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Wh-e-mail

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

Fairview Park on Sunday
14 October.



These picnics are
"thirsty work".

Recent Activities: On a perfect Melbourne Spring Sunday we had 23 wheaten and 43 people at the October picnic. You can see some more photos on the club's facebook page: [The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.](#)

Thanks to Ian from 4Paws & More Pet Supplies [www.4pawsandmore.com.au] for donating lots of dog related items as prizes and gifts. If you were unable to make the October picnic, don't miss the Autumn one!

In September, several club members exhibited wheaten at the Royal Melbourne Show. As usual, the wheaten attracted lots of positive attention from an admiring crowd.

Coming Up soon: The club's AGM will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 11 November during afternoon tea at Caffé Moravia in Camberwell (see the Calendar of Events). We are famous for short AGM's and long lunches, dinners, and afternoon teas. There is a nomination form for officebearer positions on the last page of this Wh-e-mail. **If you will be attending the AGM please RSVP to the Secretary before midnight on Wednesday 7th November, so we can confirm the booking.**

Important Research Breakthrough Genetic Testing for PLN-Associated Variant Genes

After years of research supported by hundreds of wheaten and their owners and breeders, Dr Meryl Littman and Dr Paula Henthorn at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) identified mutations associated with PLN in two genes. A simple cheek swab test to determine an individual dog's DNA status was introduced to Wheaten owners in May 2012.

Individual owners can submit samples from their own dogs to learn their genetic status and the associated risk for developing PLN or passing it on to their offspring. No blood tests, no complicated shipping, no trip to the vet!

We suggest you talk to your breeder about the test, or contact the SCWT Club of Victoria Inc. for information. The Health section on the website of the [Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Inc.](#) has articles, guides and an audio presentation by Dr Littman explaining the test and its significance for wheaten terrier owners and breeders.

The Dangers Of Xylitol for Dogs

Over the past few years, food manufacturers have been quietly replacing artificial sweeteners in sugar free and low sugar products with a substance called Xylitol. It is created from natural extracts of birch tree bark, raspberries, plums and corn. Xylitol tastes better than most artificial sweeteners, actively inhibits dental disease and is considerably cheaper than other similar products.

The danger is that Xylitol is highly toxic to dogs.

It was originally used in sugar free chewing gum, mints and breath fresheners but because it is cheaper, it is now being used more widely. Sweets, jams, cakes, biscuits and even bread may now contain Xylitol.

In 2010 the British Veterinary Association warned dog owners of the danger. The past President of the BVA, Nicky Paull commented, **"While most dog owners are now aware that foods such as chocolate and grapes can be toxic to their pets, few are aware of the dangers if their dog eats a cake or muffin containing Xylitol."**

Many of us have been in the habit of letting our dogs lick out the almost empty icecream or yoghurt container after we have finished eating, or sharing the crumbs from a packet of biscuits. Now, because of the risk of Xylitol poisoning, you should read labels very carefully, discuss the risks with your vet and be extremely careful about the treats you give to your dog! *[Adapted from an article by Kate Watkins, Barbara Penney, Lynette Hodge and Lynn Carter, published in WHI Oct newsletter]*

The Competition Winner



Thanks to those who sent in an entry. The winner is Mark S. with his suggestion:

"a circus of wheaten's"
Mark's prize will be in the post very soon.

The last of the club's Greeting Cards For Sale

A few years ago the club produced a set of eight greeting cards to raise money for wheaten health in Australia. The photos were all taken by committee members, the models were our dogs, the cards were designed by the committee and were printed in Preston. After selling out the first print run, we placed another, larger, order.

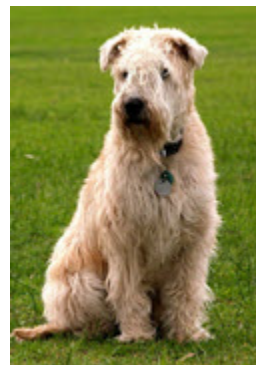
The cards are A5 size (148mm x 105mm when folded) and sold with quality envelopes. There are four landscape and four portrait format cards, with a full size photo on the front and a slightly smaller one on the back. They are printed on heavy, coated card and are packaged with a green paper tie printed with the club's details. The cost is \$20.00 per set plus postage if required.

These cards have been bought by people in most Australian states, New Zealand, USA, Canada and UK. Those who purchased them have distributed them even more widely. We are down to the last 10 sets. There will not be another print run! Be quick to order your set. They will be a collector's item in the future.

The thumbnails shown below have been deliberately reproduced at low resolution. The actual cards are high res. professional quality. Contact the Secretary at vic.wheaten@gmail.com to place your order.



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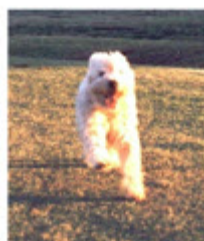
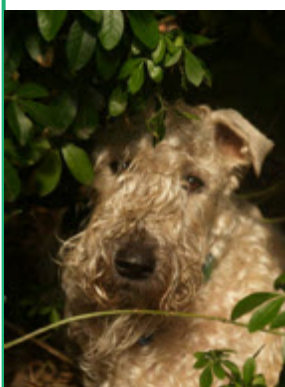
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Some photos from the 13th Annual
October Picnic.

(More photos on the club's website:
<http://oz.dogs.net.au/wheatenclubvic>
and our facebook page)



Nomination For Membership of the Committee

The committee is made up of a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Vice President and three Ordinary Members. If you would like to nominate for a position, fill in your name, the position and sign and date the form, then email or post it to the Secretary to arrive by midnight on Friday 2nd November. We can arrange for a Proposer and Secunder to sign the nomination.

You must be a financial member for the 2012/13 year to stand for office.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

Registration No. A0050373F
email: vic.wheaten@gmail.com

NOMINATION FORM

Annual Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
for 2012/2013

We:

_____ (Proposer's Name)

_____ (Signature)

and:

_____ (Secunder's Name)

_____ (Signature)

being members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.
hereby nominate:

for the position of:

I ACCEPT THIS NOMINATION for the above position.

Signature:

Date: / /2012

Calendar of Events

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
Sunday 11th November	The Annual General Meeting of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc. To be held in conjunction with Afternoon Tea.	Caffé Moravia 662 Burke Rd Camberwell	Arrive by 2.45pm

Useful contacts:

Secretary - vic.wheaten@gmail.com

Membership enquiries - positivepaws@bigpond.com