

Dear Veterinarian

Soft coated wheaten terriers have been known to suffer from protein losing kidney diseases (protein losing enteropathy and protein losing nephropathy). It is recommended that wheatens have minimum yearly blood and urine tests to check for early symptoms of these diseases.

Please run the following tests:

1. urine protein/creatinine ratio
2. urinalysis, that includes the following
 - a. dipstick
 - b. specific gravity
 - c. urinary sediment
3. complete haematology count
4. complete biochemical profile, that includes the following
 - a. total protein
 - b. albumin
 - c. creatinine
 - d. amylase
 - e. urea
 - f. cholesterol
 - g. sodium (Na)
 - h. potassium (K)
 - i. phosphate

If protein losing enteropathy or protein losing nephropathy is indicated, please contact the US specialist in the disease for confirmation and advice on treatment:

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Please provide a copy of the test results to the wheaten's owner and explain what each result means against the reference range.

Note that wheatens can also suffer from renal dysplasia and other diseases.