

Wh-e-mail

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.



Welcome to the (late!) Autumn edition. Many of you have met my dog Derry, either 'face to face' or through Wh-e-mail. On Easter Saturday Derry collapsed and further investigation identified a large tumour which had been bleeding into her abdomen. She had emergency surgery on the Thursday to remove her spleen. The biopsy confirmed that she had Hemangiosarcoma (HSA). Over the next week, her vet and I tried everything (from a transfusion, to feeding her lots of raw liver) but we could not keep her red cell count up. On Friday April 20th, after the fourth collapse and 15 vet trips in 13 days, I let her go.

I'd like to be able to give you a list of early warning signs to look for, but HSA is an incredibly aggressive cancer with no specific early symptoms. By the time there are any symptoms, it has already spread.

It is a very common cancer in dogs - especially in Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds and Portuguese Water Dogs. SCWT's also appear to have a genetic susceptibility to both hemangiosarcoma and transitional cell carcinoma (TCC). The Ostrander Laboratory at the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH are conducting research on this genetic susceptibility in the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.

The fact is, however, in a dog population that is living much longer, as with humans, cancer is the most common cause of death. All we can really do is try to reduce deliberate exposure to significant environmental factors, and to be the best observers and recorders of our dogs' health and behaviour that we can.

In memory of "Derry Who Has A Kind Heart" please give your dogs an extra hug today.

Other Recent News: The Club held our first "Wheaten Autumn Picnic" at Edinburgh Gardens, North Fitzroy, on Sunday April 22nd. You can see some photos on the club's facebook page:

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As they are always popular, we plan to hold a picnic in October/November and another in March/April each year.

The RSPCA's annual Million Paws Walk was held on Sunday May 20th around Albert Park Lake. A number of wheatens and their owners participated again this year.



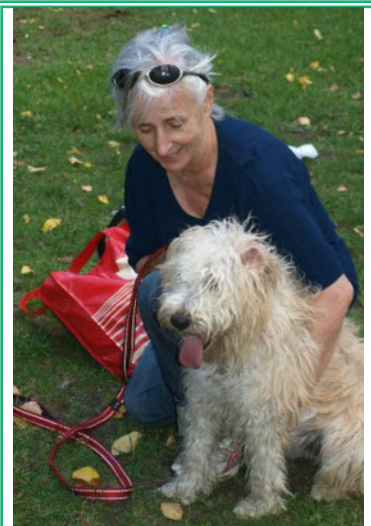
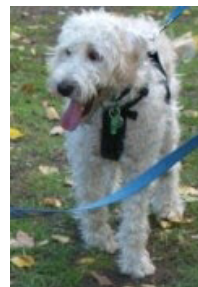
Just to prove it was Autumn



Are we on Camera 1 or 3?



Pups



I've got plenty of room for lunch!

A competition for you



What would be a suitable name for a group of wheatens? Unlike some dog breeds, they don't form a "pack". A "gaggle" won't do. We need a name to describe them. What is your suggestion?

Calendar of Events

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
Sat/Sun/& Mon 9/10/11 June	Open Show on Saturday, Championship Shows on Sunday and Monday, organised by The Sporting Terrier Club. Wheatens will be there. Bring or buy lunch email the club	KCC Park 655 Westernport Highway, Skye, [Melway Ref 128 J12]	
To be confirmed for July	Longer walk	Details later	
To be confirmed for August	The Annual General Meeting of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc. To be held in conjunction with Yum Cha or Dinner.	To be confirmed	
To be confirmed for August	Introduction to nose & scent work	To be confirmed	

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