



# ***Fox Tales***

## ***Spring 2012***

*Newsletter of the American Toy Fox Terrier Club*

## **RAN MAR TOY FOX TERRIERS IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE...**

**MACH CH RanMar's It's all About Me, RN**

**"Bentley"**

### **Special Reminders:**

- 2012 ATFTC – two specialty shows, same day back to back (pending AKC Approval) Oct. 12, 2012, Las Vegas, NV (more info inside!)
- Great Lakes TFT Club Sanctioned B Match April 2012 (more info inside!)
- Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer! Help support your ATFTC Club! contact your BOD to sign up.

### **2012 ATFTC Officers & Board Members**

President: Mike Massey  
Vice Pres.: Lisa Curry  
Sec.: Vickie Kerley  
Treasurer: Susan McCoy  
Lila Fast  
Rick Lilly  
Kasey Mando  
Lynn McKee  
Charles Robinson

All Board member email addresses and phone numbers are on the [www.atftc.com](http://www.atftc.com) website. Please feel free to contact any board member with your questions, thoughts and ideas!



**FIRST** Toy Fox Terrier in Breed History to earn both AKC Conformation Title and Master Agility Title

We are so proud of "Bentley" and his owner Chris Eberhardt

Proving that yes a Toy Fox Terrier has both Beauty and Brains!

Dianne and Randy Clark  
[www.ranmartfts.com](http://www.ranmartfts.com)

RanMar Toy Fox Terriers  
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Dear AFTFC Members:

We are off to a very exciting 2012 filled with positive changes for our club and most of all our Beloved Toy Fox Terriers. A brief overview of the last BOD Meeting held on March 14, 2012 follows: Complete Minutes of each Board meeting are on the website at [www.atftc.com](http://www.atftc.com) in the 'members only' section – check there for the latest news!

On Oct. 12, 2012 we will hold not one but TWO back-to-back Specialty Shows in Las Vegas, NV, pending AKC approval. These shows will be held in conjunction with the Black Mountain Kennel Club's 2 days of all-breed shows. Judges for the National Speciality, Sweepstakes and the Parent Club Specialty are not yet confirmed. The venue is the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas.

Laura Laschi has volunteered and been approved by the BOD to serve as the 2012 National Speciality Show Chair. She will be assisted by her National Show Committee members, Wendy Howard, Jennifer Lindsay, Linda Smith, Denise Monette, and Rick Lilly. Thank you all for taking on this huge event!!! Anyone wishing to volunteer to help in any capacity please contact Laura Laschi.

The extremely talented Frank Mando has graciously agreed to be the National T Shirt Chair. Frank will come up with a few designs, and the shirts will be sold by the club prior to and during the speciality. We are all excited to see what Frank comes up with. I'm sure he would welcome your ideas as well.

As soon as the ATFTFC has AKC approval on the shows, we will notify the entire membership all the details so that you can begin making your travel plans. This truly will be an event to remember, and I am very excited.

Vickie Kerley is the new ATFTFC Secretary. Thank you Vickie for taking on this significant role!

As always, I love to hear suggestions for the newsletter and of course advertisements to help defer costs. Please email me your camera-ready ads and I will get them in the next issue of Fox Tales. Cost for advertising in Fox Tales are as follows:

Front Cover	65.00	Back Cover	60.00
Full page	45.00	Business Card	7.50

Please contact me via email to coordinate the details of your ad, including where in the newsletter you'd like it placed, and then mail your check directly to our club Treasurer, Susan McCoy. Deadlines upcoming Newsletters are June 10 and Sept 10, 2012.

Respectfully, Dianne  
[dianneclark@comcast.net](mailto:dianneclark@comcast.net)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS MARCH 2012

**Show chair:****Laura Laschi**

The club is moving along with plans for the 2012 national and beyond. We have a contract with the Black Mountain Club for the Oct. 12, 2012 show in Las Vegas, NV, pending AKC approval. We are fortunate to have so many members willing to help though more are always welcome. Other plans relating to Las Vegas are also coming together including planning the daily schedule, the banquet, the national meeting and so forth. A little too soon to give you many details but trust it's all underway! Volunteers to help please contact Laura Laschi if you'd like to help!

**Advertising:****Sheryl Irwin**

Sheryl is chomping at the bit to start selling catalog ads. She is experienced at running campaigns to solicit ads for a dog show catalog and we are confident that she will be able to get our catalog full of well-written, attractive ads to help cover costs of the specialty.

**Trophies:****Lynn McKee**

We only see the results of Lynn's efforts once a year, but she has been working on trophies since last year. The change in location has not adversely affected her plans: trophies for the 2012 specialty include crate covers, crate pads, crate blankets, and dog toys. She also has trophies ready for B of B, B of O, B of W and adds," thank goodness I didn't have printing done on them!"

**Affiliate Council:****Rick Lichty**

This role is an unusual one as we have only a few other TFT clubs in the country. We are excited that Rick is going to re-evaluate and re-invent his role this year, to see how he can best serve the national club and the affiliate TFT clubs, the overall goal being more members for the affiliate clubs, more services for them, and an overall benefit to all TFT enthusiasts. The more we all work together, the more we can get done. As of now, generally speaking there is not a lot of communication between the other TFT clubs and the national nor a lot of benefit flowing to the affiliate clubs from the ATFTC (other than the opportunity to hold a specialty show). Rick's goal is to address that. The new Board's agenda to be a kinder, gentler, more inclusive club, as Mike Massey has noted, is a mission statement that Rick intends to act on, and the board will certainly support him in doing so. Rick has made some creative suggestions including creating guidelines for affiliate clubs, and it would be wonderful for the ATFTC to become better informed about the affiliate club activities -- supported entries, education or community service, support for breed rescue, matches, etc. The national club should encourage all of these activities. Once the ATFTC has the information on what the clubs are doing, what they need and what their goals are, we will know better how to help them. The national club should also encourage new breed clubs, especially if we go to the format of a roving national show. As Rick points out as one example, there is an active group

of TFT exhibitors in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. A club (or clubs) out of that region would serve them well, and also open the possibility for Kansas City, Wichita or Topeka as show sites for an ATFTC national specialty. As Rick develops this role, he is eager to have volunteers, and will be reaching out to not only ATFTC members but also the affiliate clubs for input.

**Education:**

**Kelley Maldon**

We need people that are willing to help the club promote the TFT to the Public. Here are ways you can help via Public Awareness:

- showing your dog at an event and handing out ATFTC approved brochures to people ringside who are interested in the breed.
- There may be a pet fair in your town that you attend with your Toy Fox Terrier. You would be promoting the TFT by attending and if you would take pictures they could be submitted to the Newsletter and also used by the Educational Committee for various displays or brochures.
- Many of us attend costume contests with our TFTs. Pictures, pictures, pictures...
- Attending a Performance event, taking photos of TFTs in Action and maybe even writing an article for the newsletter. Eventually we would like to add performance to our National Specialty, Affiliate Clubs Events, and Supported Events but we need your help to accomplish that!
- help with staffing the AKC 'Meet the Breeds' Booth at Eukanuba and other occasions (NYC, for example). You wouldn't have to sit there the entire day or man the booth all by yourself, just spend an hour or two with your dog and talk with people who are interested in this wonderful little breed.
- Help developing print publications such as the "AKC Parent Club Breed Flier" to help make dog owners more knowledgeable. And you'll help establish a relationship between the national breed club, AKC and new owners.

To assist in this effort, you don't have to run the entire show. All you have to do is have an interest in pet, performance or conformation and bring your talents or your ideas. It's that simple. The club needs your help. Please offer as little or as much as you can.

**Current ATFTC Mentors and Presenters:**

We need your help in researching the upcoming AKC shows in your area that offer "Breed Seminars" in conjunction with the shows. We need to offer such seminars on the TFT and we have an Illustrated Breed Standard and PowerPoint presentation ready to use to educate judges and breeders. Our goal should be to eventually have 6 to 12 presentations annually to be given at AKC shows in conjunction w/ other breed seminars.

Kelly is delighted to talk with anyone who wants to pitch in on these efforts. Please contact Kelley via email or phone.

**Gazette:**

**Beverly Stanley**

Beverly Stanley has graciously agreed to share her writing skills with our club as the Gazette columnist. As a professional editor and former Gazette writer, she is sure to deliver a high caliber product. She is planning a variety of columns for the coming issues (we get one column every three months). And if you are interested in being a guest columnist she will be delighted to discuss that with you, as well.

**Health:**

**Greg Lawson**

The Board was delighted to name Greg Lawson as the new Health Chair for our club. Greg writes:

My name is Greg Lawson and I will be the health committee chair for 2012. I am a California native who attended veterinary school at Oklahoma State University graduating with a DVM in 1984. Right out from the chute I opened a small animal practice in Roseville, CA and practiced small animal medicine for 10 years. After selling the clinic, I pursued a PhD and a residency in Pathology at UC Davis. Following completion of my thesis, I took a job as a Laboratory Animal Medicine Specialist/Pathologist at UCLA and have been there since. My partner, Doug King and I breed and show French Bulldogs and Toy Fox Terriers and love the sport of dog showing and breeding.

As your representative, my primary goals are to develop the CHIC registry for the breed as well as provide educational bulletins for the newsletter. If anyone has topics of interest they would like to have covered I am more than happy to take ideas. Doug and I would also like to provide "patella" testing for OFA and future CHIC testing at the nationals in Las Vegas this year with all proceeds going to the club as a fund raiser. To help support the club, we could also open the testing to other breeds once our membership has been taken care of. Additionally, I can give an educational seminar on CHIC as well as patellar luxation prior to the testing period if people are interested.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the club in this capacity.

**Breeder Referral:**

**Lila Fast**

Lila Fast continues to get a steady stream of inquiries from folks wanting to know where they can get a TFT puppy or older adult. She forwards them contact info for breeders in their area, and follows up to see if they were able to find one. Lila also will soon be providing informational pamphlets (through a collaborative effort with our education chair and our Gazette columnist) so that prospective buyers can learn a little more about the breed and how to select one.

**Membership:**

**Kasey Mando**

Kasey is so busy as membership chair it is hard to keep up! She is working on ushering new applications through the process, ensuring applicants know their applications are received and reporting back to them; she also looks into the applicants' background to advise the board on qualifications. She is also trying to work to increase our ranks, by encouraging qualified applicants to apply for membership. As we go forward Kasey will

be taking more of a role as liaison to the membership and interfacing with other committees as part of her work.

**Awards:**

**Carolyn Lichty**

We have changed things up a bit already in 2012: the AKC title and degree reports for championships and performance titles and degrees are now being sent to Carolyn Lichty, and she has a catch-up list from the AKC, giving all the info for 2010 and 2011 for her use as well. While this info has been shared by Kathy Brown on the performance page, it has, to date, not been shared as to conformation titles. Carolyn is working on a strategy for doing this, whether it be in the newsletter or website (or both). She is looking forward to helping the ATFTC recognize all members' accomplishments more often than only once a year. She is also looking at methods to improve and enhance our annual awards presentations, including possibly introducing a top producing sire & dam award, and top winning dog of the year award. Anyone interested in assisting is welcome to contact Carolyn to volunteer on her committee.

**Performance:**

**Vacant**

This is very important position within our club. We need you to help celebrate the performance achievements of our breed. TFTs are so versatile that this is a critical aspect of their abilities. The goal will be to gather information to pursue performance events at the National specialty for 2012 and beyond. The individual who fills this chair will work with Carolyn Lichty the Awards Chair and our webmaster to ensure all awards and achievements are recognized by the membership.





## Treasurer's Report

February 2012

Beginning balance as of 2/1/2012:	\$13,160.52
Regular account:	\$12,925.52
Trophy account:	\$225.00
Total assets:	\$13,160.52
Income:	
Dues	\$355.00
Ad deposit	\$25.00
Trophy donation	\$25.00
Total income:	\$380.00
New balance:	\$13,540.52
Expenses:	
#1024	\$322.32
Copper Conferencing (board meeting)	
#1025	\$18.30
Dorothy Kendall (postage)	
Total expenses:	\$340.62
New total balance as of 2/29/2012:	\$13,199.90
Regular account:	\$12,949.90
Trophy account:	\$250.00

*Note: each month, a Treasurer's report is published on the club's website.*



### **MATCH ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Rockford-Freeport Kennel Club  
Co-sponsored by Forest City Dog Training Club and Great Lakes Toy Fox Terrier Club

Sunday, April 22, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Forest City Dog Training Club  
6203 Material Avenue, Loves Park, IL 61111  
Map of Match location on FCDTC website

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

9:30 ENTRIES CLOSE

9:30 Toy Fox Terrier Fun Match Judging

10:00 Sanctioned "B" Match judging begins

Second match begins half an hour after first "B" match BEGINS

### **CLASSES**

GLTFTC Fun Match: Puppies 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 and Open

Sanctioned "B" match classes: 6-9, 9-12 and Open

No AKC Champions of Record

Junior Showmanship: Novice and Open (ages 8-18)

### **ENTRY FEES**

First match entered: \$10.00

Second match entered \$8.00

Toy fox terrier fun match entry \$7.00 if additional entry (\$25 total)

### **AWARDS**



Classes and Group placements 1 through 4: Ribbon

Rosettes for Best in Match and Best Junior Handler

Dog toy for Group 1, Junior Handler classes and Best Junior

***Members: please send in news about TFT-related events in your area and we will publish them in the next edition of Fox Tales!!***

***Reflections on the Story of the Rainbow Bridge***  
*Dianne Clark*

With the recent loss of my beloved Gracie, I was thinking, why do we always say they have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge? I searched, found this and wanted to share as it does bring comfort.

The Rainbow Bridge



The Rainbow Bridge is the theme of a work of poetic prose written sometime between 1980 and 1992, whose original creator is unknown. The theme is of a mythological place to which a pet goes upon its death, eventually to be reunited with its owner. It has gained wide popularity amongst animal lovers who have lost a pet. Although no major religion specifically refers to such a place for pets, the belief shows similarities with the Bifröst bridge of Norse Mythology.

The story tells of a green meadow located "this side of Heaven" (i.e., before one enters into it). Rainbow Bridge is both the name of the meadow and an adjoining bridge connecting it to Heaven.

According to the story, when a pet dies it goes to the meadow, cured of any illnesses, frailties and/or injuries. The pet runs around and plays with other pets, missing only one thing: the love and companionship of its owner who is still alive on Earth.

Upon the pet owner's death, on his/her journey toward Heaven s/he crosses the meadow. While doing so, the pet (along with any other pets the owner had while on Earth) spots its owner and runs to greet him/her. Reunited, the pet(s) and owner cross the Rainbow Bridge together into Heaven, never again to be parted.



## **Toy Fox Terriers.... Did You Know?**

- The Toy Fox Terrier is the AKC's 148th breed.
- The Toy Fox Terrier is an American breed, resulting from a cross of Fox Terriers with toy breeds such as the Miniature Pinscher, Italian Greyhound, and Chihuahua.
- The Toy Fox Terrier was developed in the 1930's.
- The crossbreeding that created the Toy Fox Terrier calmed the feisty terrier disposition of the Fox Terrier to create a milder toy breed.
- The Toy Fox Terrier is also known as the AmerToy.
- Originally, the Toy Fox Terrier idea was conceived after runts were born in Smooth Fox Terrier litters (Smooths being brought over from the UK in the 1870's). Crossbreeding over the years created the new breed.

## **Toy Fox Terrier History**

To create this breed, some American fanciers crossed small Smooth Fox Terriers with various toy breeds including Min Pins, Italian Greyhounds, Chihuahuas and Manchester Terriers. The resulting dog – the Toy Fox Terrier – retained the gameness from the terriers and a milder, more "livable" disposition from the other breeds used. This truly American creation is a big dog in a small package, possessing intelligence, courage and a take-charge attitude. Today, the Toy Fox Terrier is a well-balanced toy dog of athletic appearance displaying grace and agility in equal measure with strength and stamina. From the hunt to the show ring, the Toy Fox Terrier has become a cherished companion dog and excellent show piece. The Toy Fox Terrier has shown that he is at home in conformation, obedience and agility trials, his favorite spotlight is the center stage of his owner's life.

The Toy Fox Terrier is a toy and a terrier, and both have influenced his personality and character. While retaining the terrier gameness, courage and animation. The crossbreeding with various toy breeds still a working terrier, and many of them delight in hunting and going to ground. Given the opportunity, the Toy Fox Terrier will pursue the quarry of the backyard or barnyard with diligence. Known to tree squirrels and flush out rodents, the hunt is always welcome. Flyball or fetch are easily learned and perfected for endless hours of activity. However, if you enjoy a lap dog, this little companion appears to know the latest in television entertainment of his household. Children especially enjoy the unending energy and zeal for play throughout this dog's life.

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