



Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka News

Volume 10 – June 20, 2024

Letter from the President

Summer is here, and the dog show season is in full swing. I hope everyone can get out and show their Bolonkas. It is essential for the breed that we, as owners and breeders, show interest in AKC activities.

Bolonkas are not just limited to Conformation. They excel in a variety of companion sports like Rally, Fast Cat, Agility, Barn Hunt, and regular obedience trials. These activities are not only fun but also a great way to bond with your dog. Many all-breed dog clubs offer various companion and obedience classes to the public. Learning a new activity with your dog brings a whole new relationship between the two of you.

Russian Bolonkas are not just a pretty face. They're a highly intelligent breed and love to learn new things and interact with their owners. If your local all-breed club does not offer classes, there are other ways to learn how to train your dog. Some YouTube channels show you how to train your dog in various sports. You can also hire a trainer to teach you how to train your dog in any of the various AKC activities. Many books also teach you how to train your dog in any of the AKC sports.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer with your Bolonkas, whether learning a new activity or just cuddling on the couch, no matter what you do together.

Candace Mogavero

RTBCA President



Quarterly Breeder Education Meeting: Next Meeting 07/19/2024 8 pm EST
{watch for updates in email}

From the Board

Hello Valued Members

The board wanted to share with you a fun opportunity to win stuff and the proceeds will go to the club treasury for things such as the Trophy fund, Bolonka Rescue, etc.

Some of you may already know about it and some have been invited to the FB Group. However, if you have not, we would like to invite you to go and join the Facebook group “**Small Dog Club Helpers**” and support our club by making donations to try to win an item that is placed up for raffle. This is a group of dog people who run an online raffle that assists small dog clubs to support their trophy funds and other items within the club.

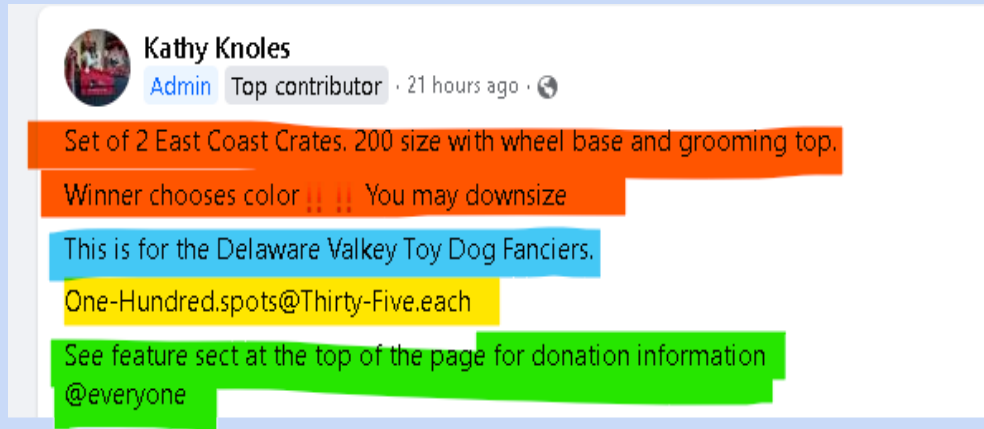
Here is how it works:

1. You join the group- be sure to set up your notifications in the manage notifications section and then click all. [if you need help contact Deborah Howington or Another board member to assist you in getting started]
 - Locate the item that has been placed up for raffle. There are many things that go on there and you can donate however you please, not all are for the RTBCA.
 - i. If you click on the item “see more..” It will describe the item as well as how much each donation is requested [basically you are buying tickets] and how many slots are open.
 - ii. If you like the item and want to participate in that item raffle you can do the following.
 - You will make a comment on the items with how many and which open spot you would like.
 - i. Once all the spots for that item are full that raffle is marked “closed” and no additional funds are taken for that.
 - ii. You will be responsible to pay at the time you make the comment, or your slot will not have your name placed there.

You have three options to pay.

- Zelle using phone number 217-652-8439
- Venmo by using @Kathy-Knoles
- PayPal (friends and Family only) by using kathyknoles@yahoo.com

Below is an example of what it will look like on the screen.



The raffle is done roughly weekly, and it is live on FB with Kathy Noles. She uses a random selector on the computer that chooses the winning number, so it is fair for all.

The winners are posted under that item once the raffle is over. If you have your notifications set up it will let you know if you won.

The club has tested this out and we have had one item so far raffled off. Once you are part of the group you can also make suggestions on items for the raffle. Not all items are dog-related. There have been BBQ grills, Gas-powered scooters, and other fun stuff. This is a great way for the club to obtain donations for our treasury and we hope you will join us and support the club. We will send out an email when an item specific to our club is posted so you all can support and donate.

Congratulations to these First Time CM Titles!

**Artemida Bon-Ton, CM
PLK Brown Butter Blondie, CM**

From the Health Committee: We would like to encourage everyone to take the Survey on OFA for our breed. This is the link for them to go to::

<https://ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/?breed=RTB>

The OFA created the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) by partnering with participating parent clubs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds. We've established a recommended protocol for breed-specific health screenings. Dogs tested in accordance with that protocol are recognized with a CHIC number and certification.

At OFA, we recognize that the more information stored and accessible in these databases, the better it will be for every breed. And so we encourage all breeders to attain CHIC Certification if their breed participates in the CHIC program.

A dog achieves CHIC Certification if it has been screened for every disease recommended by the parent club for that breed and those results are publicly available in the database.

Regardless of breed, each dog must be permanently identified to have test results included in CHIC. Permanent identification may be in the form of a microchip or tattoo.

CHIC Program Benefits

The CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) Program offers benefits to breeders, buyers, parent clubs, and researchers.

For breeders, CHIC provides a reliable source of information regarding dogs they may use in their breeding programs. Breeders can analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses as well as the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

For buyers, the CHIC program provides accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing. For diseases that are limited to phenotypic evaluations, there are no guarantees. However, the probability that an animal will develop an inherited disease is reduced when its ancestry has tested normal. Further, as more DNA tests become available and the results are entered, the OFA database will be able to establish whether progeny will be clear, carriers, or affected.

For parent clubs considering the establishment of health databases on their own, the CHIC Program provides the answer with no upfront investment required by the club. The CHIC infrastructure is supplied and maintained by the OFA. The data is maintained in a secure environment by trained staff. The services are not subject to the time, technology, and resource constraints that parent clubs might face on their own. This frees parent clubs to focus on their core strengths of identifying health concerns, educating their membership, and encouraging participation in the CHIC Program through the OFA.

Introducing



Genetic health and traits testing combined with AKC DNA identification for a powerful breeder tool

AKC DNA + Health: A powerful breeder tool:

- Meets AKC registration and Breeder of Merit/Bred with H.E.A.R.T. certification requirements. Some exclusions apply. For breed-specific DNA test recommendations, [click here](#).
- Offers AKC DNA Profile + over 328 markers for health and traits
- Every purchase helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates such as the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF).
- Comes with lifetime access to canine genetic counselors (staffed by veterinary professionals) to help make smart breeding decisions
- Verifiable results – using world class technology to internally validate results to match each specific dog (if AKC DNA for sire and dam are on file)
- Results will be emailed to the customer's address on file.

Included Test~\$135.99

- AKC DNA Profile [201 markers for genetic identity]
- 328 markers for health and traits

Note: AKC DNA testing DOES NOT determine breed of the dog {breed purity}, conformation, performance ability or specific coat color. The tests are for informational purposes only.



2024 RTBCA OPEN Show
Thursday, September 19, 2024 ~ Prescott Valley AZ

The RTBCA will be hosting our 2nd OPEN show [requirement]. All FSS/Misc breeds are eligible to enter. The Bolonka Classes within this OPEN show shall be considered our 2024 National Specialty with special prizes given to those winners. The host Club will also be offering two additional Open shows the same weekend as well as miscellaneous classes.

Onofrio dog shows will be the superintendent, and you will enter through them. When the premium comes out you will be entering as if you are entering the Thursday OPEN show choosing whichever class you want to enter and that will be entering the Specialty. The Closing Date is September 4th, 2024, by Noon. Entry Fee \$35.00

The classes available are as the rules for FSS/Misc allow the following:

4-6 puppy | 6-9 puppy | 9-12 puppy | Bred By exhibitor | Open

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Classes are to be considered their 2024 RTBCA National Specialty and special prizes will be awarded as follows:

BEST OF BREED

Large Rosette | Club Logo 2024 Embroidered Chair [\$75] ~ sponsored by Sloan Services

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX ADULT

Large Rosette | Grooming kit [\$60] ~ sponsored by Sharon Jacobs

BEST OF BREED PUPPY

Large Rosette | Plush dog bed w/blanket & toy [\$30] ~ sponsored by Andrew Dang

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY

Large Rosette | Plush dog bed w/toy [\$25] ~ sponsored by Andrew Dang

BEST BRED BY ADULT

Medium Rosette | Set of 4 club Logo Granite Coasters [\$20] ~sponsored by Marci White

BEST BRED-BY PUPPY

Medium Rosette | Set of 4 Club Logo Granite Coasters [\$20]~ sponsored by Sharon Bartlett

Best In Miscellaneous Prize~ Engraved Silver Platter/Rosette

Best In Open Conference~ Swarovski Crystal Vase/ Rosette

To enter go to www.onofrio.com and look for our show listing

Under Prescott Valley AZ. It is suggested to get your Hotel Early as they may fill up.