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**GCHG KALLMEE THE AERIALIST
#1 TOY FOX TERRIER 2021 & 2022**



On The Cover

GCHG KALLMEE THE AERIALIST

GCHB Barbary's Kallmee The Ringmaster RA FCAT CA FDC TKN CGC
x GCHG Barbary's Gold N Jewels RATN

BRED, OWNED, SHOWN and LOVED BY Susan Thibodeaux

2022 #1 Toy Fox Terrier Breed and #2 in All Breed
2021 #1 Toy Fox Terrier Breed and #1 in All Breed

152 Bests of Breed
30 group placements – 6 of them Group 1st!
2021 National Specialty Best of Breed
2020 AKC National Championship BOB
2021 Morris and Essex BOB
2022 National Specialty BOS
2022 Top Twenty BOS
2021 Westminster BOS (to his litter sister Gemma)
Multiple Specialty Bests



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Advertising Rates

Front Cover...	\$45
Full Page...	\$25
Half Page...	\$12.50

Issue Deadlines are:

- Spring Issue-April 12th
- Summer Issue-July 12th
- Fall Issue-October 12th
- Winter Issue-January 12th



Editor's Note

Lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months. Westminster Kennel Club and our club's National In Oklahoma City. Also seeing lots of puppies on Facebook. We are finally getting some interest in ads. I understand there is some confusion on how to get ads in the newsletter. Send payments, as with all club-based activities, to our treasurer either by snail mail or via PayPal. Make sure you note what the payment is for (ie. Summer newsletter ad).

Front cover (includes page 2) \$45

Full Page 7 inches wide x 9 inches tall \$25

Half Page 7 inches wide x 4.5 inches tall \$12.50

Business card 3.5 inches wide x 2 inches tall \$5

Send Payments to :

Wendy Howard

ATFTC Treasurer

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Or

PayPal to:

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Once you have the pictures and text picked out for your ad, put it together the way you want it and send it to me at FoxTalesNews@gmail.com. I am always willing to help with ads.

Fall Issue Deadline is October 12th.

Best of luck to everyone!

Mary Watson, Editor



ATFTC Members on Facebook



New Members

Michelle Liggett

Mineral Wells, TX

Sponsored by Jerry Watson & Teresa Watson

Edith Mary Stenz

Tucson, AZ

Sponsored by Lila Fast & Wendy Howard

Michelle Coleman

Fort Worth, TX.

Sponsored by Jerry Watson & Teresa Watson

Welcome Aboard!

147TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Info from <https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>

The 147th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan,[®] will be held on May 8th and 9th, 2023 and includes the 10th Anniversary Masters Agility Championship and 8th Annual Masters Obedience Championship, both held on Saturday May 6th. All events will be held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Flushing, NY.

To receive an invitation to the 2023 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, your dog must be a Champion and ranked in the Top 5 in each eligible breed or variety, or be a National Specialty BOB Winner, or have attained the necessary Junior Qualifier wins, or have attained the necessary Obedience Rankings as recorded by the AKC during the qualifying period from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. The WKC qualifying period is not based on a calendar year, as is the Canine Chronicle's ranking system. Please visit infodog.com to see the Top 5 rankings during the Westminster qualifying period to see if your dog will receive an invitation.

The list of the five breed invitees to Westminster has been released on <https://infodog.com/>.

Congratulations to the Toy Fox Five:

GCHB Starfox Queen Of Hearts	Jerry Barlet
GCHB Valdon's Triple Bravo	Joan Krumm
GCHS Kallmee The Aerialist	Susan Buckley Thibodeaux
GCHS La Islas Bohemian Rhapsody	Jen Mc Cloud
GCHS Valcopy Bulletproof BCAT	Laura Johnson

2023 National Specialty Winners Invitee representing Toy Fox Terriers is
GCHB Starfox Queen Of Hearts

Congratulations to all and best of luck!



New Breed Titles

Dog Name	Dog's New Title Date Titled	Owners Name
January		
Champion		
CH Accolade Adventure Singing Cowboy	8-Jan-23	Carolyn Lichty & Richard Lichty
CH Azefer Jingle Belle Rock Fidelis	6-Jan-23	Mr. Nathan Gould & Lila Fast & Renee Gould & Dr. Colleen Mitchell
CH London Calling	6-Jan-23	Wendy Howard
CH Twinstars She's Such A Dynamo!	8-Jan-23	Susan R Watson & Joy Wescott
CH Valcopy Ter-Lee Janus' Zima	28-Jan-23	Robert Shailer & Terrie Cowan & Philip Lasswell & Dana L Plonkey
Grand Champion		
GCH CH Valcopy Ter-Lee Status Symbol	29-Jan-23	Dana L Plonkey & Terrie Cowan & Carrie Fletcher
Grand Champion Bronze		
GCHB CH Gwyndwr Molly Pitcher	8-Jan-23	Pamela A Schaaf
Grand Champion Silver		
GCHS CH M L Stairway To Heaven	9-Jan-23	Shirley Peter & Erin Criqui & Izabelle Burg

February

Champion		
CH Foxshire Summer Squall	25-Feb-23	Suella Lory & Sarah Kittner
CH Stormins' Emma In Winter	19-Feb-23	Marie C Stenberg
CH Tnt N Tocute I Got The Look	4-Feb-23	Tabitha & Troy Dvorak & Kathryn Sue Sunnenberg & Alessandra & Ashton Wagner
CH Valcopy Tayfield Bizzy Body	24-Feb-23	Dana L Plonkey & Carrie Fletcher
Grand Champion		
GCH CH Kincardene Fritzfox Highwayman	4-Feb-23	Lea Ann Boles & Tracy Boles
Grand Champion Gold		
GCHG CH Kallmee The Aerialist	4-Feb-23	Susan B Thibodeaux

March

Champion		
CH Maldonfox Sirius Luna's Light	19-Mar-23	Teresa A Watson & Kelley F Maldon & Alex Maldon & Jerry A Watson
CH Sharpfox Crystal Chandelier@Am'S	12-Mar-23	Amber Schnobrich & Erica Dunlavey & Kalyn Erickson
CH Snocrest Diva's Legacy	8-Mar-23	Sandra Noe
CH Starfox Fly Me To The Moon	26-Mar-23	Ashley Cuzzolino & Sheryl Irwin
CH Valcopy Tayfield Fantazztic Find	19-Mar-23	Wendy Marie Taplay



New Breed Titles

Dog Name	Dog's New Title Date Titled	Owners Name
	March	
	Grand Champion	
GCH CH Kallmee Gems N Jewels	11-Mar-23	Susan B Thibodeaux
	Grand Champion Bronze	
GCHB CH Azefer Dalton Connor	31-Mar-23	Lila Fast
	Grand Champion Silver	
GCHS CH Valdon's Triple Bravo	18-Mar-23	Joan Krumm & Luke Waters
	Grand Champion Gold	
GCHG CH Fritzfox Que Sera, Sera	25-Mar-23	Lea Ann Boles
GCHG CH Tnts Mind Your Own Biscuits	11-Mar-23	Tabitha Dvorak & Kathryn Sue Sunnenberg & Troy Dvorak & Alessandra Wagner

New Performance Titles

Dog's New Title Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
	January	
	Beginner Novice	
Gwyndwr Ethan Allen BN CGC TKI	8-Jan-23	Pamela A Schaaf & Diana Atwood
	Master Bronze Agility Preferred	
The Noggin RN MXP2 MXPB MJP2 XFP DCAT	8-Jan-23	Deborah J. Franks
	Open Agility Jumper Preferred	
Valcopy Ter-Lee Shaken Not Stirred NAP OJP	21-Jan-23	Mrs. June Cole & Mrs. Kathryn Voss Clark
	Master Bronze Jumper	
Sadie Lee Franson MX MXJ MJB T2B	29-Jan-23	Sarah Franson & Ben Franson
	Master Century Jumper 8	
AGCH MACH28 Icefox Pick Me Up MXG7 PDS MJC8 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 TKA	20-Jan-23	Dr. Mary Alice Doyle



New Performance Titles

Dog's New Title

Dog Name

Date Titled

Owners Name

January

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2

The Noggin RN MXP2 MXPB MJP2 XFP DCAT

8-Jan-23 Deborah J. Franks

BCAT

Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy FDC OA OAJ OF BCAT RATN TKN

20-Jan-23 Jennifer Canfield

DCAT

CH MACH3 Lillys Little Firefly Wah-Wah Taysee CDX GN RE MXG MJC MXF T2B DCAT

8-Jan-23 Mrs. Mary Beth Backstrom

Scent Work Interior Advanced

Norby CA FCAT SWN SIA TKN

1-Jan-23 Mrs. Paula K Nowak & Mr. William Buddy" A Nowak"

Scent Work Exterior Excellent

Envoy Doc Holliday CA SWA SCE SEE SBE CGCA TKA

15-Jan-23 Sharon Bryant & Gary Bryant

Scent Work Buried Excellent

Envoy Doc Holliday CA SWA SCE SEE SBE CGCA TKA

15-Jan-23 Sharon Bryant & Gary Bryant

FIT Dog Bronze

Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy FDC OA OAJ OF BCAT RATN TKN FITB

24-Jan-23 Jennifer Canfield

February

Beginner Novice

The Noggin BN RN MXP2 MXPB MJP2 XFP DCAT

26-Feb-23 Deborah J. Franks

Farm Dog Certified

GCHB CH Barbary Kallmee The Ringmaster RA FDC CA FCAT CGC TKN

18-Feb-23 Susan B Thibodeaux



New Performance Titles

Dog's New Title

Dog Name

Date Titled

Owners Name

February

Master Bronze Agility

Yodee MX MXB MXJ MJB OF TKN
5-Feb-23 Annette Cioffi-Parker

Master Century Agility

CH MACH3 Lillys Little Firefly Wah-Wah Taysee CDX GN RE MXC MJC MXF T2B DCAT
19-Feb-23 Mrs. Mary Beth Backstrom

Novice Agility Jumper

GCH CH Foxshire Triple Play RN NA NAJ TKI
26-Feb-23 Mary Matejcek & Sarah A Kittner

Master Agility Champion 29

AGCH MACH29 Icefox Pick Me Up MXG7 PDS MJC8 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 TKA
10-Feb-23 Dr. Mary Alice Doyle

DCAT

GCHB CH Dar- Rich @ All Star Rumor Has It DCAT
5-Feb-23 Wendy Lynn Howard & Julie Sandoval

Novice Barn Hunt

Heartland's Midnight Joker FDC RATN ATT
31-Dec-22 Lisa McGowan & Terry L McGowan

March

Open Agility

Dynasty Vera Louise Wang OA OAJ
12-Mar-22 Julie Mclean

Scout The Jumpster OA NF ACT1
18-Mar-22 Brenda Stukey

Master Century Agility 6

AGCH MACH25 Icefox Pick Me Up MXC6 PDS MJC7 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 TKA
26-Mar-22 Dr. Mary Alice Doyle



New Performance Titles

Dog's New Title

Dog Name

Date Titled

Owners Name

March

Novice Agility Jumper

Ultra Quest Just A Flying Wallenda NAJ

24-Mar-22 Sharon Kihara & Kasey Mando & Julie Sandoval

Open Agility Jumper

Tesla Marie NA OAJ NF

20-Mar-22 Cheryl Ruston

Master Century Jumper

MACH3 Robrex's Mr. Chili Pepper MXG PAD MJC PJD MFB TQX T2B3

5-Mar-22 Sherry Bohman

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred

The Noggin RN AXP MJP NFP BCAT

27-Mar-22 Deborah J. Franks

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 8

GCHG CH MACH2 PACH Ultra Quest Go For The Gold RN FDC MXG MJB2 MXP4 MXPB MJP8 MJPG PAX XF

T2B3 CA SWA SEM SBE SHDN RATO CGC TKI

23-Mar-22 Miss Wendy Howard

Agility FAST Novice

Tesla Marie NA NAJ NF

19-Mar-22 Cheryl Ruston

Agility Master FAST Excellent

CH MACH3 Lillys Little Firefly Wah-Wah Taysee CDX GN MXG MJG MXF T2B BCAT

25-Mar-22 Mrs. Mary Beth Backstrom

Master Agility Champion 25

AGCH MACH25 Icefox Pick Me Up MXC6 PDS MJC7 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 TKA

26-Mar-22 Dr. Mary Alice Doyle

Scent Work Container Master

IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWE SCM

6-Mar-22 Amy Wukotich



New Performance Titles

	Dog's New Title	
	Dog Name	
Date Titled		Owners Name

March

Scent Work Buried Master

IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWE SCM SBM		
19-Mar-22		Amy Wukotich

Canine Good Citizen

GCH CH Westgate Great Expectations FDC CGC		
13-Mar-22		Jennifer Baerresen

Novice Barn Hunt

Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy OA OAJ OF RATN TKN		
19-Feb-22		Jennifer Canfield

**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR HARD-EARNED
NEW TITLES**



Bragging Pages

LILLYS DYNASTY SON OF A WISE GUY FDC OA OAJ OF BCAT TKN FITB RATH

IN JANUARY OF 2023, CLYDE EARNED HIS **BCAT** AND BECAME THE FIRST
TOY FOX TERRIER TO EARN AN
**AKC FITNESS DOG
TITLE**



“CLYDE”

OWNED BY - JENNIFER CANFIELD BRED BY - BETH ANN HOWE

**SPACE
AVAILABLE**



Bravo



Proudly
Introduces



"Skeeter"

Valdon's Encore at De Quetzal

Handled by Jordan Waters

Pictured with Judge Michael Gelinas

MBISS GCHS CH VALDON'S TRIPLE BRAVO

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CH VALDON'S TRIPPLERIFFIC ON BROADWAY

John Hilliard and Joan Krumm, breeder/owners



Introduction

Ever wonder.....

What did some of the award winning Toy Fox Terriers look like?

What kennel/breeder did they come from?

Who owned and handled them?

What did the judges think about them?

Has the breed noticeably changed since recognized in 2003 by AKC?



The past 20 years of National Specialty placements along with comments from long-term breeders and judges have been gathered into this unique piece of breed history. Many sources were used to create and verify the information contained within this book. AKC records were used to verify the placements of each national specialty event. The titles of the dogs reflect they were titled at the time they were awarded a placement and are not necessarily how they are titled currently. Owners and Breeders were verified against the catalog, where possible. Long-term breeders, AKC judges initially approved to judge TFTs and National Specialty judges were asked provide comments and observations about the breed over the last 20 years. Quotes from those that responded are included and provide their unique insight into the past 20 years of the breed.

As many of you know, a book celebrating the Toy Fox Terrier 20th anniversary AKC recognition has been in the works for some time to depict the history of the Toy Fox Terrier National Specialty. It represents over 100 photos including Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch including which was Best of Winners. For each dog awarded one of these National Specialty top placements, the photo along with show name, call name, owners and breeders are listed. It is 8x10 in book with a soft cover on high gloss paper to really show off the photos. I need to cover the printing cost the best I can so I will be taking pre-orders at the price of \$40 to be delivered at the National Specialty in Oklahoma City, or \$50 (\$40 + \$10 shipping & handling) to be shipped in July after the Nationals. Please note shipping is only in the USA. Contact me via email or Facebook Messenger for international shipments.

Pre-orders are now open until May 15th via PayPal **Friends and Family only** to carrief49@yahoo.com or Zelle to 714-292-0302. Please note I must receive \$40 for National Specialty delivery or \$50 for shipped copies with no fees charge to me. Make sure to note its for the book including your name and if shipping, include the address.



News

ATFTC 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Our 2023 Nationals and the ATFTC 20th Anniversary will be June 30th, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK.

Pamela Cox is the Show Chair and Carolyn Lichty is our Events Coordinator.

ATFTC Regional Specialty and Sweepstakes will be June 29, 2023. ATFTC National Specialty and a concurrent Sweepstakes & Futurity June 30, 2023. This will be our 20th Anniversary for Toy Foxes' admittance into AKC dog shows. We are planning BIG for Oklahoma City.

Visit [Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC](#) for conformation, obedience and rally show registration. Registration opens on 05/10/2023 @ 12:00 pm, Closing 06/14/2023 @ 12:00 pm Oklahoma City OK

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

(opens May 3, 2023, BP closes June 9, 2023)
Bartlesville Kennel Club, Inc. (AB) (BP) (JSHW)

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Inc. (AB) (BP) (JSHW)
REGIONAL DESIGNATED SPECIALITY - ATFTC

Friday, June 30, 2023

American Toy Fox Terrier Club (PS) (JSHW) (SWPC)
Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Inc. (AB) (BP) (JSHW) (O) (RLY)

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Lawton Dog Fanciers Assn, Inc. (AB) (BP) (JSHW) (O) (RLY)
SUPPORTED ENTRY- ATFTC

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Lawton Dog Fanciers Assn, Inc. (AB) (BP) (JSHW) (O) (RLY)
SUPPORTED ENTRY- ATFTC

Lawton Dog Fanciers Association will be sponsoring FCAT competition all five days. Registration opens on April 14th and closes June 18th, 2023. Contact: LeAna Desung at 228.669.4251 or blackknights coursing@gmail.com

Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Inc. will be sponsoring Scent Work competition (SCWK) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Registration opens on April 1st and closes June 21st, 2023 (each day limited to 375 entries) Contact: Paige Graumann at 405.841.0221 or okckcscent@gmail.com



Notes from the Event Coordinator

Itinerary for ATFTC National Events 2023

Carolyn Lichty clichty1@gmail.com

ATFTC National Specialty 2023 Twentieth Anniversary
June 29 to July 2 Oklahoma City Oklahoma,

Thursday

June 29 ATFTC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes
Designated Classes with Mid-del Tinker Kennel Club
Awards Banquet at The Cattleman's Restaurant: Chair Gene Bellamy
assisted by Teresa Watson

Friday

June 30 National Specialty, Junior Showmanship, Futurity & Sweepstakes
Concurrent
All Breed Mid-del Tinker Kennel Club Supported Entry
ATFTC Annual Meeting

Saturday

July 1 All Breed With ATFTC Supported Entry
Breed Study Seminar

Sunday

July 2 All Breed With ATFTC Supported Entry July 2

More information will be shared on the club website as it becomes available.



[Premium List Link](#)



28 JUNE – 2 JULY 2023

OKC FAIR GROUNDS

3001 GENERAL PERSHING BLVD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73107

- Barn Hunt - 3 days, 3 rings, 6 trials
- Dock Diving - 5 days, regional qualifier
- FASTCAT - 5 days/10 trials plus seminar
- DiscDogathon Qualifier - 3 days
- Weight Pull - 2 days, 3 pulls
- Obedience/Rally - 3 days, 3 trials
- CGC/Trick Dog - 5 days on demand
- Heart Clinic – Friday and Saturday
- Eye Clinic – Saturday
- Silken Windhound Extravaganza

Repo Seminar with DVM Board Certified Theriogenologist



5 DAY S ALL BREED/NOHS AND FSS OPEN

**2 NATIONAL SPECIALTIES
2 GROUP SPECIALTIES**

23 BREED SPECIALTIES AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES

**SPECIAL ATTRACTION
BBE, VETERAN AND BEST PUPPY**

4-6 MONTH PUPPY COMPETITION

FOR MORE INFO:

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OR

<https://oklahomasummerclassic.com/>
oklahomasummerclassic@gmail.com



Awards Banquet

THURSDAY JUNE 29, 2023

1309 S AGNEW AVENUE, OKLAHOMA CITY

Casual Dress

Social Hour:6pm Dinner Starts:7pm



[SEND RESERVATION AND MEAL SELECTION TO TERESA WATSON SIRIUSTFTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIRIUSTFTS@GMAIL.COM)

Send Payment to Wendy Howard, Treasurer, 10127 Joshua Road, Oak Hills, CA 92344 or to PayPal to treasurer@atftc.com please indicate what payment is for in your PayPal notes.

THIS VENERABLE EATERY SERVES HOUSE-AGED BEEF AND FAMOUS HOUSE SIDES IN A RUSTIC, HISTORIC OKLAHOMA SETTING.

THE OFFERINGS ARE:

DINNER STEAK 7 OZ. WITH A CHICKEN BREAST FOR \$35.00, AND IT INCLUDES A NICE DINNER SALAD/ HOT ROLLS, CHOICE OF POTATO OR STEAMED VEGETABLES AND A HOMEMADE DESSERT

DINNER STEAK 7 OZ. WITH SALMON FOR \$40.00, AND IT INCLUDES A NICE DINNER SALAD/ HOT ROLLS, CHOICE OF POTATO OR STEAMED VEGETABLES AND A HOMEMADE DESSERT

FILET MIGNON 6OZ AND WITH A CHICKEN BREAST FOR \$45.00, AND IT INCLUDES A NICE DINNER SALAD/ HOT ROLLS, CHOICE OF POTATO OR STEAMED VEGETABLES AND A HOMEMADE DESSERT

FILET MIGNON 6OZ AND WITH SALMON FOR \$50.00, AND IT INCLUDES A NICE DINNER SALAD/ HOT ROLLS, CHOICE OF POTATO OR STEAMED VEGETABLES AND A HOMEMADE DESSERT

THEY WILL PROVIDE A VEGETABLE PLATE IF REQUESTED.

COFFEE, TEA, WATER OR A SOFT DRINK IS INCLUDED WITH THE PRICE.

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR (INDIVIDUAL PAYS) FOR DRINKS AS ORDERED.

Please in all due respect to Gene Bellamy who asked me to assist him, Please send ALL reservations and meal requests to me @ siriustfts@gmail.com To avoid missed orders it is best for the ATFTC Show Banquet ! Gene has health issues that have been tough to resolve currently.

We all Love Gene, we will be elated for him to recover and be at the Banquet and all 5 days of the local shows ! Keep him in your Prayers !

Let me hear from you, many plans are in order for a beautifully decorated Banquet Room and the food is superb.

Also be sure to correlate payment for your reservation to Wendy Howard .

Best Regards, Teresa Watson



TROPHY DONATIONS

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE!!

Please Send Trophy Donation Selection to Carolyn Lichty, ATFTC Trophy Chair, clichty1@gmail.com

Send Trophy Donation Pledge Payment to Wendy Howard, Treasurer, 10127 Joshua Road, Oak Hills, CA 92344 or to PayPal to treasurer@ATFTC.com please indicate what payment is for as Trophy Donations will be accounted for separately from general association funds.

Donors will be listed in the catalog. Many of the items will be commemorative of the TFT 20th Anniversary. Choose your favorite placement before it's gone. We appreciate your generosity as we are trying to give many mementoes!

Thank You!
Carolyn Lichty, Trophy Chair 2023

ATFTC National Specialty Concurrent June 30, 2023		ATFTC Regional Specialty Dedicated June 29, 2023	
Reserve Dog	\$50	BOB	\$100
Reserve Bitch	\$50	BOS	\$100
Veteran	\$100	BOW	\$100
Award of Merit	\$100 (2 open)	NOHS BOB	\$100
Best of Competition		Reserve Dog	\$25
Best Puppy	\$100	Reserve Bitch	\$25
Best Veteran	\$100	Select Dog	\$25
		Select Bitch	\$25
		Veteran	\$50

This year the Board has committed to establishing a separate fund for the monies donated for trophy sponsorship. That money will go to the prizes, trophies, rosettes, and ribbons and will be accounted for separately in the monthly Treasurer's report. Additionally, we will provide a complete financial show report after each event so there is complete transparency.

Note, all sponsorships donated before the catalog deadline will be in the catalog, the newsletter, and posted on the club website. Please consider supporting your club's 20th Anniversary National Specialty.

(Facebook post by Susan Buckley Thibodeaux)



FIT DOG TITLES

BY Jen Canfield

In September of 2018, AKC introduced a Fit Dog Program, where owners and their dogs who walked could submit their activity for a free Fit Dog Magnet. Dog owner began getting together for their walks and forming Fit Dog Clubs. Due to the success of these programs, AKC began offering Fit Dog Titles on January 1, 2023. There are three levels of AKC Fitness Titles: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level has 6 categories in which you can earn points.

1. Fit Dog Course. A class offered by a Certified Fit Dog Instructor.
2. Runs. Organized runs, like a Turkey Trot. One mile minimum
3. Walks – Individual or Group walks
4. Unique Activities- like swimming, Parkour
5. AKC title that is fitness related: Agility, Rally, Fast Cat, Herding, Hunt Dog, Tracking, Obedience, Dock Diving, and Disc Dog.
6. AKC Breed Club Sponsored Fitness Event, like sledding or carting

You must earn points from two different categories.

The three items you need to apply for the title:

1. Title Application And a \$30 application fee.
2. Fit Dog Checklist
3. Documentation of the qualifying items.

You can apply on-line or via mail.

You can find the details on the AKC website

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

Titles are placed after the dog's name. FITB, FITS, FITG

Some Key Points:

- *A dog Treadmill does not count.
- *Keep records- you can use screen shots of your activities
- *Dogs must be at least 6 months of age.
- *You can walk two dogs and the activity will count for both dogs.
- *The time required, for example 8 weeks for the Bronze title, does not have to be consecutive. If you must take a week off due to weather, injury, etc., just pick up where you left off.
- *You cannot double the time and cut back on the weeks. For example, for Bronze, it is 75 minutes/week for 8 weeks. You are not allowed to do 150 minutes/week for 4 weeks.
- *Be safe. If you or your dog are deconditioned, start slowly. Watch for any injuries in your dog. Both you and your dog need to stay hydrated. Pay attention to your surroundings, loose dogs, uneven terrain, and if you live in South Florida, alligators. Pick up after your dogs.
- *Have fun. Explore new places. It's great opportunity to let the public see what a great little breed we have!

The first TFT to earn an AKC Fitness Title is:

Lillys Dynasty Son of a Wise Guy FDC OA OAJ OF BCAT TKN FITB RATN, "Clyde"
owned by me, Jen Canfield. Bred by Beth Ann Howe.



The AKC Legislative Conference

By Susan Thibodeaux

In January, the AKC Government Relations group hosted a day and a half of learning, networking, and sharing experiences with AKC clubs' legislative liaisons from around the nation. This intensive weekend was spent learning about the latest trends in legislation which would impact dog breeders and owners, strategies against the inroads the animal rights groups are making, and tips for community outreach and legislative success. Guest speakers included AKC lawyers, lobbyists, retired lawmakers, and dog fanciers who have been at the forefront of battling animal rights groups.

Last year there were more than 2300 bills introduced across the nation including at the Federal level. More than 675 regulations were proposed. A recent trend is to include breeding regulations in anti-cruelty bills. 19% of the bills proposed involved animal cruelty because it is easy to get support against hurting animals. There are already a multitude of animal welfare and anti-cruelty laws on the books ready to be enforced, but more problematic bills continue to be proposed as these are 'feel good' bills which are easy to pass and put the lawmakers in a good light with their constituents. These are backed by the AR groups who are taking advantage of them by scripting them to restrict or increase the difficulty of being a breeder and in general make it more difficult to own animals. The AR groups are guiding lawmakers to wrap anti-breeding language into the bills so if a dog breeder is found guilty of the breeding section they will also be found guilty of cruelty to animals. Animal cruelty is already against the law in all fifty states, we should guide our lawmakers to push for enforcement of current laws rather than proposing more laws.

Last year there were 32 bills regarding dogs outdoors. The issue is its one size fits all but in the dog world one size is a chihuahua who likes to bake in the sun and the other is an arctic breed which loves the subfreezing temperatures in the winter. Telling a person with a husky or malamute their dog can't play outside in the cold, or telling an owner its ok to leave a Manchester out when its 40 and cloudy shows a lack of dog knowledge and demonstrates these bills are bad for dogs. Other hot topics lawmakers are looking at are training bills and whether dogs are property. Several areas of the country are trying to remove the protection being deemed property brings our dogs and replace it with guardianships.

Another concern are the cost of care (forfeiture of dogs) bills currently being floated in some state legislatures. In those, if your dogs are taken away from you, you are responsible for their boarding bills while your court case works its way through the system. Even if you are found innocent, if you missed a payment your dogs can be permanently lost to you. The Animal Rights activists have made big strides in Europe. If you want to see what will be coming to us, just watch what is happening there.

Its very important to get involved with the lawmaking process. Get to know your local, state and federal lawmakers before a bill becomes an issue. No one has more combined years of experience in dogs then we dog fanciers and with our extensive knowledge we should be the experts they seek for advice. Become known to the folks that are involved in making laws and regulations, offer your expertise and remember to stay vigilant. Laws often are very quick to go through the system with little notice.

If you have any questions, want more information, want to watch and share some great videos or need help fighting bad regulations and laws then just go to the AKC Government Relations website. They have a plethora of tools and information as well as assistance. www.akcgr.org

Susan Thibodeaux



FIDGET

FIRST TOY FOX TERRIER BEST OF BREED
AT THE 2003 AKC NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
By Dorothy Fisher



UKC GR CH 'PR'/AKC CH JACOBS' I'M TOO
SEXY FOR MY FUR

Fidget was my first show dog and show her I did! I am so proud of her accomplishments. UKC Grand Champion and AKC Champion Jacobs' I'm Too Sexy For My Fur was bred by Dorothy Jacobs, Lakeland, FL, and was whelped June 4, 2000.

Fidget was a "natural" in the show ring. For me, with near perfect conformation, she did very well in the competition. Fidget's show career had a rough

start as she broke her back leg although it healed nicely, and her gait was unaffected by it. She went on to complete her UKC Grand Championship at a Heartland Toy Fox Terrier show in Kansas where a lot of old timers like Dorothy Jacobs, Shirley and Loren Stroud and Bernice McDermott were in attendance. There wasn't a dry eye in the house at the show when Fidget became a grand champion. I then campaigned Fidget in UKC making her a top winning UKC Toy Fox Terrier. She amassed 361 Top Ten points in 2002 UKC shows, more points than any other Toy Fox Terrier, before or since. She was the UKC Top Ten Terrier Top Ten Best of Breed winner twenty years ago at the 2003 UKC Premier held in Kalamazoo, MI. In 2002 Fidget was



FIDGET pictured with Judge Betty Umberto (2003 UKC Premier Judge), Dorothy Fisher, and Fidget's breeder Dorothy Jacobs.



FIDGET and sire,
Lucky Strike

Dorothy Jacobs



shown extensively in UKC shows and had many Best of Breed wins, 23 group placements, 3 Best in Multi Breed shows, 2 Reserve Best in Shows, 1 Reserve Best in Multi Breed show and 1 Best in Show.

In 2003 Toy Fox Terriers were accepted by AKC. Fidget began showing in AKC and quickly became an AKC champion. She went to the AKC National Championship show in December 2003



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2015 Westminster Toy Fox Terrier Best of Breed winner, GCH Deja Vu Big Dog Daddy, Toby, owned by Jim and Lynn Spence. Fidget garnered several group placements and held rankings in the AKC Toy Fox Terrier Top Ten. This was new ground to break for the Toy Fox Terriers as a newly accepted AKC breed. Fidget retired from the show ring in 2004 and had a few litters. Several of Fidget's offspring became champions and only a single treasured elder survives today.

where Toy Fox Terriers were being entered for the first time in Long Beach, CA. I was unable to travel to CA so Damara Bolte, a renowned professional handler, was contracted to show Fidget there. Fidget became the first Toy Fox Terrier to take Best of Breed at the 2003 AKC National Championship show under the esteemed Judge Robert D. Smith.

Afterwards Fidget was campaigned by Damara Bolte in AKC shows and ranked in top five Toy Fox Terriers which ensured her invitation to Westminster Kennel Club for Best of Breed competition . Although Fidget didn't win at Westminster that year one of her puppies, CH Lalique Jumpin' Jack Flash, sired the



Fidget's Daughters; Fidge, Crysta, and Sisi



Dorothy Fisher and FIDGET



Fidget and handler Damara Bolte



FIDGET

After Fidget passed, I commissioned Damara Bolte, who is also a sculptor, to sculpt a bronze figure of Fidget which was mounted on a walnut trophy base and engraved with Fidget's name as a "Fidget" memorial trophy in her memory. The trophy, the final memorial of Fidget, has been presented each year between 2006-2022 at the UKC Premier to the Top Ten Best of Breed Top Fox Terrier winners seventeen times. If you are fortunate to be a recipient of the "Fidget" pewter plate memorial trophy, it is an honor.



In 2022, I retired the "Fidget" trophy and the "Fidget" commemorative pewter plate has been awarded only 17 times with the 17th and final trophy presented at the UKC Premier in June 2022.



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The Dog Aging Project has One Key Goal:
TO HELP YOUR DOG
and you
LIVE LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES.

By Sue M. Copeland

If small dogs live longer than large dogs, why do elephants live longer than mice? Why is age a risk factor for some cancers in dogs and humans? Those are just some of the questions researchers are seeking to answer with the Dog Aging Project (DAP; dogagingproject.org).

DAP is the largest open study on aging in dogs. It's funded by a multi-million-dollar grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH). The goal? To discover new keys to human aging by studying dogs, who share many diseases (such as cancer) and genetic markers with their humans.

What separates DAP from many studies is that *your* dog can be part of it (more about that in a minute). Says the study's founder and Principal Investigator, Daniel Promislow, PhD, Professor, Department of Lab Medicine and Pathology and Department of Biology at University of Washington's School of Medicine, "Our dogs live with us. They drink our tap water. They walk, sleep, and play on our floors, on our furniture, and in our yards. What we learn about them is likely to apply to us."

What would take decades to learn about aging in people can take just a few years in dogs. You can help the Dog Aging Project learn how genes, lifestyle, and environment affect your dog's--and your--aging. Dogs young and old are welcome. For how to join the study, see "Join The Pack!" on the next page.



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Says Dr. Ruple, "The entire Dog Aging Project (DAP) should have many benefits for dogs and humans. Our lymphoma study and DAP are about helping both species live longer, healthier lives."

But back to that size question: Why do small dogs have longer life spans than large ones? That question planted the seed that sprouted into DAP. "In 2007, a paper was published on the genetics of aging and size in dogs," says Dr. Promislow. "It made the cover of Science magazine, which featured a Great Dane and Chihuahua walking side by side. What the paper showed was that while there might be a lot of genes that impact a dog's size, there's a single gene that accounts for about half the size variation you see in breeds. Large breeds have a version of the gene, which they inherited from wolves. Small breeds have a novel version of it that leads to a smaller size," he explains. "Studies have shown that in worms, flies, and mice—and possibly humans—the gene is associated with aging."

As someone who studies the evolutionary genetics of aging in creatures great and small, Dr. Promislow was fascinated. "The problem was, I didn't know anything about dogs or veterinary medicine. At the time I was at the University of Georgia, so I reached out to the veterinary school there. After being passed from person to person, I eventually heard back from a veterinarian named Dr. Kate Creevy. She said, 'I don't know anything about aging, but I'll meet with you anyway.' That was really the beginning." (She's now Chief Veterinary Officer of the Dog Aging Project.)

He continues, "That was in 2008. I started talking about dogs and aging. Dogs are a great model to study because they are 'variable,' meaning there's a lot of breed and size variation. And their lives are sped up compared to humans. What would take decades to learn in people can take just a few years in dogs. The leadership at the Division of Aging Biology at the NIH's National Institute of Aging reached out to me and said, 'Maybe you should put together a research network and do more with this.' One thing led to another. I moved to the University of Washington in Seattle. There, my team and I started building a large base of researchers and veterinarians, which now numbers about 100 people. The idea was to create a nation-wide cohort of thousands of dogs, and to follow them throughout their lives, in their home environ-

ments, to understand how biology and environment shape healthy aging. The goal is to help us understand why some dogs live much longer, healthier lives than others."

A LARGE "PACK"

About 30,000 dogs, of all ages and breeds (including mixed breeds) are currently part of DAP's "Pack." To nominate your dog to be part of the study, you fill out a short survey on DAP's website. (See, "Join The Pack!" below.) More dogs are always wanted.

There are multiple cohorts within DAP. If your dog is chosen to be part of the genotype cohort, known as the "Foundation Cohort," you'll be sent a kit with a cheek swab, which you'll return once you've done the swab. (Instructions are included.) The swab then goes to a sequencing facility, where researchers sequence each Foundation Cohort dog's genome. (The cost is covered by DAP.) Researchers then test whether variations in a dog's genome are associated with variation in the frequency of certain diseases or behaviors, based on the detailed information you'll have provided about your dog.

A second group is known as the "Precision Cohort." Pack members who are chosen for this level of participation get a larger kit sent to them once a year. "The kit includes containers with which the member's veterinarian can collect blood, fecal, and urine samples," explains Dr. Promislow. "A courier picks up the

JOIN THE PACK!

Help the Dog Aging Project learn how genes, lifestyle, and environment affect your dog's—and your—aging. The information will be used to help learn how to increase the "healthspan" (period of life spent free of disease) in dogs and humans.

"We'd love to welcome tens of thousands more dogs to the 'Pack,'" says Dr. Promislow. "We invite all dogs, from puppies through seniors, to join. We also welcome any sex, and purebred or mixed-breed dogs. They can be healthy or have a chronic illness." The only current constraint is that your dog must live in the United States. "We hope to go international with our recruitment in the future," he says. "I call it the power of paying attention. The more dogs we can pay attention to, the more we can learn to help dogs live a long and healthy lifespan."

Here's how to do it: Visit www.dogagingproject.org and click the purple 'Nominate Your Dog' button. You'll be asked to complete a short survey that includes basic information about you and your dog, which will help the DAP team determine how to best include you in their research.

completed kit at the veterinarian's office and ships it back to us. We do standard blood chemistry on the blood sample, a urinalysis, and a fecal analysis. Then we also do more sophisticated analysis of the blood, looking for example at white blood cells and their counts, to collect lots of biological data. All the residual samples are then sent to the DAP's Bio Bank at Cornell University." The data collected is eventually available to researchers around the world, as are the residual samples.

Environmental data is also studied, since environment can be a cancer trigger in dogs and humans. Explains Dr. Promislow, "Healthy aging is the result of both genetics and the environment.

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FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?

Is there a drug that can help our dogs (and us) live longer, healthier lives? Colorado State University is collaborating on the Dog Aging Project's TRIAD clinical trial to study whether the human immunosuppressant drug rapamycin increases the lifespan of companion dogs. A secondary purpose is to determine whether rapamycin improves various measures of health in aging dogs. The drug has been shown to increase lifespan and delay, or reverse, many age-related disorders in mice.

Says Dr. Promislow, "It's a drug that was discovered in the soil on Easter Island, which is also called Rapa Nui, hence the drug's name. It helps prevent rejection in human organ and bone-marrow transplant patients and is used widely in human medicine. It was discovered that in laboratory organisms such as mice and fruit flies, the drug can increase life span. In fact, it was found that not only did mice live longer when given rapamycin, they lived healthier longer. They have better cognitive function. Their hearts look younger than their age. And the safety profile at a low dose is very good."

He continues, "The goal of the rapamycin study within DAP is to enroll a cohort of dogs in a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. The dogs will be given low doses of rapamycin (or a placebo) once a week and followed for a year. The study will include echocardiograms to look at heart function, and tests to look at cognitive function. The primary outcome will be to look at lifespan: Will treatment with rapamycin for a year lead to a longer, healthier lifespan in dogs?"

Dogs in the study will come from the DAP "Pack," and will have consented to participate, with safety as the priority. (The rapamycin study grant supports about 500 dogs.) "This is being run like a human clinical trial," says Dr. Promislow. "There is a data and safety monitoring board that's independent, at the National Institute of Health, just as there would be for a human clinical trial."

The resulting data could literally be life altering. Says Dr. Promislow, "99 percent of the Dog Aging Project study is telling us what the factors are that can be useful in advancing the healthy lifespan of dogs. The rapamycin study goal is asking, can we intervene in a way to improve a healthy lifespan in dogs with the drug? I think one of the reasons that the National Institute on Aging was excited to support DAP was because of the translational potential for human aging. This is the first clinical trial outside of a laboratory to test the ability of a drug to increase healthy lifespan. If this is successful in dogs, that would certainly encourage interest in studying it in a human population."



DAP's rapamycin study is unique. "This is the first clinical trial outside of a laboratory to test the ability of a drug to increase healthy lifespan," says Dr. Promislow.

It's important for us to study dogs who live in all kinds of settings, from farms to cities."

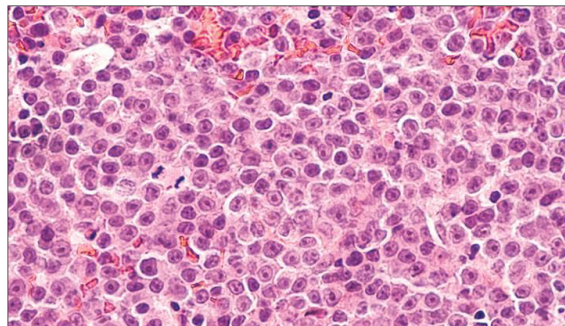
A third group is called the "TRIAD Cohort," which stands for "test of rapamycin in aging dogs." Rapamycin is a drug used in human medicine to help prevent rejection in organ and bone-marrow transplant patients. In laboratory studies using worms, flies, and mice, the drug has been seen to increase life-and health-spans. (For more information, see "Fountain Of Youth?" above.) This cohort represents about one percent of the dogs in the study (about 500 dogs). Most of them will be taken to veterinary teaching hospitals for checkups, where veterinarians will be looking at such factors as heart function, cognition, and lifespan.

Within DAP is an additional study, funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF; akcchf.org). Its goal: To search for a blood-based "biomarker" (mutation) for lymphoma, a cancer of the blood's lymphocytes. That could help researchers understand how mutations contribute to a predisposition for the cancer, which in turn will help them understand why certain breeds are at higher risk than others.

THE LYMPHOMA LINK

"What we learn about dogs and lymphoma could help us better understand lymphoma in humans," says Dr. Promislow. "Un-

like humans, who are all genetically unique (except for twins, triplets, etc.), dogs within a breed may not be identical, but from a genetic perspective, they look a lot more like each other than



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they do like dogs in other breeds. Because there's a lot of variation in lymphoma risk from breed to breed, we have the power to begin identifying what the genes are, or what the risk factors

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**FAST FACTS:
LYMPHOMA IN DOGS**

WHAT IT IS: Lymphoma describes a group of cancers that stem from lymphocytes, which are a type of white blood cell that helps your dog's immune system fight infection. The most common canine lymphoma is diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, an aggressive, fast-growing cancer. A less aggressive form, T-cell, or T-zone lymphoma (TZL) is diagnosed less frequently in dogs.

AGE OF ONSET: It typically is a disease seen in older dogs. Average age of onset (which can vary with breed and size) is between six and nine years old, depending on the type of lymphoma. With B-cell, it's likely to be around six or so years of age. With T-zone, around nine to 11 years of age. "But there can always be exceptions," says Dr. Ruple. "Dogs diagnosed between the ages of two and four tend to have a more aggressive lymphoma than older dogs. That could be because there's more of a genetic predisposition in those dogs, rather than an environmental trigger."

SIGNS OF LYMPHOMA: You'll typically feel enlarged lymph nodes under your dog's jaw, like the ones you get if you have a sore throat. You may also feel them in your dog's arm pits, or behind his knees. Other signs can include lack of appetite, weight loss, lethargy, increased thirst, or just not seeming "right."

TREATMENT: "We typically treat B-cell lymphoma with a multi-agent chemotherapy protocol known as CHOP, on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for several months," says Dr. Ruple. "We can generally treat it into remission in older dogs. That may not mean it's curable, but we may get affected dogs to live long enough to die from other causes. T-zone lymphoma is considered an 'indolent' disease, meaning it's not as aggressive as B-cell; we use a different chemotherapy protocol for it. Dogs tend to respond well to chemotherapeutics—they don't get as sick as humans do. Most tolerate them very well."

BOTTOM LINE: "Lymphoma is not necessarily a death sentence," says Dr. Ruple. "Typically, treatment is more effective the earlier it's diagnosed. But overall, the treatments tend to be effective. A lot of impacted dogs, especially those diagnosed at an older age, can have many more years ahead." "CHF's partnership with the Dog Aging Project to understand risk of lymphoma in dogs embodies the Foundation's mission to improve our dogs' health, and extend their time with us," says Andrea Fiumefreddo, MS, CHF's Vice President of Programs and Operations. "This study will help researchers understand aging and environmental influences at both ends of the leash. We thank all canine participants and their owners for furthering science for a healthier future."



"We think there are genetic predispositions for lymphoma in dogs and humans," says Dr. Ruple. If a genetic marker for it is identified in dogs, it could lead to earlier diagnosis of the cancer. "Typically, treatment is more effective the earlier it's diagnosed," she says.

are, that affect which dogs get lymphoma and which don't. We can use those findings to go back to human research and ask, Does this gene or that environmental factor have an impact on lymphoma risk?" (For how to join the lymphoma study, see, "Fast Facts: Lymphoma In Dogs," above.)

"We think there are genetic predispositions for lymphoma in dogs and humans," says Audrey Ruple, DVM, MS, PhD, DipACVPM, MRCVS, Associate Professor, Quantitative Epidemiology, in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, who is part of the CHF lymphoma study and a member of the DAP research team. "We also think there's an environmental trigger—we don't see lymphoma in every litter-



Dr. Promislow has high hopes for the DAP. "I think of it as a 'forever project,'" he says. "The dogs we're studying now won't be around in 20 years. I'll be retired in 20 years. But I hope what we've built will still be here, and researchers can take advantage of the infrastructure to learn more about all kinds of things in dogs—and people."

mate, for example, in breeds that have a high instance of it. Lymphoma has been increasing in human populations since the 1960s. We need to learn more about it so we can understand why that's happening—and what we can do to prevent it in dogs and people."

She continues, "In humans, you typically see lymphoma in older white men of Western-European descent; there's also some association with obesity and age. A canine lymphoma study I was part of at Colorado State University showed incidences of it in dogs varied in different parts of the country. In that study we looked at two types of canine lymphoma: B-cell, which is the most commonly diagnosed; and T-zone, which is far less common. What we found is that there



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are more B-cell lymphomas in some areas of the country than T-zone lymphomas, and vice versa. That leads us to think there are environmental triggers that cause these different types of lymphomas to occur. We don't yet know what those triggers are."

Genetically, the canine at-risk picture is a bit clearer. "When we talk about breed-specific risk in dogs," says Dr. Ruple, "we're really using breed as shorthand for genetic predisposition. We can look at breeds relative to each other, control for breed-population size, and see there's a vast difference in the number of lymphomas happening in certain breeds. We see the same thing in human populations, say in certain family members that have inherited a gene mutation for cancer, such as for breast cancer."

Adds Dr. Promislow, "Some high-risk breeds are 10-times more likely to get lymphoma than some low-risk breeds. That's a huge variation. We don't know why. That's what we're trying to find out." According to him, higher risk breeds include American Staffordshire Terriers, Beagles, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers, Shih Tzus, and Welsh Corgis. Lower risk breeds include Bulldogs, Collies, Dalmatians, Dachshunds, Poodles, Pugs, and Spaniels.

"Cancers happen when cell mutations occur," says Dr. Promislow. "Those mutations increase the ability of cells to divide and avoid being recognized by our immune system. That allows them to metastasize (spread)--and that gets us in trouble. We don't know what's different between the high-risk and low-risk breeds. We're asking, 'Are they more likely to get these mutations in the first place?'"

MAGIC MARKERS

The answer likely lies in genetic "markers," in this case, mutations. CHF's lymphoma study will use the University of Washington's highly accurate Duplex Sequencing technology, a breakthrough method for sequencing genomes, to find these markers.

"Our goal is to see if a blood-based biomarker can be developed to explain variation for lymphoma across dog breeds, and to predict risk," Dr. Promislow says. "We're focused on differences in mutations that set the stage for cancer, called 'precancerous mutations.' We'll measure the rate of early mutations in healthy dogs across ages and breeds. We're asking, 'Do higher-risk breeds have higher frequencies of precancerous mutations?'"

If the study can find a prognostic marker, or lead researchers to find one in the future, the benefits will be many. "If we develop a test that can recognize if your dog is at higher risk than normal for lymphoma due to this marker, we can't change his genetic risk," says Dr. Ruple. "But we can be proactive about testing him

frequently so we can diagnose lymphoma as soon as possible if and when it happens. That way, we can treat the cancer early, and he can live a longer life."

If a genetic marker is identified, it might be possible to reduce or eliminate the risk with selective breeding within at-risk breeds. "I'm optimistic about the possibility of eventually being able to breed out lymphoma," she says. "But we also need to examine dogs' environments to find what triggers the mutation to become cancer. Then we need to remove those triggers. This applies not just to dogs, but to humans."

She adds, "Our relationship with dogs has changed over time. They're not just living in our homes, they're sleeping in our beds. Their environmental exposures are far greater than ours. They're



Environment matters when it comes to healthy aging in dogs and in humans. Says Dr. Promislow, "Dogs live with us. They drink our tap water. They walk, sleep, and play on our floors, on our furniture, and in our yards. What we learn about them is likely to apply to us."

walking barefoot on the cleaning products we use, the lawn and garden products we apply, and the pesticides we spray, then licking their paws. They're lying, playing, licking, and sniffing in areas on which these chemicals are applied. They're our canaries in the coal mine: We're going to see environmental impacts in dogs before we see them in humans. Our dogs are going to help us find environmental factors that are causing cancers in them and us."

"The CHF lymphoma study sets the stage to look at mutations in dogs on a much broader scale within the Dog Aging Project," says Dr. Promislow. "It could potentially identify environmental factors associated

with higher mutation risk, or help lay the foundation for identifying them in the future."

Back to the earlier question that launched Dr. Promislow's focus on dogs and aging: Does size matter? "This mutation search has nothing to do with breed size," he says. "Lymphoma can happen in small-breed dogs as well as large-breed dogs. But there are some cancers, such as osteosarcoma (a bone cancer), that are more common in large-breed dogs. In general, larger breeds get more cancer than smaller ones. Further research may help us learn why."

Adds Dr. Ruple, "The entire Dog Aging Project should have many benefits for dogs and humans. Our lymphoma study, and DAP, are about helping both species live longer, healthier lives. That's the ultimate goal."

How long will the Dog Aging Project go on?

"I think of it as a 'forever project,' says Dr. Promislow. "The dogs we're studying now won't be around in 20 years. I'll be retired in 20 years. But I hope what we've built will still be here, and researchers can take advantage of the infrastructure to learn more about all kinds of things in dogs—and people."



BREED COLUMNS

TOY GROUP

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Written by
Susan Thibodeaux



Toy Fox Terriers are smart, athletic, and always ready to entertain their owners—when not cuddling on a lap.

Toy Fox Terriers

IT'S A CELEBRATION! 20 YEARS OF AKC RECOGNITION

Have you ever wondered how a breed came about? The Toy Fox Terrier, while perhaps not well known today, has a long and interesting history. Fairly recent to the AKC, the Toy Fox Terrier is a breed that was developed over a century ago and is the only toy breed developed in the U.S. Many people, upon seeing one, share that they had one while growing up.

Toy Fox Terriers were

originally bred down from Smooth Fox Terriers in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Farmers discovered the smallest pups of these terrier litters were often the scrappiest and usually turned out to be excellent ratters and mousers. They continued to pursue a smaller version of the Fox Terrier by breed-

ing the smallest individuals and occasionally integrating other small breeds, including Chihuahuas, Manchester Terriers, and Miniature Pinschers. The infusion of toy breeds led to the Toy Fox being of a milder temperament than their older cousins.

As their size diminished

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through the intentional breeding for smaller dogs, the Toy Fox Terrier began to be popular as a housedog in addition to his role as a barnyard mouser. In the early to mid-1900s they also became a favorite performer in the circus—usually as a sidekick to famous clowns. These comical and athletic little dogs love both food and attention, so doing tricks and participating in circus acts was a natural fit. That enthusiasm to perform continues today, and many Toy Foxes entertain their owners with a repertoire of tricks, as well as performing in AKC companion and performance events.

Over time the Toy Fox became a favorite family pet for all ages, from children to seniors. These little dogs are devoted to their owners and love to cuddle and lie in laps as much as they love to play and hunt.

In 1994 a group of Toy Fox Terrier fanciers came together to form the American Toy Fox Terrier Club. Their goal was to get

the breed—by that point recognized by another registry since 1936—recognized by the AKC. They accomplished their goal, and in 2003 the Toy Fox Terrier was given regular status in the Toy Group, and Toy Fox Terriers began participating in AKC conformation shows.

The first national specialty as an AKC fully recognized breed was held that year in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since that time Toy Fox Terriers have excelled in the conformation ring, with some even achieving all-breed Best in Show wins. They have also excelled in agility, obedience, rally, trick dog, Fast CAT, coursing ability tests, Barn Hunt, and scent work. Their pretty and elegant looks in a diminutive package combined with their intelligence, athletic ability, and desire to please have brought them much success the past 20 years in AKC competitions.

The American Toy Fox Terrier Club (ATFTC) will be returning to Oklahoma

City to celebrate their 20th-anniversary national specialty show on Friday, June 30. This national specialty will take place during the Oklahoma Summer Classic dog show cluster. Additionally, the celebration includes supported entries, a regional specialty, Top Twenty competition, historical information on display, and a breed-study seminar.

Members of the ATFTC will continue to celebrate the 20th anniversary all throughout 2023 by sharing their enthusiasm for this wonderful breed, and we hope everyone will come to shows and events to see Toy Fox Terriers and learn about them. Spectators are invited to these events and are encouraged to seek out Toy Fox Terrier owners and breeders and help us celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Toy Fox Terrier in the American Kennel Club.

—Susan Thibodeaux,
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American Toy Fox Terrier Club



Board Meeting Minutes

January

January 11, 2023

ATFTC Board Meeting

Present: Chris Bowker, Susan Thibodeaux, Wendy Howard, Jen Canfield, Jerry Barlet, Cindy Enroughty, Pam Liddy, Theresa Topham **Absent:** Billy Hodges

Previous Board Members: Sarah Kittner **Parliamentarian:** Ann Walton

Called to order at 8:31pm EST

Motion to accept October Minutes: Pam Liddy Second: Jerry Barlet. Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion to accept November Minutes: Jerry Barlet Second: Wendy Howard. Motion passed unanimously.

President/Vice President Report: Susan Thibodeaux

Thanks to the previous board for their service to the club.

Special thanks to Sarah Kittner for all her hard work.

Secretary: Jen has received all information from her predecessor Sarah Kittner

Treasurer: Waiting for the check from the Perry Cluster. Still waiting for some renewals.

Wendy has reached out to people who have not renewed their membership. Membership lapses after 60 days past January 1st. Wendy will send out a list of who has not renewed their membership.

Event Coordinator: Carolyn Lichty. Working on the logo for the 20th Anniversary. Chris Bowker: Is there obedience and rally? Barn Hunt? Scent Work? Need to get a list of what is being offered.

Sunshine Committee: No Report

Education Chair- Seat is Vacant

Historian – Mary Redenbach. No Report

Breeder Referral- Lila Fast. No Report

Meet the Breeds- Susan Thibodeaux- No volunteers for the New York

Gazette Columnist – Susan Thibodeaux. TFT photo was used in year in review



Newsletter Editor- Mary Watson. Please send Ads. First newsletter was great.

Constitution & By-Laws- Douglas King: Approved changes completed

Performance- Wendy Howard. Agility Trial in January.

Webmaster- Steve Thibodeaux. Setting up emails for new ATFTC Board members. Members can go into website and update their information.

Membership Chair- Sarah Kittner. No new members

AKC Parent Club Project- Barb Kelley. No Report

Correspondence- none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Tax status: Wendy. No Update.

NEW BUSINESS

Chip Thompson. Letter of complaint from Mr. Gary Chip Thompson. The letter was read to the Board. Because Susan Thibodeaux was presiding over the Board meeting and because the complaint alleges targeting of Susan's dog, the complaint will be addressed at the next board meeting when Mr. Billy Hodges can reside over the meeting.

Motion to resend vote line by line on Illustrated Standard this January. Motion passed. Illustrated Standard needs to be discussed with the entire membership. Will be done at the June Specialty.

2024 National Specialty. Looking at West Coast or Mountain Region. Members in the regional to get together and develop a proposal. Goal is to rotate through regions with persons in said region leading the specialty, serving as contact, etc. We need members to step up and work on specialties in their respective regions.

Trophy fund: Not 100% of the money goes to the trophy when you sponsor a trophy. When money is donated towards a trophy, part of goes towards paying the expenses of hosting the show (facility fee, judges' expenses, superintendents, and the like)

The Board agreed that we need to be transparent. Will state a specific percentage of the sponsorship will go towards paying show expenses. This will be done for 2023.

Going forward, show expenses and trophy expenses will be separated. Details concerning the show expenses will be made to members. The club will use other means to pay for show expenses. Ideas include forming a fundraising committee, raffle items, and using advertising moneys made from the newsletter. Details to come.

Committees: We need to look at present committee and determine if they are still needed and who will chair them.



AKC Charter: Need to have this reviewed before moving towards an AKC Delegate position.

Motion to adjourn: Wendy Howard. Second: Jerry Barlet. Adjourned at 10:04pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Canfield, ATFTC Secretary 2023

February

American Toy Fox Terrier

Board Meeting

February 8, 2023

Present: Susan Thibodeaux, Wendy Howard, Jen Canfield, Jerry Barlet, Cindy Enroughty, Pam Liddy, Theresa Topham, Billy Hodges, Chris Bowker, Ann Walton (Parliamentarian)

Call to Order 8:34pm

1. Approve Minutes from January- Motion-Jerry Bartlet, Second-Theresa Topham.
Motion passed.
2. Reports
 - A. President – Billy Hodges - none
 - B. Vice President – Susan Thibodeaux-none
 - C. Secretary – Jen Canfield-none
 - D. Treasurer – Wendy Howard
 - a. Membership Renewals- reached to those who have not renewed and has received some more renewals
 - b. Tax Status – nothing new
 - c. Perry Money \$1041.50
 - d. MBF - \$164.38 Orlando Shows



E. Events Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty – “the Show Committee is working on details and the information is out for FB and the website for details for sponsoring Trophies, Signing up for the Awards Banquet and other National Specialty details.

We still need information about the Futurity and Top 20 Events.
For now, please encourage everyone to pledge for the trophies.
Onofrio is sending a contract for the Concurrent National specialty.
Also, 2 Plaques were sent out for ROMs.”

a. Top 20 – Terrie Cowen has resigned due to personal reasons, need someone to chair – need three people total for the committee

b. Futurity – Jen Canfield to chair with help of Carrie Fletcher and Susan Thibodeaux

c. Raffle – Mary Bowlan

d. Logo – working on logo for our 20th Anniversary.

e. Louisville show- The show wants judge education.

F. Sunshine Committee- Wendy Howard- no report

G. Education Chair- Susan Thibodeaux

H. Historian – Mary Redenbach – no report

I. Breeder Referral- Lila Fast - no report

J. Meet the Breeds- Susan Thibodeaux- will work on getting people at each event for 2023

K. Gazette Columnist – Susan Thibodeaux- Column in March will concern 20th Anniversary.

L. Newsletter Editor- Mary Watson-ready to go -

M. Constitution & By-Laws- Douglas King – no report

N. Performance- Wendy Howard-upcoming event- Wendy will send a report to the ATFTC with the dates of the trials, the numbers of entries, and the money earned for the club, since they are using the ATFTC license.

O. Webmaster- Steve Thibodeaux – updated information on the website for the Nationals- hotel info, banquet information, & trophy donations



P. Membership Chair- Jen Canfield

a. Membership Applications

1. Motion to Accept Michelle Liggett - Susan Thibodeaux, Second- Chris Bowker. Motion passed.

2. Motion to accept Michelle Coleman - Chris Bowker, Second- Terry Topham. Motion passed.

Q. AKC Parent Club Project- Barb Kelley

3. Old Business

a. Chip Thompson. Motion to open discussion- Teresa Topham

Chip Thompson is asking that Sheryl Irwin and Terrie Cowen be removed from an approved Mentorship role.

Discussion among board members, input from parliamentarian, Ann Walton.

All Current mentors will be sent a copy of the code of Ethics. Motion by Chris Bowker. Second: Cindy Enroughty. Motion passed. Terrie & Sheryl will maintain their roles as Mentors

b. Reinstate Susan to Judges Education Chair. Motion: Pam Liddy. Second: Chris Bowker. Motion passed.

c. AKC Charter/Delegate Application- on the Secretary's page!!

c. Trophy Fund – Clarification of money.

Motion: Trophy donations go to trophies only. Funds not spent will forward to next year- Cindy Enroughty. Second: Chris Bowker. Motion passed.

d. 2024 Specialty – option presented.

Pam Liddy

Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts. Memorial Day weekend. 4 shows in three days. Wide World of Indoor Sports of Rhode Island.



Carrie Fletcher- Labor Day weekend in California. Orange County. Indoor facility.

4. Unfinished Business

a. ATFTC Committees and Chairs – look at committees & chairs. Are they active. Do we need them.

5. New Business

A. Rainbow Bridge Table at Nationals-forward to Show Committee

B. Historical Table at Nationals – will forward to show committee.

C. Show Site magazine. Running something for the 20th Anniversary.

10:34 Motion to adjourn: Jerry Bartlet. Second: Cindy Enroughty.

Respectively Submitted,

Jen Canfield, ATFTC Secretary

March

American Toy Fox Terrier Club

Board Meeting

March 8, 2023

Call To Order

Roll Call: Billy Hodges, Susan Thibodeaux, Jen Canfield, Jerry Barlet, Cindy Enroughty, Chris Bowker, Pam Liddy

Parliamentarian: Ann Walton

Absent: Wendy Howard, Theresa Topham

Call to Order: 8:34

Motion to accept February Minutes: Pam Liddy. Second: Jerry Bartlet. Motion passed.

1. Reports



- A. President – Billy Hodges
 - a. Letter from Debbie Vaughn. Concerns over book for the 20th Anniversary that Carrie Fletcher is putting together. There will be a cost for each book and the book will be pre-ordered. Discussion by the Board. The charge for the book is simply to recover the costs of printing. Any profits will be donated to ATFTC. The Board unanimously agreed that Carrie Fletcher is doing nothing wrong in putting this book together.
- B. Vice President – Susan Thibodeaux- no report
- C. Secretary – Jen Canfield – no report
- D. Treasurer – Wendy Howard
 - a. Membership Renewals- 60 day Grace period is over.
 - b. Tax Status
- E. Events Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty
 - a. Top 20 – will reach out to a couple of people
 - b. Futurity – Looking for judge
 - c. Logo – Arlene Irby has someone to work on logo for 20th Anniversary
 - d. Page in Catalog for John Rawleigh- Motion Susan, second- Jerry. Motion passed.
- F. Sunshine Committee- Wendy Howard – card sent to John Rawleigh’s family
- G. Education Chair- Susan Thibodeaux – did not do Louisville. Possibly Greenville Shows in July
- H. Historian – Mary Redenbach
 - a. Motion to appoint Carrie Fletcher to this position- Susan Thibodeaux, second – Billy Hodges. Motion passed.
- I. Breeder Referral- Lila Fast
 - a. Motion to increase position to include four people. Email of breeder referral @ atftc.com can go to multiple people.
 - b. Mid-west: Lila Fast, South: Ann Walton, West: Wendy Howard NE: Jerry Bartlet
 - c. Motion passed.
- J. Meet the Breeds- Susan Thibodeaux- 2023 Chicago & Ohio.



- K. Gazette Columnist – Susan Thibodeaux – article for 20th anniversary
- L. Newsletter Editor- Mary Watson – April 12th deadline
- M. Constitution & By-Laws- Douglas King
- N. Performance- Wendy Howard- Trial on 2/16/23
- O. Webmaster- Steve Thibodeaux
- P. Membership Chair- Jen Canfield
 - a. Membership Applications
 - i. Motion to accept Edith Mary Stenz as new member by Cindy Enroughty. Second- Pam Liddy. Motion passed.
- Q. AKC Parent Club Project- Barb Kelley- waiting on AKC.

2. Old Business

- a. 2024 Specialty
- b. ATFTC Committees and Chairs
- c. Futurity Judge – Gene Bellamy, Susan McCoy,

3. New Business

- a. Canadian Kennel Club. Tails and the Breed Standard.
 - i. The CKC is telling the breed clubs to put together a standard including the tail by July 1, 2023 or the CKC is going to do it for them.
 - ii. We will need to address this at some point. Possibly send letter to CKC with our current standard.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23pm – Motion – Jerry Bartlet. Second- Chris Bowker. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Jen Canfield

ATFTC Secretary 2023



Financial Reports January

American Toy Fox Terrier Club Financial Statement January 1, 2023



Beginning Balance January 1 2022

\$22,727.00

Income

2022 Membership Dues	\$489
Newsletter Advertising	
Judges Education	
Sweepstakes in	
Entry Kick Backs	
Catalog Sales	
Catalog Advertising	
Agility Income	\$275
Ads	72.13
National Trophy Sponsorships	
Banquet/Lunches Nationals	
Top 20	
Top 20 Raffle	
National Entry Fees	
Club Affiliation Income	
Judges Education	
50/50 Raffle (Net)	
PayPal Fees	
Futurity Entry Fees	
Misc Income	
Total Income	\$836

\$23,563.00

Expenses

Royal Canine Judge	
Ring Stewart for Specialty	
Trophys	\$78.39
Judges Education Expense	
Sweeps Payments	
Futurity pay out	
Banquet	\$300
Refund for dues to people that are not renewing	
Insurance	
Medallions for Royal Canine	
National Show Catalog Ad	
National Show Supplies/Expenses	
National Show Judges/Gifts	
Web Expenses	
Ballot counters	
Designated Specialty Show Expenses	
AKC Medallions/Fees/Reports	
Office Supplies	
National Show Secretary Expense	
Website Expenses	\$89.55
Total Expenses	\$467.94

Ending Balance 01/31/2023

\$23,095.19



February

American Toy Fox Terrier Club Financial Statement February 1, 2023



Beginning Balance Feb 2023

\$22,727.00

Income

2022 Membership Dues	\$331
Newsletter Advertising	
Judges Education	
Sweepstakes in	
Entry Kick Backs	
Catalog Sales	
Catalog Advertising	
Agility Income	
Ads	
National Trophy Sponsorships	\$1,230
Banquet/Lunches Nationals	
Top 20	
Top 20 Raffle	
National Entry Fees	
Club Affiliation Income	#####
Judges Education	
50/50 Raffle (Net)	
PayPal Fees	
Futurity Entry Fees	
Misc Income	
Total Income	\$2,766

\$25,493.00

Expenses

Royal Canine Judge	
Ring Stewart for Specialty	
Trophys	
Judges Education Expense	
Sweeps Payments	
Futurity pay out	
Banquet	
Refund for dues to people that are not renewing	
Insurance	
Medallions for Royal Canine	
National Show Catalog Ad	
National Show Supplies/Expenses	
National Show Judges/Gifts	
Web Expenses	
Ballot counters	
Designated Specialty Show Expenses	
AKC Medallions/Fees/Reports	
Office Supplies	
National Show Secretary Expense	
Website Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$0.00

Ending Balance 02/28/2023

\$25,493.00



March



American Toy Fox Terrier Club

Financial Statement

March 1, 2023

Beginning Balance Feb 2023

\$25,493.00

Income

2022 Membership Dues	\$74
Newsletter Advertising	\$56
Judges Education	
Sweepstakes in	
Entry Kick Backs	
Catalog Sales	
Catalog Advertising	•
Agility Income	\$99
Ads	•
National Trophy Sponsorships	\$243
Banquet/Lunches Nationals	\$68
Top 20	
Top 20 Raffle	
National Entry Fees	
Club Affiliation Income	
Judges Education	
50/50 Raffle (Net)	
PayPal Fees	
Futurity Entry Fees	
Misc Income	
Total Income	\$539

\$26,032.00

Expenses

Royal Canine Judge	
Ring Stewart for Specialty	
Trophys	•
Judges Education Expense	
Sweeps Payments	
Futurity pay out	
Banquet	
Refund for dues to people that are not renewing	
Insurance	
Medallions for Royal Canine	
National Show Catalog Ad	
National Show Supplies/Expenses	
National Show Judges/Gifts	
Web Expenses	
Ballot counters	
Designated Specialty Show Expenses	
AKC Medallions/Fees/Reports	
Office Supplies	
National Show Secretary Expense	
Website Expenses	\$225.00
Total Expenses	\$225.00

Ending Balance 03/31/2023

\$25,807.00