



The American Toy Fox Terrier Club

FALL 2020

FOX TALES

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SGCh. Westgate Rambunctious

See page 2 for more

Westgate



Westgate Toy Fox Terriers
"Quality doesn't cost, it pays"

Advertising Rates

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

Message from the Editor

Many thanks go to those members who contributed ads to this quarter's newsletter—Susan McCoy, Jen Duffy, Wendy Howard, Susan Thibodeaux, and Terrie Cowan—you all made putting this newsletter together almost easy! As always, I thank Rick Lichty, Barb Kelley, and Susan T. for being so dependable in getting me breed reports, club reports and articles. Together, we can make this newsletter better and better! I did receive a few seasonal candid pictures to use as fillers or on the Parting Shot page (thank you Carolyn for the page title!) A couple of them seemed appropriate for the Winter issue (out in January), so keep an eye out for those. I had already had an idea for this issue, but if I do not use a picture for a particular season, rest assured, it will be filed away to use the next time.

As you will notice, 3 of the ads in this issue concern accomplishments in the Companion/Performance events. That got me to thinking...What about featuring the agility, obedience/rally, and the rest of the performance events in the next issue (Winter)? I already have pledges from a couple of members to do some basic agility articles for those who know little or nothing about that sport (that's me, for sure!), but would like to eventually try it out. Of course, to make it really work, we will need ads to round it out. Please think about putting an obedience/agility/performance ad in. I will be doing one. Let's be proud of our smart, clever and talented TFTs! I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Because the Winter issue comes out so soon after the December specialties and the AKC National, the newsletter will be sent out as late in January as I can, so those who win during that week and weekend, will have enough time to put together an ad as well.

Good luck at the coming trials and shows!

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CORRECTIONS regarding the mistakes in the Summer Newsletter issue:

The owner listed on Westgate Rambunctious ad was wrong. Eddie is proudly owned by [Susan Mccoy](#)

Our new member from Riverside, California is [Luana Ball](#)

The quote on the last page should have been attributed to H.DuBose and I. Gershwin (from Porgy & Bess)

The Amazing Wilbur is now

Mach2 Lillys Wild Cyber Surfer

RN MXC MJC XF T2B4 CA RATO TKI CGCA



In the summer of 2020, Wilbur earned his Master Century Agility title at the Calusa Dog Agility Club in Punta Gorda, Fla. on 7/18 and Master Century Jumper w/weaves title at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg (Fla) on 8/2. That is 100 qualifying scores in each class!

Wilbur is trained and handled by Jen Duffy

He is owned by
Jennifer Canfield and Joe Duffy

Breeders Richard Lilly and Dana Plonkey



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Jean Jacobson of Duluth, Minn. jjacobs1@d.umn.edu

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020

Call To Order

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - present
Vice President	Rick Lilly - present
Secretary	Barb Kelley -absent
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	

Jerry Barlet - absent, Cindy Enroughty - present, Wendy Howard - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

Approve Minutes

- April 8 minutes – approved as presented

Reports

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary –**
- **Treasurer**
- **Event Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty** – will decide in July if Florida specialty will be changed from a Regional show to National.
- **Sunshine – Douglas King**
- **Education Chair – Susan Thibodeaux** – The AKC has been offering Breed Webinars for free during the pandemic as part of judges' education. June 2nd I did the Toy Fox presentation using the club approved slides. There were about 280 in attendance on the online seminar!! Many judges who have sat through a number of them said they appreciate our format and slides and they stated they learned a lot.
- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Susan Thibodeaux**
- **Gazette Columnist –**
- **Newsletter Editor – Chris Bowker**
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard**

- **Webmaster – Steven Thibodeaux**
- **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley** – electronic applications – new business
- **AKC Parent Club Project – Barb Kelley** – still need several more responses from members. Will mail request this week to those who have yet to respond.
- **Correspondence**

Subject: Re: Examples of OFA Health Surveys
From: Mandy Halsey <dynastyfts@hotmail.com> (Add as Preferred Sender)
Date: Wed, Apr 01, 2020 3:19 pm
To: denise monette <denise_monette@sbcglobal.net>, Barb Kelley <barb@triplestfts.com>

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Take Care,
Mandy Halsey
DynAsty Toy Fox Terriers
www.dynastytoyfoxes.com

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Barb Kelley <barb@triplestfts.com>; Mandy Halsey Price <dynastyfts@hotmail.com>
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Hi Mandy & Barb,
Thanks Barb for your email this morning.
Currently our ATFTC Health summary is UTD on the AKC.org site. All currently recommended testing is included.
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Subjects like longevity, temperament/ personality, size, breeding issues, eye, endocrine disorders, heart disease, liver function etc based on first hand veterinary documented experiences for each animal.

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Input submissions from the members for consideration.

The survey gets developed with help from OFA and is approved by the ATFTC BOD.

The survey gets published on the OFA website and runs for a set period of time. (Say 2 Years).

https://www.ofa.org/about/educational-resources/health-surveys#api_summary

The resulting information will give us a good idea of what issues need to be addressed in the future.

Let me know your thoughts.

Denise

Unfinished Business

- **Set Goals for next two years.**
- **Scholarship**
- **Judges' Survey**
- **2020 National**

New Business

- **Health Survey** – two members are willing to conduct a health survey for the membership
- **Nomination Committee** – Rick Lilly will chair committee.
- **Membership Applications** – approved for membership:
Teresa Watson – Havrah, OK
Mary Bowlan – Shawnee, OK

Next Meeting: July 8, 2020

Adjournment

American Toy Fox Terrier Club

Financial Statement

June 2020



Beginning Balance 6/1/20

\$19,464.11

Income

2019 Membership Dues	\$25.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$107.00
Entry Kick Backs	
Catalog Sales	
Catalog Advertising	
Agility Income	
National Trophy Sponsorships	
Banquet/Lunches Nationals	
Club Pin Sales	
T Shirt Sales	
National Entry Fees	
Club Affiliation Income	
Judges Education	
50/50 Raffle (Net)	
PayPal Fees	(\$4.37)

Total Income

\$127.63

Expenses

National Show Banquet
National Show Awards
Judges Education Expense
Sweeps Payments
Meet the Breeds
Insurance
Tax Preperation
National Show Catalog Ad
National Show Supplies
National Show Banquet/Lunch
Web Expenses
Designated Specialty Show Expenses
AKC Medallions
Office Supplies
National Show Secretary Expense
State of Washington

Total Expenses

\$0.00

Ending Balance 6/30/20

\$19,591.74

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020

Call To Order 8:20 pm

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - present
Vice President	Rick Lilly - absent
Secretary	Barb Kelley - absent
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	

Jerry Barlet - present, Cindy Enroughty - present, Wendy Howard - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux -present

Approve Minutes

- June minutes – Approval tabled until July.

Reports

- **President** – Barbara Alderman has been hired as judge for Orlando Specialty.
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary** –
- **Treasurer** – insurance paid and taxes being prepared.
- **Event Coordinator** – **Carolyn Lichty** –
ATFTC Event Chair Report July 8, 2020

2020

ATFTC Regional Specialty Friday December 11,2020? Orlando Florida
With the uncertainty of the Covid virus 19-infection rate, the hesitation for travel, and economic downturn, this event should be left as a Regional Specialty. With luck these shows can be held and we can hope that it will be well attended. People may still be cautious about flying and traveling, staying in hotels and eating in restaurants.

It is not fair to hold a National Specialty with all events with the limits for the members from around the country. We need to consider the entire membership and their location as we are a National Club.

It is sad that we cannot have a National Specialty in the Midwest this year.

Planning and spending the money for a total event is too risky financially and with attendance in question.

2021

ATFTC National Specialty Western Location August 8/13-8/17, 2021 Greeley Colorado

Judges Selection is the next job when we think it is safe to continue planning.

2022

ATFTC National Specialty Eastern Location

20 Year Anniversary of AKC Recognition of Toy Fox Terriers

Would be nice to have something special planned so think about this.

Awards

What to do for 2020?

Can't plan dinner with out a location for a National. Should we send awards for the Top Dog, Best Owner Handler and Championship Certificates? The list can be included in the newsletter and posted on the ATFTC Members FB Group

Event Chair, Carolyn Lichty

DISCUSSION:

Billy suggested polling the membership as to whether they would like the December Regional Specialty become our National this year. A monkey survey could be created to present the idea to the membership and have them vote via yes or no on the following:

Are you planning to attend the shows in Orlando in December?

Would you want the show to be a Regional or National?

Regional – yes/no

National – yes/no

Would you be willing to attend a Zoom meeting for our Annual meeting this year?

Cindy has received feedback from members regarding the roaming National is getting to be cumbersome. Having an event in a settled location and date would be helpful for members to look forward to and plan for each year. Will continue to consider.

- **Nominating Committee – Rick Lilly**

MOTION made by Cindy to accept nominating committee presented, 2nd by Doug, motion carried.

Rick Lilly – Chairman, Betty Cuzzolino, Jamie Wardlow

Alternates: Terrie Cowan and Jenn Duffy

- **Sunshine – Douglas King**
- **Education Chair – Susan Thibodeaux – Texas next March**
- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
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Unfinished Business

- **Set Goals for next two years.**
Possibly make donations as a club to an interest.
- **Scholarship**
- **Judges' Survey**
- **2020 National**
- **Health Survey** – two members are willing to conduct a health survey for the membership – Billy will contact Mandy and Denise to discuss need for current website info to be updated and possible survey.
- **New Puppy Buyers Newsletter Subscription** – Cindy volunteered to be point of

contact for members to provide information to her to include puppy buyers in Newsletter distribution. Info will be included in Newsletter and Facebook group as well as email distribution to members.

New Business

- **New Membership Application** – Jennifer Baerresen – Beaumont, CA **MOTION** made by Cindy to approve membership application, 2nd by Jerry, motion passed.
- **Versatility Award** – Dogs who have earned a combination of four different recognized titles, ie Rally, Obedience, Conformation, Scentwork, etc. be recognized through a Versatility Award. They must also be a member of the club. Could be included on the website with an application form like ROM and ROMX. **MOTION** made by Cindy for committee of Susan, Wendy and Chris Bowker will work together to create form and logistics for ATFTC members, 2nd by Wendy, motion passed.
- **Annual** – Carolyn would like one published each year. Perhaps ask members to take a year to work on. Cindy indicated Rebecca Rivera has boxes of stored files for the club that need to be sent to whoever the secretary will be. Lots of discussion!! Carolyn is willing to serve on committee and will talk to Chris Bowker about other members for the committee.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2020

Adjournment 10:13pm

American Toy Fox Terrier Club

Financial Statement

July 2020



Beginning Balance 7/1/20

\$19,591.74

Income

2019 Membership Dues	\$0.00
Newsletter Advertising	
Entry Kick Backs	
Catalog Sales	
Catalog Advertising	
Agility Income	
National Trophy Sponsorships	
Banquet/Lunches Nationals	
Club Pin Sales	
T Shirt Sales	
National Entry Fees	
Club Affiliation Income	
Judges Education	
50/50 Raffle (Net)	
PayPal Fees	

Total Income

\$0.00

Expenses

National Show Banquet	
National Show Awards	
Judges Education Expense	
Sweeps Payments	
Meet the Breeds	
Insurance	\$660.50
Tax Preperation	
National Show Catalog Ad	
National Show Supplies	
National Show Banquet/Lunch	
Web Expenses	
Designated Specialty Show Expenses	
AKC Medallions	
Office Supplies	
National Show Secretary Expense	
State of Washington	

Total Expenses

\$660.50

Ending Balance 7/31/20

\$18,931.24

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020**

Call To Order **8:35PM**

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - absent
Vice President	Rick Lilly - present
Secretary	Barb Kelley - present
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	

Jerry Barlet - present, Cindy Enroughty - present, Wendy Howard - absent, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

Approve Minutes

- June minutes - tabled
- July minutes – MOTION by Carolyn, 2nd by Cindy to approve - passed
- July 17th – email meeting to approve request from Central Florida Toy Fox Terrier Club to hold their concurrent specialties in Orlando, FL on December 10, 2020.
MOTION made by Susan, 2nd by Cindy to approve request – motion passed.

Reports

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary** –
- **Treasurer** – Bank balance close to \$19,000.00 – paid our insurance. \$100.00 donation has been made and will be put in Miscellaneous and a thank you sent to the Sterns.
- **Event Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty**
Awards committee – Jerry Barlet, still going to talk to Chris, Rick Lichty and Jean Jacobson. Rick and Jean have done a lot of writing. Carolyn will serve as coordinator.

Survey Monkey still needs to be sent to determine members’ desire for Orlando show to be a regional or national specialty.

- **Sunshine – Douglas King**
- **Education Chair – Susan Thibodeaux** – very quiet right now due to COVID
- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**

- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
 - **Meet the Breeds – Susan Thibodeaux** – no new information from AKC yet
 - **Health Committee -**
 - **Gazette Columnist –**
 - **Newsletter Editor – Chris Bowker** – once again Chris did a great job!!
 - **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
 - **Performance – Wendy Howard**
 - **Webmaster – Steven Thibodeaux** – EU approved per privacy rules. Compliant with California rules as well.
 - **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley** – electronic applications – new business
 - **AKC Parent Club Project – Barb Kelley** – will mail info request with Nomination information
 - **Correspondence** – Washington State renewal has been completed.
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Unfinished Business

- **Set Goals for next two years.**
- **Scholarship**
- **Judges' Survey**
- **Nominating Committee Report:**
 - Vice-President Nominee – Susan Thibodeaux
 - Secretary – Sarah Kittner
 - Board of Directors – Cindy Enroughty, Barb Kelley, Terrie Cowan

Special thanks to Carolyn for her six years of service on the board and all she has done. Counting on her to continue to serve on committees.

Cindy has not received any info from people for new puppy people to be included in receiving the Newsletter. Cindy would like to allow puppy people up to a year from sale if ok.

New Business

- **Electronic Applications** – if we can at least get electronic signatures via email would help. Look into DocuSign as a possibility. Doug will review constitution for possibility. May need to check state of Washington as well.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2020

Adjournment 9:02

American Toy Fox Terrier Club

Financial Statement

August 2020



Beginning Balance 8/1/20

\$18,931.24

Income

2019/2020 Membership Dues	\$115.00	
Newsletter Advertising	\$95.00	
Entry Kick Backs		
Catalog Sales		
Catalog Advertising		
Agility Income	\$615.00	
National Trophy Sponsorships		
Banquet/Lunches Nationals		
Club Pin Sales		
T Shirt Sales		
National Entry Fees		
Club Affiliation Income		
Judges Education		
50/50 Raffle (Net)		
PayPal Fees	(\$3.30)	
Misc Income	\$100.00	
Total Income		\$921.70

Expenses

National Show Banquet		
National Show Awards		
Judges Education Expense		
Sweeps Payments		
Meet the Breeds		
Insurance		
Tax Preperation	\$395.00	
National Show Catalog Ad		
National Show Supplies		
National Show Banquet/Lunch	(\$300.00)	
Web Expenses		
Designated Specialty Show Expenses		
AKC Medallions		
Office Supplies		
National Show Secretary Expense		
State of Washington		
Total Expenses		\$95.00

Ending Balance 8/31/20

\$19,757.94

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020**

Call To Order 8:35pm

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - present
Vice President	Rick Lilly - present
Secretary	Barb Kelley -present
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	

Jerry Barlet - present, Cindy Enroughty - absent, Wendy Howard - present , Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

Approve Minutes

- Revised June minutes – MOTION by Doug to accept minutes, 2nd Susan - passed
- August minutes – MOTION by Doug to accept minutes, 2nd Jerry - passed

Reports

- **President** – AKC working on paperwork for National, moving along.
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary** – I have received two nominations from the floor for director position and a phone call from another nominee who is sending form for vice president position.
- **Treasurer** – received refund from restaurant in Oklahoma for \$300 and Agility funds of \$615 (thank you Wendy)
- **Event Coordinator** – **Carolyn Lichty** – discussed some of the issues surrounding the paperwork required to AKC. Premium list will be coming up quick. Jean will be a real asset to the annual committee.
- **Sunshine** – **Douglas King**
- **Education Chair** – **Susan Thibodeaux** – got this added to the judges’ blog through AKC:

[Clarification on Judging the Toy Fox Terrier](#)

By [Judging Operations](#) on [September 8, 2020](#)
submitted by Susan Thibodeaux, JEC

Notice to Judges Regarding the Oral Exam of the American Toy Fox Terrier In The Ring



The American Toy Fox Terrier Club, in discussions with the American Kennel Club Judging Operations Department, recognizes that there are two phrases in the breed standard which appear to be in conflict and which cause confusion when conducting the oral exam on the Toy Fox Terrier. In the standard it states “a full complement of strong white teeth meeting in a scissors bite is preferred.” However, the standard then goes on to state “loss of teeth should not be faulted as long as the bite can be determined as correct.” As the disqualifications regard only the alignment of the bite and there is no fault for missing teeth if it is correct, it is reasonable to focus on the bite as the primary emphasis.

Therefore, the ATFTC and the AKC Judging Operations Department are in accord that the mandatory oral exam will consist of checking the front, i.e. the alignment of the bite, and if the incisors meet in a scissors bite, no further exam is necessary. If the bite is level or minimally overshot (less than 1/8”) then the judge should check sides as missing teeth must then be weighed.

Judges, may of course use their discretion to check the sides if the bite is scissors but it is not mandatory.

On behalf of the ATFTC Board,
Breed Education Chair
Susan Thibodeaux

Editor’s note: the clarification above concerning the appropriate oral exam in the Toy Fox Terrier is based solely on the language of the standard. In discussions it was agreed the direction concerning the appropriate oral exam should be adjusted to more accurately represent the specific and limited circumstances when checking the sides for full dentition would be required. The document “Conducting Oral Exams” available on

*the AKC website has been updated to reflect. Please pay special attention to the paragraph added under item #2 under ****Note**** on page 1 of this document.*

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Susan Thibodeaux** – will not be one in Orlando.
- **Health Committee** – Denise Monette and Amanda Halsey – invite them to next month's meeting to present their ideas
- **Gazette Columnist** – email membership to determine interest, Susan will chair
- **Newsletter Editor – Chris Bowker** – we need to push for ads, Agility invites
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard**
- **Webmaster – Steven Thibodeaux** – database on website is now current, need to delete non-current members from database,
- **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley - DocuSign** – Single User is \$10/month up to five documents/month
What does "send documents for signature: 5/month" mean on the personal plan? What happens if I need more than that one month?
On the personal plan, a user is allowed to send documents out up to 5 times per month. Put otherwise, a user can initiate a transaction up to 5 times in any given month. Each transaction can include one or multiple documents, or one or many signers. If a user reaches the limit on the individual plan, they can choose to upgrade to one of our higher tiered plans or wait until their new month starts. We do not have a pay per envelope plan if you reach 5 documents.
Barb will research further and tabled to next month
- **AKC Parent Club Project – Barb** – still working on it.
- **Correspondence**

Unfinished Business

- **Set Goals for next two years.**
- **Scholarship**
- **Judges' Survey**
- **Survey Monkey Results** – 101 surveys sent out, 38 voted - 24 yes for Regional Show to be changed to National in Orlando, 14 no

New Business

- **Election Procedure** –
Private Firm or Secretary
If Secretary, need to determine Inspectors of Election

If one or more valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before (October 1st),

the Secretary (or an independent professional firm designated by the board) shall, on or before (October 15), mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm) marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent so that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm). **The inspectors of election (or designated professional firm) shall check the returns** against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting, which shall be announced at the annual meeting.

Ballots to be valid must be received by the Secretary (or independent professional firm designated by the board) by, November 15. Ballots shall be counted by three inspectors of election who are members in good standing and neither members of the current board nor candidates on the ballot

It was determined election would be handled in-house and Billy will contact potential Inspectors of Election to arrange ballots to be counted. It was suggested new members participating in agility be contacted.

- **Joan Krumm Mentor Application** – **MOTION** made by Susan to accept Joan as mentor for the club, 2nd by Rick - passed

Next Meeting: October 14, 2020

Adjournment 9:28PM

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Sweeps Payments

Meet the Breeds

Insurance

Tax Preparation

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National Show Secretary Expense

State of Washington

Total Expenses

\$0.00

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The ATFTC recognizes and applauds the Toy Fox Terrier finalists/invitees which will represent our breed in Orlando! Congratulations!

AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL HELD DECEMBER 2020 IN ORLANDO, FL

Due to the COVID pandemic and many trials being cancelled, there are two cut offs by AKC. The first list is as of the original cut off and round 2 is as of the final date. For more information go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/events/akc-agility-invitational/>

<u>Dog Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
CH MACH3 Burway's Bing Bang Theory MXC MJS2 XF T2B TKN	REG
MACH17 Icefox Pick Me Up MXB5 PDS MJB6 PJS MFS TQX T2B5 TKA	REG
CH MACH2 Lillys Little Firefly Wah-Wah Taysee CD GN MXS MJS	REG
Robrex's Mr. Chili Pepper MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B	REG
GCH CH MACH Valcopy Strike N'Hot MXS MJG NF RATO	REG
GCHG CH MACH2 Ultra Quest Go For The Gold MXG MJB2 MXP MJP2 MJPB XF T2B3 CA SWA SEM SHDN RATO TKI	PREF

Round 2 Invitees

CH Lillys Ultra Quest Little Red Rooster RN MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B ACT1 CGC	REG
Foxhill Super Tex Gentlemen Start Your Engines FDC MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B CA BCAT CGC TKI	REG

Announcing.....



CH. KINCARDENE OLIVER'S TWIST OF FATE DCAT SWN TKN

Is the first Toy Fox Terrier to receive the Farm Dog title (FDC) in the state of California, and the second to receive it nationally! Twist was trained with Carley Divine at Devine Canine in Norco, California where he enjoyed being around the farm animals. He started this year off with style by earning his championship at one of the country's largest all-breed shows, the Kennel Club of Palm Springs, by winning 4 majors throughout the big weekend. Later in Utah, his first time out as a special, he won 2 Best of Breed in a row. Twist is also loving Barn Hunt, Agility ScentWork and Fast Cat, where he is on record as the 3rd fastest TFT in 2019, and at this time, he is 2nd for 2020.

Twist's sire is GChG Mach2 Ultra Quest Go for the Gold MXG MXP2 MJP2 XF T2B3 CA SWA SEM SBE SHDN RATO TKI and his dam is GCh. Maldonfox Georgia on my Mind.

Twist is proudly owned by Luana Ball of Riverside, California

Westgate

The Brother and Sister Team!



"Nike" and "Simon"

CH. WESTGATE UPSTART SWA CA BCAT RATS TKN SEE SEM recently added a Master Containers to her list of accomplishments

CH. WESTGATE THE GOLDEN BOY RATN SWN BN also earned his newest title, ScentWork Advanced (SWA) to his name

Both of these talented TFTs are by GChG. Mach2 Ultra Quest Go for the Gold out of GCh. Westgate Roostie Tootie

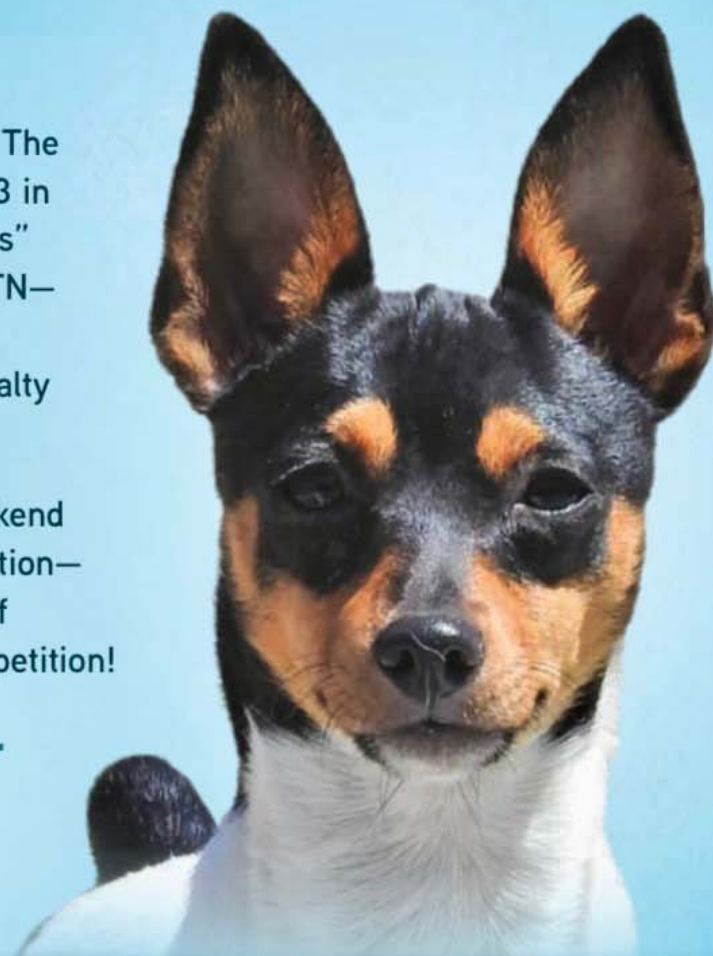
CH KALLMEE THE AERIALIST

FLYER

Flying in the pawprints of his sire "Barnum" GCHB Barbary's Kallmee The Ringmaster RN BCAT TKN—2019 #3 in Breed and his famous dam "Sparkles" GCHG Barbary's Gold N Jewels RATN—2015 BOB Eukanuba AKC National Championship Show, multiple Specialty winner and 2015 #2 in Breed.

4th weekend to show—his first weekend as a special—pending AKC confirmation—earned his AKC GCH with 4 Bests of Breeds and 3 Selects in stellar competition!

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE FOR THIS NEW YOUNG STAR!



SUSAN AND STEVE THIBODEAUX KALLMEE—HOME OF EXCEPTIONAL DOGS SINCE 1978, COCOA, FL

TOY FOX TERRIER

Showsight Oct 2020

GChS Valcopy Ter-Lee Chivas Royal

AKA *Whiskey*



A great show dog, a great snuggle bunny, a good friend to our Pumi...That's our Whiskey! Many of you know his story, but I wanted to share what a miracle dog he really is!

This was a very exciting litter; the sire being GChG Mach2 Ultra Quest Go for the Gold MXG MJB2 MXP2 MJPB XF TKI—also known as Oliver! I was by myself when this litter was born, and the mother (Ch. Valcopy Ter-Lee Bewitched aka Sammi) was doing great until a puppy came out that was not breathing. I cleaned the puppy up and did all the “right things”, but he was not responding, with his poor little head just hanging to the side. I called one of my best friends, Susan Essoe, and told her I had just lost a nice puppy. She asked if I had any whiskey. I checked and found a bottle of Canadian Mist, and asked if that was good enough? She said put the liquid in his mouth. I did that and nothing. I told her it was too late, he is gone. She said put it all over his mouth and gums...I did that and heard a little “beep” sound and could not believe my eyes. I continued to massage him and saw he was coming back to life, but then wondered will he be brain damaged? What kind of future would he have? Well, we now know the answer...He is currently the #1 Toy Fox Terrier in Breed, All Breed and Owner-Handler!

He taught me an important lesson—

NEVER GIVE UP EVEN WHEN YOU THINK IT IS ALL OVER!!

Terrie Cowen

Ter-Lee TFTs

Questionnaire

NAME: Barbara "BJ" Andrews

CITY, STATE: Rutherfordton, NC

IF APPLICABLE, KENNEL NAME: O'BJ (as suffix only, old German method which puts the dog first)

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DOG SPORT(S): 53

WHEN WERE YOU FIRST DRAWN TO TOY FOX TERRIERS, AND WHAT SPARKED THAT ATTRACTION:
Chihuahua intelligence, human bonding history and Terrier health, structure and soundness

HOW MANY LITTERS A YEAR DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT WAS YOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL LITTER:
average 4 litters. Litter that produced Ch. Hugely Handsome O'BJ

IN WHAT VENUE(S) DO YOU COMPETE:
AKC Conformation and Obedience, UKC conformation

GREATEST THRILLS IN THE DOG GAME:
Having contributed the Show-ring record holders and the All-time Top Sires and Dams in 3 breeds:
Rottweilers, Akitas, and Toy Fox Terriers

WHAT FEATURE(S) OF THE TOY FOX TERRIER DO YOU FEEL NEEDS THE MOST IMPROVEMENT:
I think overall the breed is in excellent hands.

ANY OTHER INTERESTS ASIDE FROM TFTS YOU MAY HAVE:
Providing veterinary validated and peer-reviewed information on all facets of dog breeding, health, nutrition and ownership through the world's first dog-site (TheDogPlace.org) which has grown into the NetPlaces Network, i.e. TheDogPress.com and TheJudgesPlace.com

OTHER ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK:
Currently none, previously Quarter Horses, co-originator of the Bengal Cat (TICA Registry).

HOBBIES/TALENTS:
Writing, researching animal and human evolution.

YOUR BUSINESS OR JOB:
www.NetPlacesNetwork.com

Questionnaire

NAME: Sarah & Jeff Kittner

CITY, STATE: Durand, IL

IF APPLICABLE, KENNEL NAME: FOXSHIRE

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DOG SPORT(S): 35-50 years

WHEN WERE YOU FIRST DRAWN TO TOY FOX TERRIERS, AND WHAT SPARKED THAT ATTRACTION: A friend of mine had one in a class that she was training for another breeder. I thought "what a cool looking little dog!" That was 2003- I bought that dog and finished him in AKC (the first year they were excepted into AKC).

HOW MANY LITTERS A YEAR DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT WAS YOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL LITTER: one or less a year. Most Successful was my 2018 litter

IN WHAT VENUE(S) DO YOU COMPETE: Conformation, obedience, rally, tracking, agility

GREATEST THRILLS IN THE DOG GAME: ONE of my greatest thrills was attending my FIRST TFT National in 2019 and going BOS with my homebred puppy boy and finishing his Grand that day at 11 mos old.

WHAT FEATURE(S) OF THE TOY FOX TERRIER DO YOU FEEL NEEDS THE MOST IMPROVEMENT:

MOSTLY TOPLINES, Tail sets and Fronts!!!

ANY OTHER INTERESTS ASIDE FROM TFTS YOU MAY HAVE: We own and show other breeds.

OTHER ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK: Other dogs & Horses

HOBBIES/TALENTS: We teach conformation & puppy socialization classes at local dog facilities, Jeff also collects and restores vintage cars and mini bikes

YOUR BUSINESS OR JOB: I am an office manager for two large agricultural farms. Jeff is retired.

Questionnaire

NAME: Amanda (Mandy) Halsey

CITY, STATE: Ohio

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DOG SPORT(S): 18 years

WHEN WERE YOU FIRST DRAWN TO TOY FOX TERRIERS, AND WHAT SPARKED THAT ATTRACTION: My brother got a Toy Fox mix as a pet, and my whole family fell in love with that little girl named Foxy.

HOW MANY LITTERS A YEAR DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT WAS YOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL LITTER: The number of litters we have each year varies. Some years we've had no litters, and some years we've had 4-5 litters. Any litter with friendly, loving and healthy pups is a successful litter, but if I had to pick one, I would say it was the litter that produced our boy Vegas. Vegas won Best of Breed at the 2009 American Toy Fox Terrier Club national specialty show. It was probably our sweetest victory in the show ring. It was made even more special by the fact that I bred Vegas, and he was one day shy of his first birthday at the time of that win!

IN WHAT VENUE(S) DO YOU COMPETE: AKC breed competition

GREATEST THRILLS IN THE DOG GAME: I already mentioned a great win in the litter section. Another great win was when that same dog, Vegas, won a Toy Group 1st. This led to my first trip into the Best in Show ring. Even though we didn't win Best in Show, this win was made even more special when the Best in Show judge came to me right after awarding Best in Show to another dog to shake my hand and tell me what a nice dog I had. I didn't think much of it at that second of time, but after exiting the ring the people sitting there said that the judge must have been really considering giving Vegas and I Best in Show because they had not seen that judge do that before.

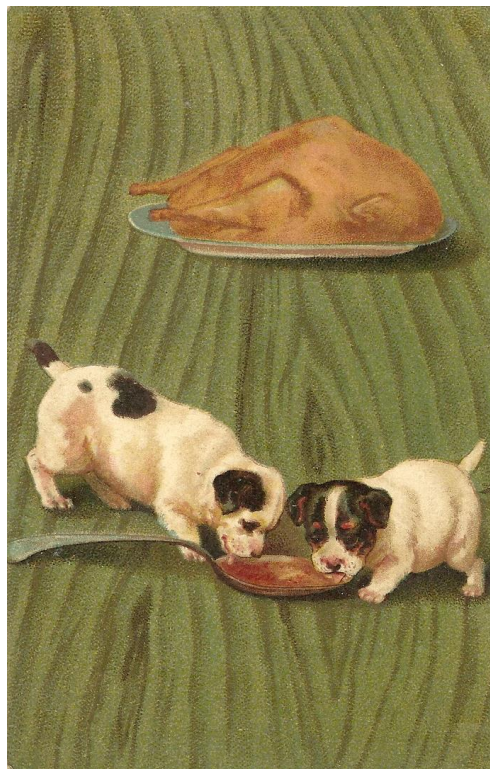
WHAT FEATURE(S) OF THE TOY FOX TERRIER DO YOU FEEL NEEDS THE MOST IMPROVEMENT: I think an area that needs improvement is a topline that holds when a dog is both standing AND moving. The movement that the dog is using underneath also impacts the angle of the topline, so I would say that movement also needs to be improved to improve the topline. I like to video my puppies/dogs moving on a lead and watch it back in slow motion. This is how I evaluate which puppies to keep/place as show prospects and which will go to companion homes. I don't care if I get stacked photos of my puppies or not. I like to see how they free stack themselves, and I use that and the movement videos to make all decisions on placing puppies. Also, I think as breeders and guardians of the breed we MUST really pay attention to health over everything else. It really doesn't matter how pretty a dog is if it's unhealthy and/or will produce unhealthy puppies.

ANY OTHER INTERESTS ASIDE FROM TFTS YOU MAY HAVE: My first animal loves were horses! I showed mostly Quarter Horses and Paints in both English and western events. English, specifically, hunter classes (hunter under saddle and hunter over fences) were my real passion. I have shown in pretty much all classes except for 3-day eventing, contesting and reining. I even have an Associates Degree in Equestrian Studies with an Emphasis in English Riding from the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

OTHER ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK: I don't currently have any other animals, but at some point when my kids are older and grown up, I may get a horse or two again.

HOBBIES/TALENTS: I enjoy drawing, coloring and painting, but I don't have much time for that at this point in my life.

YOUR BUSINESS OR JOB: Intervention Specialist (also known as a special education teacher).



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Performance Titles June 2020

Dog Title	Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
Rally Novice	Shangri La Caramel Latte RN AX AXJ NF CA CGCA TKN	26-Jun-20	Sherry Hickman
Novice Agility	Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy NA NAJ	21-Jun-20	Jennifer Canfield
Open Agility	Triples Keeping The Peace Of Ranmar RN OA NAJ CGCA CGCU TKI	13-Jun-20	Jodi Pangman
Novice Agility Jumper	Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy NAJ	5-Jun-20	Jennifer Canfield
Master Excellent Jumper Pref 2	GCHG CH MACH2 Ultra Quest Go For The Gold MXG MJB2 MXP MJP2 XF T2B3 CA SWA SEM SHDN RATO	18-Jun-20	Miss Wendy Howard
Agility FAST Novice	Lillys Dynasty Son Of A Wise Guy NA NAJ NF	27-Jun-20	Jennifer Canfield
Trick Dog Novice	GCHB CH Barbary Kallmee The Ringmaster BCAT TKN	2-Jun-20	Susan B Thibodeaux
Trick Dog Novice	Twizzler TKN	23-Jun-20	Amber Holifield

Breed Titles July 2020

Dog Title	Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
Champion	CH Kallmee Gems N Jewels	26-Jul-20	Susan B Thibodeaux
Champion	CH Kallmee The Aerialist	26-Jul-20	Susan B Thibodeaux
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS CH Juslyn Starfox Shimmer N Shine	23-Jul-20	Susan B Thibodeaux
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS CH Valcopy Ter-Lee Chivas Regal	25-Jul-20	Terrie Crawford & Dana L Plonkey

Performance Titles July 2020

Dog Title	Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
Rally Novice	Triples Keeping The Peace Of Ranmar RN NA NAJ CGCA CGCU TKI	22-May-20	Jodi Pangman
Trick Dog Novice	CH Kincardene Oliver's Twist Of Fate BCAT SWN TKN	28-May-20	Luana Lynn Ball
Trick Dog Novice	Terra Baltika Cherry Pie TKN	29-May-20	Leigh-Anne Congdon
Trick Dog Intermediate	MACH17 Icefox Pick Me Up MXB5 PDS MJB6 PJS MFS TQX T2B5 TKI	21-May-20	Dr. Mary Alice Doyle
Trick Dog Advanced	MACH17 Icefox Pick Me Up MXB5 PDS MJB6 PJS MFS TQX T2B5 TKA	22-May-20	Dr. Mary Alice Doyle

Breed Titles August 2020

Dog Title	Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
Champion	CH Snocrest Me And My Shadow	14-Aug-20	Sandra Noe

Performance Titles August 2020

Dog Title	Dog Name	Date Titled	Owners Name
Novice Agility	Maldonfox On Cloud Nine NA	8-Aug-20	Mrs. Karen Donahue
Master Agility Exc.Preferred 2	GCHG CH MACH2 Ultra Quest Go For The Gold MXG MJB2 MXP2 MJP2 MJPB XF T2B3 CA SWA SEM SHDN RATO TKI	2-Aug-20	Miss Wendy Howard
Novice Agility Jumper	Maldonfox On Cloud Nine NA NAJ	21-Aug-20	Mrs. Karen Donahue
Master Century Jumper	MACH2 Lillys Wild Cyber Surfer RN MXC MJC XF T2B4 CA RATO CGCA TKI	2-Aug-20	Jennifer C. & Joe Duffy
BCAT	GCH CH Lillys Ultra Quest Storm Chaser BN RI NA NAJ BCAT CGC TKN	15-Aug-20	Richard & Mona Lilly
Scent Work Interior Advanced	IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWN SCA SIA	23-Aug-20	Amy Wukotich
Scent Work Exterior Advanced	IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWA	30-Aug-20	Amy Wukotich
Scent Work Exterior Advanced	CH Westgate The Golden Boy SWA	29-Aug-20	Wendy L Howard
Scent Work Buried Advanced	IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWA	30-Aug-20	Amy Wukotich
Scent Work Buried Advanced	CH Westgate The Golden Boy SWN SCA SIA SBA	28-Aug-20	Wendy L Howard
Scent Work Advanced	IDRs Spy Who Loved Me OA OAJ XF ACT1 SWA	30-Aug-20	Amy Wukotich
Scent Work Advanced	CH Westgate The Golden Boy SWA	29-Aug-20	Wendy L Howard
Scent Work Exterior Excellent	CH Westgate Upstart BCAT SWA SCM SEE RATN TKN	30-Aug-20	Wendy Howard
Scent Work Buried Excellent	GCHG CH MACH2 Ultra Quest Go For The Gold MXG MJB2 MXP2 MJP2 MJPB XF T2B3 CA SWA SEM SBE SHDN RATO TKI	30-Aug-20	Miss Wendy Howard
Scent Work Container Master	CH Westgate Upstart BCAT SWA SCM SEE RATN TKN	30-Aug-20	Wendy Howard
Canine Good Citizen	Foxclassic Here Comes Skeeter CGCA	6-Aug-20	A Kristi Gates
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	Foxclassic Here Comes Skeeter CGCA	6-Aug-20	A Kristi Gates

ATFTC NATIONAL WEEK 2020

Space Coast Kennel Club Tuesday 12/8/20
Brevard Kennel Club Wednesday 12/9/20
Central Florida Kennel Club Thursday 12/10/20
Central Florida Toy Fox Terrier Club designates the
classes at the Central Florida show as a Specialty.
CFTFTC Concurrent Specialty Thursday 12/10/20
(yes – two TFT specialties on Thursday!)
ATFTC National Specialty Friday 12/11/20
Royal Canin AKC National Championship Show
Toy Fox Terrier Classes on Saturday 12/12/20

6 opportunities for points!

All shows except the AKC NC are MB-F
AKC National Championship show is Onofrio
Please watch the show superintendents' sites and
<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-championship/> for details.

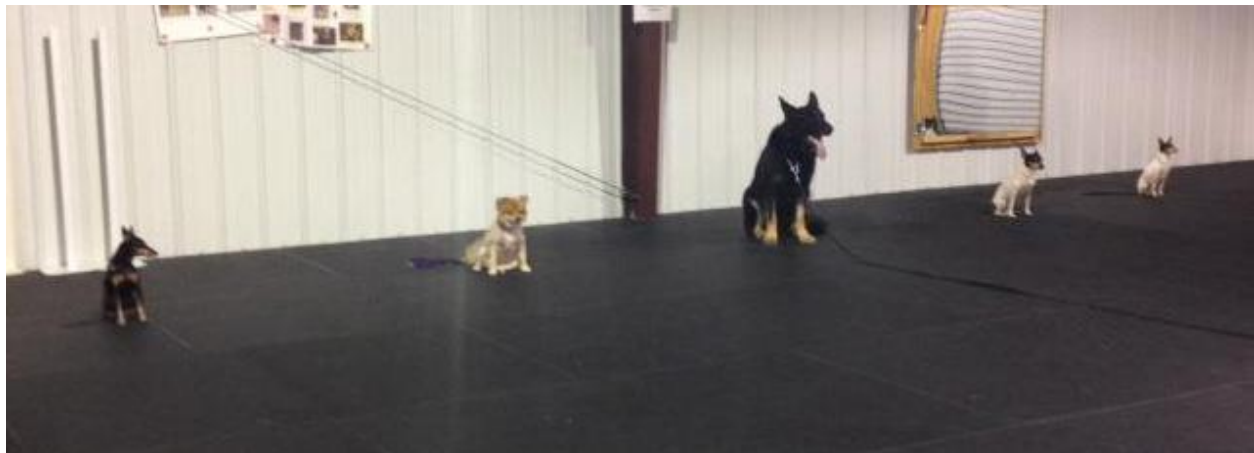
As the AKC has not released their premium and are still determining their COVID protocols, we don't yet have all the information to determine what events we can host and where. Please watch the club website and our Facebook pages for more information as it becomes available.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Do not forget—

The ATFTC is pleased to offer a free year of the Club Newsletters to any puppy buyers of our club members. To be able to provide this service, the club member must provide the following to **Cindy Enroughty** at centrougthy@yahoo.com :

1. First and last name of buyer
2. Date of purchase or transfer
3. Accurate email address of new owner(s)



Social Distancing!



THE “VACCINATE?” DEBATE

By Sue M. Copeland

RELUCTANT TO VACCINATE YOUR DOG? LEARN WHY THAT COULD PUT HIM - AND YOU - AT RISK.

The virus came in deadly silence. One by one, it stalked its victims. There was no immunity against it. Clinics and hospitals around the U.S., and the world, soon were overwhelmed with patients; fatality rates soared. Sound familiar? It should: the canine parvovirus outbreak in the late 1970s did to dogs what the 2020 coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak is doing to humans.

“When parvovirus first occurred in the U.S., veterinary hospitals were completely overwhelmed, just as human hospitals have been this year with covid-19,” says Edward B. Breitschwerdt, DVM, DACVIM, professor of medicine and infectious disease at North Carolina State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. “They had wards of dogs with bloody diarrhea; many of them were dying. It was a serious disease because there literally was no immunity amongst the dog population. It spread across the country in a matter of weeks to months, just as the coronavirus is doing worldwide in the human population.”

By 1979, a vaccine had been developed that helped end the parvovirus outbreak. Ironically today, a growing number of dog owners and breeders are opting out of the parvovirus vaccine, as well as other vaccines that have helped protect dogs—and humans—in years past.

WHY VACCINE “HESITANCY”?

The current movement away from vaccines by some humans and pet owners has been called “vaccine hesitancy.” The World Health Organization (WHO) listed this movement in its 2019 list of “Top 10 Threats to Global Health.”

That’s because the decline is real. For example, a 2019 British survey of 5,036 dog and cat owners, the PDSA Animal Well-

Being (PAW) report, found only 66 percent of pets received primary vaccines when young, versus 84 percent in 2016. About one-third of those pets weren’t receiving regular boosters for longer-term protection.

Also mentioned in the PAW report: 98 percent of veterinarians have been questioned by their clients about the need for vaccines. Why the trend? “Anti-vaxxers,” those who rigidly oppose vaccines, allege that vaccinations do more harm than good. Reasons cited by this small but vocal group generally include their belief that vaccines are ineffective, contain toxic substances, and cause the illnesses they are supposed to prevent. Some may assert that “Big Pharma” (pharmaceutical companies), and medical and veterinary professionals only promote vaccines to make money.

There are also anti-vaxxers who push the misconception that vaccines in humans are linked to autism. People who hesitate to get vaccines for themselves or their children are generally unlikely to vaccinate their dogs.

“The problem with the anti-vaccine situation,” says Dr. Breitschwerdt, “is there are a lot of diseases we don’t understand in veterinary and human medicine. Many of them fall into the category of autoimmune and immune-mediated diseases. When you don’t understand something, you want something to blame it on. So for parents of autistic children, people suffering from multiple sclerosis, and many autoimmune diseases that we don’t understand, vaccines have become a target for blame. That’s created one of the major backlashes against vaccines.”

Adds veterinary infectious disease specialist Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM, “The studies that suggested a link between human vaccines and autism have been disproved; these incorrect findings occurred from misanalyzing the data. But that inaccurate information seeps into the dog world.”

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“That’s unfortunate,” he continues. “People who are old enough to have seen how vaccines can control disease generally understand their benefit. People who haven’t seen these diseases in their lifetime can become complacent. Social media can add to this by spreading misinformation. Plus, for some dog owners, whether or not to vaccinate can also be a monetary decision.”

And, he says, “Improvements in technology and knowledge surrounding vaccines can also lead to incorrect assumptions by the public. Some canine vaccines, such as rabies, now are given less frequently than in the past. That makes people think, ‘Maybe my dog can get it even less frequently than my vet recommends.’ The ability to use *titers*, which measure your dog’s antibodies to diseases that we vaccinate against, can also make pet owners think there is less need for vaccinations.” (See, “Titer Talk,” to the right.)

According to Dr. Breitschwerdt, “On the companion animal side, pharmaceutical companies may recommend that owners and breeders vaccinate every year, or every three years. Historically, there has been no incentive for companies to prove that a vaccine lasts for, say, six years. The problem in veterinary medicine is a small profession, particularly from a research-dollars standpoint. As well as I’ve been able to ascertain, 98 percent of our national annual research budget goes to investigation of human illnesses. The other two percent goes mostly toward food-animal research. That means research that could answer these and other questions of great importance to dog owners is left to foundations such as the AKC Canine Health Foundation (akcchf.org).”

Says Dr. Stull, “There is a need for veterinarians to further develop a level of trust with their clients. This allows for increased opportunities to educate and communicate risks and benefits. We have to remind pet owners about *why* we should vaccinate our dogs.”

Anti-vax beliefs can also have a cultural overlap with belief in alternative medicines, such as homeopathy. Explains Dr. Breitschwerdt, “There is no homeopathic preventive for distemper or rabies. The fact is, the most important medical intervention that exists for animals and humans is vaccination to prevent infectious diseases.”

He adds, “In the face of the current pandemic, if there was a coronavirus vaccine out there that was safe and effective, I doubt there would be people who’d opt not to take it.”

LACK OF DATA, NOT RESULTS

One barrier to veterinarians being able to convince clients of the need to vaccinate is the fact that, in the U.S., companion animals such as dogs lack a central disease-tracking authority.

“We have the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for human disease surveillance and outbreaks, including rabies, because it can be transmitted to humans,” says Dr. Breitschwerdt. “And we’ve got the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to do that for production animals (livestock). Yet we basically have nothing for tracking most diseases in companion animals.”

This is particularly important not only due to the vaccine-hesitancy trend, but also because of the increased risk for such infectious diseases as parvovirus, distemper, rabies, and others due to the unregulated importation of dogs.

Says Dr. Stull, “If I wanted to tell you how many dogs are diagnosed with parvovirus in the U.S. each year, I couldn’t do that. Un-

TITER TALK

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), an antibody titer is a measure of the concentration of antibodies in your dog’s blood.

“When your dog is vaccinated, the vaccine stimulates his immune system so that it provides what are called ‘memory immune cells,’” explains Dr. Stull. “Afterward, when your dog comes in contact with that disease, the memory cells recognize the attacking microorganism for faster antibody production. The antibodies then fight the disease.”

Titers are typically used to determine a dog’s current vaccination-protection status. This can be for importing or exporting dogs, or by owners who are reluctant to vaccinate at the recommended frequency. To get a titer, your veterinarian will draw blood to be checked for antibody levels. If the titer comes back as “protective,” it means if the dog were to come in contact with the disease being tested for, he *should* be able to fight it off.

While titers are becoming increasingly popular with some dog owners in lieu of regularly scheduled vaccinations, questions remain. “Different companies have produced titer tests. Titers typically have been validated for a few diseases, including parvovirus and distemper, but they still have to be run correctly, and read correctly,” says Dr. Stull. And, titers can’t predict antibody levels a few months down the line. Your dog’s resistance levels can change due to a variety of factors including stress, pregnancy, medications, and disease.

Another issue: “A titer is not always considered proof of vaccination in your dog,” advises Dr. Stull. Some groups, such as boarding facilities, may not accept titers in lieu of current vaccination records.

For rabies vaccines, which most states require, having only a titer, rather than proof of vaccination, can have serious consequences. “If your dog were to get into a fight with wildlife, or to bite another dog—or worse, a human—that titer won’t be legal proof of vaccination,” he explains. “Your dog would be taken into extended quarantine, or worst case, be euthanized.”

Something else to consider with titers is cost. A titer test can cost over \$100. A parvovirus vaccine usually costs about \$25; low-cost clinics often charge only \$10 to \$15 each for vaccines.

like with humans, most canine diseases are not reportable to a regulatory body. This lack of data leads people to question, ‘Why vaccinate?’ based on anecdotal information.”

“As an infectious-disease specialist,” says Dr. Breitschwerdt, “it’s disconcerting when you try to provide evidence for some of the practices we do, such as vaccinations. Companion animals are the largest group of animals in the U.S. They also share our environments—and sleep in our beds.”

But a lack of data doesn’t negate history. “It’s very clear that many of us are living much longer as humans because of vaccinations,” he continues. “Although it’s difficult to quantitate that for cats and dogs, it’s clearly true for them as well. When I was growing up on a farm, you didn’t see many dogs that lived to be over 10 years of age. Now, occasionally I’ll see a dog in his/her 20s. That’s because we’ve protected them from some of the most devastating diseases that kill dogs earlier in their lives.”

“For instance,” he continues, “the last case of infectious canine

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hepatitis that I saw was decades ago when I was a young faculty member at Louisiana State University. As well as I can tell, with *herd immunity* (see, “Join The Herd...Immunity” to the right), we’ve eventually vaccinated that particular infectious agent—that killed 100 percent of affected dogs—out of existence.”

“Canine distemper would be another recent example of a canine vaccination success story,” adds Dr. Breitschwerdt. “Veterinarians still occasionally see distemper, which is almost uniformly fatal, but it’s in unvaccinated dogs that have been exposed to, say, infected coyotes or raccoons. At North Carolina State University, if we were ever to get a dog referred to us that had classical distemper, we’d make an announcement and get every veterinary student in the college there to see it. That’s because it’s unlikely they’ll ever see it in their future practices. Early in my career, I saw distemper frequently. It’s a terrible disease that’s been controlled with safe and effective vaccines.”

Another terrible, uniformly fatal disease that’s been controlled with a vaccine is rabies.

THE HUMAN PRICE

Worldwide, about 59,000 people a year die from the rabies virus, mostly in Asia and Africa. In these cases, 99 percent are the result of dog-bite transmission from unvaccinated dogs. According to the WHO, about 40 percent of those victims are children.

Says Dr. Breitschwerdt, “When I learned how many people

JOIN THE HERD...IMMUNITY

Herd immunity, also referred to as “community immunity” with humans, happens when a high percentage of a population is immune to a disease through vaccination and/or prior infection by that disease, which makes the disease’s spread from dog to dog, or human to human, unlikely.

“From a population standpoint, you don’t have to vaccinate every dog or human in a population to reduce the percentage of disease,” explains Dr. Stull. “You just have to vaccinate enough individuals to keep an infection from exploding.” Epidemics such as the one that occurred with parvovirus in dogs in the 1970s, and pandemics such as covid-19 in humans, happen when there is no herd immunity.

“Right now, herd immunity has greatly protected our U.S. dog population,” says Dr. Stull. “Enough people vaccinate their dogs regularly that the chance of large outbreaks has been reduced. That has given owners and breeders a false sense of security.”

“If you decrease herd immunity, you deal with outbreaks,” states Dr. Breitschwerdt. “For instance, in your neighborhood, if a single dog hasn’t been vaccinated for an infectious disease such as parvovirus, and he gets sick, you need all the other neighborhood dogs to have been vaccinated so you don’t have a neighborhood epidemic. If not enough dogs in the surrounding region are vaccinated, the epidemic spreads. As we’ve seen with coronavirus in humans, an infectious disease for which there is no herd immunity can spread fast.”

The bottom line: “If enough people quit vaccinating their dogs,” warns Dr. Stull, “we will lose herd immunity.” In the case of rabies, for example, this will have fatal consequences for both dogs and humans.

around the world were dying each year of dog-bite transmitted rabies, and that the majority were children, I was appalled. It’s incomprehensible to me. If that doesn’t make you want to vaccinate your dog, I don’t know what will. This disease is highly preventable if dogs are vaccinated.”

According to the CDC (cdc.gov), canine rabies vaccination programs in the U.S. have halted the natural spread of rabies among domestic dogs; dogs are no longer considered a rabies reservoir here in the United States. But each year, 60 to 70 U.S. dogs (and around 250 cats) are reported as rabid—these are unvaccinated dogs that are bitten by infected wildlife.

Asks Dr. Breitschwerdt, “How many people is it going to take in the United States to continue this anti-vax trend to the point that we don’t have enough animals protected here, so we start seeing more dogs with rabies, and the resulting transmission to humans? It’s

disconcerting that people would decrease vaccinating against such diseases as rabies, and take the chance of a child dying from it in this country.”

“The coronavirus is going to help our younger generation,” he continues, “who’ve never seen the damage diseases such as rabies, parvovirus, and distemper can do, understand that there are infectious agents that can turn their world (and/or their pet’s world) upside down regardless of how much time they spend on the internet looking for alternative cures.”

Another disease that can spread from canine to human

VACCINES: CORE VERSUS NON-CORE

According to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA; aaha.org), the purpose of a vaccine is to mimic an infection, so your dog’s immune system is introduced to the pathogens that will cause protective immunity without causing clinical disease. The purpose of revaccination, or “boosters,” is to maintain your dog’s immune system’s “memory” of that pathogen, so he continues to mount an attack with every exposure. That way, exposure to the infectious agent doesn’t result in disease. Timing for boosters will vary depending on the infectious agent.

Vaccines are generally divided into “Core” and “Non-Core.” Core vaccines are recommended for all dogs. Non-core vaccines, or optional vaccines, are recommended based on your dog’s lifestyle and relative risk. (To determine what non-core vaccines

are appropriate for your dog, check out the AAHA website’s lifestyle-based vaccine calculator, *and* talk to your veterinarian.)

- **CORE VACCINES:** Rabies, canine distemper, parvovirus, and canine adenovirus (CAV)—CAV-1 causes infectious canine hepatitis; CAV-2 is part of the kennel cough complex.
- **NON-CORE VACCINES:** Bordetella; canine influenza virus (CIV); canine parainfluenza; leptospirosis; and Lyme disease (borreliosis).

For more information on vaccines, including an in-depth description of each, and a recommended schedule, go to <https://www.aaha.org/aaha-guidelines/vaccination-canine-configuration/vaccination-canine/>

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(which is called *zoonosis*) is leptospirosis. Explains Dr. Breitschwerdt, “Leptospirosis is transmitted through contaminated urine and contact with the bacterial organism. Unlike a lot of infectious agents, where you must have a break in your skin to become infected, leptospirosis doesn’t require that—it can actually penetrate intact skin. From a zoonotic standpoint, in the U.S. today, leptospirosis and rabies would be the two infectious agents that would be the most rational to vaccinate for, to try to keep humans from becoming infected.”

Adds Dr. Stull, “If people aren’t experiencing massive outbreaks of diseases such as leptospirosis, it can be hard for a veterinarian to convince owners of the risk to their dogs, and to themselves, and thus the need to vaccinate. That’s why we need the infrastructure to track canine diseases in the U.S.”

The decision to vaccinate, or not, should include a risk versus reward metric, says Dr. Stull. The reward is the ability to protect your dog, your family, and your community from potentially fatal diseases.

“Vaccines are the cheapest and most cost-effective way to keep your pet safe,” he says. “For instance, look at the parvovirus and leptospirosis vaccines. Both are safe and inexpensive. The risk if your unvaccinated dog were to become infected would be treatment that could cost thousands of dollars, and that may not be successful.”

Most dogs respond well to vaccines, says Dr. Stull. “Reactions can occur, but are *extremely* uncommon. A lot of ‘reaction’ talk is anecdotal. There are so many factors to consider: Are you giving one vaccine, or many, at a time? Is your dog healthy?”

If they happen at all, reactions tend to be short-term and minimal. They can include localized swelling at the injection site, low fever, and decreased appetite. More serious, but less common side effects include an allergic reaction, which can occur within minutes or hours after vaccination and can be a medical emergency.

Some adverse responses may be due to underlying health issues in a seemingly healthy dog. “For instance, if your dog has an undiagnosed, early stage disease, and has a reaction to the vaccine that results from that disease, the vaccine will be blamed,” explains Dr. Breitschwerdt. “It’s association versus causation; I’ve seen such cases at North Carolina State University. And I think a lot of the negative attitudes about vaccines are caused by association, not by causation.”

Adds Dr. Stull, “Vaccines don’t cause disease, they help prevent it. It’s like looking both ways before you cross the street. If you don’t look, it won’t guarantee getting hit by a car, but it’ll greatly increase your risk. So looking acts as a preventive. That’s exactly what vaccines do for your dog.”

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- Grant 02519: Prevalence of Bartonella spp. Infection in Dogs with Cardiac and Splenic Hemangiosarcomas within and between Geographic Locations
- Grant 02787-E: Clinician-Scientist Fellowship

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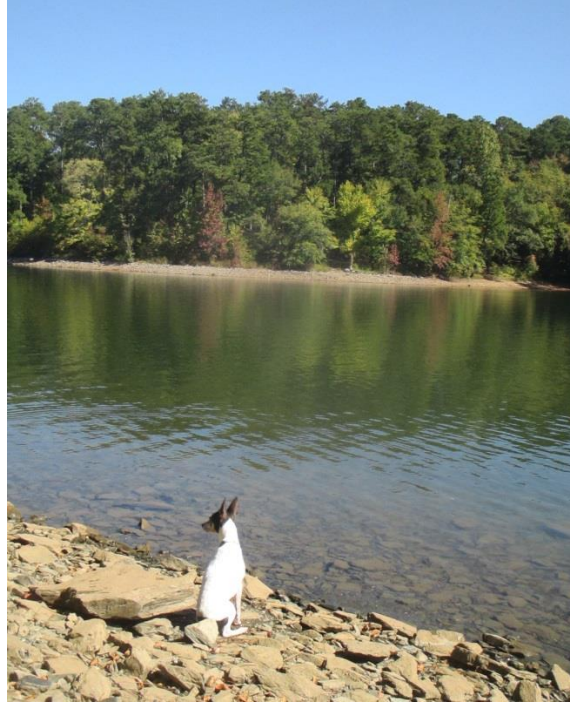
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- Grant 02128-A: Redefining the Recommendations for Prevention of Infectious Disease at Dog Shows and Other Areas Where Dogs Meet and Compete
- Grant 02380-A: Estimating Prevalence and Identifying Risk Factors for Canine Leptospirosis in North America
- Grant 02284-A: Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical Illness, and Prognosis
- and Grant 02532-A: Canine Influenza: Occurrence, Spatial and Temporal Trends and Identifying Modifiable Factors to Reduce Transmission at Events in the United States.

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Parting Shot



Reflections on the water, like shadows in my mind,
speak to me of passing days and nights and passing time.
The falling leaves are whispering, winter's on its way.
I close my eyes remembering the warmth of yesterday.
It seems a shame to see September swallowed by the wind.
And more than that, it's oh, so sad to see the summer end.
And though the changing colors are a lovely thing to see,
if it were mine to make the change I think I'd let it be.
But I don't remember hearing anybody asking me.

From Summer Suite: Fall
(J. Denver, M. Taylor, R. Kniss)