



President's Notes – August 2025

I am attaching our summer newsletter to this email. Chris has already posted it to our Facebook members' page. Thank you Chris for all your efforts on the newsletter!

You will see there is only ONE ad. Not even a front cover! Brag on your dogs! Our prices are low, and the newsletters stay on our club website for perpetuity – historical significance for Toy Fox aficionados who come after us.

And an exciting change, we have begun posting our newsletter on the ATFTC website for the public to see (minus the minutes and financials). I strongly encourage those who did well at our regional specialties as well as everyone else to put a full or half page ad in the newsletter so visitors to the site can see great photos of lovely Toy Foxes.

If you want to write an article for the newsletter that would also be awesome. Historical photos of Toy Foxes would be fun to put in. All the full edition past newsletters with minutes and financials 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!

Also, if your dog earns an ATFTC Versatility Award, please take a photo of your dog with it and send it and the basics information to Chris to put in our newsletter – those are free brags!

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

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 fall edition deadline will be next so jump on it! With all the big wins at shows this year – we should be seeing some ads bragging on the dogs!

We have a number of shows this year that are Toy Fox Regional, Designated or supported – see the website and the newsletter for information on them. The next up is Somerset Hills in NJ and our Regional specialty in Orlando. If your local show has a good number of entries and you'd like the ATFTC to have a supported entry or you're willing to be the coordinator for a Designated Specialty (the classes at the all breed or toy group show are considered to be a specialty) let us know and we will review it! That's how we got Woofstock, Oklahoma and New Jersey specialties this year to support our breed and our members.

Thank you to all who voted for our Nationals' judges for 2026 and 2027 and thank you to Mark Threlfall and Dottie Klein for being on the Judges Committee and handling the voting and finding out who was available those weekends, handling the contracts and all the other tasks that went into this. Our judge for our August 2026 National in Topeka, KS is Pamela Peat and our judge for our July 2027 National in Greenville, SC is Christie Martinez. Because we were able to do this early, we were able to put a clause in their contracts that they will not judge the Toy Fox Terrier breed for a period of at least 120 days (four months) before our Nationals.



The next after that will be our 25th Anniversary Show in Greeley, Colorado. Rebekah Rivera volunteered to be the Show Chair for that show. That said, while we have show liaisons helping us work with the host clusters, we need two volunteers – we need a Show Chair for Topeka and a Show Chair for Greenville. Don't worry if you've never done it before – we will teach you and we will help you!

Speaking of volunteers, we need a new Awards Chairperson and committee to help that person. We want to thank Carolyn and Rick Lichty for their 20+ years of service to the club in this capacity. Their support of the ATFTC and their devotion to our breed is unparalleled. Rick has served as President in the past and Carolyn as a Board member and they have both served in other roles as well. Their many years of volunteering – from club business to chairing shows and being the trophy chair many times to serving on uncounted committees reflects the fabulous, hardworking people they are. Their dedication to the success of our club is deeply appreciated. Thank you Carolyn and Rick!

Speaking of committees – our Nominations Committee just concluded their work, and the ATFTC Secretary will be mailing you the committee's slate of nominees for the positions open for this election cycle. Thank you to Rebekah Rivera (Chair), Mary Bowlan, Judy Threlfall and alternates Teresa Watson and Rick Lichty for your time and efforts for this hugely important annual task.

If you want to be on a committee please speak up! Contact any Board member if you are interested in helping. The list of current committees is in our minutes. And especially, please volunteer to help run our shows or be on a show committee or the awards committee.

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

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 or suggestions for AKC, make sure you share them with Laura Johnson at tylaursrotti@hotmail.com. She wants to hear from you!

Carrie Fletcher posts weekly on our club member Facebook page asking people to comment with litters, puppies and available dogs. Be creative when you respond as Facebook will take down any post with available, for sale, looking for a new home and other obvious language.



Many club members send puppy buyers to the ATFTC website to search for breeders. Make sure you are listed there! 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.

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! If you want to be on a committee, help with a show, write an article for the newsletter – yes! Please! Feel free to call me or any of the board members, we want to hear from you.

See you around the shows,

Susan Thibodeaux