



Edition 3: June 2009

# Wh-e-mail

## The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

As Victorian wheaten owners are great optimists, we decided this edition would be devoted to dealing with wet, muddy wheatens. You never know - there could be a wet winter again one day. Then you'll need this information. Until then, enjoy the photos showing enthusiastic water babies getting wet.

### Recent Events

**May 17th The Million Paws Walk.** Eight dogs and their owners joined a large crowd to walk around Albert Park Lake, helping to raise funds for the RSPCA. Returning from the walk, several wheatens showed a lot of interest in the herding demonstrations, proving once again, that they were originally bred to work as farm dogs. Participants were: Melissa, Hayden & *Cara*, Kathi, Tony & *Ellie*, Phyllis & *Derry*, Sarah, Wendy & *Shaemus* & *Nellie*, Rosie & *Marley*, Melva, Brett & *Caoimhe* & *Redmond*, Andrew and his wife & *Pat*.

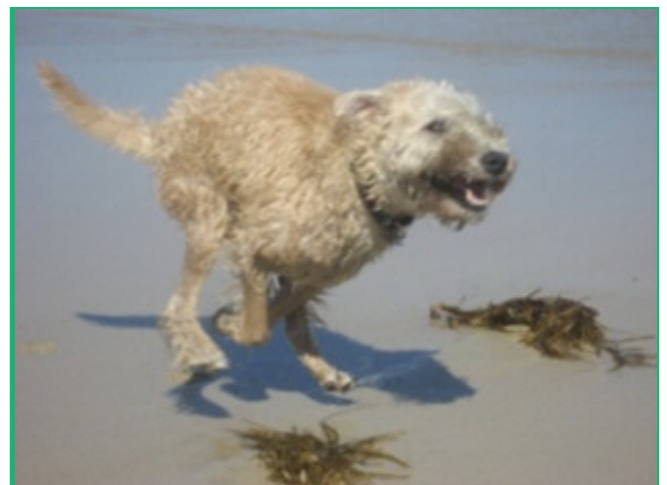
**June 8th The Sporting Terrier Shows.** For various reasons, many members were unable to make it to the shows on Queen's Birthday. However Margaret & *Pirate* were there, and while they went through their paces in the ring, Phyllis & *Derry* did some 'meet and greet' work for those who came looking for wheatens. In between his exhibition duties, *Pirate* was able to present an interesting contrast to *Derry*, in almost every way!

### Seafaring Wheatens



Murray with Fletch.

Fletch is an enthusiastic participant in a range of aquatic activities. He takes his water safety seriously. It's obvious in the look of concentration, the perfect balance and the attractive and practical life jacket.



Marley

A love of water runs in the family. Marley is Fletch's brother. Here, he is demonstrating the benefits of months of hydrotherapy after surgery on his cruciate ligament. This isn't work. It's play!

Greeting Cards for sale: Produced by the Club. All proceeds to the Wheaten Health Australia Project. The cost is \$20.00 per set plus postage if required. See the full details and request an Order Form on the [Victorian Club webpage](http://www.victorianclub.org) or ask a committee member for more information.

### Useful contacts:

Secretary - [vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom](mailto:vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom)

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## Bathing a Wheaten in Winter



Don't EVER add water to a matted wheaten coat. You will regret it! So will your wheaten. Brush and comb out first, then bath. If it's nice clean mud, you may be better off leaving it to dry and then brushing it off - although by that time, a lot of it will have fallen out and been deposited on your floors, your sofa and your bed.

Bathing very frequently is unnecessary and may dry out the coat's natural oils. When you do need to bath a wheaten, use good quality dog shampoo and conditioner. Human hair care products are not suitable for use on animals.

Try to make the room warm and the water tepid, rather than the other way around. Some dogs enjoy being dried with a hair dryer, but many don't. Microfibre cloths sold in camping shops are more effective than an old towel. With wheatens, you'll get more cooperation if you treat them like young children and make bath time fun, rather than a fight.

The latest information about the Wheaten Health Australia Project (WHAP) has been posted on the web site of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Societies of Australasia. The site has details of the goals, structure and progress of [WHAP](#) arising from the first national meeting in Sydney at Easter.

**Reminder:** 2009/2010 Membership subscriptions are now due - \$10.00 for individual membership or \$15.00 for dual/family membership. Payments may be made by direct deposit, on-line, or over the counter at any Westpac Branch. Alternatively, you may make a cheque out to the full name of the club and post to the Secretary. Email [vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom](mailto:vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom) for more information.

**Being entertained by wheatens is the most fun you can have for \$10.00!**

### Calendar of Events 2009 (From July 1st to September 30th)

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
<b>Sunday July 19</b>	Lunch on our own (previously Dinner without Dogs) Ay Oriental Tea House <b>Confirm attendance by 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> Email <a href="mailto:vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom">vicdotwheatenatgmaildotcom</a> for further information.	Ay Oriental Tea House 455 Chapel St. South Yarra Parking at the Jam Factory, or come by Tram, or possibly Train.	11.30 am
Mid August (date to be confirmed)	Walk our Wheatens Longer, country walk Contact: email the club	Venue to be confirmed	
Sunday September 9	Play session at Kepala Canine Country Club Contact: email the club	55 Edwards Road Diggers Rest [Melway Ref 3 A1]	11.00am to 1.00pm
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