

# Breed presentation from Netherlands

**IN 2004, A TOTAL OF 174 PUPPIES** were registered in the Dutch Kennel Club, of which 169 were bred by members of the breed club. The corresponding numbers were 152 and 147 for 2005, 128 and 105 for 2006, and 125 and 89 for 2007.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES** for import of wheatens are (in alphabetical order) Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom. The most important export countries are Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Sweden and USA.

**THE BREED CLUB ICSWT "De Wheatens"** was formed in 1976. There are several kinds of activities:

1. "Nakomenlingendag" assessment day for litters bred within the club, for youngsters between 1–2 years
2. Championship Clubmatch once a year (entries  $\pm$  80)
3. Club magazine (4x)
4. Dog walks ("spring" and "autumn" walk)
5. Training days to teach owners how to trim their Wheaten
6. Breeder's seminar(s)

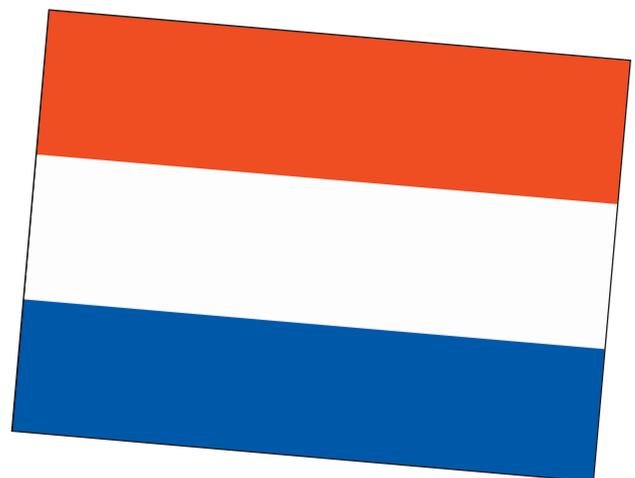
**THERE ARE  $\pm$  12** active breeders within the club. A kennel name is mandatory for club members who want to breed. There are  $\pm$  6 active breeders outside the club.

**THE DUTCH KENNEL CLUB** requirements for breeding are: bitch must be a minimum of 18 months old and a maximum of 8 years, maximum number of litters for a bitch is 5, maximum age when having the first litter is 5 years, minimum time between two litters is 10 months, and there can be no more than 2 litters in 24 months, puppies cannot leave the litter before 7 weeks. The breed club instead has a minimum age for the first litter at 21 months, and a maximum number of 4 litters.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR BREEDING** within the breed club are:

1. Kennel name
2. Examination for eye disease before breeding and after 5 years of age
3. result requirements of shows (qualifications)
4. No breeding of dogs that are known to be carriers of hereditary diseases
5. Litters have to be born and raised within a home environment
6. All litters are chipped and examined by the Kennel Club

**HEALTH SURVEYS** are conducted on wheatens at the age of 5–6 years; 2 health surveys were conducted by the "Hirschfeld Stichting", one survey was conducted by the breed club in 2002, and one survey is being issued by the breed club in 2008. All health records are registered by the health committee of the breed club.



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