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Best of Breed or
Best of Variety



2013

OWNER HANDLER:
KIMBERLY ROWLEY
FLAIR
TOY FOX TERRIERS

BREEDER:
ANNE KIEFFER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start by expressing my sympathy to anyone of the ATFTC members who may have been personally affected by the events at the Boston Marathon bombing or the West, TX explosion. I am sure that I am not alone with sending my best wishes and prayers along to all of those affected by these tragedies. It has been said by others with better effect, but I truly believe that "all of the good of this nation will always outweigh the bad".

As for club news, after having a Site Visit to our new venue in Las Vegas, I can assure all of you who attend last year's Parent and National Specialty that the experience will be MUCH better in 2013. No overcrowding at the Riviera! Please keep an eye on the ATFTC Website for all of the details as they become available. As well, the 2013 Show Committee has set up a FaceBook page to help with information.

Speaking of the upcoming Specialties, there are still Trophy Sponsorship's available! By sponsoring a trophy, you are not only showing your support for the club, but your name/Kennel name will be included with the list in all E-News and FoxTales from the time of your donation until after the show. As well, you will automatically be included, as a sponsor, in the Specialty Catalogs! Great way to both support the club AND garner publicity for you and your kennel! If interested, please contact the Trophy Committee Chair - dianneclark@comcast.net. Payments can be made via PayPal at savutax1@hotmail.com. Another area that we are still needing help in is the Online Store and/or Auction/Fund Raising at the 2013 Nationals. Anyone who is interested in either leading one or both of these efforts - OR is interested in volunteering to help, please contact the Show Committee Chair, Carolyn Lichty - clichty1@hughes.net

Here's hoping that Spring comes to stay!

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Toy Fox Terrier Rescue, Inc.

**In Memory Of Patricia Land
1946 ~ 2013**

The Toy Fox Terrier Rescue has continued with Pat Land's work and will continue to find shelter and loving homes for TFT's in need of our help. We would like to thank *Mrs. Reena Fair* for stepping up in an emergency situation with retrieving fostered dogs at Pat's home and the start of the process to obtain our 501 (c) classification.

With Pat's passing and not long afterwards, Mrs. Fair's recent resignation from the TFT Rescue, we have reorganized our board and our policies regarding use of surrender, donated and adoption funds, fostering, transportation, vet care and guidelines for adoption of TFTs under our care.

Our current board is as follows:

Patty Blair, President, tftrescue@yahoo.com

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

The American Kennel Club is launching a new initiative designed to promote dog training and encourage more dog owners to pursue dog sports with their canine companions.

The AKC® GoodDog!SM Helpline will offer telephone support to new dog owners. Trainers will staff the phone line and offer advice on teaching good manners and basic obedience. They also will relay the importance of taking their dog to a training club for a group class so their new puppy or dog gets the benefit of socialization and working with a dog training professional.

Callers will be directed to the AKC Training Club directory on the AKC website so please make sure all contact information for your club is up to date!

The GoodDog! Helpline is launching in April and will operate from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. ET Saturday. Owners subscribe to the service, which is good for the life of the dog, at a cost of \$79.99. There will be special promotional pricing for owners at the time of on-line AKC registration.

The AKC GoodDog! Helpline is another way that the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and contributes to helping dogs be good citizens in their homes and communities.

For more information about the new service, visit the [AKC GoodDog! Helpline](#) web page.

Please direct any questions to: akcgooddoghelpline@akc.org.

NEW AKC TITLES

PERFORMANCE

TITLE	DOGS NAME	OWNER
Open Agility Preferred	CH Foxrun's Dream Weaver AX AXJ OAP OJP NF NFP	John David Zieba & Connie Zieba & Sherry Bryant
Master Bronze Agility	Luigi Fiscelli MX MXB MXJ MJB NF	Cheryl Fiscelli & Al Fiscelli
Master Century Agility	MACH4 Duncan MXC MJB2 MXF TQX	Angie Benacquisto
Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred	Trudy's Abba Dabba Honey- moon NA NAJ OAP AJP NFP	Jennifer Canfield & Joe Duffy
Agility FAST Novice	Foxclassic Princess Sophia AX	Cheryl Fiscelli & Al Fiscelli
Agility FAST Open Preferred	CH Foxclassic-Shiv Fancy Face OAP OJP OFP THD CGC	Jan Kentfield & Rod Kentfield
Canine Good Citizen	Triples Princess Leia CGC	Barbara J Kelley & Jonathan B Kelley Jr.

CONFORMATION

TITLE	DOGS NAME	OWNER
Champion	CH Foxclassic Gone And Done It	Mrs. Rebekah Anthony Huseby & Barbara A Battin & Charles E Battin

CONGRATULATIONS
ONE & ALL

Sunshine Committee

If you know of someone who needs a little “Sunshine” in their life please

Contact ~ Anne Kieffer

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Anne would like to send them a card on behalf of the ATFTC



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Kathy Brown and Juliette Winning the Nationals

PNAC MACH5 PACH2 **Juliette's Butterfly Kisses**, UD
RE T2BP XF MXB2 MJS2 MXPS
MXP6 MJP5 MJPS PAX2

It's been quiet the ride with my little Juliette. She's taken me to places I didn't think we're possible.

From being the first Toy Fox in the history of AKC to earn a UD, only TFT currently to hold the most titles in multiple performance events with AKC, earning 5 Master Agility titled, 2 Preferred Agility titles, a multitude of other titles plus being the only TFT at the 2011 AKC Agility Invitationals to have all clean runs and earning the Top TFT Medallion.

For starters, I wasn't even considering taking an 11 year old dog all the way across 6 states for a huge AKC event. However, a great friend talked me into going for the fun of it. Being qualified to attend, I entered.

Just 7 weeks prior to the AKC National Agility Championships in Tulsa OK, Juliette stopped jumping. After an adjustment by Dr. Latter and 7 weekly acupuncture visits to Dr. Jennifer Brisbois, along with time off from trailing, she flat out rocked at Nationals!

I was truly overwhelmed with her performance taking in to account of our time off from running as a team.

Juliette had ALWAYS been a team member with her desire to please me.

From Novice A to National Agility Champion is a once in a lifetime achievement.

One I couldn't be more proud of accomplishing.

But not to fall short of another great accomplishment at Nationals, Flash, my Rat Terrier, had 5 out of 5 clean fast runs, placing him 20th out of 237 dogs that showed, just missing finals by 1.5 seconds.

Tulsa was spectacular for Team Terrier!

Kathy Marble-Brown

ATFTC National Trophies

After careful consideration, the Trophy Committee 2013 will offer the following sponsorships for the major awards at our National Specialty show in October 2013

Best of Breed	\$300.00	In Memory of Karen Stanforth
Best Opposite Sex	250.00	
Best of Winners	200.00	
Select Dog	200.00	
Select Bitch	200.00	
Winner's Dog	100.00	
Winner's Bitch	100.00	
Best Bred By Exhibitor	100.00	CINDY ENROUGHTY
Best Puppy	100.00	ANNE KIEFFER
Junior Handler	100.00	
Best Veteran	50.00	
Award of Merit	50.00 *	KASEY MANDO (3- \$150.)
Class Winners (8)	25.00	

** Award of Merit prize awarded for every 5 specials entered in show*

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SO GENEROUSLY

CONTRIBUTED TO THE TROPHY FUND

If you would like to make a donation to the general trophy fund in any amount and not specifically for a particular award your contribution will be appreciated.



Gr Ch Ultra Quest Go For The Gold NAJ
“Oliver” ...

... is off to a GREAT start in 2013

19 Best of Breeds

Multiple Group Wins

Novice Jumpers Agility Title

Proud Owner ~ WENDY HOWARD



Getting started in agility – it's easier than you think

By Jacqui O'Neill

I have people who ask me all the time how to get involved in agility. Many of them are friends, some are strangers who know me as the local “dog lady” – a nickname I do not mind at all – but at some point they either heard about or saw agility and it got their interest. Some people think it is some secret society that you must join, but that is not the case. In reality, all you need is a healthy dog, a willing handler, some yummy treats and time for training. Not so bad, right?

Let us address these items one at a time, first up – a healthy dog. What some may consider a healthy dog can be different to others. First, you need the dog to not be overweight; extra weight causes more stress on their joints when performing the activities. Agility is a great way to help the dog lose those extra pounds, but then you must be careful in regards to the height of the equipment and the repetition cycle with which you train the dog. I usually recommend to people who are not sure about their dog's health to ask their veterinarian. Hip dysplasia, luxating patellas, back problems, vision problems, etc., can all be a hazard to a dog in agility. First of all, we want to make sure that the training will be safe and fun for the dogs. Once you have the okay, there are additional items to consider.

Dog nails – I often tell my students that a pet dog's nails are different than an agility dog's nails. For agility you want the nails to be short so that they can grasp on to the equipment as they run across it. Nails that are too long can cause the dogs to slip or even get caught on something. Most people I know use a rotary tool to grind the dog's nails down. Ask someone you know who does this and they can easily show you how it's done.

Next, the hard part – finding a reward that your dog loves! For some dogs it may be food, others love toys, some tug and some love a belly rub – whatever it is you need to find that one something that gets your dog's attention. The best treats are chewy so that you can break them into different sizes and they will not leave crumbs behind. I use different training rewards for my dogs then I do at trials, this makes the trial treats that more spectacular when we are competing.

Now you are ready to get started. Agility dogs do not have to be obedience trained, but they do need to know the basics: sit, down, stay and come are all helpful. They do not need to know how to heel because you want them to run, not stay by your side. Sits, downs and stays are all useful to help the handler get distance from their dog. Whether it is at the start of the run with a lead out (this is when the handler leaves the dog in a stay at the start line and leads out a few obstacles for a better starting position) or leading out from



There are many good books and training videos out there if you choose to train your own dog, or you can find a trainer nearby that competes in agility. When I started in agility there was no one else around me for lessons so I read books and went to seminars, then developed my own method of training my dogs. It has worked out well for me, and I am proud of what I have achieved.

If you have a friend who competes in agility it would be wise to ask them about trainers in your area. If you do not know anyone nearby, then go to the AKC site and look for clubs holding agility trials in your area. You can contact the clubs for more information on training. The most important advice in regards to finding a trainer is to make sure the person is actually competing in agility currently. Rules, equipment and handling techniques are always evolving, if you have a trainer that is not active in agility right now, some of the information and techniques may be inaccurate.

Agility trials, like conformation, are held on the weekends. If someone tells you that they can give lessons on the weekend that should send up a red flag. If they give lessons on the weekend, obviously they are not competing at trials. This may sound silly, but it is accurate.

If you end up training your own dog you will need equipment. I started with a three jump obedience set, but if you really want to compete you will need access to all of the equipment. Weave poles, in particular, can take a long time to train so they are always a good investment. If you do not have anyone you can go to with equipment, you can make your own. However, make sure your homemade items are safe and according to the specifications for the equipment (this can be found online through the AKC site and many other resources). If your items are not put together well your dog could become scared, this could hinder their performance. A bad scare on a faulty piece of equipment can be hard to overcome.

It is also a good idea to go to some trials, and take your dog, so that you can both get used to the occurrences at these events. Some trials are small one ring events with not much activity; however, others are three rings with over 1,000 runs per day. There are dogs barking, PA systems being used, buzzers and horns all over the place. This can be overwhelming to the dog in the beginning. Taking your dog to the trials and doing some training of sits, downs, etc., is a very good idea.

Everyone has their own method of training. I like to do my training sessions in small increments. I take about 20-30 minutes with each dog to work on a certain item. Today I may be working on a lateral push and tomorrow it could be distance work, whatever it is there are a few basics to keep in mind:

Make sure you are consistent with your commands so it is clear what you are asking of your dog.

Keep it fun and interesting.



You be the one to decide when it is time to stop. In my opinion, how you end your training session is almost as important as what you trained that day.

Why is the end so important? I make sure that I decide when to stop for two reason: this way the dog always wants to do more and I am in charge of the training session. How do I achieve this? When first training a new dog I will notice about how long they can last and still have the full attention throughout the training. I make note of this time and end just before they are worn out. I do not want a dog that kind of wants to be there with me, but I want one that thinks training with me is the greatest thing ever! There are times when I have to physically force my dogs out of the training yard. That's great! This tells me they had fun and they want more.

Also, when I am ending a training session I make sure that I always end on a positive note. I do not want the last thing the dog remembers from that day to be disappointment in my voice. If we are struggling with a certain item I will make it easier so the dog can be successful, tell them how good they did, give them treats and we're done! I always want to end with a "good boy".

I got started in agility when it first began. I was competing with a boxer in obedience at the time when a dog got up during the sit/stays and attacked my dog. Jax became terrified in the ring and did not want to return. Agility seemed to be the way I could get him back in the ring, the only problem was that we became agility addicts and never went back! However, Jax went on to become the #1 boxer for three years in a row and won the Performance Award from the American Boxer Club several times. Not bad for my first agility dog!

I enjoy agility so much because it is something different all the time. Every time you run it is a different course that you must attempt with your dog. The feeling of accomplishment when you complete a difficult course is amazing! I have been competing in agility for over 15 years now and I still like it now as much as I did then. Along with competing ,I also judge for AKC and UKI, and I am a supervising judge for DOCNA (this means I train new judges). In March, 2013, I will be one of the judges at the AKC Agility Nationals in Tulsa, OK.

I recommend agility to people and dogs of all ages and sizes. Even if you do not want to compete, the bond that is formed through this exercise is immeasurable. When competing with my dogs I can zone out everything else and just be in the moment – me and my dog versus the course – it truly is magical.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at joneills@verizon.net.

