President's Notes – August 2026

Here we are with Thanksgiving right around the corner and the National Dog Show and the big Orlando shows are upon us. Seems like this year just flew by!

We just finished our annual election cycle. Our new Board for 2027 is:
OFFICERS
Susan Thibodeaux • President
Denise Monette • Vice President
LeaAnn Boles • Treasurer
Rebekah Rivera • Secretary
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Pam Cox • Tabs Dvorak • Christine Bowker • Laura Johnson • Judy Threlfall
DELEGATE
Laura Johnson

Welcome Rebekah Rivera to the Board!

I'd like to take a moment to thank Tabs Dvorak for stepping in as Secretary when the position unexpectedly experienced a vacancy. She has worked hard for our club, and we appreciate her so very much. She is one busy woman and yet is always willing to support our club and our breed. If you see her, please thank her for all her efforts and contributions this past year! Tabs – thank you!

I'd also like to thank Theresa Watson for her time and work as a Board member. She is a real asset to our club and to our breed and I know she would have continued on the Board if life hadn't thrown some challenges her way that are a higher priority. Theresa – we thank you!

You might recall we presented the 2026 Sportsmanship Award to Lila Fast this past August. We are asking you again for nominations for the ATFTC's 2027 AKC Sportsmanship Award. The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Program was established in 2006 to provide each AKC Member Club with an embossed AKC medallion to award on a yearly basis as an ongoing effort to celebrate its volunteer club members.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC Member Club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion. Please send me your nominations so we can present the selected individual at our Awards Banquet in Perry in April. Nominations should be sent by December 31st.

NYC Meet the Breeds – If you can help with this January 23-24, 2027, please contact Laura Johnson. She has been amazing with her outreach to the public at this event – especially children – in their introductions to Toy Fox Terriers. More than 30,000 attend this every year so it is a huge effort. Please consider spending a couple days in New York to promote our breed.

ATFTC shows coming up are:

- December 2026 – Orlando Regional Specialty
- April 2027 – ATFTC National Specialty and Regional Specialty Perry, GA
- CFTFTC Designated Specialties Brooksville, FL 1/18/27 & 1/24/27

Chris Bowker is preparing the next edition of Fox Tales. If you have some nice brags – you should put an ad in! And don't forget if you got a versatility award to send a photo of your pup to Chris – those brags are welcomed and free! Send ads and newsletter materials to bowmanor@bellsouth.net And a reminder, redacted copies of the newsletter are at the club website so not just members will see your ads!

The Board will be reviewing the committees in January for the upcoming year. If you want to help in any capacity on any committee – please let us know! If you see a need for a new committee let us know. This is your club and we are all here for our Toy Fox Terriers – just know if you have a great idea we'll probably put you in charge of it.

We appreciate all you do to promote and support our wonderful breed. We know you are members because you are passionate about and in love with Toy Fox Terriers. Please consider being involved in one or more of our events or committees. As they say, it takes a village for us to do all we do and you are our village. Again, thank you to everyone for all you do for our breed. You rock!

See you at the shows!

Susan Thibodeaux
President