

Virginia (Ginny) Baxter

Running For Corresponding Secretary

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Bull Terriers have been my passion for over 26 years. The first BT I ever met was CH Banbury Benson of Bedrock and after Benson lifted that big head of his and grinned at me, it was simply love at first sight! I got my first BT, "Doubles," from Banbury-Bedrock Kennels in 1991.

I have been a member of the BTCA since 1995. It was not until 2009 that I started showing my dogs in conformation, so I am relatively new to that sport. I have worked my dogs in Agility, Rally-O, and most recently, K9 Nose Work, which my dogs and I absolutely love. My boy, Chipper, pictured as a puppy with me here, is only the 15th Bull Terrier in the USA to achieve an NW1 title!

One of my girls, Cricket, is a Therapy Dog International ("TDI") certified therapy dog. Cricket and I have worked together supporting cancer patients at our local hospital, with Cricket being a wonderful ambassador for our breed.

After I got my first BT, I joined the Blue Ridge Bull Terrier Club, and got very involved in rescue. I served on the Board for the Blue Ridge club, and eventually served as its President for several years. The next 3 Bull Terriers who joined our family were all rescues adopted through Blue Ridge, all were wonderful dogs, and I treasured each one. I rescued, fostered and placed many Bull Terriers in new homes during those years, and to this day am still willing to assist with home checks and transportation when needed.

For the BTCA, I have:

- * Served on the Budget and Audit Committee in 2010 - 2011.
- * Served as the Treasurer for the Rescue Welfare Trust Fund of the BTCA for almost two years, 2013-2014.
- * Served as the Chair of the e-Balloting Committee at the request of the BTCA Board. My committee contacted other AKC Parent Clubs for best practices using electronic balloting, we drafted and issued a Request for Quote to software vendors, evaluated the quotes received, negotiated with the vendors, and presented our recommendations to the BTCA Board last October. I also located a Tennessee attorney and obtained a legal opinion from that attorney which confirmed, after my read of Tennessee law, my opinion that the BTCA can legally conduct its elections electronically.
- * Attended the AKC Spring Legislative Conference on behalf of the BTCA. I then drafted and sent a report to the Board containing information received and recommendations to fight the Animal Rights organizations and their agendas.

I am a certified Paralegal and for my entire career I worked as a procurement/contracts professional both inside and outside of the Government, dealing and negotiating with many types of people and organizations. I was the head of Procurement Operations for Montgomery County MD Government. I worked there for 12 years, supervising a staff of 25 and was responsible for the annual procurement of over \$500M worth of goods and services. For over 18 years I worked in the private sector, most recently as the Director of Contracts for a software company that does the majority of its business with the federal government. As the person responsible for representing my company during the procurement process and subsequent contract negotiations, I understand the importance of good communication, being honest, and treating people fairly and with respect.

Regarding my volunteer experience in my profession, I served as the Secretary and then as President for the Northern Virginia ("NOVA") Chapter of the National Contract Management Association ("NCMA") for FY2000-2005. The NOVA Chapter of NCMA is the third largest chapter in the United States with over 1300 members. I then served for a year as a member of the NCMA Policy Committee, assisting with the drafting of new policies and revisions to existing ones.

Lastly, I am now retired. I have both the time and the resources to devote to the BTCA and this breed that I have loved for so many years. I am confident, based on my experience and extensive qualifications, that I will represent the members of our Club, as well as the BTCA itself, professionally in our communications with the people and organizations with which we interact.