



**Candidate for MBTCA AKC Delegate Position
Nicholas Tracano – Wethersfield, CT**

Dear MBTCA Members,

I am retired from a career centered on extensive computer operations, working for large US companies, spearheading critical endeavors; plus as a representative in diversity training.

We all have a starting place in dogs. For me it began with my family's first purebred, a Sheltie as a Christmas present when I was 10. When I turned 18 and had my first apartment, I got 'Blue Boy', a Kerry Blue. At 23, I became the proud owner of 'Snickers', an Airedale and my first show dog – *once I recovered from the shock of all the grooming involved.*

My love for purebred dogs, showing and breeding them has always held a paramount place in my life. I would never have it any other way. I have had the pleasure of loving a variety of breeds; the dedication, work and adventure of showing them to their championships; and the thrill of producing champions from my stock.

Then three years ago, 'Ikono', a Miniature Bull Terrier walked into my life. I have been smitten with the breed since, the joy and smiles they bring into my life cannot be matched.

All of you know - there is nothing like living with a Minibull. All the craziness, vexations, and absolute hilarity they give us are extraordinary.

Our breed and membership is growing. We want to see growth that is healthy and supportive to our dogs and the members. There are needs to be met both at local and national level. I wish to help fill some of those essentials.

At the local level, I am the Secretary for the new regional club – the MBT Club of the Northeast. It is wonderful to be a part of the building and shaping of a local club from the ground floor.

An exciting new opportunity now presents itself at a national level, that as the MBTCA AKC Delegate.

This platform would allow me to represent you, the club member in:

- Acting as the legislative MBTCA advocate.
- Participating on committee(s) on parent clubs, canine health, dog show rules, etc.
- Vote on rules governing dog shows and field trials.
- MBTCA's voice on protecting and preserving the breed.
- Promoting responsible dog ownership.
- Addressing discriminatory laws governing dog breeding and ownership.
- Report on Delegate Meeting actions and issues.

Like you, I have a tremendous love and passion for our funny, dynamic MBTs. We all wish to help improve, protect; promote our breed, sport and club. I am seeking to work for all of us in this capacity.

Serving on a board, and as Delegate requires a significant time commitment. Fortunately, as a retiree my schedule allows that; and living in Connecticut places me close to most delegate meetings.

I ask you my fellow club members and cohorts in this wonderful world of Minibulls to vote for me, to represent you, as AKC Delegate.

Thank you for spending time getting to know a bit about me, and how I may serve you.

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