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Hello, fellow BTCA members! I am writing to you because I am running for the BTCA Board position of First Vice President. I hope this letter will show you who I am and what I stand for.

I care deeply about Bull Terriers and The Bull Terrier Club of America and have a long, ***continuous*** record of work and service to our beloved breed. ***I am asking you to vote for me because I have a proven track record as a person who gets things done, as a tireless fundraiser, as a proponent of health testing and proper temperament, and as an outspoken member of our Bull Terrier community who stands up for what I believe. I will continue to be responsive and approachable. My support of the breed, regional clubs and individual BTCA members is well known.***

I became owned by my first Bull Terrier over twenty five years ago and fell in love with her drive and loyalty, as well as her quirky personality. A driven worker, she was awarded one of the first Versatility Awards. Since that first puppy, I have become a student of the breed, our history and selective breeding. My husband and I have bred and owned several notable Bull Terriers, but our priorities in our small breeding program are: health, temperament and sound construction. I currently live with four bull terriers, a Frenchie, my husband and 99-year-old mother. As an extension of my love for the breed, I became an AKC judge ten years ago and take that role seriously, as those dogs who win specialties may affect the history and health of the breed. You will often see me at ringside, mentoring all-breed judges in the fine points of our breed.

### **The following is a brief list of my history in dogs:**

- BTCA member since 1992
- BTC of Philadelphia member, secretary and show chair 1994 – 2017, currently President and show chair
- Central NJ BTC member, past secretary and show chair
- Golden Triangle Bull Terrier Club member
- Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America member, served on Nominating and Judges Selection committees

### **My service to Bull Terriers and the BTCA includes:**

- BTCA BARKS Editor, 2011-2016, every issue earned a profit, which helped to offset postage costs
- BTCA Ways and Means Committee Chair, 2003-2011 and 2013 to present
- BTCA Futurity Chair, 1999-2011
- Centennial Silverwood, assistant chair, Central NJ BTC, 1997
- BTCA Silverwood chair, 2002, this event kept the BTCA in operating funds for many years
- Chaired two highly successful Silverwoods for BTC of Philadelphia, 2007 and 2012
- Organize fundraising auctions for various Bull Terrier rescue organizations and BTCA regional clubs
- BTCA Trophy Chair, 2015 to present
- BTCA Silverwood chair, 2016, earning a profit of over \$18,000 for the BTCA
- 2017 Silverwood weekend show secretary
- BTCA Board member, 2013 to present

While serving as Ways & Means chair, tens of thousands of dollars were raised for BTCA Rescue Support, Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund for bull terrier health research, and the BTCA General Fund, among others.

While BARKS editor, I successfully renegotiated our printing contract to substantially reduce overhead and allow advertising revenue to cover costs of publication as well as offset some of the mailing costs.

If you permit me to continue serving on your Board, I will endeavor to bring openness and better communication with our members. I hope to see more and different members serving on committees, to involve as many members as possible in club business and events. I will continue to support our regional clubs. It is my personal belief that elected officials should represent their constituents! I have always endeavored to do so in my current position as Member-at-Large.

***I hope you'll call or write to me with issues and questions, and that you'll choose to allow me to continue to serve the breed we love by casting your vote for me for First Vice President!***

Thank-you so much for your time and consideration.

Yours in bull terriers,