

Constitution

Article I

NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1

The name of the Club shall be THE AMERICAN TOY FOX TERRIER CLUB

Section 2

The Objects of the Club shall be:

- a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Toy Fox Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b) To encourage the organization of the independent local Toy Fox Terrier Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club;
- c) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by The American kennel Club as the only Standard of excellence by which the Toy Fox Terrier shall be judged;
- d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman like competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking test (field trials);
- e) To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests (field trials) under rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club;

Section 3

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profits, and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the Club shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Eligibility

- a) There shall be two (2) types of membership, open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with The American kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club: Single and Family. (Single to be defined as one person; and Family to be defined as two persons living in the same household).
- b) There shall be one (1) type of Junior membership open to all persons under eighteen years of age who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club.
- c) Single and Family members are entitled to vote and hold office. Junior members are not in a family membership, each individual over 18 years of age is entitled to a vote.

Section 2 Dues

- a) Membership dues shall not exceed \$35.00 per year single, and \$50.00 per year Family, \$15.00 per year Junior, (payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. New members accepted after October 1, shall not be billed for following year. The Board of Directors at the annual meeting shall set actual dues for the ensuing year. No Member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member statement of his dues for the ensuing year.
- b) Foreign applications for membership are welcome. Their dues are an additional \$5.00 to cover postage expenses. Foreign members may participate in club events. However, they can not be counted in determining a quorum, cannot hold office, or vote.
- c) Affiliate Club dues shall be \$25.00 per year payable on or before the first day of January each year,

Section 3 Election to Membership

a) Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and By-Laws, the ATFTC Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

b) Applicants shall be elected to membership by 2/3 vote of those present at a Board meeting by vote or be 2/3 of the Board members voting by ballot.

c) An application, which has received a negative vote by the Board, may be presented by one of the Applicant's endorsers at the net annual meeting of the Club and the members may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75% of the members present.

Section 4 Termination of Membership

a) Membership may be terminated;

By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of January.

By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of January, however, the Board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in certain cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-laws.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting

a) The annual meeting of the club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show, if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall mail written notice of the annual meeting to each member, or it shall be published in the newsletter to be received at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

Section 2 Special Club Meetings

a) Special Club meetings may be call by the President or by a majority vote of the Members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail; and shall be called by the secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

Section 3 Board Meetings

a) The first meeting of the Board shall be held within thirty (30) days following the new Board of Directors taking office. Other meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such other meeting shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or telephone notified, by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 4 Board of Directors

a) The Board of Directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, email, mail and fax provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these by-laws. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, email, mail and fax, must be confirmed in writing by the secretary within seven days,

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 Board of Directors

a) The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and who are residents of the United States. All Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for no more than three successive 2 year terms in the same office. A President, Treasurer and 2 board members shall be elected in odd number years as provided for Article IV. The Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board members shall be elected in even numbered years. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the general management of the Club's affairs.

Section 2 Officers

The Club's officers comprised of the president, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.

b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

c) The Secretary shall keep record of all meetings of the club and of the Board and of all votes taken by email, mail, fax, or telephone conference, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club: have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meeting, notify new members of their election to membership, and provide them with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, notify officers and Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, notify AKC of the election results with an updated membership list, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in the by-laws.

d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. The books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club's finances and every item

of receipt or payment not before reported, and at the Annual Meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. The signature of the President and the Treasurer shall be on the bank account. The Board may require both signatures on the checks or it may approve one for amounts determined by the Board.

Section 3 Vacancies

a) Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all of the members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the Office in President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the Office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

Section 4 Length and Delegate Term and Duties

- a) The delegate of the American Toy Fox Terrier will be elected by the membership to serve a two-year term and serve no more than three consecutive terms.
- b) The delegate shall represent the Club at meetings of the Delegates to the American Kennel Club, voting his or her conscience unless otherwise instructed by the Board or by the membership.
- c) A written summary of all Delegate Meetings, together with a report of how the Delegate voted on all matters brought before the Delegates to be voted on, shall be rendered to the Board. A copy of this report and vote results shall also be published on the website and the quarterly Newsletter.
- d) The Delegate may also hold an additional office either by election or in the manner prescribed under Article IV, Section 3. The Delegate shall assist the Board in an advisory capacity and shall have voting authority only if also a member of the Board. The Delegate may also vote as a regular member of the Club.

ARTICLE IV

THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS

Section 1 Club Year

a) The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of (January) and end on the last day of (December).

b). The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election and shall continue through the next election. The elected officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after election.

Section 2 Voting

a) At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of officers (delegate) and directors and amendments to the constitution and by-laws (and the standard for the breed), which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

Section 3 Annual Elections

a) The election of officers and directors (and delegate to The American Kennel Club, who may, but need not be a director or officer of the club) shall be conducted by secret ballot. 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 (provided, however, that the board may designate an independent professional firm to send, receive and count the ballots apart from the annual meeting). The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new board of directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.

Section 4 Nominations and Ballots

No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. A Nominating committee shall be chosen by the board of directors before (August 1st). The committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the U.S.A. and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current board of directors. The board shall name a chairman for the committee. The nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the club, one candidate for each office and for each position on the board of directors and for the delegate to The American Kennel Club) and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary, who shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state in which he resides, to each member of the club on or before (September 1st), so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked on or before (October 1st), signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before (October 1st), the Nominating committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

d) 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.

e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog show. Obedience trials, trophies annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

Section 2

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE

Section 1 The American Kennel Club Suspension

Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of The American Kennel Club or is convicted of charges of animal neglect, abuse, or cruelty automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period or for the concurrent period.

Section 2 Charges

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board or a committee following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to

the best interests of the club or the breed. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing be the board or a committee of not less than three (3) members of the board, not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes. The hearing maybe held by telephone conference if the Board deems necessary and all pervious rights apply.

Section 3 Board Hearing

The Board or Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or Committee may be a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next Annual meeting if that will occur after six months. An, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board of Committee. Immediately after the Board of Committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall promptly notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty.

Section 4 Expulsion

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished on at the Annual Meeting of the club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board of Committee as provided in Section 3 of the Article. The defendants shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in their own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted the suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard of the breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

Section 2

The Constitution and By-Laws or the Standard of the breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual-envelope procedures described in article IV, Section 4 (d) shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date no less than 30 days after the date postmarked by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Section 3

No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than

for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1

At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Reports of the Committees

Election of officers and Board (Annual Meeting)

Election of new members (where applicable)

Unfinished business

Adjournment

Section 2

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of Committees

Unfinished Business

Election of New members

New Business

Adjournment

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly revised, shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any other special order the Club may adopt.

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