



Wh-e-mail

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

Edition 1: February 2009

Welcome to the first edition of our new publication. Our purpose is:

- to let you know of upcoming events and activities, [see the Calendar of Events on page 2]
- to provide brief reports of recent activities,
- to introduce the Committee and members of the SCWT Club of Vic. Inc.,
- to provide tips and snippets of useful information,
- and to give you a forum to show and tell about your wheaten(s).

Introducing the Committee:

President: Monica
Vice President: Angela
Secretary: Phyllis
Treasurer: Melva
Membership Secretary: Julie
Committee Member: Sarah
Committee Member: Rosie

And their wheatens:

Geisha and Priscilla
Figgy and Diva
Derry
Redmond and Caoimhe
Dulcie, Cushy, Bridie and Max (Yes - Four!)
Shaemus and Nellie
Marley

You've probably seen dogs performing the strange ritual, shown in the photo above. It's called a 'play bow'. Many dogs do this, but terriers seem particularly fond of play bowing. It's used to reassure another dog that "this is not serious. I'm just playing." It's often done **before and after** an action which might otherwise be misinterpreted, such as a smack in the head with a large paw. That is - I told you twice, just in case you thought I might have meant it. Problems can arise when a terrier performs this ritual with an animal that doesn't understand it or doesn't like it - cat's just don't get it, and border collies don't usually cope well with animals 'in their face'. Other terriers seem to understand it and respond well to it. The two dogs in the photo had just met. They immediately bowed to each other and the rules of the engagement were established.

Taming Your Terrier

Does everyone around you have a dog that does as it's told? Do you have a terrier that physically or mentally just wanders off? Do you suspect that your wheaten suffers from selective deafness? We've all been there. Help is available. Several club members are accredited DELTA trainers and can offer suggestions, run training programs, or put you in touch with positive trainers in your area.

Greeting Card Sets for Sale

The Club has produced a set of greeting cards to raise money for the Wheaten Health Australia Project. There are 8 cards, featuring 16 photos of club members' dogs doing typical wheaten things. The cards are blank inside, so are ideal for any occasion. They've been professionally printed on card stock and include quality envelopes. The cost is \$20.00 per set plus postage if required. See the full details and an Order Form on [the Victorian Club web page](#) or ask a committee member for more information.

What has the committee been doing recently?

The Club's committee usually meets every six to eight weeks to manage the business of the organisation. At meetings, the committee receives reports, approves new membership applications, authorises payment of accounts, organises publicity, delegates tasks to appropriate members and plans events and activities for the club.

At our most recent meeting (February 22nd) we nominated Monica and Angela to represent Victoria at the first national meeting of the Wheaten Health Australia Project (WHAP) in Sydney at Easter. There will be more information about this exciting project in future wh-e-mails.

We also prepared the Club Calendar of Events 2009, up to June 30th. There was much discussion about what events to organise, how frequently, where and when. As always, we have more things we'd like to do, than the time available. So, version one of the Calendar is presented below. There are sure to be changes and additions along the way, so we'll provide updated versions in future wh-e-mails.

Useful contacts:

For items requiring the committee's attention, contact Phyllis by email: vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom

For membership enquiries, contact Julie by email: positivepawsatbigponddotcom

For activities or events to go on the Calendar, contact Phyllis by email: vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom

If you have a wheaten (or any other breed) that you would like to introduce to tracking, herding, showing, agility, obedience, or lure coursing, there are various clubs and organisations who regularly hold 'taster' sessions or run 'instinct tests'. Perhaps you'd just like to see what these dogs can do? Contact the Club Secretary for information about who, where and when.
email: vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom

Calendar of Events 2009 (Up to June 30th)

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
Sunday March 8	Walk and Picnic lunch with Neil O'Sullivan Contact: email the club	Fairview Park, Hawthorn [Fairview Street end, Melway Ref 45 B12]	11.00am
Sunday April 5	Walk Our Wheatens then lunch/ afternoon tea at North Point Cafe Contact: email the club	Brighton Dog Beach [Between Sandown St and Bay St, Melway Ref 67 B9]	11.00am
Sunday May 17	The Million Paws Walk RSPCA Fund Raiser Contact: email the club	Around Albert Park Lake [Meet on the West side of Beaurepaire Pavilion, facing Oval 20, Melway Ref 2K G10]	By 9.45am
Monday June 8	Open Show & Rare Breeds Championship Show organised by The Sporting Terrier Club - Bring or buy lunch Contact: email the club	KCC Park [655 Westernport Highway, Skye, Melway Ref 128 J12]	Noon
Various Weekdays	Available on some weekdays? Bring your dog for an informal play session or quiet walk. Organised frequently, arranged at 3 or 4 days notice. Contact: email the club	Variety of dog friendly venues around Melbourne's inner and middle suburbs.	Various
Planned for July	"A Dinner without Dogs" Just Dog Owners and an entertaining Guest Speaker.	Date and Venue to be finalised.	