. The Grieve’s home was devastated as the Bow River flooded and entered their home. A muddied little “Poppy” went back to live with her breeder, Darla Dickson until their home was safe for a new puppy.

The Grieve family took the position that everyone who was affected by the flood were in the same boat and everyone was pulling the oars together. It was friends and family



that really mattered. Friends, family and neighbours pulled together with a positive attitude, never losing their sense of humour to demonstrate grace such under pressure.

Their home was repaired and “Poppy” went to her forever home for the second time where today she is the delight of the neighbourhood and loved immensely by the entire Grieve family.

PUPPY LOVE BY CHRISTINE DORE-BROWN



LUGH, THE FUR CHILD: IN TIMES OF QUARANTINE

by **Jamie Cobb**

HELLO AGAIN, fellow Wheaten lovers!

We wanted to use this opportunity to continue to stay connected to this community, and to share what we've learned about our loving Lugh.

Pack Protector

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes to our family - the greatest being that Lugh is almost never home alone. This is because of the obvious, quarantine. We, as humans, now understand what being home alone all day EVERYDAY feels like, and this is something we think Lugh appreciates. We took the opportunity during the beginning of quarantine to rearrange the house a little, which included a new perch for Lugh to casually, yet seriously, observe the various movements we have at the front of our house. He also has been included in virtually every car ride since quarantine started. Any escape from the house is appreciated by us and him, and we love seeing our "baby Chewbacca" from the rearview mirror, enjoying the wind in his Wheaten beard. No matter where we are and where we go, Lugh is not shy to protect his little household.

Constant Comfort

A consequence of quarantine that we originally didn't imagine possible for our little independent instigator was the constant need to snuggle. Lugh takes almost any opportunity to be as close to us as possible. His



happiness seems to be measured in rubs and kisses rather than treats these days, and we don't mind! He especially was a huge comfort to us and Shannon's students at the beginning of the school closure period, keeping us sane at home through the unprecedented changes, and becoming a positive, cute and humorous addition to Shannon's online classroom.

Backyard Bandit



Before COVID-19 we knew we wanted to expand our garden, but with extra time at home we were able to create a garden with more varieties of plants to eat than we originally anticipated. We even ventured into raising chickens! We share our chicken responsibilities with our neighbour, but it has been a great learning opportunity

for us so far. We look forward to Lugh understanding where mom and dad disappear to when they say "we're feeding the chicks!" once he eventually hears rooster crows in the morning and sees the chickens in their outdoor portion of their coop.

In addition to exploring and learning from our little “homestead,” we always enjoy seeing Lugh play in his kiddie pool, digging holes (and making mud baths with them!), and enjoying evening family walks at sunset on our property.

Summer Plans?

What Summer Plans?

After getting married in January of this year and with Shannon’s sister getting married in September, we were looking forward to lots of celebrations and a honeymoon over the summer months, which would have included a trip to

British Columbia to meet a best friend’s new baby. While COVID-19 had other plans for everyone, we’re still continuing to teach Lugh how to be comfortable swimming in deeper water (in his cute life jacket!)

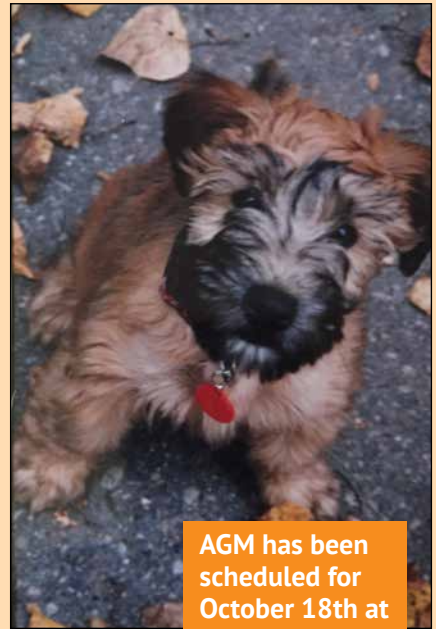
for boat rides with Jamie’s parents, and Shannon is learning how to make customized vinyl and paper projects for herself, family, and friends. With the uncertainty of the upcoming school year for Shannon and a new job for Jamie, this summer has been busy with work and finding alternatives to old routines. We’re fortunate to live where we do so that we can safely enjoy the outdoors, and we are especially grateful for our surprisingly adaptable, comforting, fun, and entertaining fur-child that is Lugh!

We are sending love, good health, and safety to you and your families as we navigate these unprecedented times, and we look forward to meeting and seeing many of you again when the opportunity arrives!

Take care, Jamie and Shannon Cobb



BUTTERCUP!



AGM has been scheduled for October 18th at 7pm EST. To be held via Zoom teleconference. Stay tuned for further details to come by email to the membership.



ATLANTIC REGION

by **Collette Cottreau,**
DIRECTOR

– Submitted by Wendy
MacKeigan for Colette Cottreau.

GREETINGS from the Maritimes!

As we face COVID-19 together with the rest of the country we have to say we have enjoyed the conveniences of the Atlantic bubble. We are looking forward to better times ahead when we can reunite with the rest of the provinces and get back to our showing. For now we will enjoy the quiet and focus on our testing of future show and breeding prospects.

Colette Cottreau continues strong with her pups as they enjoy the summer sun and water sports. She hopes to breed her first litter in the near future if not in the new year. Stella is an amazing girl and we look forward to what she will produce.

Keigan Wheatens has recently homed a litter of eight from Gracie and is happy to report all are happy and doing well. Rumour has it they have taken after their mom and are all great swimmers.

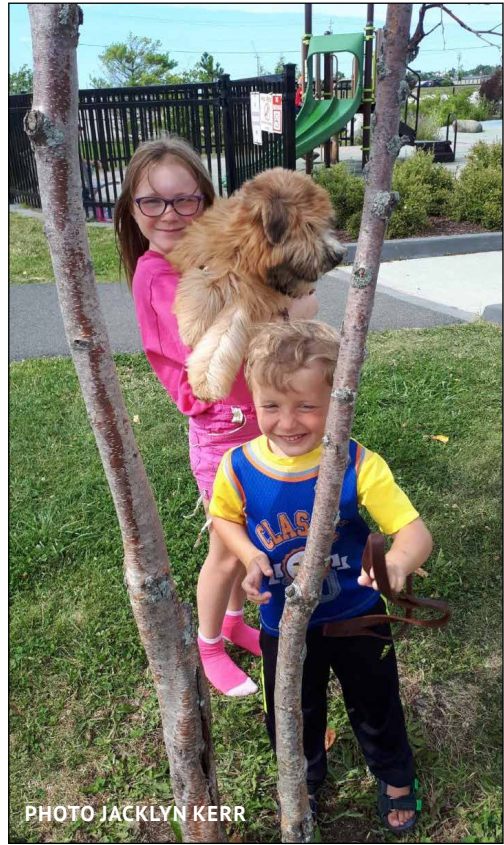


PHOTO JACKLYN KERR

Paulette Langdon has recently homed a litter of six beautiful babies and all are doing great! Looking forward to seeing you all in the ring in the New Year!

PUPPY LOVE BY CHRISTINE DORE-BROWN



COMMUNICATING WITH NEW PUPPY OWNERS IN TIME OF COVID-19

By **Linda Martin**

AS COVID -19 continues to alter our way of living to stay safe, breeders and puppy buyers need a bit of technology to help out. I had a litter in April and a single pup born in May, all who had reserved homes. Meeting some of the new owners and doing my four hour puppy education classes was a challenge but 'What's App' calls plus 'Zoom' conferences saved the day.

I'm not a fan of the tech world however so it was a learning curve for me to be sure. 'What's App' was a good way to meet new people and show them our adults and later the puppies. With everyone's consent plus scheduling we set up four, hour long 'Zoom' Conferences to discuss and educate, everything about raising your Wheaten. With multiple new owners, some who had owned a Wheaten before and some who were new dog owners in two different provinces, there was a good exchange

of questions and information. When it came time to pick up their pup, final questions and paperwork took place on our covered front porch with face masks and / or social distancing. Each pup had their own day however, so that no owner was rushed.

One new owner had to do the NB/ NS border crossing and self-isolate for two weeks after getting their pup. The zoom conferences have been so well received that the new owners

'Zoom' conferences saved the day

requested another session to happen four weeks after they got their pup to exchange information and new puppy experiences plus give the heads up on some things to the people picking up the single pup. They had been on all the previous Zoom calls but had to wait five more weeks for their pup who was five weeks younger. Their 14-year-old male had passed away last year so they were seasoned owners.

Some other breeders, I expect, may be using similar methods. As the old saying goes, "Necessity is the mother of invention". Stay Safe!

FOXY WITH TWO OF HER PUPS CATCHING A SNACK



THE ESSENCE OF A WHEATEN

By **Keith Belinko**

I THOUGHT I would share with you an article I wrote profiling my wife Wendy Murray. As you most likely know, Wendy was a very active member of our local Ottawa chapter; and over the years, has donated and gifted many of her paintings of



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Wheatens to members for their enjoyment. In fact, Dianne Mackie is the owner of one of my very favourite paintings (The Guardian) that Wendy has ever done. I bought several raffle tickets at the 2008 National Specialty hoping to win it, but alas, it wasn't to be.

There are only a few artists who can truly capture the essence of a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier on canvas, and my wife Wendy Murray is one of those artists. Needless to say that I am very proud of her accomplishments and thought that I would share some of her artwork with Wheaten lovers.

Wendy started painting shortly after retiring from her job in 2000. Part of her inspiration came from acquiring our first Wheaten puppy, Kiva. She started painting animals initially, but her first



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real challenge was in trying to capture that unmistakable look and temperament of a young Wheaten puppy on canvas. Not wanting to part with the original painting, Wendy produced several prints which she has gifted to Wheaten owners over the years. Several copies of the print are still available to give away if anyone is interested (see Wendy's contact info below).

After Kiva, we have enjoyed two additional Wheatens: Tilly (who



PINK!

originally lived with Priscilla Tims) and currently, Tootsie (from Keepsake Wheatens).

Tootsie is the sister of Pink, who won the title of Best of Breed in Westminster. A Tootsie portrait is currently underway.

Wendy has displayed her love for the breed in many different ways. She was actively involved with the Eastern Ontario Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, where for a number of years she held the role of Editor of *Wheaten Whispers*. Wendy was also involved in the organization of several events, including Wheaten Specialties.

Wendy's paintings have brought much joy to Wheaten owners, providing a lasting keepsake and tribute to their dogs.

Wendy can be reached at wjmurray@rogers.com or 613 435-5075.

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**BEST
PUPPY IN
GROUP**

**MR. CHEAM
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**BEST OF
OPPOSITE SEX**

**BEST OF
WINNERS**

G.S. Ramsden

BREEDER:
Yan Zavelion
OWNERS:
Sasha Shkolnik
and Yan Zavelion

Emmy can't wait to be shown again to complete her title and is working hard to remember everything she learned in the show ring

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SHELLEY RADWAY — ALBERTA

WITH the pandemic and social distancing requirements limiting our activities, I have been so thankful to have our wonderful Wheaten, Sunny, as a companion over this past year. My name is Shelley Radway and I live in Calgary, Alberta.

I knew the Soft-Coated Wheaten was the only breed for us. Our family had one in the past. I had waited seven years before getting another dog. Greg, my husband, and I were about to retire when our last Wheaten passed away and we had wanted to travel before we brought a new puppy into our family. I had been longing for the time when I could get another dog. I so missed going for walks with a dog at my side. With most of our international travel now behind us, my aim is to stay closer to home, do more gardening and spend time with my dog.

Sunny came to us in late August 2019.

He was worth the wait. He is a typical Wheaten, happy and eager to meet any stranger. I'm grateful that Sunny also likes long walks. He is quite content to walk with me through the neighbourhood and is especially interested in people and other dogs. However, his favourite activity is to run free on trails in the forests.

In the winter he follows me on the snowshoe trails. If there is fresh



SHELLEY RADWAY
AND SUNNY

snow, I know he will be unable to resist diving into the snow, then snorkeling or rolling through it. This, of course, results in many snowballs clinging to his fur.

Nothing a quick dunk in warm water can't take care of. In the summer, it's the water that is the attraction.

Any puddle is fair game to splash through. I also found out that mud will bring him joy too, if given the opportunity. This leads to another bath and fewer opportunities to run free if mud is near the trails.

In the past year, we have been to puppy kindergarten and

training for conformation.

We were able to participate in a weekend of conformation shows before the lock-down due to COVID-19.

With restrictions from the pandemic lifting, we are once again taking more classes to learn a few more skills, going for bike rides with Sunny in his dog trailer, going for walks and, not surprisingly, more hikes.



CHURMY FAN, PENNY AND BUI BUI IN ALBERTA



LINDA HALLAS HAS DOUBLE THE LUCK WITH FINDING SPICEY AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

water DOGS

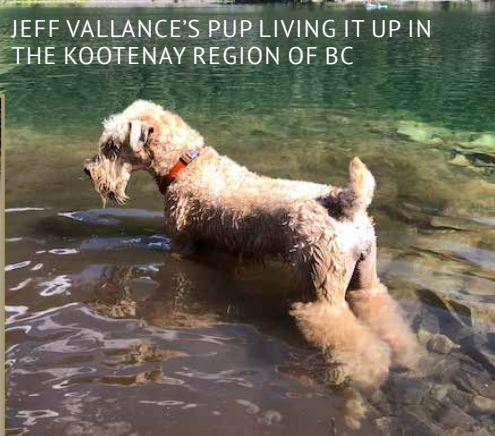


BUI BUI – SHAKE IT UP BABY!



JEFF VALLANCE'S PUP LIVING IT UP IN THE KOOTENAY REGION OF BC

WALLOWING IN POOH CREEK (ON MEMBER ELIZABETH LEE'S PROPERTY) WITH LORENE JONES'S DOGS



FIONA TO THE RESCUE!

by **Christine Dore-Brown**

ON MAY 1, 2020 our 5-year-old Wheaten Fiona, decided to give birth to five healthy puppies in my husband's clothes closet! This was a bit of a surprise as her last litter consisted of one pup delivered by c-section. Well things were going wonderfully and it was day five. Fi was an excellent Mom and everyone was healthy.

Then I got a call from the local Emergency Clinic looking for a surrogate Mom.

We talked it over and thought that since Fi was a laid back Wheaten with lots of milk on hand that we could help out. Then the Clinic called it off since they had already found someone. Whew we thought! Then the clinic called back as the first surrogate had fallen through and could we help? So we called the owners and volunteered our dog. They were ecstatic!

They had had two litters and both Moms had failed to provide enough

milk for the French Bull Dogs puppies.

We took on two French Bull Dog puppies that were two weeks older than ours. They looked enormous compared to our brood. Fi took one look at them, then at us. Her eyes got rather large, but she did for those two puppies what she was doing for her own. Being that much older, the Frenchies were walking and had their eyes open. But when it came to meal time they were all in. Noisy things, slurping away. Cuddling in with the five Wheaties.

They stayed with us for just over a week before they went back home to their owner Jim Brent, to be weaned. It was lovely to have been able to help, but great to have just our five to ourselves again.

Now we know what French Bull Dog puppies look like! I think I like Wheatens better (just saying).



(ABOVE) A GOOD SIZE COMPARISON!



(LEFT) FIONA WITH HER FOSTER PUPS AND HER OWN BABIES.

BUILDING on
our foundation
and looking
forward to 2021!



OUR CHAMPIONS

CH Inisroe's Hallelujah — 2015

CH Bachram's True You — 2017

CH Skyfall Mackanme Bachram Neala — 2019

CH Bachram's Lake Tempest — 2019

and introducing "Odin"

Skyfall Guns 'n Roses at Bachram

(GCH Skyfall Top Gun x

CH Skyfall Mackanme Bachram Neala)

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soft-coated wheaten terriers

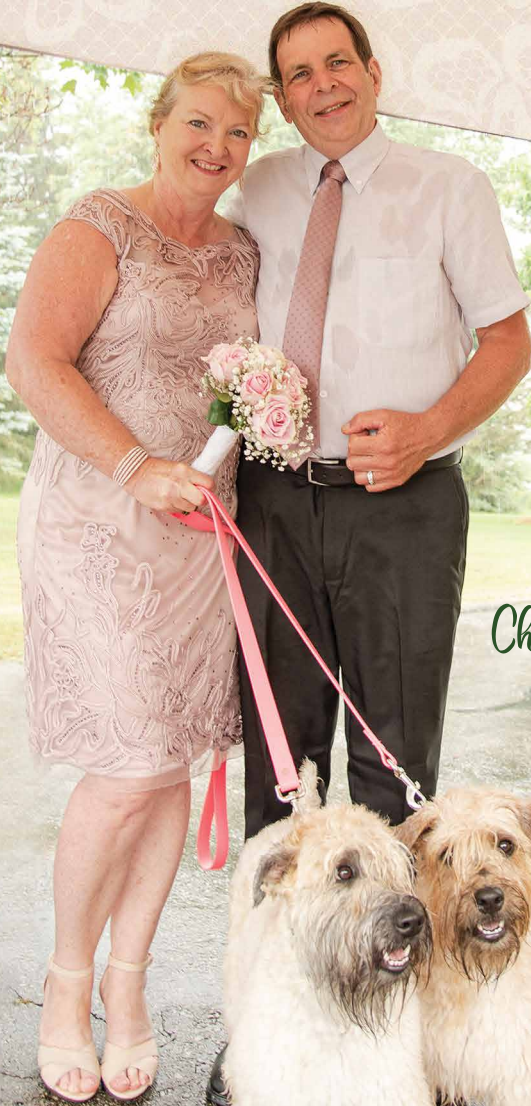
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All loved and owner handled by Teresa Gustafson
Neala is co-owned with Yan Zavelion of Skyfall Kennel.ca
and Odin is co-owned with Yan Zavelion and Tanya Antonenko

July 10 2020

Celebrating love!

Wishing Lori and Norm a fabulous future together!



*Chance and Style
are delighted*

Aligning two packs - Diamondjewel and Shadymist Kennels