# **Toy Fox Terriers**

## Who are these little dogs?

They are mousers in the barn. They are circus tricksters. They are a buddy sitting in your lap watching TV or doing homework. They are

a glint of white on the agility course. They are part of the team with eyes fixed on the obedience handler or on the bait in the conformation ring.



# They are Toy Fox Terriers whose eyes lock on yours and look into your soul.

#### History

Bred down in size from his cousin the Smooth Fox Terrier in England, the breed became popular in the United States. Toy Fox Terriers are both toys and terriers. They exhibit the impulsive intellect of the terrier and the companionship of the toy breeds

Colors include Tri: White, Black and Tan; White, Chocolate and Tan; White and Tan and White and Black. The body is predominately white with the head black, chocolate or tan with body spots of the same color. Spots may have a brown fringe and ticking is acceptable. The short, silky coat can be washed and brushed frequently. Teeth require brushing and toenails trimmed but this is a "wash and wear" breed.



Intelligent and versatile, elegant and lithe, they make an ideal companion for young families to the elderly. They love a walk from a city apartment, a romp in the woods or hunting vermin on the farm. They are "easy keepers" requiring small amounts of a good quality food to thrive. They love treats and learn quickly when offered. They are an easy breed to have around and many people have more than one. Be cautioned that they love toys especially the squeaking kind and are inclined to unstuff the filled ones. Hard chew toys and bones are a must.

#### **Events**

What can a Toy Fox Terrier do? They are an easily trained breed and are very versatile. AKC offers



several events with titles and degrees to participate in for Toy Fox Terriers. The list includes Conformation Championship competition and Companion Dog events of Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt, Earth Dog, Star Puppy, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog. If watching television

or reading is your activity, they will be content sitting on your lap.

### **Spaying and Neutering**

Spaying or neutering is recommended for a worry-free pet. "Due to recent studies funded by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, it may be prudent for the long-term health of the animal to delay spay/neuter until a dog reaches

maturity as determined in conjunction with your veterinarian," Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC's Chief Veterinarian Officer recently reported.



#### **Breeding**

Breeding is best left to knowledgeable, experienced breeders who evaluate quality and preform health testing for sire and dam for CHG, PLL, Patella Luxation and other optional tests. If you are truly interested in breeding, it is important to find a mentor who can help with breed education, whelping education and guide you through the pitfalls.



#### **American Toy Fox Terrier Club**

The American Toy Fox Terrier Club is the national AKC breed club presiding over all the Toy Fox Terrier Specialty Clubs. Visit the website at

#### www.ATFTC.com

New members are welcomed and encouraged to contact the membership chair and club secretary found on the ATFTC website.

#### **Toy Fox Terrier Rescue**

Rescue is an important part of stewardship for the breed. Toy Fox Terriers are fortunate to have a nationwide organization to help TFTs in need of rescuing and/or rehoming. Toy Fox Terrier Rescue can be contacted at

#### TFTRescue@yahoo.com



#### **Health Research**

Many American Toy Fox Terrier Club members individually or collectively support health research for the TFT through the AKC Canine Health Foundation—a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. Supporting the Canine Health Foundation helps ensure a healthy future for all dogs. For more information about ongoing health research call toll free 1-888-682-9696 or visit their website

www.akcchf.org



# Microchipping

Permanent Identification through microchipping can be important to a lost pet's safe return. Take advantage of AKC Reunite's "Lost and Found" recovery service option available with AKC Registration. This offer includes a free AKC logo collar tag customized with the dog's AKC Registration Number and AKC Reunite's toll-free recovery service hotline number. The service also works with any brand of microchip (optional) and charges no annual fees or record update fees. For more information, call 800-252-7894 or visit

www.akcreunite.org