

Tail Ends



Eithne Brady is the lady who had the foresight to create the “Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier” DVD which features an interview with Tony Killykeen-Doyle and a video, taken by Wallie Ladd, of the rehearsal of Maureen Holmes preparing for the world congress. Unfortunately Maureen did not get to give her presentation so it is particularly pertinent that we have this historical record. We have a limited number of these available so if you require one please contact me at wheatenclubofireland@gmail.com



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Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Ireland **THE WHEATEN NEWS**



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Secretary's Corner

Hello everyone.

Well it has been a busy and very enjoyable few months. We had a second walk to coincide with the GB club record breaking WOW (Walk Our Wheatens) event, which was attended by old and new friends. I organised and attended the WOW walk in Dublin in Marley Park. Another was held in Cork and another in Northern Ireland. Thank you to Bernadette Moynihan and John Kehoe for arranging these.

We are now preparing for our Club Show where judge Mr Tim Finney will be officiating. The Club Show is held in conjunction with Fermoy International show and there is also another show on same weekend, South Tipperary, so a chance for exhibitors to gain 3 Green Stars. The Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier club would like to take this opportunity to thank our hosts Fermoy and "Happy Dogs" dog food who are very kindly sponsoring our show.

We have a huge amount of activity on the club Facebook page with just over 250 members. You can find us "Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland". We have also had numerous requests for membership expanding our Club further. We are currently working on a new web site which will be up and running very soon with content added on a regular basis, especially necessary for those not on "Facebook"

Our Committee members have hidden talents. Jay Rutherford has made us some lovely shamrocks out of horse shoes, really beautiful. Jay has also made some Wheaten models from Bog Oak. He is currently working on Wheaten place stands for our club show. I have kept him busy so be careful what talents you divulge to me!

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and support. We look forward to the next few months. I hope you all have a good Summer. Safe travelling to all shows and remember, you always go home with the best dog!

Jennifer Kealy
Honorary Secretary

Editor's Notes

How rewarding to get such a positive response and words of encouragement from many of the readers of our first newsletter. Thank you to all. It is good to make contact with so many Wheaten owners from all over the world and to hear your news.

As costs of kennelling escalate it may be an idea to consider taking your Wheaten with you if on a holiday destination within reach of ferry/car. The current rules for Pet Passport and travelling are included in this Spring issue.

It is lovely to see the better weather arriving, my cherry trees and daffodils are coming into full bloom now. Also the outdoor shows so much nicer for owners and dogs with more space etc. The club show is almost upon us. A report and photos will follow in the next newsletter.

My problem with hedgehogs long gone over the Winter months but now I have the sticky casings from the Horse Chestnut tree buds. They stick like glue to hair on dog's legs! But I suppose they at least do not have fleas!

Some of you may be aware that I had major surgery a few weeks ago. Thank you for all get well cards and wishes, very much appreciated. Once again Deborah Evans-Barry has been invaluable with her work with layout and contribution to this second newsletter. Without Debs' help in getting preparation work ready I would have struggled.

Read and hopefully enjoy this edition. Any contributions for next publication please send to me or Jennifer. If there is any topic or articles you would like to see included in next newsletter just email and we will do our best. Have a lovely Summer.

Eileen

Walk Our Wheaten At Dublin and Belfast

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of GB is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year and to mark the occasion it asked Wheaten owners all over the world if they would walk their Wheatens on Sunday 15th March at 11 am (their local time).

The aim was also to create, if possible, a World Record for the number of Wheatens being walked at one time. Ireland duly responded with walks organised in Belfast, Dublin and Cork and an owner doing her own walk in Limerick with 4 of her dogs.

The Northern Ireland walk was held at Crawfordsburn Country Park on the outskirts of Bangor. The park offers a combination of forest and beach walk so it was decided to utilize both. There was a really good turn out and it looks like the total number attending was 34, making Northern Ireland one of the biggest Wheaten Walks held on the day.

Although chilly it remained dry throughout and when everyone made it back to the restaurant area many sat down for a well earned warm cup of coffee and talked Wheaten at length.

At the Dublin walk in Marley Park, South Dublin there were 12 Wheatens. A very enjoyable time was had by all. There were 12 Wheatens and 2 'friends', a Poodle and Kerry Blue. We all met in the car park and at 11 am started the walk around the park for about an hour and this time none of us got drenched.

On the walk they visited the 'Fairy Tree', where children leave their baby pacifiers for the fairies. Once they completed our walk they all went on to the Farmers Market, held in Marley, where they all had a snack and hot drink. Tommy Conway opted for a burger, but his Wheaten had different ideas and relieved Tommy of it causing great hilarity.

The 1st and 2nd photo show the Northern Ireland walk and the bottom photo is of the Dublin walk.



"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."
~ **Josh Billings**



"The dog is a gentleman; I hope to go to his heaven not man's."
~ **Mark Twain**



Verne

This year the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of G.B. is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee 60th Anniversary with several special events planned on their agenda.

One of these events was to have "Jools and Verne" two beautiful soft plush toy Wheatens to travel far and wide. They had the task to reach as many countries as possible, with photographic evidence as proof of their vacations.

Verne arrived in Ireland, complete with travel case, having travelled here with Margaret Gray to share our St Patricks Day celebrations. But he promptly absconded!! We think he really wanted to stay in his country of origin as he was enjoying himself so much. Verne was nowhere to be found when he was to travel next to Australia with Margaret but he obviously had the most wonderful time here with the Irish people that he was subsequently found a day later under a table! No doubt that story will grow and develop as time passes.

So to the rescue came Richard Dalton who got Verne under control and took him to National Terrier where he was handed over and later made a successful, if somewhat late, journey to Australia. We look forward to hearing about the rest of his adventures. Verne and Jools will be auctioned at the Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner held after the GB Club Championship Show on October 31st 2015.



Verne at the start of his journey at Crufts with Margaret Gray (R) and Oskana Kompaniets (L) whose dog INT/RUS CH Modny Style Euro Standart WW-2014 was Best of Breed under Breed Specialist Robert Ross (UK)



Verne at Gatwick Airport with Margaret Gray, preparing to visit the Emerald Isles



Verne behaving as he travels around Ireland



Verne keeping the fire going for a good Irish welcome

Food and Nutrition

In recent months there has been a lot written about various types of dog food. One of the most controversial is that of "complete" forms of dog food. Living in an age when time is so important with pressures of work etc, dog owners often choose a food which is less time consuming to prepare and appears to be the easiest option. A "complete" dog food in dry kibble form is usually the preferred choice. However please be aware that there are a number of additives in some "complete" foods that are suspected of causing health problems, mostly in children. Of course dogs are completely different from humans but if some E additives have been banned, then perhaps we should consider banning some from dog foods.

Some E additives reported to cause problems are the following:

Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA) - E320

E320 - has been found to be tumour-producing when fed to rats. In human studies it has been linked with urticaria, angioedema and asthma.

Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT) - E321

E321 - banned for use in food in Japan, Romania, Sweden, and Australia. The US has barred it from being used in infant foods. So bad McDonalds have voluntarily eliminated it from their products.

Propyl Gallate - E310

E310 - Banned from children's foods in the US because it is thought to cause the blood disorder methemoglobinemia

Citric Acid - E330

Potassium Sorbate - E202

Propan -1,2-diol - E490

Iron Oxide - E172

E172 - Banned in Germany

Indigo Carmine - E132

E132 - Can cause skin sensitivity, a rash similar to nettle rash, itching, nausea, high blood pressure and breathing problems. One of the colours that the Hyperactive Children's Support Group recommends be eliminated from the diet of children. Banned in Norway.

Tartrazine - E102

E102 - TARTRAZINE - A trial on 76 children diagnosed as hyperactive, showed that tartrazine provoked abnormal behaviour patterns in 79% of them

Sunset Yellow - E110

E110 - Sunset Yellow has been found to damage kidneys and adrenals when fed to laboratory rats. It has also been found to be carcinogenic when fed to animals

Quinoline Yellow - E104

E104 - One of the colours that the Hyperactive Children's Support Group recommends be eliminated from the diet of children. In humans can be attributed to asthma and cancer. Banned in Australia, Japan, Norway and the United States.

Titanium Dioxide - E171

E171 - Banned in Germany

Carbon Black - E153

E153 - Banned as a food additive in the United States of America. Suspected as a carcinogenic agent.

Food for thought!!

Links

<https://www.doglistener.co.uk/bakers-pedigree-dogfood>

http://www.traditionaloven.com/articles/wpcontent/uploads/list_of_food_additives.pdf

<http://www.naturecures.co.uk/foodadditives.htm>

http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com/dog_food_reviews/showproduct.php?product=424&cat=7

Grooming Workshop

On the 18th January a grooming workshop was run up at the Show Centre in Dublin. Although run on an informal basis all attendees were given hand-outs and worked one on one with an experienced groomer.

All those who attended said they enjoyed it and it had given them more confidence in maintaining their Wheaten themselves. It is hoped that another grooming workshop will be run later in the year. The date will be announced later but book early as spaces were taken quickly.

Many thanks to the committee members who helped on the day and special thanks to Nicola Sinclair, Marion Gregg and Philip O'Brien, who were the experienced groomers assisting on the day.



Recipe – Carrot Birthday Cake (Or anytime)

Ingredients:

Mug of grated carrots (or little over)

1/3 of a mug (or jar) of honey

1 mug of flour (wholemeal is healthier)

Teaspoon of soda powder

1 beaten egg

1/4 of a mug of coconut oil (or vegetable oil)



To make:

Mix together well the wholemeal flour and soda powder in a bowl

Add the grated carrots

Add the honey

Add the beaten egg

Add the melted coconut oil (melt in a microwave for a few seconds)

Mix together

Pour into a greased baking tin – you can use a loaf tin or a sponge tin

Bake at 170°C or gas mark 5 for about 40 minutes

Leave to cool

Alternatives:

Peanut butter and Carrot (if your dog is used to peanut butter)

Grated Apples or half a jar of Apple sauce and Carrot

Blueberries and Carrot

Oh, and I tried it myself and it doesn't taste bad at all!!!!

Peaceful Wheaten Home

Life as a passionate breeder of Irish Wheatens is never simple. These are a breed who love to be with their people and ours are just so. At present we have 6 sleeping in our lounge-room but one time there was just one, Aoife.

Her family, that she was training, were a busy family with 5 kids all off in different directions on different activities and mum and dad working. Yes, gates get left open (now double gates) and children occasionally have run down the street after the naughty quick pup hoping mum didn't notice... but bit by bit the family was well trained and the obedience sessions with positive reward training paid off. All was peaceful in the wheaten family. But in the surrounding street it was not. Each house was burgled in a systematic fashion, when the owners were out.

Life went on, the seasons came and hadn't yet gone....Aoife was full of energy. The Mum, a teacher at the University, had to go to work, and with great intrepidation reminded the Uni student son who stayed home, studying in the back room overlooking the garden, to make sure, absolutely sure, the gates were properly shut. Aoife needed protection at this delicate stage. And so the car left the driveway with a roar and a gravel rattle and silence settled.

Yet what is it they say about the best laid plans? Quite a few unravelled that day. An urgent barking demand to be let out, reluctantly obeyed by studying son, annoyed at being interrupted...noticing, as one does, somewhere sideways in one's mind, how enthusiastically and determinedly she had raced up the side passage of the house the moment the door was opened to the outside...almost hungrily.....that niggling thought as one studies....how quiet she was outside, not wanting to come straight back in as usual.....and then the nigger threshold reached, and son lurching up, checking for the precious wheaten girl, in season, the beautiful championed wheaten bitch about to be mated to the Irish champion wheaten....But she was gone. Disappeared, gone from the garden, side gate wide open to the front garden and the street, strange tools dropped by the gate which was propped open.....PANIC....racing out, where?, what?, how?.....neighbours pointing in the distance..... student son raced down the street after the wheaten gleefully racing after the desperate burglar whose torn shorts were hanging behind him.....

They disappeared. Son raced back to his car and drove around the neighbourhood desperately seeking, seeking, seeking, dreading the phone call he would have to make...finally he did. Twenty minutes after Aoife had disappeared he rings his mother to say those damning words "Aoife has disappeared"...but all is ok. His grandmother had rung also, 15 minutes earlier to say Aoife had arrived in her garden and was helping with the plantings. It had been a mystery, this sudden arrival and Mum had been ringing home to speak with him and wondered how this had happened.

Aoife was looking, very satisfied still with some material in her mouth that she happily buried, as if treasure. 3 days later she was mated to her Irish stud and had 7 beautiful girl pups. I wonder what stories she told them, they were all so keen to run down that side passage.

The burglar was never found but there were no more break-ins in our street. A wheaten makes a home complete and in its own way, peaceful.



Junior Corner

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

Seco

My wheaten terrier is called Seco. She is 11 months old. We got her last summer from Deborah. I was very happy because I always wanted a dog. We picked a wheaten terrier because we wanted a fun dog that doesn't bite. I play fetch with my dog.

When Seco comes in after playing outside she lies on the floor and falls asleep. Seco is a crazy puppy and I love her. I am going to keep her forever.

We are bringing her for her first camping trip next month for her first birthday.

Sean Dempsey
Aged 7



Fill in the words and then look for the hidden word

A ? Station _____

All kids go to _____

Dogs love a _____

See you _____

It's like rain _____

The ? Of London _____

Very wet _____

Hidden Word _____

Word Search – Find the words forwards, backwards and diagonally

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Views From Breeders Around The World

This issue – Aya Lundsten - Geijes, Finland

1. What first attracted you to ISCWT? How many years have you been involved with the breed? Are Wheatens your original breed?

My grandmother, Eva Corander, imported the first ISCWT to Nordic countries from Ireland in 1963, so I've grown up with the breed. Our first wheaten, Geijes Wheaten Crecora, was born in 1966, but she was never able to have a litter. Sometimes I wonder how our wheaten breeding would have gotten started if things had gone differently.

Together with my sister, Mia, we have continued breeding in Kennel Geijes. We also breed Kerry Blue Terriers, but we have divided the breeds between us, one breed per sister. I bred my first litter in 1986. I consider it my calling to preserve the wonderful Irish Wheaten Terrier in the most original form I can.



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

I have never bred the perfect dog, and I never will. However, I do currently have a wheaten that, in my opinion, moves the way I think a Wheaten should. The dog also has a remarkably good temper. He is not well known, as he is not trained enough for shows – Geijes Doffen. Geijes Kilmore is the dog that put the Irish Wheaten Terrier back on the map

here in Finland; a lucky occurrence in my first litter, with an owner who was absolutely incredible.

My interest in shows is very diminished, so I will never be presenting any successful dogs in that respect. But I am happy to show my dogs to judges whose opinions I value.



Geijes Kilmore



Geijes Doffen

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?

I will never forget Newkilber The Quiet Man. He was standing on his toes constantly, and I suppose one could call him the love of my youth.



Holmenocks Honeybee holds a special place in my heart as well. She used to play “the floor is lava”, and jump from one piece of furniture to the next, by way of a flowerpot or two. She was living in Germany when I was staying there. I had the honour of having her join me in Finland later on, but unfortunately she never delivered a litter here.



CIB Geijes Kilmore & CIB Holmenocks Honey Bee BOS & BOB under Gitta Ringwall, Finland 1990

Another special dog is Ballysax Betsy, who started out as an ugly duckling and grew into a very well-formed dog. What these dogs have in common is that they were all what I consider to be the absolutely correct type of Wheaten, which is always a priority for me.



4. What kennel within or outside of the breed has impressed you and why?

My grandmother, Eva Corander (1900-1980), the founder of Kennel Geijes (1943) was of course the first person who told me what the breed should be like, and what traits were not desirable. I also had the good luck of working as a kennel girl when I was a teenager for Margret Möller-Sieber and Gerhard Möller at Kennel Wheaten Rebel's when they were starting their breeding in Germany. At the time, they were absolutely devoted to the correct Irish type of Wheaten, and I learned a great deal. Our views on the breed today are very different. I have met most of the dogs that are the foundation for today's European wheatens.

I have also had the honour of knowing Maureen Holmes of Kennel Holmenocks – initially via letters, and later in person. I will never forget

our conversations. We had a special relationship, as she already knew my grandmother and she had been the one who sold her the dogs that lay the groundwork for our breeding at Kennel Geijes.

Today, I think Louise Borst-Borreman of Kennel Brugh Na Boinne has the most historical knowledge concerning the breed. She has seen many dogs, and is familiar with much of the breeds history. Her knowledge of the wheaten's build is worth its weight in gold. Unfortunately, she is no longer active as a breeder, but in my view that only makes her point of view on the breed even more objective.

It is definitely beneficial to have a sister who is involved with a different breed with the same origin – our discussions on the topic can become very heated!

I'm very eager to ask questions of breeders of other breeds whenever I have the opportunity, and usually they consider me a very curious character for doing so. I enjoy studying pedigrees from other breeds, and learning about different breeding strategies that people have. It's surprising how often people don't seem to have a set strategy or plan at all!

5. If you could incorporate just one dog from the past, into your breeding programme, who would it be and why?

It's impossible to pick just one dog from the past. No single dog should be that important for the breed as a whole; the breed should be built by as many individuals as possible. In the past I have had dogs that I should have used for breeding when I was starting out as a breeder, but that I overlooked at the time because of e.g. their hips, or because they had never been to shows. I now regret that immensely. Today, I use dogs that I personally think should be part of the breed's future, regardless of what others might think. It is impossible to preserve dogs that have gone unused, but it is easy to not breed offspring that follow.

I believe shows have become much too important, and it has led to some dogs being used too often – show ribbons are no guarantee that a dog will be good for breeding. After nearly 50 years with the breed, I think I can claim to have gathered enough knowledge to be able to make good choices regarding combinations.

What is most important is using as many different individuals as possible to ensure a healthy gene pool. It is also what makes it so exciting and rewarding to be a breeder.

6. Who has been your greatest mentor in the breed?

A combination of the breeders I mentioned in question 4. I'm grateful and I feel privileged at having had the opportunity to get to know these people. In Finland, the first 20 years of breeding were, for me, a constant struggle for the existence of the Irish Wheaten Terrier. I was not supported by the club or by other breeders, in fact I feel the opposite was more true. Today, there is a handful of breeders in Finland who are striving towards the right goals, and I am very happy for that. In Sweden I have been lucky to know breeders who have given me support and help through the years. But even there, many breeders have not had the tenacity to stick to a steady type.

7. Since you began in Wheatens have you seen many changes within the breed? If yes please explain.

There has been a dizzying amount of changes, for better or ill. When Eva Corander bred her first litter in 1965, the first thick-coated wheaten in Finland was already born in 1971. The thick-coated dog was a result of a combination of two Irish dogs where the sire had a thick coat. Judges were immediately fond of this new type, and so began the fight for the Irish Wheaten Terrier. My grandmother's anger at how this trend changed the breed in our country never abated, and I believe I inherited that same anger.

Towards the end of the 80's and beginning of the 90's, a show might feature 15-30 Wheatens, of which only 2-4 might have an Irish coat. Few judges were interested in ranking the Irish types highly, and the result is easy to guess. This trend continued all the way until the 21st century, when a change suddenly started occurring. Even the breeders that had earlier dismissed my breeding as questionable began buying and breeding the correct type of Wheaten. It is an easy shortcut to take, to pick the fruit of what others have worked to achieve. Today, most breeders are producing dogs with all possible kinds of coat-types, although I am not sure what one wants to achieve with that. What I consider the worst consequence of all this is that a single breeder, participating in a breeder class in a show, can show dogs of very different types, and still place well.

One can see more dogs with the correct type of coat at shows these days, but unfortunately breeders are still not sticking to a strict type, so the following generation can once again look completely different.

Unfortunately, I don't think this diversity is due to a love of the breed, but rather for a better chance at success in shows. But compared to the

1980's, when less than a litter per year of Irish Wheatens was being registered in Finland, I consider myself to have succeeded in having made sure the correct type Wheaten survives in Finland.

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

Breeding today is completely different from what it has been before. Back in the day, it was a long process to gain the trust of a breeder, and there were quarantines hindering import and export of dogs. It took a lot of effort, and planning for the future with the material that was available. The modern world and social media has affected the dog world as well. People are importing, exporting and travelling all over with their dogs, and everyone has access to dogs from all over the world. We think we know people when we read their webpages, or become Facebook friends. The bright side is that we get to see a lot more dogs (at least in pictures) without having to travel. But can we trust everything we see? Before, inbreeding was all too common within countries, and as restrictions have been lifted, that has become less of a problem. Unfortunately, that has only been true for a few generations, because breeders have not thought about the future. It is unnerving to see how, suddenly, there is inbreeding going on within whole continents instead of countries, when the same dogs are being used over and over.

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

I think breeders need to start taking more responsibility. We cannot sell entire litters to different breeders all over the world. We have to work on our own, and build our own lines so that this wonderful breed will persist in the future. We should not be breeding for shows, because that will corner us quickly and diminish our choices. We can't simply be breeding successful showdogs, and we have to have the courage to do what others do not. It will take time, but the result will be the success of the breed.

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

Ireland has to also start taking responsibility, and make sure that dogs with disqualifying attributes according to the official breed standard are not able to win prizes in shows. This should be the rule for all FCI countries and it should be followed by all certified judges. In my opinion, at least in Finland, it is not currently the case. As long as incorrect individuals are being rewarded in shows, the breed will not develop in the right direction.

Pet Expo 2015 - Dublin

The Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland had a stand again this March at the Pet Expo held at the Show Centre in Dublin, which allows people to meet various breeds and learn more about them. It was a busy day with many people asking questions about the Wheatens.

Manning the stand was Jennifer Kealy.



Wheaten on hand to show how delightful being owned by one was Reesha.

Jay Rutherford made the shamrocks from horseshoes and were sold with great success.



The All Terrier Extravaganza

This event is in its third year being run by the All Terrier Club of Ireland. This year it took place on Valentines Day at the National Show Centre, Dublin and the judge was Anne Taggart. Exhibitors are invited to this event, so it's a great honour to represent your breed. Qualification occurs by winning the most Green Stars at All Breed International shows and All Breed Championship shows.

This year our male Wheatens were represented by CH Hobel La Nollag who is also our Annual Champion for 2014 (Top Wheaten in Ireland) well done Debbie, who owns and bred Kris.

Our females were represented by CH Dalstar Giselle owned by Jennifer Kealy, who was short listed to the final four. Reesha was bred by Richard Dalton.

Male puppy was represented by Macfinn Magneto, who is owned and bred by Eithne Brady. Eithne also won the Best Dressed Handler on the day; congratulations Eithne.

Female puppy was Bernadette Moynihan's Parkalissene Orfhlaith who Bernadette bred and owns, Orfhlaith wagged her tail the whole time she was in the ring.



Show Round Up

For 2014 the Top Wheaten in Ireland is Deborah Evans-Barry's Kris also known as Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch. Each year the IKC calculates the most awards given to all dogs and the top winning dog in each breed is then awarded the title of Annual Champion.

At the Celtic Winner's Show held on 14th March the judge was Sinead Taggart, from Ireland, and her winning dogs were

BOB & DGS – Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch
RBOB & BGS – Kealdale Mace

RDGS – Ch Ballysax Bremner An Ch 12 & 13

RBGS – Ch Hobel I Love You CW14, InTerra Winner 11, Jun Ch

Best Puppy In Breed – Hobel If I Give My Heart To You

Best Baby Puppy In Breed - Hobel As Time Goes By

At the Combined Canine International Show on 4th April the judge was Shaun Watson and his winning dogs were

BOB & DGS & DCACIB – INT/SW/IT Ch Modny Style Loverboy At Seamrog

RBOB & BGS – Silkcroft Sky Full Of Stars

RDGS & RDCACIB - Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11

RBGS & BCACIB - Hobel I Love You CW14, InTerra Winner 11, Jun Ch

RBCACIB – Hobel Devil Woman, CJW14, Jun Ch

Best Puppy In Breed – Hobel If I Give My Heart To You

Best Veteran – Parkalissene Bebhinn

At the Combined Canine National Show on 5th April the judge was Barbara Müller and her winning dogs were

BOB & DGS - Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch

RBOB & BGS – Hobel Devil Woman, CJW14, Jun Ch

RDGS - INT/SW/IT Ch Modny Style Loverboy At Seamrog

RBGS – Ch Dalstar Giselle, CW11, Jun Ch

Best Baby Puppy In Breed - Hobel As Time Goes By

Best Veteran – Parkalissene Bebhinn

In the Group at the Combined National Show Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch (Kris) was awarded 2nd place under Group judge Martin Skeffington.



Paul Scanlon
Our Dogs Ireland ©

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At Banbridge Championship Show Saturday 18th April the judge was Harry O'Donoghue and his winning dogs were

BOB & DGS – Ch Ballysax Bremner An Ch 12 & 13

RBOB & BGS – Ch Macfinn Kally Keen CW13, Jun Ch

RDGS – Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch

RBGS – Ch Dalstar Giselle, CW11, Jun Ch

Best Baby Puppy In Breed – Hobel As Time Goes By

At the Portadown Championship Show Sunday 19th April the judge was Tom Hehir and his winning dogs were

BOB & DGS – Ch Ballysax Bremner An Ch 12 & 13

RBOB & BGS – Hobel Devil Woman, CJW14, Jun Ch

RDGS – Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW15, CJW11, Jun Ch

RBGS – Ch Hobel Visions Jun Ch

Best Baby Puppy In Breed – Hobel As Time Goes By

At the Portadown show Eric, Macfinn Magneto, won his 5th Junior Class being graded Excellent in all 5 and so subject to IKC approval has attained his Junior Champion title – Well done Eithne and Eric.

Crufts 2015

Crufts is the biggest dog show in the world, this year attracting over 21,000 dogs from all over the world. The winning Wheaten at Crufts was from Russia, with exhibitors from Germany, America, Czech Republic, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands and of course, Ireland who had its share of dogs attending. Those who were in the ring on the green carpet were:

Ch Ballysax Bremner An Ch 12 & 13

(Owner Ms E Butler)

Hobel A Matter Of Moments – 3rd in Yearling Dog

(Owner Mr S & Mrs L Porter)

Hobel Devil Woman, CJW14, Jun Ch – 5th in Yearling Bitch

(Owner Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

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Ch Hobel I Love You CW14, InTerra Winner 11, Jun Ch – 4th Open Bitch

(Owner Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

INT/CH/GB Ch Hobel Joe O'Brien An Ch 08 – 4th in Veteran Dog

(Owner Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

Hobel Karacsony – 5th in Limit Bitch

(Owner Mr J & Mrs M Glennon)

Ch Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CJW11, Jun Ch

(Owner Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

For those interested in learning more about movement of dogs there is an article which can be read at

<http://www.dogchannel.com/dogsinreview/the-myth-of-reach-and-drive.aspx>

Another interesting article is Preferred Breed Type – Why the Stand-Out Best Dog Can Be A Loser -

http://www.thedogplace.org/ShowPlace/Preferred-Type_Gammill-091.asp

Pet Passports

For those of you thinking of taking your Wheaten with you when travelling out of Ireland, think well ahead of departure time. In fact a minimum of approx one month is required for most dogs. The current rules state that every dog travelling outside of Ireland must be issued with an EU Pet Passport. This passport can be obtained from your vet and only issued when all requirements are completed.



In order to comply with current legislation for the issue of a Pet Passport, these are the following steps to follow. Firstly and most importantly your dog must be microchipped. The rabies vaccine is only then administered following insertion of microchip and after a minimum 21 days you are then ready to proceed. For travel with a puppy there is another restriction. A puppy must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age before it can be vaccinated against rabies so will not be able to travel until it is 15 weeks of age.

For dogs travelling from Ireland, a country which is rabies free, there are no more requirements needed to enter an EU country other than an EU Pet Passport. Indeed for animals travelling between Ireland and UK only, the need for tapeworm (Echinococcus) treatment is not required. When returning to Ireland from an EU country other than UK this is still a requirement. It is important that if you wish to travel with your dog, you must satisfy yourself of the conditions that must be met from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and of any countries that you intend travelling to/from.

Preparation is the key to all this! I have travelled many times without encountering any difficulties. I also ask my vet whenever I visit, to check that the microchip is still easy to read, as that is where most likely problems could occur. The EU Pet Passport is a valuable record of your dog's rabies vaccinations, including any treatments given when travelling.

I was surprised to learn that an EU Pet Passport is now a requirement for travel to/from UK. I am a regular traveller and have never been asked to show the passports. Even travelling from Southern Ireland to/from Northern Ireland it is now a legal requirement although I am not sure how this can be enforced. However Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine assured me today that travellers can be subjected to spot checks!

There are more stringent rules in place for commercial animal movement. These are available from Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine. Also be aware that if you are travelling with more than 5 dogs you could be classed as commercial unless you can prove otherwise, such as going to a dog show or competition. Then you will need to show proof of the name of the show, address and the date(s) it is taking place.

The process can be confusing and I would advise that if you are intending to travel with your Wheaten, then please check with your vet and re-check if necessary. It can be very rewarding to travel as a complete family and not have to worry about dog fretting in kennels. Remember to take water with you on your travels and NEVER leave your dog in a hot car.

Happy travelling!

More information available at the following websites:

http://www.fve.org/uploads/publications/docs/044_questions_and_answers_re_new_pet_passport_regulation_0210.pdf

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets/>

FINALLY

We thought it would be great to see what your Wheaten gets up to, so please send in your photos so we can share them around the world. Please let us have the name of your Wheaten. Here's a few to start it off.

