



"A dog has one aim in life. To bestow his heart"

"J. R." Ackerley (4 November 1896 – 4 June 1967), British writer and editor.

A few months have passed, spring is upon us and here we are with our second issue, which is in three parts. I hope you enjoyed our first effort and I would love to receive contributions for future editions.



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Recent events: New South Wales

Dogs on Show & Pageant of Breeds, Erskine Park NSW, 15 June 2013

We had a wonderful day; the wind blew away most of our stand decorations, but the sun shone and the weather stayed dry. Our wheatens had a great day and participated in the *Pageant of Breeds* wearing their very smart handmade emerald green pom-pom collars and leprechaun hats.



Two of our wheaten owners, Cheryl Deasey and Ann Carter, tried in vain to decorate our breed stand, but the gusts of wind triumphed and we had decorations blowing all over the place. Next year we will have a different display system which will not be weather-dependent .

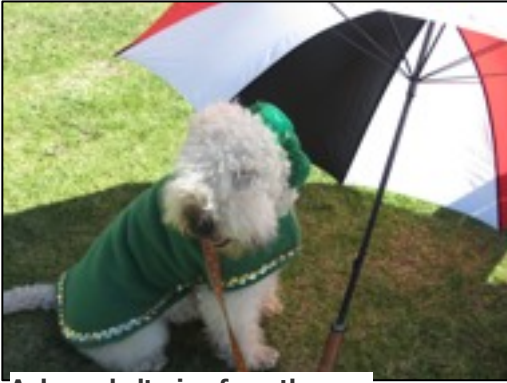
We had quite a group in the Pageant: Ann and *Bailey*; Cheryl and *Kiri* ; Lori Ann and *Patrick*; Nikki, Susannah and the wonderful Ardgaiethe wheatens – *Aoife* and her daughter *Solveig*, and *Magnus* and *Bubblegum*, the offspring of the *Aoife/Aubrey* union. *Magnus* had a wonderful time pulling *Aubrey*'s beard and biting his ears, and they spent a lot of time in the traditional wheaten embrace – up on their hind legs with their front paws wrapped around each other – so very cute!

We also had a visit from Salli, Kurt and the lovely *Monty* , who have promised to join us at our annual Wheaten Picnic in Centennial Park on Sunday, 10 November. And last but not least, *Aubrey* was accompanied by Jeanette and Graham.

We had lots of enquiries and visits from trainee judges and potential owners who were interested in the breed. Thank you all for coming, and for supporting our little club and promoting our beautiful dogs

Kangaroo Valley Celtic Gala Day, Sunday, August 2013

Jeanette, Graham and Aubrey attended the Kangaroo Valley Celtic Gala Day. It was a perfect winter's day — the sky was blue, with not a hint of a cloud, and the sun was shining. We even felt hot during the day.



Aubrey sheltering from the sun



Aubrey with the Canberra Irish Band



Annual General Meeting, SCWTC, Sunday, 1 September, Orchard Hills NSW

The Annual General Meeting of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of NSW Inc. was held at Orchard Hills NSW on Sunday, 1 September. The members of the Executive are as follows:

President:	Tony Clift	Vice President:	Kate Butler
Treasurer:	Barry Butler	Secretary:	Jeanette Grayston
Show Secretary:	Nikki Smith	Social Secretary:	Cheryl Deasey

Future events 2013: New South Wales

The following events are dog-focused and may be of interest.

Sunday, 20 October 2013, Paws In The Park Baulkham Hills

www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Paws-in-the-Park

A fun walk and free event for you and your dogs. Paws In The Park is a free annual event for everyone to enjoy a day of fun with their four-legged friends in the park. There will be lots of entertainment, stalls, educational talks, and dog-related activities and demonstrations throughout the day.

This year the event will be held at Balcombe Heights Estate (Masonic) in Baulkham Hills from 9am to 3 pm. The program also includes an awareness campaign towards mental health through **Pawsitive Steps towards Mental Health** fun walk.

Sunday, 20 October 2013, Paws In The Park Camden

www.camden.nsw.gov.au

The Camden event will be held between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Organisers of the Camden Paws in the Park event are expecting up to 5,000 owners and their dogs to participate in the Fun Walk which will be held at the Bicentennial Equestrian Centre in Camden. The Park is virtually at the end of the main Street (Argyle St) of the town and bounded by Cawdor Rd and Sheathers Lane, both have entrances, there is also a main vehicle entrance off Exeter St in Camden.

Highlights of the event include 3km and 5km dog walk; entertainment; animal related stalls; animal rescue groups; demonstrations; obedience classes; Best dressed dog, best trick, look-a-like competitions and more; Jack Russell Racing; Flyball dog competition and much more!

Grab your event passport upon entry for a gold coin donation and visit seven stores to get your free Royal Canin show bag filled with goodies your dog will love including treats, food samples, toys, pet related information and more.

Sunday, 10 November 2013

Invitations have been sent out for our Annual Wheaten Picnic, which will be held at the leash-free area in Centennial Park, starting at 1100.

Future events 2014: New South Wales

**Saturday, 8 and
Sunday, 9 February**

Sydney Pet Expo, Rosehill Racecourse

Saturday, 19 April

Sydney Royal Easter Show Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Judging and 3rd SCWTBC Specialty Show. Our wheatens will be judged at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on Saturday, 19 April. At about 1400 on the same day, we will have our 3rd Championship Show and the dogs will be judged by Mr Frank Kane from the UK. Mr Kane is a superstar in the UK dog world and judged Best in Show at Crufts in 2000.

Sunday, 18 May

RSPCA Million Paws Walk

Saturday, 24 May

Berry Celtic Festival

Saturday, 14 June

Dogs NSW Dogs on Show & Pageant of Breeds, Orchard Hills

Sunday, 25 August

Kangaroo Valley Celtic Festival

Book reviews



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PS News Books

Australian War Dogs: The Story of Four-legged Diggers

By Nigel Allsopp (New Holland, \$29.95, softcover, 189 pages) March 2012

Through decades of global conflict, four-legged diggers have served alongside Australian troops, but sadly history has been slow to recognise animal contributions during war.

Nigel Allsopp, who began his military career as a Military Working Dog (MWD) handler, happily points out that in 2009, some of the Australia's unsung military heroes — and man's best friend — were finally recognised for their bravery. Documenting their service was a reflection of the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by their handlers.

Australian War Dogs touchingly explores the role of Australian MWDs in our history, their different roles and what future dogs have in modern warfare.

A canine is useful in the art of war because of loyalty, intelligence and devotion: qualities that are highly valued both as pets and in the armed forces.

War dogs, who have served in many places including Europe, Vietnam, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan and Iraq, do all sorts of jobs like carrying messages, standing watch as sentries, detecting explosives and land mines, tracing and scouting.

Australia has a long history in the use of animals in war from horses, mules and donkeys to canines. Today that focus is on military dogs to be formally recognised by memorials or government-issued awards.

Learning of the loyalties of four-legged diggers such as Razz, Merlin, Andy, Aussie, Herbie, Ziggy, Marcus and Caesar will leave an indelible mark as you rejoice in the knowledge that the former chief of Defence, Air Chief Marshall A.G. Houston, confirmed the endorsement of 7 June to be annually commemorated as Military Working Dog Day.

The author says this book is not about war, but it honours the warrior, both handler and dog. "It is my hope that one day animals will never be needed to fight alongside humans in war, and of course we all pray that people too never have to go to war. But if we do, man's best friend is ready to go with us".

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Show and Agility News</h2>

New South Wales**Purina Spring Fair, Friday 30 August to Sunday, 1 September 2013, Orchard Hills NSW**

Congratulations to all the beautiful wheatens who were at the last day of the Spring Fair. This was indeed a star line-up, with many beautiful wheatens in the ring. It was a pleasure to see a large number of puppies, whose progress we will be following with great interest.

Special congratulations to Margaret Gray (Saphyr Wheatens) from Melbourne with Snørre, Tova and Moira, and baby Alice for her success on each day of the Fair.

Results:**Friday 30 August 2013****BOB Bitch CC Open Bitch** Ch Saphyr Triple Creme RN**R/U BOB Res Bitch CC Aust Bred Bitch** Ch Saphyr Hazelnut Delight RN**Dog CC Open Dog** Ch Swd Ch Honeyrags Island Duke of Villa Rosa (Imp Swd)**Intermediate Bitch** Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN**Baby Puppy Bitch** Saphyr Sunshine and Roses**Absent****Junior Dog** Ch Larnook U Got It**Junior Bitch** Ch Silktrader Neva a Dull Moment (Imp NZ)**Saturday 31 August 2013****BOB Dog CC Open Dog** Ch Swd Ch Honeyrags Island Duke of Villa Rosa (Imp Swd)**R/U BOB Bitch CC Open Bitch** Ch Saphyr Triple Creme RN**Res Bitch CC Intermediate Bitch** Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN**Aust Bred Bitch** Ch Saphyr Hazelnut Delight RN**Baby Puppy Bitch** Saphyr Sunshine and Roses**Absent****Junior Dog** Ch Larnook U Got It**Junior Bitch** Ch Silktrader Neva a Dull Moment (Imp NZ)**Sunday 1 September 2013****BOB Dog CC Open Dog** Ch Swd Ch Honeyrags Island Duke of Villa Rosa (Imp Swd)**Minor Puppy Dog** Ardgaeithe Ballinbar Magnus**Open Bitch Res Bitch CC Aust Bred Bitch** Ch Saphyr Hazelnut Delight RN**Intermediate Bitch** Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN**Australian Bred Bitch** Ch Saphyr Hazelnut Delight RN**Junior Bitch** Eyreside Lislee Aoteraoa**Minor Puppy Bitch** Ardgaeithe Ballinbar Bubblegum**Baby Puppy Bitch** Saphyr Sunshine and Roses**Absent****Open dog** Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine**Junior Dog** Ch Larnook U Got It**Intermediate Bitch Junior Bitch** Ch Silktrader Neva a Dull Moment (Imp NZ)

Larnook Voo Doo Magic

Ardgaeithe Ailisi Orlaith

South Australia

Adelaide Royal Show, September 2013

Margaret Gray continued her success in Adelaide. Well done, Margaret, and congratulations on your beautifully presented dogs who did our breed proud.



Results:

BOB CH Saphyr Triple Creme RN, Open Bitch

RU BOB Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN, Intermediate Bitch

CC Dog Ch Dancestar Eureka Swing, Open Dog

Res Cc Dog Ch Kanidor Eldar

2nd Open Bitch Ch Dancestar Ms America Pie

Absent Ch Tchoklat Eithne Ni Bhraonain, Intermediate Bitch

Judge Mr K Johansson Sweden

Wheaten Grooming Workshop at Rostrevor College on Saturday, 7 September 2013.

There were no fewer than 18 wheatens on 7 September for a grooming workshop with Sarah Lowe from AnimalMad Grooming and breeder of Shaneca Soft Coated Wheatens in Melbourne. Margaret Gray (Saphyr Wheatens) came along with Moira and Tova to give workshop participants the benefit of her knowledge and expertise in wheaten care.



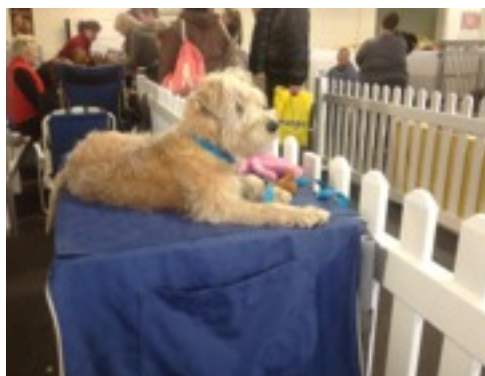
**Victoria
Melbourne Royal Show, September 2013**

Following are the results of the judging held on Friday, 27 September

Baby Dog: Saphyr Solaris Leo
with Grant Bradbeer



Baby Bitch: Saphyr Sunshine. & Roses



2nd. Puppy dog: Ardgaeithe Ballinbar Magnus



Puppy Dog :

- 1- Saphyr Duke of Darraweit
- 2- Ardgaeithe Ballinbar Magnus

Junior Dog - scratched

Baby Bitch:

Saphyr Sunshine. & Roses

Junior Bitch:

- 1- Larnook Velvet Wedding
- 2- CH Shaneca Sunday Rose

Intermediate Bitch. - Scratched

Aus Bred Bitch - Scratched

Open Bitch:

- 1- CH Larnook Victorian Secret
- 2- CH Larnook Tea for Two
- 3 - CH Saphyr Triple Creme RN

Bitch Challenge & BOB:

Ch Larnook Victorian Secret

Reserve Bitch Challenge & R/Up BOB:

Larnook Velvet Wedding

No Dog Challenge awarded

Absent

Junior dog Larnook Vue De Monde

Intermediate Bitch Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN, BOB from 2012
and sadly Ch Larnook Nellie Melba, Specialty 2012 winner

Western Australia

Perth Royal Show, September 2013: Agility

Vicky Morris and Tottie (T Ch Larnook No No Nannette) have been doing agility for 6 years & this is their 4th year at the Perth Royal Show. Tottie is in masters in both agility & jumping. Tottie loves the Royal trial -- she runs fast & loves to show off. The crowd love her and it is a great opportunity to showcase the Wheaten Terrier. Tottie might not run as fast or crazy as those Border Collies, but she's reliable & steady.



They have performed in the team events in other years & were placed 3rd in 2011 in both jumping & agility trials. Vicky was very happy with all her runs this year, especially the qualifying run in the jumping trial. Not only does Tottie do agility, but she is a Tracking Champion, is on her way for Rally O Title & Vicky plans to start Dog Dancing with Tottie in 2014.

I hope Vicky and Tottie will encourage more wheaten owners to participate in obedience, agility and dog dancing to show the world the versatility of our breed.

International news

The Native Breeds of Ireland Show was held in Dublin on 14 and 15 September 2013.

The photograph below shows the winning dogs and bitches.

L to R - IR CH Briankeen J.O (D) ~ IR CH Hobel I Love You (B) ~ IR CH Hobel La Nollag (D) ~ IR CH Ballysax Bremner (D) ~ IR CH Ballinvounig Littlegem With Jaycoselyn (B) ~ IR CH Macfinn Tievinaman (D) ~ IR CH Dalstar Giselle (B)



IR CH Ballinvounig Littlegem With Jaycoselyn (Clodo) is the great grand niece of A. Ch. Ballinvounig Sunshine (Aubrey).

Health issues

Dental care

www.southernhighlandsvets.com.au

Studies have shown that a significant number of dogs over the age of three years have serious dental disease.

One of the key ways to prevent dental disease is daily tooth brushing. Regular brushing removes plaque that can begin to accumulate within 12 hours of eating. Plaque is a film across the teeth, which contains bacteria. A build-up of plaque can become calcified. Calcified plaque, or calculus, irritates the gums and can cause infection beneath the gum line. This deep infection can loosen the roots of teeth and may even spread to other parts of the body, including the heart and kidneys.

Dental home care needs to begin as early as possible. Start by gently getting the young animal used to having its mouth and face handled. Stroke under the chin, then gradually lift up the lips and insert your finger along the gum line. As most dental disease occurs on the outside surfaces of the teeth, don't worry if your pet will not let you open its mouth to access the inside surfaces of the teeth.

Once your pet is used to having his/her mouth handled, a toothbrush can be introduced. Use a very soft baby's toothbrush or a finger brush and work in small circular movements. Care needs to be taken not to scrub too vigorously, as pet gums – like ours – are sensitive to brush trauma. Owners should aim to brush teeth at least once a day after eating. The process can be made more pleasant by using pet-friendly flavoured toothpaste. Popular varieties include shrimp, poultry and beef flavour. A reward such as a bouncy game with a toy can follow to complete the daily routine.

In addition to brushing, there are some excellent products on the market to help your pet's teeth stay healthy and his/her breath sweet. Some foods are designed as a kibble with fibres arranged in such a way as to provide a good abrasive action on the teeth. There are special chews and mouthwashes containing antibacterial substances to help prevent the build-up of plaque. Abrasive foods such as bones and rawhide chews can be used, but since there are potential complications with those products, owners should check with their vet first.

Your pet's annual check-up provides an excellent opportunity for your vet to check the pet's teeth and locate troublesome areas, as well as to ask your vet for his/her views about giving bones to dogs for their teeth.

The www.wikihow.com/brush-a-dog's-teeth website has great photos to guide you through the dog teeth-cleaning exercise.

The next item is a new addition to our newsletter, and I hope to have an article on a famous dog in each edition.

Famous dogs in history

www.animalcentre.wordpress.com/history-famous-dogs

SIRIUS, the "Dog Star"

The star Sirius is located in the constellation, Canis Majoris, and is the **brightest star visible from earth**. It is called the "dog-star" because it is the biggest and brightest star in the "Big Dog" (Canis Majoris) constellation, and is also one of the nearest stars to earth.

There are several versions of legends surrounding Sirius, with the following being one of the Greek myths. According to this version of the legend, Sirius was one of the hunting dogs owned by the great hunter, Orion. Orion was in love with Merope (sometimes called Metrope) a King's daughter, but was never allowed to marry her. However, one day when he was drunk, he forced himself upon her, and her father asked Dionysis (one of the Greek gods,) to curse him.



Orion lapsed into a coma, and discovered that he was blind when he woke up. He went to an oracle, in order to try and solve this problem, who told him to travel east. After having been told this, Orion moved to Crete, where Artemis (a Greek goddess) fell in love with him, so hard, in fact, that she forgot to light up the sky at night.

The sun god, Appollo, became jealous of Artemis's love for Orion, and so devised a plan. He bet her that she couldn't hit a speck on the horizon with an arrow. Not knowing that the speck was in fact Orion swimming in the ocean, Artemis accepted this challenge, and shot her arrow, which hit Orion and killed him.

When she realised that she had killed Orion, she was overcome with guilt, and placed him as a constellation up in the heavens. Sirius was the faithful dog belonging to Orion, and when Orion was killed, he would not stop searching for him, and cried out for his master. So Artemis placed Sirius, the dog-star, at Orion's feet in the heavens. ♥



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Shop online for wheaten hanging baskets and gift ideas for your home, including weather vanes, wind chimes, picture plates, postboxes and key hooks.

www.etsy.com.au

Shop online for wheaten prints and Christmas decorations.

www.weekendnotes.com.au

This site has excellent information for most Australian cities about dog-friendly cafes, leash-free parks and dog-friendly beaches.

And finally to end our newsletter, something literary.

How Dogs Got Their Name

Author unknown

When God had made the earth and sky, the flowers and the trees.

He then made all the animals and all the birds and bees.

And then His work was finished, and not one was quite the same

He said I'll walk this earth of mine and give each one a name.

And so he travelled land and sea, and everywhere He went
a little creature following him, until its strength was spent.

When all were named upon the Earth, and in the sky and sea,

A little creature said, Dear Lord, there's not one left for me.

The Father smiled and softly said, I've left you to the end,

I've turned my own name back to front
and called you "Dog" my friend.

Take care and look after yourselves. Don't forget that I would love to receive contributions from you for our newsletter on items such as fun photos and stories of your dogs, wheaten gatherings, good training books you have read, good groomers, good puppy training and obedience classes for your dogs.



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