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Dear Fellow MBTCA Members,

It has been 46 years since a Bull Terrier, or a Miniature Bull Terrier first graced my home. Over those years Minis and their health and happiness have become my life's passion. Yes, there have been many Kingsmere champions, Silverwood, VHTS and Specialty winners and these memories are priceless, but it's the giving back to this wonderful breed with concerns for their welfare that made me who I am today. I care deeply about these dogs and their destiny. That is the reason I have worked so diligently to secure the future of the breed in so many ways. The most memorable and touching moment for me was receiving the MBTCA Good Sportsmanship Award and the BTCA's Bar Sinister Award for outstanding contributions to these wonderful dogs.

Our club has been concerned with the health issues of Miniature Bull Terriers, and through the years we have held health clinics and seminars and have contributed DNA to use in the search for markers for LAD, PLL and LP. After fifty years through the generosity of a California attorney, at no expense to our members, our club became incorporated as a 501c7. Currently a committee is in place to obtain our 501c3, to increase our club's ability to assist in rescue work and enable members to make bequests and tax-deductible donations.

A major concern, which should be a priority on everyone's list, is to ensure our right to own and breed our Miniature Bull Terriers. I have stayed abreast of proposed legislation in California since AB1634, which was defeated due to the valiant efforts of many. I joined them in attending city meetings in Southern California, speaking on behalf of dog owners and concerned citizens against breed-specific legislation and still do. As a breed club, we must shoulder this effort along with other breed clubs and organizations, in order to continue to have the right to own dogs without mandatory spay/neuter laws, breeder ordinances or breed specific legislation.

During my 46 years as a dog owner and club member I have served as President, Secretary, Director of Breeding and Exhibiting, Membership Chairperson, Show Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, and a Board Member in numerous clubs. This training ground is what gave me the experience and education in how to manage the daily workings of a breed's Parent Club.

If re-elected as your President, I pledge to continue to:

- Encourage regional club growth and formation
- Solidify the Rescue and Health Trust
- Continue to battle breed specific legislation
- Carry out the duties of the president, and all that it entails
- Expand and encourage the work of committees

I welcome all questions and concerns from members, please email, text or call me.

Your vote is not just for me, but is a vote for the future of our Miniature Bull Terriers and the MBTCA.

Sincerely, Linda Lethin