

Wh-e-mail

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.



Daylesford in autumn.



Snow last week.

It's not Daylesford, but I thought it was.
(and no, I wasn't surprised!!!)

Hi Everyone,

As a result of the recent, *appalling* weather, we have decided to postpone the Daylesford Lake walk until autumn. However, there are a number of other activities coming up, so check the Calendar in this edition.

You will also find a membership application/renewal form with this Wh-e-mail. We can now offer convenient payment of your 2010/11 membership via direct deposit, cheque, or paypal. And it's still only \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for two or more members at the same address. Email or post the form to the membership secretary.

Recent Activities

Canine DNA Research Project - Victorian SCWT owners contributed blood samples from 18 dogs during the blood draw in May.

Million Paws Walk - The club had about 6 wheaten owners & family who participated in this year's Million Paws Walk. We also met up with a couple of extra wheaten owners during the walk. As always, the SCWTs attracted lots of attention with their distinctive green bandanas.

The longer walk we promised you: **Sunday 15 August - Walk Our Wheatens Scotchman's Creek Trail from Oakleigh to Mount Waverley and return.**

Meet near Brickmakers Park, Stamford Road, Oakleigh, at 1.15 pm for a 1.30 pm start. Plenty of on street parking.

The walk is a fairly easy 6 km walk (allow about 2 hours), taking in a shared pedestrian/cyclist path from Oakleigh to Mount Waverley and back, city views from Scotchmans Run Reserve, through the Melbourne Water Wetlands at Huntingdale (look out for the resident swans), a tunnel under the Monash Freeway and continue to follow the creek to Forster Road.

We'll return to our starting point about 3.15 pm for a well deserved afternoon tea and a toilet break.

What to bring: dogs on lead, family, friends, drinking water and containers, afternoon tea, comfy shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather.

Things to note: dogs must be on lead for most of this walk. The only off lead area is Scotchmans Run Reserve which we walk through at the beginning and end of our walk. However, dogs must be on lead if there are any organised sporting events taking place while we are there.

Toilet facilities: at our starting point.

Walk too long? You could park a 2nd car at Forster Road to halve your walk - let me know if you are planning this, in case we need to organise some type of car pool.

Weather: If the forecast at 7.00 pm the night before is predicting rain, rain, and more rain, we will cancel, otherwise a little rain is no big deal for our Irish farm dogs.

Contact: Angela or email the club

Useful contacts:

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TOYS FOR HEAVY DUTY CHEWERS

If your Wheaten develops into a heavy-duty toy shredder, it can be difficult to find suitable toys on the market. Of course, large raw bones can provide endless hours of chewing pleasure for your dog, but what are the other options? Here are some that I have had personal experience with as one of my dogs is a toy demolisher!



Honestly - does he *look* like a toy demolisher!

- Check out the Tuffies range here http://www.fourpaws.com.au/shop/index.php?cPath=23_117 They have different ratings with 10 being the toughest.
- Aussie Dog Toys - full range here http://www.aussiedog.com.au/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=1 My Max has not been able to destroy the "Mitch" Ball, and there is the Staffy Ball (which the lions use at the zoo) with a 12 months warranty. Other Aussie Dog Toys which I have found tough are the "Home Alone" and the "Turbo Chook". The "Slapathongs" however, have not passed the Max quality control test.
- Buster Cube (large). This is designed for heavy duty work. My previous Buster Cube had survived five Wheatens, only to succumb to the Whipper Snipper after more than 15 years of faithful service!! Just a word of caution: Buster Cubes can be noisy when thrown around on concrete or other hard surfaces, so if you're trying to keep the peace with your neighbours this may not be the best choice.
- Disposable Toys: These make up a large part of Max's Toy Box but have a very limited life. P.E.T. (soft drink) bottles - with caps removed - can be good. Inspect daily and discard when damaged.
- Mammoth Pet Tire Biter: These are heavy duty rubber toys. There are other similar heavy duty rubber toys, but for Max they are not the toy of choice. You can make them a little more interesting by adding something yummy inside.

Does your toy-demolishing Wheaten have a favourite toy? Please let us know so we can add it to the list and help out other owners.

By Julie Barber



Ummm could this be evidence?

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.



Oh Oh!
More evidence?

How to use the Buster Cubes (By Julie Barber)

Start the dog playing or eating by rolling the cube across the floor. The dog will use its nose to move the cube and gradually learn how to empty it, or in other words, the dog is rewarded with food or treats the more it plays with the cube. It is of course important to consider the extra nutritional energy intake provided through the cube. Therefore the daily amount of food must be kept at a level corresponding to the dog's needs in order to avoid obesity. As the dog gets more experienced and empties the cube faster, it is possible to increase the level of difficulty and thus maintain the value of the cube. This is done by turning the cylinder towards maximum or minimum respectively in order to adjust the speed at which the food is released during play.



Be careful not to pinch your fingers when turning the tube! For filling and easy cleaning the central cylinder can be removed. Put your finger into the hole of the cylinder and turn towards MAX. Turn anticlockwise again until you hear a sound. Now it is possible to extract the cylinder. When replacing the cylinder please note that the tabs on the cylinder are three different sizes and should be placed into the three slots of corresponding sizes in the opening of the cube. Turn the cylinder clockwise towards MIN. When you hear the click sound, then the cylinder is back in place and will turn only between MIN. and MAX.



Put the dry food into the Buster Cube through the opening.



Turn cube to distribute the food into the various compartments inside.



Turn the central cylinder in the Buster Cube to adjust the level of difficulty.

Calendar of Events from August 2010

Date	Activity/Event	Location	Time
Sunday Aug 15	Walk along Scotchman's Creek Trail Contact: Angela or email the club	Meet near Brickmakers Park, Stamford Road, Oakleigh at 1.15 pm for a 1.30 pm start.	1.15 pm
Wednesday Sep 8	"Spring Midweek Beach Play" followed by lunch at North Point cafe email the club	Brighton Dog Beach [Between Sandown St & Bay St. Melway Ref 67 B9]	11.00 am
Tuesday Sep 21	Royal Melb. Show SCWT judging Tuesday 21st Bring or buy lunch email the club	Showgrounds (Ascot Vale)	??
Probably early Oct	SCWT Club of Victoria Inc. Annual General Meeting email the club	To be confirmed	??
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