



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc.

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is basically a healthy dog that, given proper care and nourishment, should live a long and active life. All dogs are, however, susceptible to inherited disease and our breed is no exception. Veterinary research has identified two genetically transmitted diseases which seem to have a higher than normal incidence in Wheaten Terriers: Protein Losing Enteropathy (PLN) and Protein-Losing Enteropathy (PLE). There have also been some cases of Renal Dysplasia in the US and other countries. The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. sponsors research into these diseases and publishes new information on them as it becomes available.

In order to manage these and other diseases, The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc., Code of Ethics requires that all dogs that are part of a breeding program have the following tests performed prior to the first breeding and at least annually, thereafter

Blood Chemistry Panel, Complete Blood Count (CBC), Urinalysis and Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio.

Additionally, all breeding dogs have their eyes examined by a board certified ophthalmologist prior to the first breeding and every two years thereafter and dogs over two years of age are Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) certified for hips or meet the average mean for Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (SCWT) using PennHip. Any breeding dogs under two years of age must have an OFA Preliminary Hip evaluation or meet the average mean for SCWT using PennHip.

Our researchers strongly recommend that **ALL** Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers have annual health screenings consisting of a CBC, Blood Chemistry, Urinalysis and UPC or Micro Albumin (MA) Test. Early detection of kidney disease is vital for the long term health of your Wheaten. With early detection there are effective treatments that can help an affected dog live a long and active life.