



It is with deep sadness that the SCWTCA and SCWTCA Endowment note the passing of Carol Carlson on December 24, 2019.

Carol's involvement with Wheatens goes back to the late 1960s, when she and Emily Holden imported a bitch and became Amaden Wheatens, Reg. Carol and Emily campaigned Wheatens throughout the US as part of the effort to have the breed recognized by the AKC.

Carol was a leader in SCWTCA, serving as President in '80, '81, '87-'89, on the Board for 12 additional terms and as the delegate to AKC. She was the Benchmarks Editor from 1990 – 2005. She was often asked to handle difficult problems by SCWTCA presidents who knew she was the right person for a tough job. Many things Wheaten people take for granted were Carol's doing; for example, her membership in MCKC meant SCWTCA always had a prime position and SCWTCA was the first to hold Sweepstakes on Saturday on the grounds.

As protein-losing diseases began to take hold in the breed, Carol was one of a small group that looked to address the issue through research. Her talent was in fundraising: one of her early efforts was to raise the funds required for an AKC Canine Health Foundation matching grant...and she easily tripled the goal set. She chaired the Colony Dog fundraising project and raised over \$100,000 for its research and care.

With the support of the then-SCWTCA Board and other longtime fanciers, Carol drove the establishment of the Endowment and served as its chair until recently. Under Carol's leadership, the Endowment has raised and donated hundreds of thousands for Wheaten health research and projects.

Carol was a strong supporter of Wheatens in obedience and performance events, often chairing those trials at our national specialty. When BobDog came to live with her in 2009, she herself entered this world and tried everything with a rambunctious dog whose concentration level was...limited! Her dedication led her to therapy work and she and BobDog spent hours in a local library's children's program where the youngsters read to them.

Carol was a dear friend to many and loved by all. As news of her passing has spread, people from all over the Wheaten community have stories of their relationships with her...all of which described a person who loved the breed and would help anyone interested in it.

SCWTCA Inc. has dedicated the 2020 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America National Specialty at Montgomery County Kennel Club to the memory of K. Carol Carlson.

The Endowment and Wheaten health were Carol's passions and she regularly donated to honor owners, club members, breeders and Wheatens. She had asked that in lieu of flowers, donations from her dog friends be made to the SCWTCA Endowment. We greatly appreciate any donations in her name.

We will miss her forever.

<http://www.wheatenhealthendowment.org/donate.htm>