

Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland

THE WHEATEN NEWS



A super day at Russborough House

Newsletter

Summer 2019

Secretary's Corner

Hello Everyone!

Greetings to you all!

I am writing this from a sunny warm Ireland. We have been enjoying a lovely summer here, getting out for lots of walks with the dogs.

We have been busy since last publication. We had a lovely walk in May, which Tomás did the report on, and lots of photos included inside.

We also had a club show in May, which was a great success, thanks to all the committee for the hard work. A special thank you to the Finney family, who gave us a tent and table for our judge. Marion who helped with all the catering, Tim who took lovely photos for us and Ian who filled in where needed.

Also huge thank you to our stewards Kay and Margaret who did a wonderful job as usual.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to this Newsletter, and request anyone who has any related wheaten stories to send them on to us, so we can all enjoy them. Huge thank you to all who contributed to this one.

We are also very happy to have been informed that the 9 Irish Native Breeds have been granted National Heritage Status by the Minister! See inside under "HOT NEWS"!

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge warm thank you to Kaare Hegrum who has taken on the compiling of the Newsletter; I have neither the knowledge, equipment nor time to do it. So we really appreciate Kaare's help. Looking forward to our next wheaten walk in September or October. Will let you know once we have fixed a date.

Jennifer
Honorary Secretary



Editor's Notes

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful weather we are experiencing at the time of writing. But please do remember just how hot it can be for our animals. NEVER leave in a car as vehicles can become like ovens in just a few minutes. Provide plenty of shade and water. I also hope that at dog shows shade can be made available and show organisers take into account the Brachycephalic breeds that may over heat faster than others by perhaps scheduling them early in the day.

Our own Club Championship Show held in May was again a success and quite well attended. Our judge Klara Eickhacker travelled from Czech and you can read about her and her Wheatens in this Newsletter.

Mentioning the Newsletter, it is now being compiled from our input by one of our overseas Club members, Mr. Kaare Hegrum from Norway. As I have been in the process of moving house the time has been very limited. So Kaare very kindly volunteered his time and expertise. His help has been invaluable and we hope to issue another Newsletter later this year.

People contact us with various issues and we always try to help. One of the problems that Jennifer was asked for advice recently was to do with lack of socialisation in a young dog. I cannot stress how important it is for a young puppy to experience as many different aspects of life as possible. Once fully vaccinated a young puppy should be exposed to as many situations, people, places, noises, other animals etc as you can. They can be a little nervous at first but with reassurance they become more inquisitive and less hesitant. These early learning experiences are necessary for them to become well adjusted and happy animals. Something they have encountered at an early age and dealt with happily is not a threat when they meet similar again.

Brexit is still looming on the horizon and as yet we are still uncertain how any new changes will affect our animals/travel arrangements. We shall know more hopefully in time for our next edition of Newsletter.

Watch out for a date for another Wheaten walk and a possible date for our AGM.

Good luck to all entering the Circuit shows and other shows and have a wonderful Summer.

Eileen.
Editor.



Hot car.

This was published on the Swedish Kennel Klub (SKK) web side.

Remember that the sun moves, so the car that was left in the shadow, can be in the baking sun when you come back! Be sure that the dog has access to fresh air and water.

CAR TEMPERATURES			
Time	Outdoor temperature	Weather	Car temperature
08.30	+22°	SUN	+23°
09.30	+22°	SUN	+38°
10.30	+25°	SUN	+47°
11.30	+26°	SUN	+50°
12.30	+27°	SUN	+52°
13.30	+27°	SUN	+52°
14.30	+28°	SUN	+50°

Källa: SKK 2014

PETS AS THERAPY

By Mrs. Catherine Waterworth



Benbradgh A Little Dream (**Lexi**)

(*S*: Hobel A Matter of Moments, *D*: Hobel If I Give My Heart To You)

DOB: 29/04/17

Lexi has just turned 2 and for the past 4 months we have been volunteering as a therapy dog for Pets as Therapy.

As a very boisterous pup with a lovely nature we had a period where we were visiting older family members while they were in respite care in two nursing homes which actively encouraged visitors to bring their pets with them as they were such a joy for folk who were confined to bed or within four walls for a long period of time. So we did..... Initially I thought she (Lexi) is going to run mad in here, but she was great.

So good that when we were visiting the staff asked would we mind taking her in to see some other residents / patients who didn't get many visitors or who needed cheering up. We obliged and of course a little pup always gets fussed over but she just loved it.

Chatting with my friend she said we should get her assessed to be a therapy dog, so I duly investigated but thought at the time she was still a little mad! So we waited and watched how she was progressing with her behavior & although she's still a bouncy Wheaten, she has such a lovely nature I decided to apply and give it a go. I have to admit I was a little worried about the assessment – as all you Wheaten owners know – they can get that terrier head on at any time and just refuse to do anything.

Lexi was 16 months when we had our assessment which was held in a public place to observe how she behaved and how obedient and under control she was. Also the assessor had to be able to brush her all over and touch all parts of her body to ensure that she was not reactive to being handled / touched and was comfortable with it (thankfully all that grooming came in handy!). The Assessor also talked throughout the assessment with me to make sure that Lexi didn't interrupt with pawing or jumping or barking at me for attention. We had a coffee in a café and Lexi just lay down under the table watching the world go by and didn't move.

There were questions to be answered on how Lexi interacted or behaved with the following: other dogs off leads, other dogs on leads, very young children, older children and adults unknown to Lexi. The Assessor was wanting to make sure that the dog has been well socialized and has encountered a wide variety of situations.

The Assessor also watched the communication between Lexi and myself especially when the assessor tested her reaction to loud bangs and noises. Lexi just looked at me for reassurance, didn't startle and then being nosey just wanted to see where the noise came from, exactly what the assessor was looking for – a calm dog.

09:51



< Carrickfergus Library Carrickfergus Library Monday at 20:02 · 🌐

Another Teen Drop In done and dusted! Lexi is the star of the show again and will sleep well tonight.....chasing balls is exhausting! Lego, learning guitar, cards and gaming, drawing, colouring and craft all in an evenings fun. Next month 10June is the last group of the year and it's party time!! #Carrickfergus #Autism #Teens @libraries



Write a comment...



We also go two afternoons a month to a local residential nursing home which provides nursing and dementia care.

This has been great and the residents just love it – their faces light up and they pet her and talk about dogs from many years ago which Lexi helps them to remember. Some of them think that Lexi is their dog and the activities coordinator tells us that when Lexi visits it is the only time some of them speak or engage. This particular nursing home has been waiting on a therapy dog for years so they are thrilled to have one, there are always lots of treats waiting on her from the staff.

The assessment lasted about 90 minutes in total, very relaxed and the assessor was very encouraging and the sheet completed, signed off by the assessor and me and then returned to Pets as Therapy. The next stage consisted of two references from people who knew me for more than 6 years and a wait to see if everything was ok.

Once accepted we paid a fee of £19 to the charity for registration, submitted ID pics of Lexi & myself and then received our welcome pack and contact details for a local area coordinator who rang me to introduce herself and she gave me some people to contact who were on the waiting list for a therapy dog.

As I work full time we are limited in what we can do, but we currently volunteer at a monthly autism teenage drop-in at our local library which has been a great success. The young people have just taken to her and she is breaking down communication barriers every time. As you can from the library's Facebook post she is quite the poser!

Pictured below is Tina the activities coordinator with Lexi and also the daily board that show's what's happening.



We really don't do very much except give up some time to take Lexi along to places where she brings plenty of joy and fun. She has great fun too and I feel very privileged to have this wonderful Wheaten in our lives.

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Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland

Annual Breed Championship Show

Sunday 5th May 2019

The Ferryhouse Sports Complex, Clonmel

Judge: Ms. Klára Eickhacker, Czech Republic

RESULTS

Junior Dog

- 1 HOBEL THINKING OF OUR LOVE (Mrs. D. Evans-Barry)
- 2 KINAE LAN KILMORE (Mrs. B. Hanna)

Intermediate Dog

- 1 KILLES SHIN FIONN (Mr. J. Kehoe & Mr. M. Bingham)

Adult Dog

- 1 GLEANN DARRAGH CODI (Mrs. C. Casey)

Open Dog

- 1 KINAE LAN JIXDITTI (Mrs. B. Hanna)
- 2 HOBEL IT'S A BOY (Mr. D. & Mrs. S. Ferris)
- 3 DOEBEE DOGS LOCHLAN KILLES SHIN (Mr. J. Kehoe)

Champion Dog

- 1 INT CH/CH HOBEL AS TIME GOES BY (Mrs. D. Evans-Barry)
- 2 CH MACFINN VICTOR CREED (Mr. T. Rosengrave & F. O'Sullivan)
- 3 CH/INT CH MACFINN MAGNETO (Mr. R. Dalton & Mrs. E. Brady)



Introduction of the judge

Let me introduce myself and my life with dogs. I saw Wheaten Terrier for the first time in a book about dog breeds. I fell in love with Wheaten and it took some time for my dream to come true. My first Wheaten was female and was born in 1993 in Germany, her home name was Petra. I started my own breeding under the kennel name Wheaten Darling two years later. Wheaten Lady Petra accompanied me during my studies at the Veterinary University. I have always been, and will be, a hobby breeder. I only have as many dogs at home as I can give all my attention, free time and love to. I feel the same about puppies. I have only bred 10 litters of Wheatens, but I enjoyed the puppies very much. Now my dog companions are a 6 y.o. Wheaten Lady called Simba and a 4 y.o. Wolfhound Lord called Bond.

Judging Wheatens, I first look at the breed type and the dog's movement. What a dog's type means for me is strong bones, head expression with excellent pigmentation, level top line with high tail set all covered by a typical, soft and silky coat of warm wheaten color. Wheaten is a terrier, which means for me a free, parallel movement and a lot of temperament with no aggression.

I am honoured to have the opportunity to judge Wheatens in their country of origin, in Ireland. I am sure that we all will spend a lovely time at the show.

Puppy Bitch

- 1 MACFINN KATNISS EVERDEEN (Mr. R. Dalton & Mrs. E. Brady)
- 2 KILLES SHIN HÓREAHOCHT (Mr. J. Kehoe)

Junior Bitch

- 1 CHANDESON BINNEÁIN (Mr. D. & Mrs. S. Ferris)
- 2 PARKALISSENE BANBHA (Ms. B. Moynihan)

Intermediate Bitch

- 1 CHANDESON BROINN BHINNEÁIN (Mr. D. & Mrs. S. Ferris)
- 2 HOBEL THE CHANTRESS (Mrs. D. Evans-Barry)

Adult Bitch

- 1 KILLES SHIN ELLAB (Mr. J. Kehoe)

Open Bitch

- 1 HOBEL LITTLE GEM (Ms. A. Finn)
- 2 PARKALISSENE LAOISE (Ms. B. Moynihan)
- 3 HOBEL MY PRETTY ONE (Mr. D. & Mrs. S. Ferris)
- 4 KILLES SHIN BBEATRICE (Mr. J. Kehoe & Mr. M. Bingham)

Champion Bitch

- 1 CH DKUCH SEUCH NOUCH NORDUCH CELTANNIA EXTRA
CONFIDENT AT KINAE LAN (Mrs. B. Hanna)
- 2 CH MACFINN ORORO MUNROE (Mr. R. Dalton & Mrs. E. Brady)
- 3 CH KEALDALE NUTMEG (Ms. J. Kealy)

Veteran Bitch

- 1 PARKALISSENE BEBHINN (Ms. B. Moynihan)
- 2 CH/INT CH DALSTAR GISELLE (Ms. J. Kealy)

■ **If you're chased by a dog when walking, jogging, or bicycling, stop, turn toward the dog, point, and firmly say "No!" or "Go home!"**
Repeat as needed.
"This is effective even for dogs that do not speak English."

Critiques

Junior Dog

- 1) Hobel Thinking of Our love (Excellent)
Very promising young boy with excellent male expression. Excellent movement, level topline with excellent tail set. Moves a little close behind. Excellent coat condition. Excellent Wheaten Character
- 2) Kinaelan Kilmore (Very Good)
One year old male. Still needs time to develop. Until now he is not masculine enough. Could develop with age. Top line not developed. Excellent angulation. Elbows a little loose. Excellent coat condition. Needs more confidence in the ring.

Intermediate Dog

- 1) Killeshin Fionn (Excellent)
Excellent typical Wheaten Male, typical masculine expression. Excellent pigmentation. Strong bone. Excellent movement. Lovely Character Beautiful dog

Adult Dog

- 1) Gleann Darragh Codi (Good)
Dog not prepared for show. Coat shaved too tightly. Dog lacks confidence. Judgement hard to assess especially in movement. Good pigmentation, excellent bite. Correct head for age. Masculine head

Open Dog

- 1) Kinaelan Jixditti (Excellent)
Excellent Old type Wheaten with strong bone. Head could be more masculine. Excellent movement. Lovely Wheaten temperament
- 2) Hobel It's a Boy (Excellent)
Typical lovely male. Longer in leg. Excellent Head & expression. Strong boned. Excellent typical movement. Lovely character. Excellent presentation.

Champion Dog

- 1) Ch Int Ch Hobel As Time Goes By (Excellent)
Excellent type. Excellent head & expression. Strong boned. Excellent movement. Typical coat. Lovely character.
- 2) Ch Macfinn Victor Creed (Excellent)
5 year old male with excellent movement & coat type. Could have a more masculine expression & body. Excellent pigmentation. Nice presentation in the ring



Puppy Bitch

- 1) Macfinn Katniss Everdeen (Very Promising)
Very lovely & typical puppy for 6 months. Excellent Head & expression. Bone strong but still undeveloped. Excellent top line. Typical coat for age. Excellent presentation
- 2) Killeshin Horeahocht (Very Promising)
Very promising female puppy. A little high in leg. Excellent movement. Typical coat for age. Excellent bite

Junior Bitch

- 1) Chandeson Binneáin (Very Good)
Excellent young female. Excellent pigmentation & expression. Strong boned. Movement a little close behind. Typical coat. Excellent tail set but carriage too curled over the back
- 2) Parkalissene Banbha (Very Good)
Old style young Wheaten female. At her age she is a little light in bone & not developed enough – immature. Moves OK. Typical coat development for age. High tail set & too curled.

Intermediate Bitch

- 1) Chandeson Broinn Bhinneáin (Excellent)
Female – Lovely expression of the head. Excellent pigmentation. Strong bones. Excellent coat, Angulation & movement still under development. Angulation behind not developed affecting movement. Presentation excellent
- 2) Hobel the Chantress (Excellent)
Developing female with excellent strong bone. Excellent feminine head & expression. Excellent angulation. Top line still not straight. Coat colour & texture is developing, needs more confidence in the ring

Adult Bitch

- 1) Killeshin Ellab (Excellent)
Lovely feminine expression of head. Excellent pigmentation. Excellent bite. Strong boned. When moving a little loose in the front. Top line could be more level. Steep angulation behind. Harsh coat still developing.

Open Bitch

- 1) Hobel Little Gem (Excellent)
Excellent young female of correct size. Excellent head & pigmentation. Correct bite. Strong short neck. Correct angulation & movement. Correct tail set & level topline. Coat still developing
- 2) Parkalissene Laoise (Excellent)
7 year old & old style Wheaten female. Excellent head & expression. Very strong bones. Strong short neck. Well-muscled. Excellent movement. Smaller, not so tall. Shown untrimmed with excellent coat condition. Happy character

Champion Bitch

- 1) Ch DKUCH SEUCH NORDUCH Celtania Extra Confident at Kinaelan (Excellent)
Typical Wheaten female. Excellent head & feminine expression. Strong bones with excellent angulation. Excellent movement. Excellent condition. Excellent presentation
- 2) Ch Macfinn Ororo Munroe (Excellent)
Typical Wheaten Female. Ears a little bigger. Excellent movement. Excellent topline & angulation. Excellent coat, condition & colour

Veteran Bitch

- 1) Parkalissene Bebhinn (Excellent)
12 year old female Wheaten in amazing condition. Excellent breed type. Strong bones. Excellent angulation & movement. Shown untrimmed with excellent coat condition
- 2) Ch INT Ch Dalstar Giselle (Excellent)
Excellent 10 year old in excellent condition. Excellent head & expression. Strong bones. Excellent muscle. Excellent coat condition. Happy character



The judge report

It was a great pleasure and honour for me to judge Wheatens, the breed of my heart, in the Clubshow in its country of origin, in Ireland. I'd like to thank the committee for inviting me and thank you, breeders and owners, for showing your dogs to me.

I love Wheatens because of their general appearance with a shiny soft coat and a crazy, wild but kind temperament. I saw all of this in Wheatens at the show ring. The dogs had correct, typical head expression, nice size and ear set. The masculine and feminine expressions are also very important and it was clearly evident in most of the dogs. I think Wheatens need to have strong bones, good angulation and strong movement with drive from behind. I was lucky to see all these features in most of the dogs in the show ring. Except only one, all dogs were happy, full of life with no aggression. All dogs were shown with a typical coat - soft, silky, shiny with various coat trimmings.

For the first time in a while, I saw untrimmed Wheatens in the show ring. When the coat is brushed carefully and clean, there is nothing to penalize. The breed standard allows untrimmed dogs and movement, the bones and body itself are clearly seen when the dog moves anyway.

I saw just a few dogs with mild discrepancies from the standard. Some dogs were showed with an untypical tail curled over the back, one with an incorrect, extremely short trimming, one was shy, and the coat of one young dog was on the borderline of standard texture. One has to be very careful about judging the coats of puppies and young dogs. Some of them need much more time to develop a typical coat. The coat of young dogs could vary from very harsh to almost woolen. The size of Wheatens is now also a topic. We all have to be careful in breeding, so that our dogs are not too big. I saw just a few Wheatens on the borderline or slightly over the size limit. Luckily, I did not see Wheatens with their backs too short or over-angulation of hind legs, which is seen more and more often in continental Europe and gives the wrong impression of the breed

Picking up the Green Star male was not difficult for me. The winner, Killeshin Fionn, is of excellent breed type having the typical male appearance. The situation with females was not so easy for me. The untrimmed veteran was in an amazing condition with strong bones, the open winner has a great feminine head expression. I was charmed by puppy winner MacFinn Katniss Everdeen, who got the Green Star from me eventually. What a typical, well balanced, nicely presented puppy. Best of breed was an adult male, the puppy female has her future in front of her.

I enjoyed the warm and sunny afternoon at the show very much. Thank you all again!

I spent 8 days in total in Ireland. 8 lovely days in Irish nature. We especially fell in love with the Dingle Peninsula. We did a lot of hiking and enjoyed the sea coast, hills, old towns and villages. I am sure we will be back to see more of your beautiful country!

With warm regards Klara

A collage of pictures from the show

Courtesy T. Finney



Best Of Breed: KILLESKIN FIONN, Reserve: MACFINN KATNISS EVERDEEN



Puppy Bitch: #1: MACFINN KATNISS EVERDEEN, #2: KILLESKIN HÓREAHOCHT



Junior Bitch: #1: CHANDESON BINNEÁIN , #2: PARKALISSENE BANBHÁ



Intermediate Bitch: #1: CHANDESON BROINN BHINNEÁIN, #2: HOBEL THE CHANTRESS



Adult Bitch: KILLESBIN ELLAB



Open Bitch: #1: HOBEL LITTLE GEM, #2: PARKALISSENE LAOISE, #3: HOBEL MY PRETTY ONE, #4: KILLESBIN BBEATRICE



Champion Bitch: #1: DK SE NO UCH, NORDUCH CELTANNIA EXTRA CONFIDENT AT KINAE LAN,
 #2: CH MACFINN ORORO MUNROE, #3: CH KEALDALE NUTMEG



Veteran Bitch: #1: Vet CH PARKALISSENE BEBHINN, #2: Int CH, CH DALSTAR GISELLE

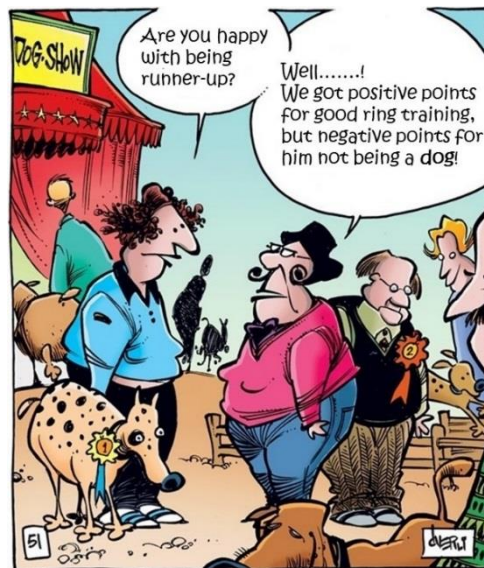


The judge at work.



«We want a piece of that, too, Marion» says Reesha and Nutmeg

**We are sorry, but we do not have any pictures of the dogs, except BOB.
We hope to have better coverage of both sexes from the next Club Show.**



Thoughts about dogs.

(by more or less known people)

“Properly trained, a human can be the dog’s best friend!”

“In the beginning God created man. But when He saw that man was weak, He gave them the dog”.

“They say that the dog is man’s best friend. I do not believe that. How many friends have you neutered”?

“The Pug is a living example that God has humor”.

“A kennel is not a good place to hide sausages”!

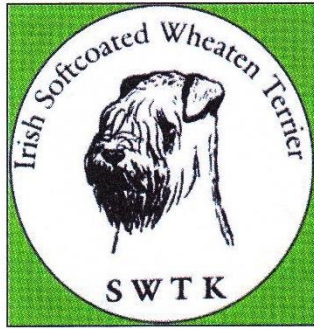
“You should never judge a dog from the books it does not chew on”!

“If your dog is getting fat you are not getting enough exercise”!

“I hate people that have dogs. They are cowards that do not have the guts to bite people themselves”!

“A thing that can ignite a terrier, goes unnoticed for a Great Dane”.

“Women and cats do whatever they want. Men and dogs should relax and get used to it”!



Swedish wheaten terrier club invites you to a Nordic breeders conference

Date: 30/11–1/12 2019

Place: Scandic Ariadne, Södra Kajen 37, 115 41 Stockholm, at Frihamnen, only 500 meter from Tallink Silja terminal.

From central Stockholm, Red line from T-central and get off at Gärdet (only two stations from T-central), about 10 minutes walk to Scandic Ariadne.

Participation fee: 850 SEK incl. taxes, includes:

Saturday:

- Morning coffee buffet
- Lunch buffet
- Tastebreak
- Dinner with 2 dishes, beverages not included

Sunday:

- Morning coffee buffet
- Lunch buffet

For residents in hotel Scandic Ariadne:

Room reservations are made by participants directly to the hotel, provide reservation code # 46708167

Phone: 0046-8-51 73 86 00

Mail: meeting.ariadne@scandichotels.com

Single bed 855 SEK inkl. taxes/room, night

Double bed 955 SEK inkl. taxes/room, night

Triple bed 1155 SEK inkl. taxes/room, night

-Breakfast included

-No extra fee for dog in the room but tell the hotel when you book

-Parking fee around 100 SEK/day

Deadline for both signing up and payment (850SEK) is **3/11**

Signing up to conference is made to sekreterare@swtk.se

Participation fee is paid to BIC: SWEDSESS, IBAN: SE71 0830 5500 4497 1182 mark your payment with your name & "Nordiskt Uppfödarmöte Sthlm 2019".



Program Nordic breeders conference 2019

Saturday 30/11

9:00–9:30 Coffea

9:30 Welcome, practical issues, short presentations of each participant

10:15–11:30 Aya Lundsten (Kennel Geijes): lecture on microphthalmia and the DNA markers.

11:30–12:00 Hilde Nybom (Kennel Lakkas): other DNA markers of interest for wheaten breeders, discussion about procedures, lists of tested dogs etc in different countries.

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–14:00 Erling Strandberg (professor at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, expert at SKK): lecture on heritability of hip dysplasia (HD) and the use of HD index.

14:00–15:00 Erling Strandberg: lecture on mentality breed profile and heritability, based on the first 200 wheatens that have undergone BPH (mentality testing) in Sweden.

15:00–15:30 Discussion about mentality testing in all Nordic countries.

15:30–16:00 Coffea

16:00–18:00 Presentations (breed club and breeding policies) from two of the participating countries including follow-up questions and discussion.

19:00 Dinner

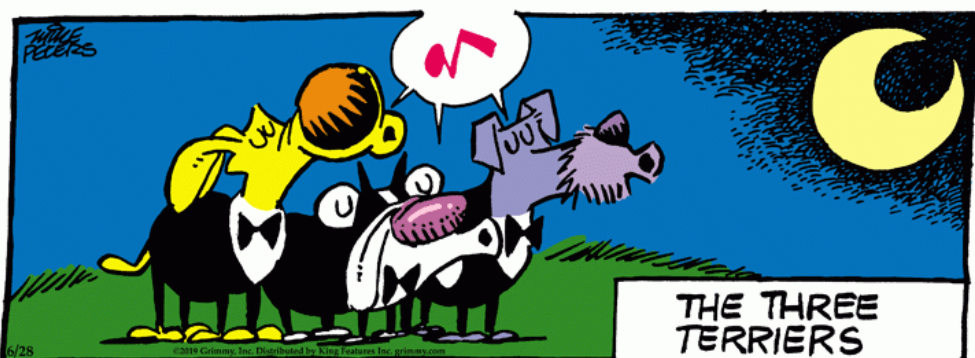
Sunday 1/12

9:00–11:00 Presentations from the other two participating countries including follow-up questions and discussion.

11:00–11:30 Coffea

11:30–12:30 Conclusions, future activities, information dissemination.

13:00 Lunch



Wheaten walk at Russborough House, May 19th

A fantastic day was had on the Club's Spring Wheaten Walk which occurred at Russborough House in Co. Wicklow on May 19th last. About 15 Wheaten Terriers and their owners turned out on that broodingly overcast yet beautiful morning. We had the good fortune that the walk coincided with the "Art in the Garden" exhibition taking place on the front lawn of the house and in the 19th century hippodrome, Russborough's enclosed riding arena which is around 200 years old.

It was amazing to see so many sculptures using materials as diverse as bog oak, wood, iron, steel and copper and by so many famous artists. As galleries go for displaying garden sculptures, one cannot get a more spectacular space than the front lawn of Russborough House with its majestic granite façade as backdrop, facing onto the magnificent Wicklow Mountains across the parkland and the Blessington Lakes beyond.

Before we set off for the walk around the park, we strolled and chatted around the works of art, which included over a dozen by Spanish artist Salvador Dali, and also by renowned Irish artists such as Ian Pollack and Bob Quinn. That morning, there was no rush to leave the front lawn and the amazing artworks as the weather was fine and it remained so while we strolled and Wheatens either walked or galloped happily through the park. After the walk, a delicious lunch then in the old kitchens of the house set us up nicely for the rest of the day.

While we were at Russborough, there was considerable interest and curiosity in our gathering of Wheaten Terriers and it was great to be able chat to everybody on great art and great dogs!

Regards,
Tomás



Jennifer and Reesha (Reesha to the left)



«I'll wash your ears every day, dad»



A Wheaten walk is social, both for dogs and humans



Jennifer, Reesha and Bob Webster



Fergus with Bran Banaby and Judy



Bernadette, Susan, Tomás, Ethna, Derek, Loretta



Tomás and Bran (to the left)



Jennifer calling out for the next Wheaten walk!

From days gone by.



Bob Webster has sent us this photo. He writes: «See the photo of my parents, John and Edith, Taken in Cork approx. 1947, including his wheaten, probably called Tim. I think it's the only photo I have with a dog belonging to him.»



Views from breeders around the world

In this issue we would like to thank Klára Eickhacker, Wheaten Darling Kennels, Czech Republic



1. What fascinated you most about the ISCWT?

Wheaten is the ideal breed from my point of view: not too small, not too big, lively, full of energy, but not hyperactive, very smart, having crazy ideas but not being aggressive and of course great looking with a shiny wavy coat that does not shed.

2. For how many years have you been dealing with the breed?

I fell in love with Wheaten around 1990, but it took me some time and I got my first Wheaten lady in 1993 from Germany.

3. Are Wheaten your original breed?

Yes, they are and will always be. Currently a funny Wolfhound is accompanying us.

4. What do you think is the best Wheaten you own or have bred?

I will never forget an amazing male, a typical Wheaten type and a great loving character – Geijes Tristan Trueman, called Finn.

Finn



Finn's offspring from "D" litter in my kennel were just as great as he was: Dante, Desperado, Doireann Milvest. Cerry Wheaten Darling was a great looking typical Wheaten, who had all the types of obedience trials you can imagine. An unforgettable boy.

Cerry



5. Apart from the Wheaten you were dealing with, which 2 or 3 Wheaten would you describe as the best you saw and why?

Looking at Wheaten I need to see: a typical breed type, happy - funny character, great movement. I can see all of this in the following Wheatens I had chance to touch and see:

Wheaten Rebel's Tina Turner from the very past
Camacha Nevan
Cailin Irish Ainnir Faylinn - she really impressed me

6. Which kennel inside and outside the breed impressed you and why?

I was impressed by Holmenocks kennel, but unfortunately I did not have the honour to meet Maureen Holmes in person. Her work and enthusiasm were very important in the beginnings of the time of modern Wheaten.

7. If you could just put a dog from the past into your breeding program, what would that be and why?

It is difficult to say. Looking at a Wheaten, I need to see his or her movement as well, it is important for me and I cannot see it in pictures of dogs from the past.

I think we have quality Wheatens around currently, maybe some are not show champions, but they definitely are typical Wheatens.

8. Who was your biggest mentor?

I received the first and the most important information and advice from my German friends Kühnens (keen owners of Wheatens) and Thorbergers (kennel Wheaten Volunteers). When I met Aya Lundsten personally (Geijes kennel) I got the chance to understand more about what is called pure Irish breeding and its advantages. Dutch breeders are always open to any discussion and it is great to know.

9. Ever since you started the Wheaten, have you seen many changes in the breed?

Dramatic changes in the breed can be seen in show rings in the last two decades. I am very sad for original strong, shiny coated, happy and free moving Wheaten. And I cannot stay calm seeing untypical coat texture and colours, weak bones, loins too short with over-angulated hind legs, curled tails, unhappy behaviour, no drive in the movement.

10. Has the quality deteriorated or improved since you became involved in the breed?

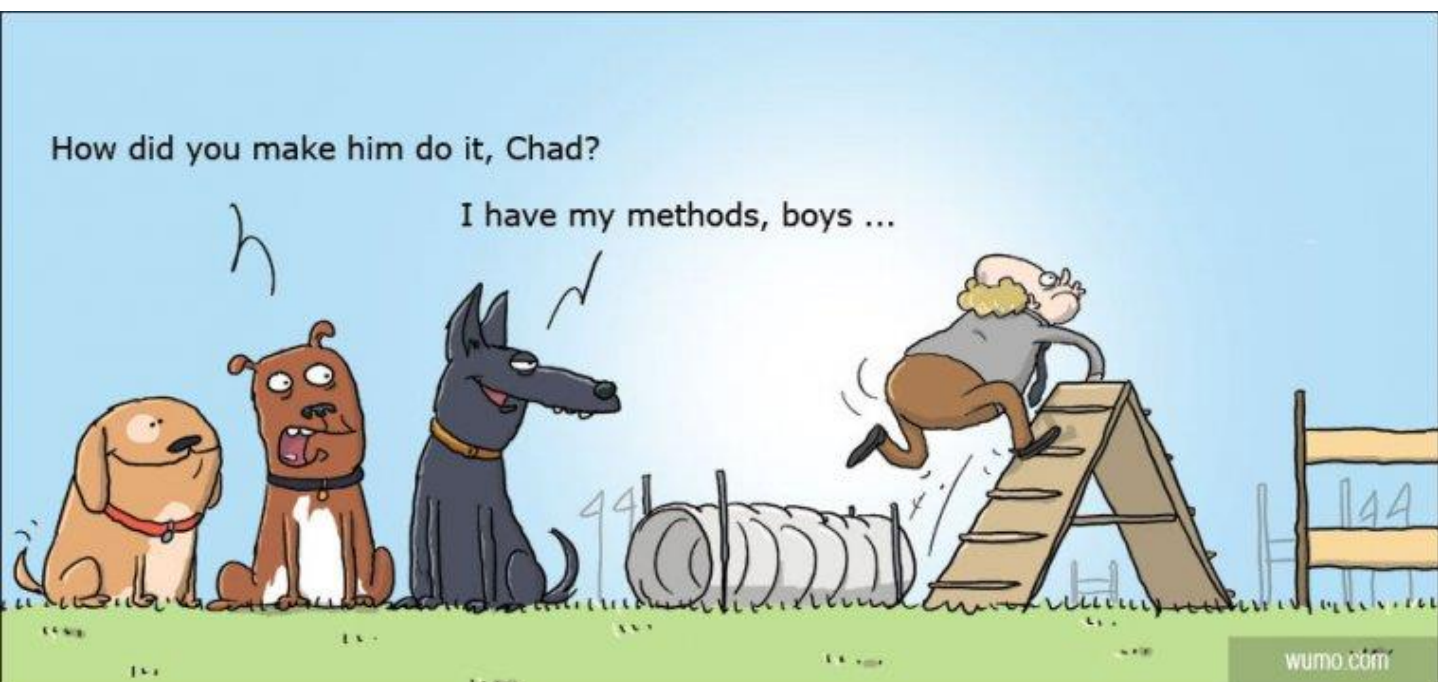
I am sure that lot of typical Wheatens are playing the most important role - being a beloved home pet. But they are not seen in the show rings. Anyway, I am lucky I can see a lot of high quality typical Wheatens. Lot of breeders are trying their best to breed as close to the standard as possible. Unfortunately, it is sometimes difficult to see a typical Wheaten in the show ring and in the list of champions.

11. In your opinion, what is the biggest hurdle for the breed?

Breeders who want to change the breed and the judges, who do not have idea what a typical Wheaten should look like.

12. What needs to be done to protect the breed in the future?

Cooperation of the breeders is crucial for the future. We need to share information about health issues as well. It is not popular, but it is very, very important. And the education of judges (especially in continental Europe) will be helpful.



A little tip, and a story to go with it.

First a little true story: A friend of mine had to go to the vet with her wheaten terrier, a 7 years old bitch. She had got diarrhea, and was obviously uncomfortable. As normal, the vet took out his thermometer to check the temperature of the patient. This was the very first time this 7 years old girl had had anything like this up her anus! It went well, and she got her treatment. But afterwards she became VERY offended towards her owner, who had exposed her to this “monstrously” event! When they came home, she would not have any treats or cuddling at all! Ostentatiously she sat with her back towards the owner. Moreover, if a look could kill, the owner would be 6 feet under now! This lasted for 2 days before she finally “thawed up”! So don’t tell me that dogs can’t be offended!

So to the tip: Get your dog used to have a thermometer inserted into the anus. Start when it is young, but you can of course do it with older dogs as well. Be generous with the treats. Do it for several days, and write down the figures. This will pay you back, both in forms of that the dog get used to have something put into the anus, and that the figures might be good to have for later use.

The normal temperature of dogs is between 37,5 and 39,0 degrees Celsius, but there are individual variations. I have taken the temperature on all the wheatens that I have had (I am now on my 6th) over a period of a whole month. Then I have been able to calculate the average temperature on each. One dog I had had an average temperature as far low as 37,6 degrees. Once he was at the vet for stomach trouble. The vet measured the temperature to 38,7degrees. That was quite normal, the vet said. “No”, I said. “He has got a fever”. I showed the figures for that dog to the vet, and he had to admit that I was wright. The dog was treated as an animal with fever, and recovered very well. Therefore, my advice is: take care of the figures! They might come handy!

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HOT NEWS!

The following is just published on the IKC web page:

Heritage Status

July 16, 2019

I am pleased to announce that the 9 Irish Breeds have been granted National Heritage status by the Minister.

This is a wonderful step in the future protection and development of our amazing Irish Breeds and comes after many years of representations by those committed to Irish Breeds.

On behalf of the Irish Kennel Club I would like to specially acknowledge the commitment of the following who put their heart and soul into making this a reality. Cathy Delmar, Eddie Burke, Vincent Flannelly.

Sean Delmar, President



Recipes from my kitchen

In the last issue of the Newsletter we wanted recipes from far and near. Kaare Hegrum from Norway has sent us these traditional dishes.

Mutton in cabbage



Here is a traditional Norwegian dish. Many are of the opinion that this is our national dish!

What you need

1,5 kg of mutton
1,5 kg of cabbage
10-15 whole black pepper corns
3 spoons of flour
2-3 teaspoons of salt
0,3-0,4 liters of water (approx.)

How to do it

You can use meat from the shoulder, thigh or the cutlets.
Cut it into suitable pieces.

Cut the cabbage into strips.

Put the meat and the cabbage alternately in a wide casserole. Start with the meat, fatty side down.

Sprinkle peppercorns, salt and flour between the layers.

Add water. Bring it to boil. Put on a lid and lower the heat.
Let it simmer until the meat loosens from the bone.
It will take approx. 2-2,5 hours.

To be served hot, with boiled potatoes.



And a traditional Norwegian dessert.

Cloudberries in whipped cream



What you need

0,4 liters of whipping cream
0,5 liters of cloudberries
3 large spoons of sugar

How to do it

Mix the sugar and the cloudberries

Whip the whipping cream into cream,
and carefully mix the cream and the berries.

To be served with thin, crisp rolls or thin crackers.

But also our friends on 4 feet would like something good! And here is something for them!

Yummies for the dog

Chicken yummies

500 grams of shredded chicken meat

1 liter of water

A bit of Thyme and a little bit of Garlic powder

Bring to water to boil, and add spices and chicken. Boil for 5-10 minutes. Take out the meat and let it cool. Set the oven to 75-100 degrees. Cut the meat in suitable pieces, place them on a tray, and bake it in the oven for some minutes. The meat shall only have a rough surface.

Minced meat yummies

500 grams of minced meat

0,3 liter of finely grated carrot

0,2 liter of flour

½ teaspoon of garlic powder

Mix everything well. Spread it onto a tray with baking paper to an about 1 ½ cm thick pancake. Bake it in the oven on 200 degrees until it is baked through. Cut it into suitable squares.

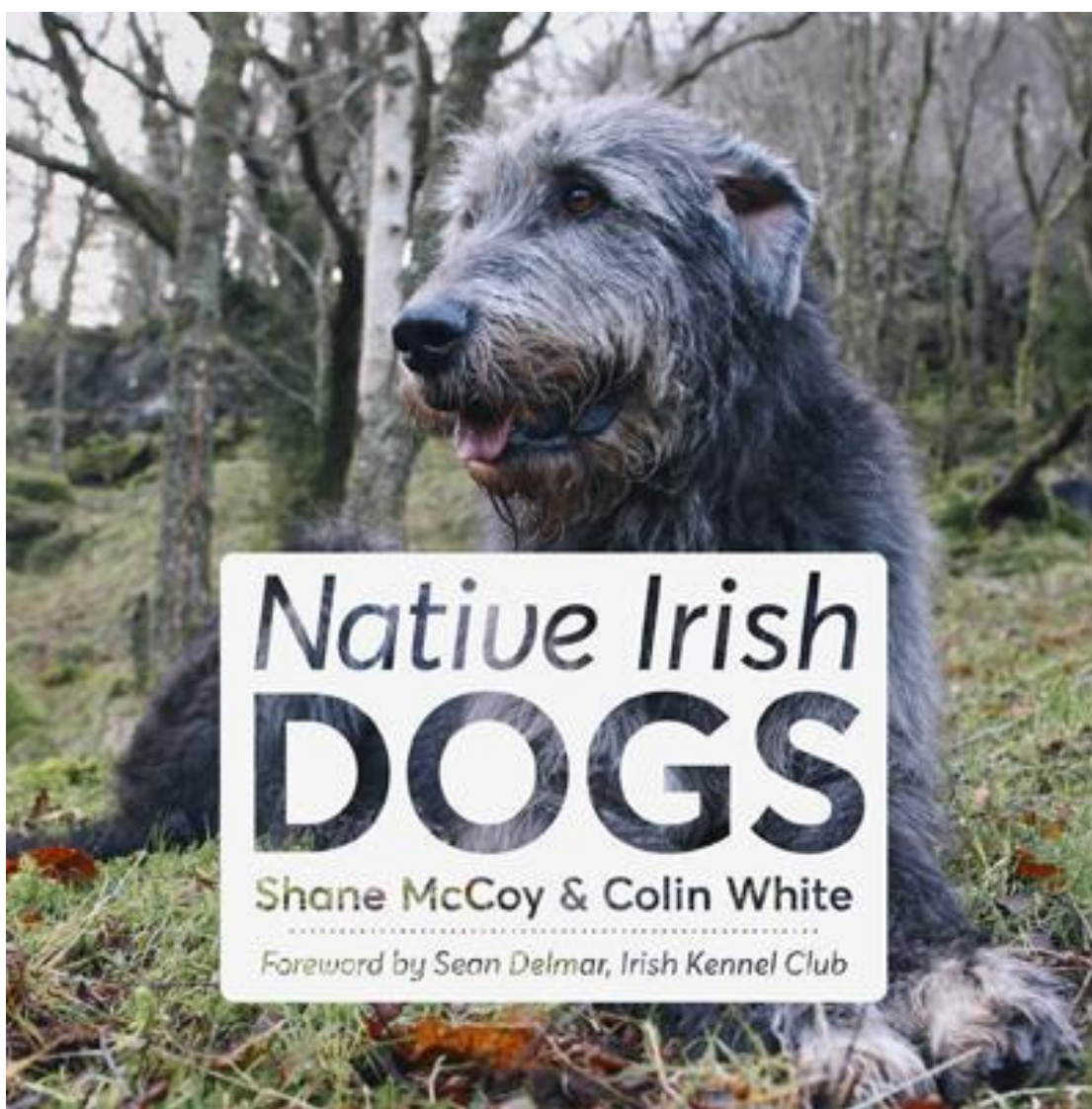


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Native Irish dogs

We have some copies of the paperback version of this great book available normal price €16.99. Club members can enjoy a special price of €15.00.

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