



## **SOFT-COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF GB**

### **How to start your search for a Puppy.**

The Club **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that you visit one of our **Area Representatives** to see adult Wheatens in the home environment, and to find out more about the breed from people who know what it is like to live with Wheatens.

#### **Why is a visit to an Area Representative essential?**

- It gives you and your family the opportunity to experience the breed's enthusiastic personality and the 'Wheaten Greeting' first hand!
- To see first-hand, the size of the Wheaten, and the high maintenance coat. Some Area Representatives have Wheatens of both coat types.
- To be shown grooming techniques on a 'live' (or should that be lively) model and be advised on general coat maintenance.
- These visits have proven to be invaluable over the past 40 years, and have shown to be extremely effective, which is evident by the low numbers of Wheatens needing to be rehomed.
- Reputable Breeders will expect you to have visited an Area Representative as part of your research into the breed.

**Our Area Representatives are not necessarily Breeders, but they are experienced Club Members who volunteer their time to share their Wheaten knowledge and experience, both good and bad!**

***To arrange a visit to one of our Area Representatives, please email [puppy@wheaten.org.uk](mailto:puppy@wheaten.org.uk) , or call Sue Gent on 0787 503 3658.***

### **The next step.**

**Breeders' Directory** – Breeders listed on the Club's Breeders' Directory on our website (<https://wheaten.org.uk>) are Club Members who follow the Club's Code of Ethics regarding breeding healthy, well reared and well socialised puppies. Go to the OWNING A WHEATEN menu on the home page, and you will find the link to the BREEDERS' DIRECTORY from there.

**Puppies Available** – The Club only accepts adverts from Club Members who have provided copies of relevant health tests on both the sire and the dam, and who adhere to the Club's Code of Ethics. Go to the OWNING a WHEATEN menu on the home page, and you will find the link to the LITTER ADVERTS from there.

**WARNING:** The Club does not endorse the purchase or sale of puppies through: -

- Newspaper or internet advertisements
- Internet puppy sales websites
- Pet shops

We **STRONGLY** recommend you **DO NOT** acquire a puppy through any of these routes.

Some adverts on The Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Find a Puppy register need to be treated with caution. We advise that you ask **ALL** breeders the right questions regarding recent health tests completed on the sire, the dam and the pups, socialisation, registration, etc. (See our Club's info sheet 'Advice on choosing a puppy'). Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme members are required to follow KC Guidelines, raise pups in a suitable environment, and ensure they are well socialised and healthy. However, The Kennel Club does not require them to carry out any health checks for Wheatens. Whereas Club Members who breed, do these health checks as a matter of course.