



President's Notes – December 2024

As we come to the end of 2024, I would like to thank our outgoing Board Members for the great work they have done during their time on the Board and their continuing support of and passion for our breed. Cindy Enroughty, Pam Liddy and Jen Canfield – your love for Toy Fox Terriers is so evident and your support of the ATFTC and its members is so appreciated. Thank you for all you did while on the Board – and especial thanks to Pam as show chair for our National Specialty this year in Rhode Island and Cindy as show chair for the Orlando specialty – the amount of time you put in and the support you provided – we are grateful. Jen, you were so often supporting 'behind the scenes' – we appreciate you!

Thank you to the Board Members who continue on this year – Lea Ann, Denise, Carrie, Pam Cox, Tabs, Laura Johnson – your time and efforts for the ATFTC and our breed is noted and we thank you as well!

I'd like to welcome our new Board members –Carrie has moved to Secretary and Teresa, Christina and Chris have joined the Board this year. Our new board members bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and I think we can all look forward to another great year. Thank you to Arlene Irby, Troy Dvorak and Mary Bowlan for counting the ballots. I am attaching the new Board names with contact information to these notes for your convenience in reaching out to us with any questions, concerns, suggestions or if you want to volunteer for any committees.

Speaking of committees, we are always hoping folks will bring their talents to support the various initiatives of the club. Here are just some of the ways you can support and participate in as big or small a role as you wish. We'd really like to have at least three people on each committee. If you don't see what you want to be involved in – just talk to us!

National Show Committees
Regional Show Committees
Newsletter
Breeder Education
Performance
Health

We accomplished some good things this year – we have a delegate representing us at the AKC delegates meetings – that's where AKC rules and changes are discussed and voted on and our club has a seat at the table now.

We successfully held our National Specialty and our Regional Specialty.

Our Health Committee made a great effort to collect data through multiple surveys so we could all get a look at the overall health of our breed. Lots of good data collected!

The Toy Fox Terrier and our club is getting quarterly exposure through columns in the AKC Gazette.

Our folks did a wonderful job representing us at the AKC Meet the Breeds.



And our dogs continued to shine across the country in breed, agility, rally, tricks, Barnhunt, Farm Dog, obedience and other events. The ATFTC began awarding Versatility Certificates those who tell us about their amazing Toy Foxes and their achievements across the various events. (don't forget to apply for yours – if you don't tell us we don't know your wonderful dog has earned one).

It's the end of the year and our Treasurer has asked me to remind everyone to send in their dues:

Dues for the 2025 year are as follows: Single membership \$25.00 (\$26.50 if renewed by PayPal), Family membership \$40.00 (\$41.95 if renewed by PayPal), and Affiliate Club \$25.00 (\$26.50 if renewed by PayPal). Please make all checks payable to the American Toy Fox Terrier Club, and mail them to ATFTC, 39688 140th St, Byars, OK 74801. If paying via PayPal please use Treasurer@atftc.com and indicate who your renewal is for. When renewing, please let us know if you have any address, phone or email updates as well.

Our next National Specialty is February 27th in Phoenix, AZ. The Show Committee has done a tremendous amount of preparation and this will be a great show. They say Phoenix that time of year is beautiful so please make plans to join us. The premium should be out soon, but if you have any questions in the interim, here are the wonderful members organizing the National:

Carrie Fletcher • Show Chair
Laura Johnson • Trophy
Cheryl Bohannon • Raffle
Pamela Cox • Banquet & Decorations
Michelle Liggett • Hospitality
Mary Watson • Catalog

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

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Contact Chris Bowker at bowmanor@bellsouth.net to submit an article or put in an ad. If you can't design one – Chris can assist you and we have folks in the club who are hugely talented on computers who can help – just ask! The winter edition deadline is fast approaching so jump on it! With all the big wins at shows this year – we should be seeing some ads bragging on the dogs!



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

Don't forget you can have your Toy Fox recognized for being smart and versatile - fill out and send the versatility form to performance@atftc.com if your dog has earned titles in two or more different AKC events – we want to celebrate your accomplishments through Versatility Recognition Awards. That includes Canine Good Citizen, Farm Dog, BarnHunt, Scent Work, Coursing Ability and other AKC companion events in addition to agility, obedience, rally, and conformation. When you receive the award, print it, take a photo of your pup and the certificate, email it and we'll put you in the newsletter! And you can continue to upgrade your versatility awards as your dog earns titles! The form is available at [https://www.atftc.com/forms/Combined Title Award Application.pdf](https://www.atftc.com/forms/Combined_Title_Award_Application.pdf)

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

One last thing, if there is something you want our club to be doing, please suggest it! Of course, if it's something that is close to your heart, we will probably ask you to take it on. This is your club – we want you to be involved! Feel free to call me or any of the board members, we want to hear from you.

Enjoy the holidays and everyone stay safe and healthy.

See you around the shows,

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