

Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Ireland

THE WHEATEN NEWS



Newsletter
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Secretary's Corner

Hi Guys,

As the newly elected Secretary of ISCWT Club of Ireland I would like to welcome you all to this new committee's first Newsletter.

Our aim is to reach out to all Wheaten owners to share news, tips and advice, photos, stories etc. and generally just talk about our dogs. This wonderful breed originated here in Ireland and we would like to establish contact and lines of communication with Wheaten friends throughout the World.

So read and enjoy!

Jennifer Kealy
Hon. Secretary

Editor's Notes

Welcome! I am Eileen the Editor of this Newsletter. It is my hope to broaden links within the wider Wheaten Community.

I would invite comments, articles and any input from you all. New owners may benefit from any advice and I am hoping to include in future issues articles of interest from around the globe. Ideas are to start a Letters Page, Overseas News, Photos to share and any items of interest no matter how small. I have included a page especially for Juniors. In the future this may include puzzles, competitions, art work etc. but this cannot get accomplished without your help, so please contribute.

The next issue of Newsletter will be in Spring so put your pens to paper or send in to our Secretary via e mail. Addresses etc on Tail Ends on last page. I hope you enjoy reading this and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

A special word of thanks must go to Deborah Evans-Barry as her contribution to the layout and design of this newsletter was invaluable.

A Prickly Problem

This is the time of year when just a leaf can catch you out! Cleaning the garden to remove "landmine poos" can take more time. A dried curled leaf can look remarkably like something else!

But for me the biggest test are Hedgehogs.

The last run in garden at night can take so much longer than usual. Preparation requires putting on the armour ---welly boots, coat and most importantly carrying a torch. I have now included leads and collars to this list and if like me you have large Oak and Chestnut trees a hard hat wouldn't go amiss either. Acorns and Conkers can hurt! But Hedgehogs remain my biggest challenge. I imagine the dogs think hedgehogs are like large live conkers and they take great enjoyment in their game of rolling them into prickly balls.

So that is when the collars and leads become useful in my role as referee. If I have not been quick enough to intercept then bedtime is further delayed as I then have a game of my own "Spot the Fleas!" Isn't it lucky that Wheatens are not black! The Fleas usually sit on top of the dog's head and quite easy to remove. Although Fleas are species specific to Hedgehogs I think it is best to remove as soon as possible. Garlic added to dogs diet can help to deter Fleas and also a peppermint scented oil rubbed over the coat can help too but be very careful with this around head and especially eyes.

So as the Hedgehogs unfurl and scamper off, I drag myself off to shower and finally bed. No need to count sheep, Fleas have usually taken care of any counting!



Wheaten Gathering At Glendalough

On October 18th our first Wheaten Gathering was held in beautiful Glendalough in County Wicklow. True to our Irish weather it rained! But there was some sunshine between the showers.

Over 20 people and 17+ Wheatens enjoyed the walk up to the lake. A number of Wheaten owners had travelled quite some distances to join us but the furthest visitor was from Canada. Ann Holahan, helped by her friend Mary O'Carroll, of the Maroc kennels, both thoroughly enjoyed their day in spite of the weather. Another breeder from the past who braved the weather was Tommy Conway, of the Ballyfoyle kennels, it was great that Mary and Tommy could join us. We had an honorary "Wheaten" Hippo, a little dog who came with her owners Brian and Kate Murphy with Wheaten Rira. Bernadette Moynihan travelled from Cork with 4 of her Wheatens, Eireann, Faolan, Fechin and Moyna and was helped by her cousin Barry. Eithne and Michael Brady brought Sandy, Maud and Ceilidh. Evelyn and Jay Rutherford travelled from Ballyclare in Northern Ireland with Kilo. Eileen and Ray Collins were joined by their daughter Siobhan who had just flown in from Bath. Their Wheatens Cwizzle and Clodo got soaked! Some of the Wheatens had very stylish rainwear. Milo was very busy taking his new owners, Zoe, Miranda and Hannah, on the walk. The girls worked hard as he had so much energy but that did not deter them walking the Kealy's Nutmeg too! Our youngest Wheaten "walker" was baby Ross who travelled in style along the paths in his buggy!

Now that's my idea of walking! Dad Richard and Mum Jennifer Dalton were helped by Ross's older brother Daniel and Wheaten Nevan. Susan Kealy walked Reesha while Jennifer Kealy was busy trying to take photos and chat to people. My bit of paper with names got very wet and almost disintegrated so apologies if I have missed anyone or got names wrong. I promise to be more organised next time!

After the walk most of us had lunch in the Bistro there and this was followed by a raffle with prizes very generously donated by our Secretary Jennifer Kealy. With tired dogs and owners returning home, a fun day was had by all.



*"If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either."
- Unknown*



*Dogs are not our whole life,
but they make our lives whole.
~ Roger Caras*

General Health

At this time of year with Christmas fast approaching it might be prudent to mention a couple of food stuff to be very aware of if ingested by your dog.

Xylitol – written by Deborah V Evans-Barry

Xylitol is a sweetener found in many sugar-free drinks and sweets, chewing gums and even dental toothpastes. Also it is used a sweetener for tea and coffee.

In humans too much Xylitol can cause a mild laxative effect but in dogs ingestion can be fatal.

Dogs can display signs of toxicity within 30 minutes of ingestion. The Xylitol causes a rapid release of insulin, causing a sudden decrease in blood glucose. The dog can then display:

Vomiting

Weakness

Ataxia (uncoordinated movement)

Depression

Seizures

Coma

Liver dysfunction or failure



If you suspect your dog has eaten Xylitol it is imperative that you contact your vet and get your dog to them immediately.

If it is soon after ingestion, your vet may well cause your dog to vomit to expel the xylitol substance. After that your dog will require veterinary monitoring and supportive care for possible low blood glucose and/or low potassium levels.

You can read a full report at

<http://www.aspcapro.org/sites/pro/files/xylitol.pdf> and

<http://ohme.hubpages.com/hub/xylitol-poison-to-dogs#>

Chocolate

Chocolate can cause sickness and even kill. NO amount of chocolate is ok for your dog to consume. Dark chocolate is the riskiest with milk and white chocolate slightly less of a risk.

Chocolate contains caffeine and a chemical compound called Theobromine which is the real danger. Even small amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms of theobromine poisoning generally occur within four to 24 hours after chocolate is consumed.

Truly toxic amounts can induce hyperactivity, tremors, high blood pressure, rapid heart rate, seizures, respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. It takes a long time for dogs to metabolise Theobromine. After 17 hours, half of the Theobromine is still in its system.

When a dog shows signs of hyperactivity and agitation or is having seizures, the faster you get it to the vet the better. But there is no specific antidote for chocolate poisoning.

Usually, after vomiting is induced, activated charcoal is given to help prevent the absorption of the remaining toxins. Fluids are typically given along with intravenous drugs to limit seizures and protect the heart.

So be extra vigilant with chocolate Christmas tree decorations and any boxes/tins of sweeties you may have been lucky to receive! Watch out too for dogs that may steal nice smelling prezzies too!

Note: Most people don't realize it, but the increasingly popular cocoa shell mulches used for landscaping can also pose a serious risk to dogs in the same way that chocolate does.



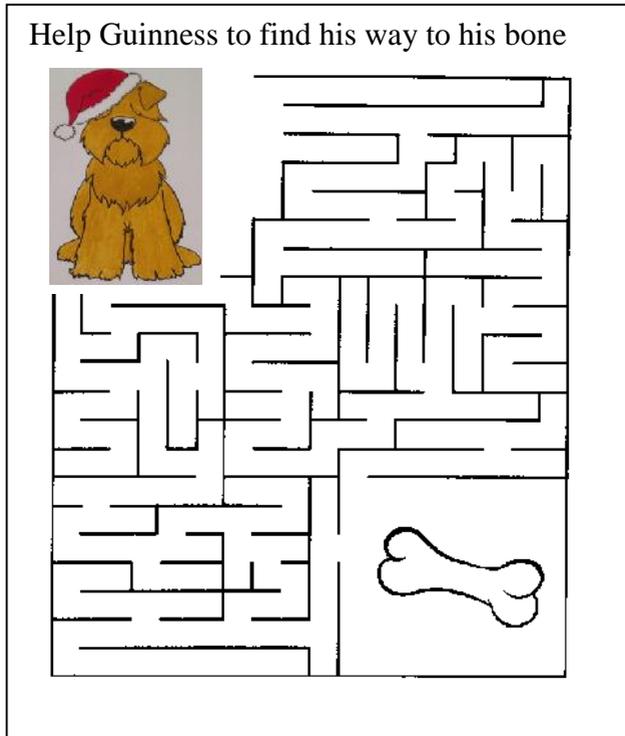
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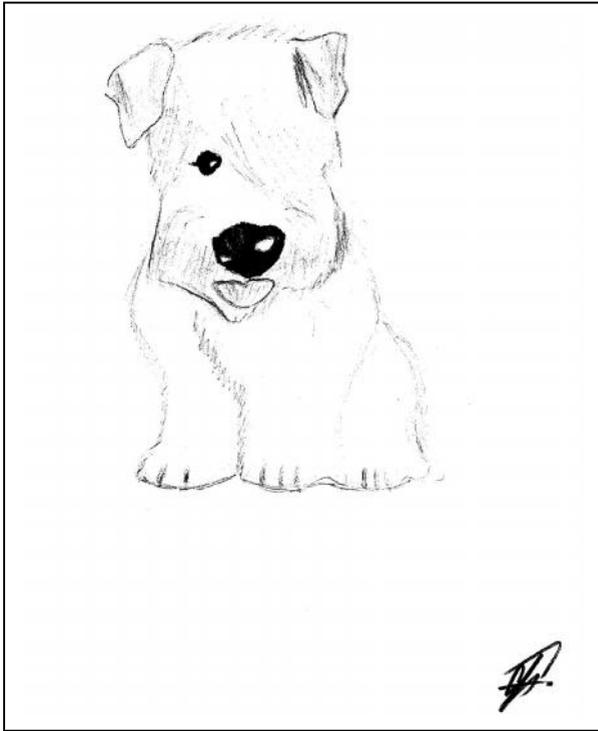
Welcome and Hello to all our younger people in Wheaten World. You will have a special page in our newsletter, The Wheaten News.

On this page you will find a puzzle or two and sometimes a competition to enter.

Our first contributor is Scott Ferguson who sent in a lovely sketch of a Wheaten.

I would love to hear stories about your Wheatens, pictures of your Wheatens, jokes, poems etc in fact anything you can tell us. So get your crayons, paints and pens and send me something to include in our next issue. You can email them to eilocollins@hotmail.com





Picture by Scott Ferguson – age 10

Word Search – Find the words forwards, backwards and diagonally

D	D	R	E	L	T	S	I	H	W
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DOG
 FOOD
 WHEATEN
 WALK
 PARK
 LAP
 SNOW
 MUDDY
 COLLAR
 LEAD
 WHISTLE
 IRISH
 BRUSH
 BARK
 SNOW
 COMB

Views From Breeders Around The World

This issue - Kickie & Chris Norrby – Villa Rosas Wheatens, Sweden

1. What first attracted you to ISCWT?

Their lovely temperament and the wonderful coat did totally capture our hearts immediately.

How many years have you been involved with the breed?

29 years; since 1985.

Are Wheatens your original breed?

No, we had Afghan Hounds, Smooth Collies and Bouvier des Flanderes when we saw a Wheaten for the first time at an International show in Malmö in March 1985 but since 1999 we have only had Wheatens.

2. In your opinion which is the best wheaten owned or bred by you?

It is hard to pick one since there have been so many wonderful dogs with their own personality during the years, like "Mister" our first homebred Wheaten to become champion, "Niska" Maroc Iniskea our first Irish import (from Mary O'Carroll) who all our dogs still goes back to, she was the queen of Villa Rosa. "Kelda" Villa Rosas Key-Way (their daughter) Villa Rosas Paddy who we sent as adult to USA and he was the first Swedish Wheaten to become American Champion, Villa Rosas Jill Na Lausitz our first Irish Champion, Villa Rosas Lion of the Day the first Wheaten to be a certified game tracker. He was used as farm and hunting dog on moose (elk) and other game. Or any of all other very special dogs we have owned, bred and/or sent to wonderful owners around the world. But if we have to pick one it must be "Mister" Villa Rosas Big-Wig. He had the loveliest temperament you could think of and he was to sire many more litters than planned because of his lovely temperament and he charmed everyone. He raised all our puppies during all his life and taught them everything. He sired his last two litters when he was 11 years and died of Borrelia infection. Three months before he died he participated in a breed specialty as a veteran and was 2nd best veteran and 4th best male at 14 years old!! This is from his web page:

<http://www.villarosa.se/Villa-Rosas-Big-Wig.html>

"Mister was our first own bred Wheaten to become Champion, but it lasted until he was 3 years until he got the last cert (CAC) He was also our first Wheaten with red/harsh coat as a pup and we kept him since he looked so different. When he was and 8 months old

pup he won his first show, the breed specialty in Stockholm under Anthony Killykeen,- Doyle as judge. He ended up as BIS puppy!

Silky so called Irish coat was not popular so it was a very hard time to show him. As intermediate he won one cert (CAC) and CACIB under Michael Kirby. As adult, when the coat had grown out the wins started and he ended up with 10 national and international champion titles and was one of the highest Champion titled dogs in the world ever at that time.

He also had a wonderful temperament and raised a lot of puppies. It was also because of his lovely temperament he was used as stud many more times than planned. When those unwilling bitches that didn't want to breed the planned male came and were introduced to Mister to check if they really were in heat they totally changed and offered themselves so their owners felt ashamed ;-)

There are many well known children, grand- great-grand etc. by him. For example the following 4 generations MULTICH Villa Rosas Key-Way, MULTICH Villa Rosas Paddy, CH Kaler Toy-Boy of Villa Rosa, MULTICH Villa Rosas Lochlainn."

In November it is 10 years since he passed away, but we still remember it as it was yesterday.

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VILLA ROSAS BIG-WIG "MISTER"

dob 27 August 1989 dod 10 November 2003

3. Other than those you have been personally involved with, which two or three Wheatens would you describe as the best ones you have seen and why?

When I (Kickie) first met Newgrange Con of O'Rian, when visiting Dan & Hannah Ryan, I fell in love. What a beautiful dog and what lovely temperament. I wanted to bring him with me. Later on Mary O'Carroll, kennel Maroc, bred him to Maroc Princess and we got Maroc Na Sionna from that combination. He has had a big influence in our breeding and is sire and grandsire of many successful dogs. We have a young male now, Villa Rosas Aldor Snygh, who has the same lovely temperament as his GGGG sire Con had.

Like many other people in the breed we have always admitted Geijes Kilmore, a wonderful dog, as close to the standard as you can come. Another lovely dog we have met is Mac Dara Hot Shot. I (Kickie) saw him for the first time when judging at the breed specialty in Stockholm many years ago and made him BOB. He became the dog who stands for the interpretation of the Swedish extended standard in 2008.

Except for the above mentioned dogs there are some top winning dogs we just have seen on photos but who we admire and would love to meet in reality.

4. What kennel within or outside of the breed has impressed you and why?
In the breed is of course the work of Maureen Holmes and the Holmenocks kennel most impressive. There is unfortunately no one today who is so dedicated to the breed as she was.

5. If you could incorporate just one dog from the past, into your breeding programme, who would it be and why?
We have been trying to do that all the time with new imports from Ireland and other countries going back to the old lines so they do not disappear. So far we have never bred from a dog we haven't met since we think the temperament is so important, but it would have been exciting to meet and use for example Firecrest and/or Silver Wheat.

6. Who has been your greatest mentor in the breed?
*When it comes to Wheatens Maureen Holmes have helped us a lot and we had many phone calls (collect-call) and letters exchanged in the 90-ies. We also met a few times. Tony Killykeen-Doyle and Ethine Cleary was also among the peoples who have helped us a lot as did Dan Ryan. Maureen Holmes always said to us: "Breed for the standard and not for the pedigree!"
We have tried to follow that during the years.
And Tony Killykeen-Doyle always said: "The coat has nothing to do with nationality, it's just quality!"
Wise words from wise people.*

7. Since you began in Wheatens have you seen many changes within the breed?
*Oh yes!
If yes please explain.
The breed grew like an explosion in the late -80ies to mid -00 in Sweden. Many dogs, who shouldn't have been bred, were bred and the type and temperament got really bad in some lines. The dull and woolly coats were very popular and the war of coats started then and is still going on. In the show rings in Sweden only the woolly coated dogs won and the judges liked the over angulated ones with very short backs, the so called American type. The original Irish type of dogs had a hard time in the show*

rings and the few breeders got fewer since they wanted to win at shows and started breeding the American type of dogs instead.

Today the quality over all is improving, but still many are breeding for coat, pedigree and show winning more than for the standard.

8. Do you believe the quality has improved or declined since you first became involved?

We think the quality over all has improved closer to the FCI standard. You do not see so many dull and woolly coats today and the construction over all is closer to the standard today. Not so many over angulated dogs, not so many straight shoulders and super short backs and not so many huge and leggy dogs today as it was some 10-15 years ago. When it comes to details there are still a big difference. In the type of heads for example one can see everything from big and wide like Glen of Imaal to narrow elegant like Kerry Blue and strangely enough they are very often trimmed with machine clippers on the sides which really takes the true Wheaten expression away. The ear size and carriage is improving but there are still a lot of dogs with big flat hanging hound ears. Many adult dogs in the show rings are still missing the natural shine in their coat.

9. What in your opinion is the greatest hurdle that is now facing the breed?

All the mixing of coats and type!!! As long as the judges and breeders can not accept the true type of the breed and the coat the FCI standard describes, the breeding and discussions will focus on what type is winning in the show rings at the moment, instead of breeding for the standard, the diversity of the breed will continue, unfortunately as it has been for so many years already.

10. What needs to be done to protect the breed into the future?

We think the Irish Wheaten Club needs to give strong guidelines how to interpret the FCI breed standard. We also think that Irish judges need an extra lesson in how to judge the native breeds when judging abroad since that is VERY important for judges from other countries to look for. Since it mostly is the winning dogs in the show rings who are setting the standard for the type for the breeding, the judges from the native country is of big importance for the future breeding.

Recipe - Hard Oat Biscuits

Ingredients:

Packet of thyme & parsley stuffing mix
(Ensure no onion or onion powder)

2 mugs of oats

1 mug of flour (wholemeal is healthier)

1 beaten egg

Hot water to mix



To make:

Add the packet of thyme and parsley to a mixing bowl

Add the 2 mugs of oats

Add the mug of flour

Add the beaten egg

Mix together

Add the hot water until mixture can be made into a dough ball

Leave to rest for 30 minutes

Roll out until half an inch thick and cut out into preferred shape

Bake at 140°C or gas mark 3 for 50 to 60 minutes or until rock hard

Leave to cool and then give to dog as a treat or a puppy who is teething

Alternatives to the thyme & parsley stuffing

Honey – approx one third of a jar

Grated Cheese

Grated Apples and Carrots

Blueberries

The Club Championship Show



Best In Show (L) CH Hobel I Love You, Jun Ch, InTerraW 11, CW-14
Reserve Best In Show (R) CH Hobel La Nollag, Jun Ch, CJW-11

The Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland held its annual Championship Show at the Fermoy International Show on Saturday 3rd May. The judge, this year, was Ms J Poulouva of Edbrios Kerry Blues. Entries were from here in Ireland, as well as the UK.

Best In Show went to Deborah Evans-Barry's bitch CH Hobel I Love You with Reserve Best In Show also going to Deborah with her dog CH Hobel La Nollag.

Minor Puppy

Wheaten Goblin Eros For Cetannia

Intermediate Dog

Manawyddan I Got Rythmn

Open Dog

Kinaelen Finlandia Finnian

Ballysax Bertys Dream

Dalstar True Grit

Silkcroft No More Games

Champion Dog

CH Hobel La Nollag

CH Ballysax Bremner

CH Macfinn Tievnaman

Special Puppy Bitch

Kealdale Nutmeg

Kealdale Mace

Parkalissene Orfhlaithe

Junior Bitch

Hobel Devil Woman

Macfinn Cordelia

Intermediate Bitch

Ballinvounig Take A Chance

Parkalissene Moyna

Open Bitch

Kinaelen Finlandia Finnial

Hobel Summer Rain

Carrigerry Star

Parkalissene Bebhinn

Champion Bitch

CH Hobel I Love You

CH Dalstar Giselle



Cups and Rosettes with the food sponsored by Happy Dog



Best In Show Rosette



Wheaten Goblin Eros For Cetannia



Manawyddan I Got Rythmn (L)
Ballinvounig Take A Chance (R)



Kinaelan Finlandia Finnial (L)
Kinaelan Finlandia Finnian (R)



Hobel Devil Woman



Kealdale Nutmeg (L)
Kealdale Mace (R)



Puppy Playtime

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland held in Carlow on Saturday 20th September, the following committee members were voted in.

Chairperson: Susan Kealy

Vice Chairperson: Nicky White

Secretary: Jennifer Kealy

Treasurer: Jennifer Kealy

You're never
alone when
you're
owned by a
Wheaten

Committee Members:

Elaine Butler

Ray Collins

Eileen Collins Kennedy – Cup Steward & Newsletter Editor

Richard Dalton

Mary Kelly

Bernadette Moynihan

Jay Rutherford

Nicky White

IKC Representative:

Anna Butler

FINALLY

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Duif**



**From all of the Committee to you and your
loved ones. We look forward to seeing you in
2015.**

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