



President's Notes

It's been an eventful few months since the last notes – hurricanes in the SE, fires in the west, weird weather everywhere. I hope wherever you are you stay safe!

It's ATFTC election time again and you should have received a ballot in the mail. We have four outstanding individuals running for the Board – I am attaching their bios – please read them and please vote! Contact us asap if you didn't receive a ballot.

The Orlando shows with several Toy Fox Terrier specialties in December and our National Specialty in February are fast approaching. The show committees for all of them are working hard to provide the best possible shows for you to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help with a future specialty, please raise your hand! We need show chairs, trophy chairs, hospitality, banquet coordinators, raffle organizers and more – it takes many hands helping to put on shows and your help – however large or small – is greatly appreciated! And previous chairs have offered to mentor and help if you want to try something new and take on a new role in helping to put on our shows. We want you – please throw your name in the hat to help with 2026 in Topeka, Kansas!

Chris Bowker has agreed to continue as interim newsletter editor. If you are interested in doing the newsletter, please let us know. If you want to write an article for it that would also be awesome. Also awesome is putting an ad in the newsletter! All the past newsletters are in the members area of our club website – this is your chance for your dog to be available for future Toy Fox breeders to see. And the rates are so inexpensive!

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Contact Chris Bowker at bowmanor@bellsouth.net to submit an article or put in an ad. If you can't design one – Chris can assist you and we have folks in the club who are hugely talented on computers who can help – just ask! The fall edition deadline is fast approaching so jump on it!

Please remember we have a Delegate now that we are an AKC Member club. If you have any questions about prospective rule changes that AKC has published, make sure you share them with Laura Johnson at tylaursrotti@hotmail.com.

Don't forget you can have your Toy Fox recognized for being smart and versatile - fill out and send the versatility form to performance@atftc.com if your dog has earned titles in two or more different AKC events – we want to celebrate your accomplishments through Versatility Recognition Awards. That includes Canine Good Citizen, Farm Dog, BarnHunt, Scent Work, Coursing Ability and other AKC companion events in addition to



agility, obedience, rally, and conformation. When you receive the award, print it, take a photo of your pup and the certificate, email it and we'll put you in the newsletter! And you can continue to upgrade your versatility awards as your dog earns titles! The form is available at <https://www.atftc.com/forms/Combined Title Award Application.pdf>

You will see that Carrie Fletcher posts weekly on our club member Facebook page asking people to comment with litters, puppies and available dogs. With the number of scammers stealing people's money by selling non-existent puppies, many club members send puppy buyers to the club website to search for breeders. Unfortunately, not everyone responds to the inquiries or they don't have any puppies and just respond in the negative. It helps immensely if you share the names of the club members with available puppies/dogs if you are contacted and don't have any available or planned. I frequently refer puppy buyers to club members that have posted they have puppies as well as referring them to club members in their area. We can help each other while helping puppy buyers avoid scammers.

The group and members in California who were hosting ATFTC agility trials have unfortunately lost their trial location. We have cancelled the AKC forecasted agility trial dates in response.

One last thing, if there is something you want our club to be doing, please suggest it! Of course, if it's something that is close to your heart, we will probably ask you to take it on. This is your club – we want you to be involved!

To summarize, put an ad in the newsletter, inform everyone when you have puppies or adults available, volunteer to help at our shows or behind the scenes, fill out the form to get your dog's well deserved versatility certificates and VOTE for your next Board members.

See you around the shows,

Susan Thibodeaux