



Wheaten Health Endowment

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Annual Testing

Every year, beginning at age 1, a Wheaten's annual check-up should include blood testing and a urinalysis. These can uncover early indications of diseases found in Wheatens...Protein Losing Nephropathy (PLN,) Protein Losing Enteropathy (PLE,) Renal Dysplasia (RD) and Addison's Disease...but also other potential problems.

Suggested Annual Testing includes:

- Biochemical Profile aka Chem Screen – *includes total protein, albumin, globulin, creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), SDMA, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, etc.*
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Urinalysis – *including specific gravity, dipstick, and urinary sediment*
- Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratio (UPC) or a Microalbuminuria (MA) test. These are add-on tests to the urinalysis and need to be requested.
- In tick or heartworm endemic areas, a SNAP-4DxPlus or AccuPlex4 test.
- If you are concerned about PLE, consider doing annual Fecal API testing in addition to annual blood and urine screening tests on healthy breeding dogs. [Visit the Wheaten Health Endowment to obtain a test kit.](#)
- If you are concerned about IBD or food allergies, ask your vet about the IBD Assay test offered by Antech.

For more information on Wheaten health visit:

- The Wheaten Health Endowment at www.wheatenhealthendowment.org
- The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc. at www.scwtca.org
- The Wheaten Health Initiative at <http://www.wheatenhealthinitiative.com/>

About the Wheaten Health Endowment: The SCWTCA Endowment, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation dba the Wheaten Health Endowment, was established by the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc., in 2001 for the purpose of supporting research related to the health of SCWTs. Learn more about the Endowment at www.wheatenhealthendowment.org