



"Derry"

If you look closely, you'll see a "canine good citizen" collar and lead. We've got the certificate too. I remind her (often) when she doesn't behave like one.

Wh-e-mail

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

Hi Everyone,

My apologies for not producing a Feb/March Wh-e-mail. I could tell you that I didn't do one because I had nothing to say. But anyone who's met me is unlikely to believe that. I could also suggest that I was giving you some extra time to create a Christmas card for the competition - but it hasn't resulted in any entries! We'll run the competition again later in the year.

The Committee met recently and planned a range of Club activities, so check the Calendar at the end of this edition.

The first one is The Million Paws Walk on Sunday May 16th.

Important Research Project

We understand that this is very short notice, but **next Thursday evening, (May 6th)** Victorian SCWTs will have an opportunity to contribute to the creation of a canine DNA bank. The ultimate goal is to develop optimal breeding strategies and healthier dogs for those breeds, including wheatens, involved in the project.

Margaret Gray has arranged with Stuart Mason from Monash Vet Clinic at Clayton to conduct a "blood draw" at no cost to wheaten owners. You will receive an email with the details of the project, the arrangements for blood collection, and the information you will need to provide about your dog(s). We hope many owners will take the opportunity to participate in this important research.

Animal Vaccination Protocols

The Veterinary profession is constantly updating its knowledge of the best ways to prevent disease in dogs and cats. In response to this the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) has recently revised its policy on vaccinations for adult cats and dogs for some vaccines.

The AVA recommends that every animal should be immunised, but only as frequently as necessary. The key points from the revised policy are:

- * **Core vaccines**, (for canine distemper virus, canine adenovirus and canine parvovirus) should be administered to all animals.
- * **Non-core vaccines**, (for parainfluenza virus, bordetella bronchiseptica and leptospira interrogans) are only required by those animals whose geographic location, local environment, or lifestyle, places them at risk of contracting specific infections.

The AVA recommends that in most cases, core vaccines will not need to be administered any more frequently than every three years. However, for diseases such as canine cough (or kennel cough) a booster vaccination will still be needed at least annually. You can read their recommendations at:

<http://ava.informz.net/ava/data/images/documents/ava-vaccination-policy-final-june09.pdf>

Dog and cat owners should talk to their vet about the most appropriate vaccination schedule for their pet, as the best approach differs depending on the age and health of the dog or cat, and where it lives. It is still very important that pets have an annual veterinary health check, regardless of the vaccination schedule being followed. Dogs and cats age differently from humans, so going to the vet each year is the equivalent of a human consulting their doctor about every five years!

With thanks to Angela Hervey-Tennyson

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Vaccination Protocols

Additional Information:

The AVA recommendations are based on the work done by the Vaccination Guideline Group (VGG) of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA). The VGG report is available at: http://www.wsava.org/PDF/Misc/VGG_09_2007.pdf

In turn, the VGG report was based on the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Task Force. Their website explains that "the Task Force included experts in immunology, infectious disease, internal medicine, and medicine and clinical practice. The guidelines are supported by professional, scientific and clinical evidence, as well as published and unpublished documentation." Find their most recent guidelines, including all references to their research at: <http://www.aahanet.org/PublicDocumentsVaccineGuidelines06Revised.pdf>

In mid 2008 some of us attended a workshop with Dr Jean Dodds on her research into vaccination protocols. If anyone would like a copy of her presentation, please email the Secretary. [permission granted by the author]

It's worth noting that all veterinary schools in USA have adopted the VGG protocols, as has Canada, and New Zealand.



At the Million Paws Walk - 2009

Greeting Cards for sale.

The first edition has **almost sold out**. These are likely to be collectors' items in the future. Make sure you have at least one set to use and one to put away. 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](#) or ask a committee member for more information.

Now requesting photo contributions
for the second edition.

Calendar of Events from May to August 2010

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
Sunday May 16	The Million Paws Walk RSPCA Fundraiser \$10.00 per dog [direct deposit to Sarah or pay her on the day] email the club	Around Albert Park Lake [Meet on the West side of Beaurepaire Pavilion, facing Oval 20, Melway Ref 2K G10]	9.15 am
Monday June 14	Championship Show organised by The Sporting Terrier Club - Bring or buy lunch email the club	KCC Park [655 Westernport Highway, Skye, Melway Ref 128 J12]	Noon
Sunday July 25	Walk and Lunch at Daylesford email the club	Meet at the Lake [to be confirmed]	11.00 am
Sunday Aug 29	Walk along Scotchmans Creek Trail email the club	City of Monash [Melway Ref 69 F3] On-lead walk with off-lead reserve at the end.	??
Planned for Aug	Workshop: Grooming your wheaten email the club	To be confirmed	Evening
Various Weekdays	Available on some weekdays? Bring your dog for an informal play session or quiet walk. Organised at 3 or 4 days notice. email the club	Variety of dog friendly venues around Melbourne's inner and middle suburbs.	Various