



Lines from Linda

by Linda Ayers Turner Knorr



Weighing Heavy On My Heart

I've seen a lot of great dogs over the past fifty years. Many live pampered lives on the sofas of their adoring owners. Sending their pets on the road with professional handlers would not even be a consideration for these folks. Their dogs are spoiled, pampered family members who would be missed too much! Yet these owner-handled or only locally shown canines are many times the cream of the crop with quality exceeding that of the Best In Show dog of the day.

At the last two shows I judged, there were two really exceptional examples of two of the breeds I had time to observe. Both dogs could easily get the nod for any BIS on the lead of a professional handler. Yet both were overlooked when being shown very well by their unknown local exhibitor? How sad it is not to see some of these wonderful dogs earn the highest rewards. Having said that, I feel better!

Now, a flash back . . . to a day and sight I shall never forget.

The Smooth Fox Terrier ring was buzzing! Peter Green was in there with his new Australian-born special Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic. My father was judging, so I decided to see why everyone was so excited. The purple and gold ribbon was quickly claimed by Kiwi. On his way out of the ring Peter paused briefly to say hello. "May I pat your dog," I asked. The moment I touched him he captured my heart. The emotion I felt for that dog was indescribable!

Much later that afternoon when most everyone had left the show building, I searched for Peter's set-up in the grooming area. There I found my little dream dog. Since he was new to the Green team, the name Kiwi was written in large print on the front of his wooden crate.

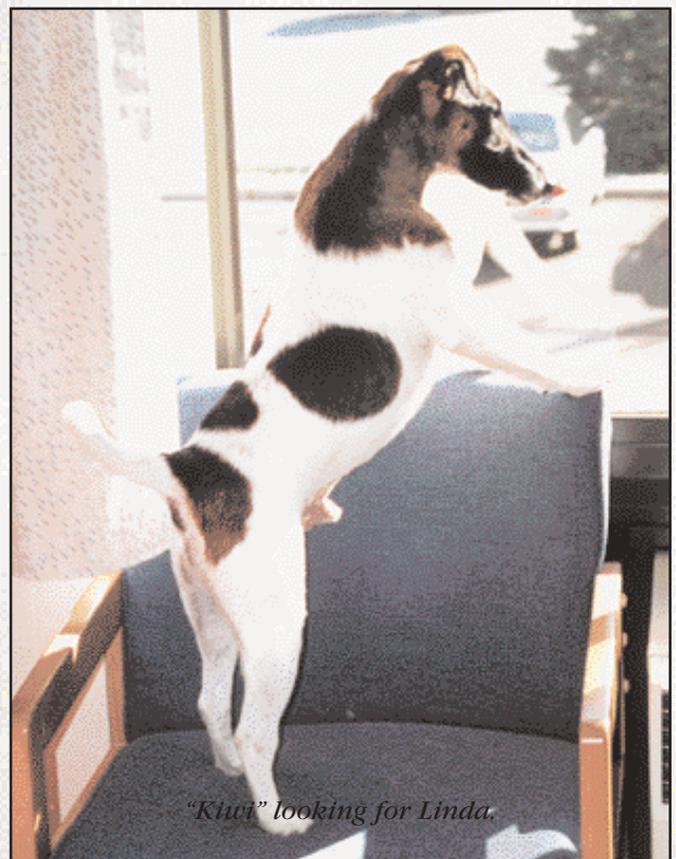
Knowing I should not be bothering a handler's resting dog, I stuck my hand inside the crate to touch the day's winner and I spoke these words: "Kiwi, someday you will be mine!" I was in love! Night and day Kiwi's image was on my mind.

The philosophy of the Roy Ayers family has always been that dog show judges should not exhibit dogs. It is our opinion there should be no "gray" area regarding that subject.

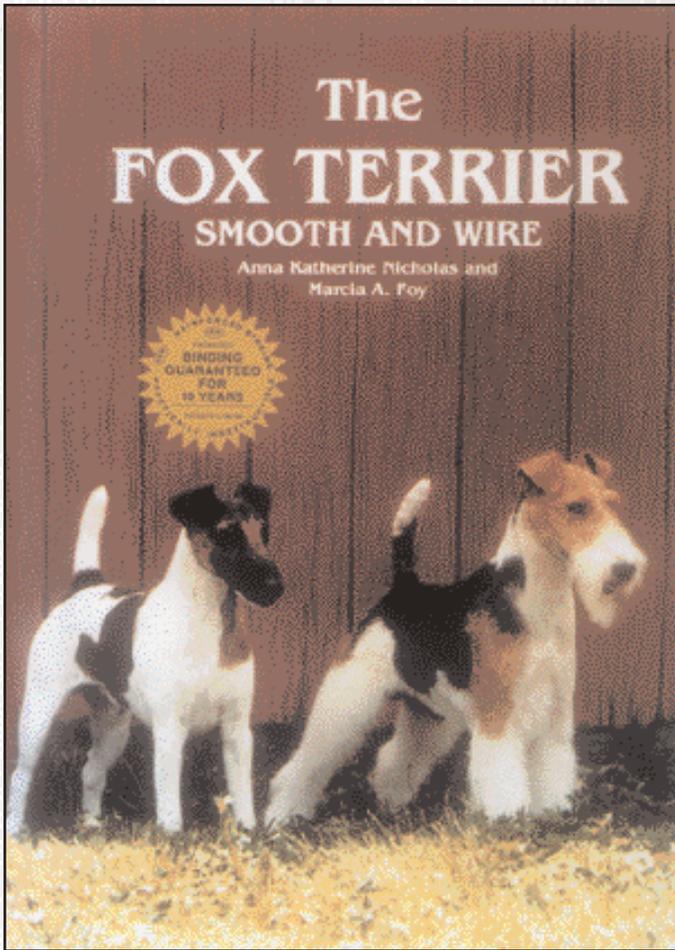
Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic's career was just beginning and I knew my desire would be put on hold until his retirement. It was a career that started with a chance encounter, half-way around the world.

On an assignment in Australia, All-Breed Judge Robert A. Moore saw the young Terrier in the puppy class when he put the dog's sire Best of Breed.

When Bob returned home and saw Green at a show he



"Kiwi" looking for Linda.



My dog Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic; The Smooth Fox Terrier on the cover of Anna Katherine Nicholas and Marcia A. Foy's book.



WAVE Officer Carlotta Greenfield Howard in the United States Navy; her first commission in 1942.

remarked to Peter about the exceptional quality of the young dog.

Mrs. Allen Howard was always looking for an outstanding new special and she had Peter investigate. Soon Larry Cornelius, Peter's assistant at the time, was headed to the airport to welcome Kiwi to the United States.

Now, let's pause a moment in Kiwi's tale, for his first American owner has her own fascinating history. For over thirty years Mrs. Allen R. Howard (Carlotta) was one of the backbones of the Montgomery Kennel Club. She served as a director and was treasurer for the group. As hospitality chairman she was in charge of the luncheons so many of you will always remember. Ask her great friend, Dr. Josephine Duebler if you want to learn some wonderful things about Carlotta Howard.

Born in Philadelphia, Carlotta Greenfield Howard was a long-time resident of the Main Line, graduating from the Baldwin School and the University of Pennsylvania. She entered Law school at Penn in 1942, leaving to become one of the early WAVE officers in the United States Navy. She served through the war training rear seat gunners for carrier aircraft.

Her wartime service was followed by a successful career in retail merchandising, progressing to Vice President and Executive Personnel Director for a major chain of department stores.

While married and raising her family of three boys she left business to teach and coach field hockey at Bolton and Baldwin schools before going on to public service under two Pennsylvania governors. During her six years in government

she prepared some of the first programs for assistance to the elderly and retirement home care including participating in the initial White House Conference on the Aging. For over forty years she was a tireless performer in politics both locally to nationally. Carlotta Howard was recognized and respected by U.S. Presidents as well as elected officials at all levels.

Always possessed of unfailing energy and diversity of interests, she became a light aircraft pilot at age sixteen.

She also wrote and published a gourmet cookbook. For ten years she owned and operated a successful travel agency in Bryn Mawr. She made two round-the-world flights by differing routes as well as visiting all the continents plus sojourns in foreign countries, cities, and resorts.

Above all of these many interests her



Left: Chicago 1951, Mrs. Allen Howard on the Sea Wall at Lake Michigan. Above: Carlotta Howard at Westport, Connecticut in 1951.

great love was breeding and exhibiting Terrier and Toy breeds. She exhibited widely in national and international shows, generating a long procession of champions in different breeds.

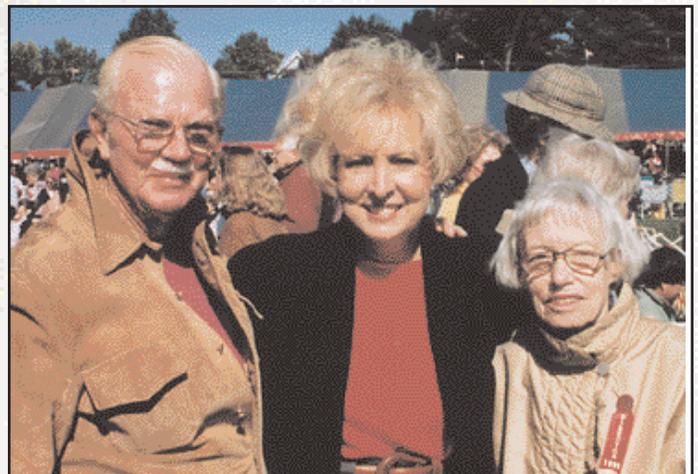
Her insistence on high standards in execution of all endeavors stands as a worthy legacy. Carlotta Howard truly was an active advocate for social justice and responsible government. The Howards were proud of their three sons Charles, Allen III and Derek. Admired by family and friends in all walks of life she stood resolute in her beliefs, always independent, forthright and knowledgeable in defense of her positions.

Jim and I enjoyed a warm friendship with Allen and Carlotta Howard with many telephone calls and letters passing back and forth, mostly all addressed to Kiwi and his Mom, etc. Is it not incredible how our love for animals can make us childlike with wonder? Few people shared a close relationship with this special couple. Jim and I were blessed by their friendship with us.

June 16, 1994, after Mrs. Howard's death, I was honored to receive an envelope from Allen filled with copies of photos of his wife's early years. He told me he made them for his sons and granddaughters and wanted me to have them as well. I'll be forever touched that he counted me as "family."

I knew from the first that I would come to love the Howards, and I knew at first sight that Kiwi would become my beloved friend, too, but I knew I had to wait. Never mentioning my passion to anyone, I admired this magnificent dog from afar and hoped for his early retirement.

Kiwi was the number one Smooth Fox Terrier and winner of a string of groups and Bests in Show. He made his owners, the

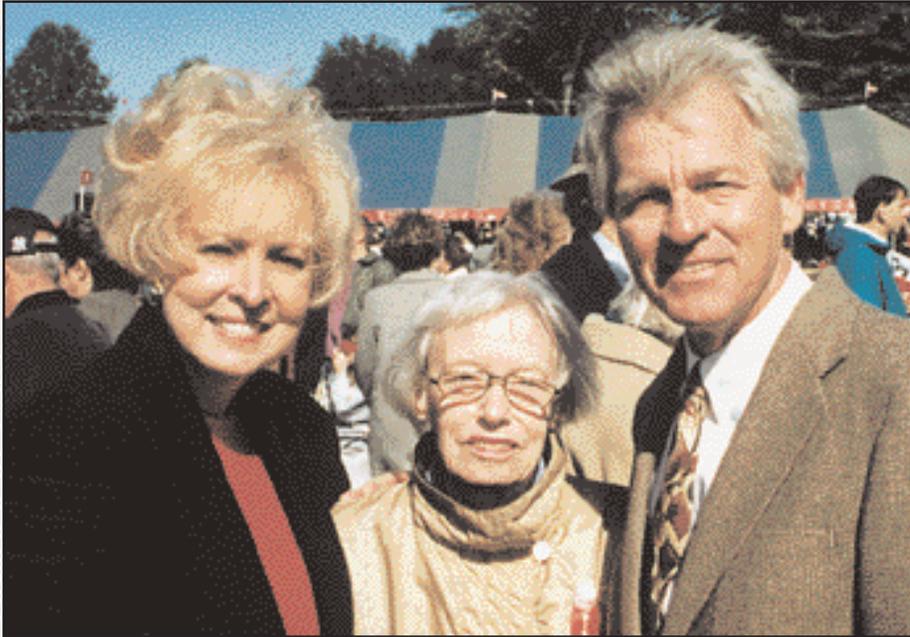


Allen and Carlotta Howard surrounding your author at the Montgomery County Kennel Club.

Howards, and his handler Peter very proud. Anna Katherine Nicholas and Marcia A. Foy used his picture on the cover of their book *The Fox Terrier Smooth and Wire* published by T.F.H. Publications in 1990, and following his retirement from the show ring, my dream came true. Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic took over our home.

On June 21, 2002 at the age of fifteen, Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic was lovingly laid to rest beneath our Magnolia trees, beside our Dobermans, Razor Blade and Remington.





Carlotta Howard welcomes Linda and Jim Knorr to Montgomery County Kennel Club.

Riding on the golf cart with Maxwell Riddle at his Ravenna Kennel Club Show always made me feel special! This great dog man and author has been a friend to our family for all of my life.

My mother warned me about his "Artillery Punch," the famous drink concoction he served for lawn parties at his home.

When I became a judge, Max wrote me a very special letter calling me "the judge of the future." He sent me an auto-graphed copy of his new book.

An indelible memory I have of Max is of a day my father Roy Ayers and I spent at his home. The two men shared many stories with me. We enjoyed lunch with his family and drove all over town even visiting friends at the local post office.



Maxwell Riddle and Linda Ayers Turner Knorr at Westminster KC.

On May 21, 2002 the dog world lost one of its most meaningful contributors, Maxwell Riddle. Betty Carter, Max's cousin keeps in touch with our family on a regular basis. During the past few years of his failing health she always let us know about our dear friend.

Max was fortunate to have a close loving family. He lived with his wonderful daughter, Betsey. His son, Henry and his lovely wife Rose were nearby giving strong and loving support. When Max finally had to move into a health care facility they visited him daily.

Many of you would probably like to write or call to share your love and memories of their father with them.

Son: Henry and Rose Riddle
5526 State Road
Route 5
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
847-381-4175

Daughter: Betsey Riddle Whitmore
5318 Riddle Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(Mother of Max's five grandsons)

Brother: Hugh and Mary Lee Riddle
443 Liberty Street
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Very Close Cousin:
Mrs. Edwin P. Carter (Betty)
721 Midland Avenue
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
330-297-7377

Believe me, I personally know how much it will mean to them to hear from you.

My heart is heavy with memories and thankfulness... to Bob Moore for discovering Kiwi in Australia, Peter and Andrew Green and Allen & Carlotta Howard for sharing him with me. Special thanks to Maxwell Riddle for his inspiring friendship, and to Ch. Blackmac Kiwi Magic, who will always live on in my heart.

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