



NEWSLETTER

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Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America

President's letter

Once a quarter, the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America (RTBCA) holds a Breeders Meeting. This meeting informs new and established breeders about the Russian Bolonka. Whether you are a breeder or not, it is open to all club members. Participation is highly encouraged.

Questions can be sent to me at faireland1@gmail.com. All findings will be presented at the meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 8pm EST.

A reminder is sent a week before the meeting, followed by the agenda a few days later. I hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful day.
Candace Mogavero
RTBCA President



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Deb-Mar's Simply Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Kennel is expecting a litter. For more information please contact Mary and Deborah by email at Debmarrtb@proton.me or by phone at (779) 513 - 1521.

Debby's Bolonkas currently has a litter. For more information you can reach out by email at info@debbysbolonkas.com.

Pink Lotus Kennels currently has a litter and is expecting a litter. For more information please contact Denise & John Dang by email at pinklotuskennels@gmail.com

TITLE WINNERS

Registered Name

Title Earned

Owned by

**Tsvet Hibin Look At
Me Now NF CA BCAT**

**Agility FAST
Novice**

**April
Ellison**



**Malenkiy Lapki
Nesquik CGC**

**Canine Good
Citizen**

**Vanessa
Stotts**

**Deb-Mar's Simply a
Chocolate Kiss Von
Edelweiss**

**Certificate of
Merit (CM)**

**Anita
Anderson**



Holiday Items for Bolonka to Avoid

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The holiday season is generally a time of celebration, fun delicious foods and beautiful decorations. While the holidays are a happy time for most families, it can be a dangerous time for our little Bolonka. This article highlights some of the most common holiday foods and plants that can accidentally harm your fur angel even if they ingest a small amount.



POINSETTIAS

AMARYLLIS

HOLLY

Chocolate, grapes, raisins and macadamia nuts are common holiday foods. Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine. Both chemicals are toxic to dogs. The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is. Even small amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Raisins and grapes in any amount can cause acute kidney failure with symptoms including vomiting, lethargy and loss of appetite. No one really understands what about macadamia nuts make them toxic to dogs, but they can cause weakness, vomiting, tremors, and hyperthermia.

Onions and Garlic are a staple seasoning during the holidays and can be found in almost anything that is yummy. Both onions and garlic can damage your dog's red blood cells leading to anemia. Fatty foods like turkey skin, gravy and butter can trigger pancreatitis, while bones from cooked meat can splinter off, potentially causing blocks and/or tears in the digestive wall. Raw dough has the potential to expand inside your Bolonka's stomach causing digestive issues and potential blockages.

Alcohol, in any amount can cause a severe drop in your pup's blood sugar, blood pressure, and body temperature which can lead to disorientation, seizures, and potential respiratory failure. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener found in many sugar-free products. This includes some peanut butters, candy, gum, and baked goods. Xylitol can be listed on labels as birch or wood sugar. It can also be listed on labels as E967. Xylitol can cause a dangerous drop in your pup's blood sugar and can also cause liver failure. Xylitol can cause vomiting, seizures and loss of coordination.

Poinsettias, mistletoe, holly, lilies, amaryllis and Christmas tree needles are beautiful additions to the holiday home. While some of these plants are more toxic than others, all of them can cause a variety of digestive issues, difficulty breathing, kidney or liver problems and seizures.

Keep your Bolonka safe during the holidays by educating your guests about the dangers of feeding dogs human foods. Many people do not realize how harmful human foods can be to our furry friends. Make sure to secure the trash. Even Bolonka can be mischievous and get into the garbage when no one is looking. Be proactive, keep a list of emergency contacts including your veterinarians phone number, the phone number and address to the nearest emergency veterinary clinic, and phone number to the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center handy.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to celebrate with family, friends, and pets. Make your holiday season happy and safe by being mindful of the dangers that seasonal foods and plants can pose to our Bolonka. By taking a few precautions and being careful, you can ensure that everyone in your household has a joyful and safe holiday season.

The Road to AKC Recognition

NATALIE ARMITAGE

With the increasing membership in RTBCA, the goal of achieving full American Kennel Club recognition of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka is getting close. One of the prerequisites is that the American Kennel Club requires at least 100 households of members in the Parent Club before they will fully recognize a new breed. As of September 20, 2024 there are over 100 households in the RTBCA which completes the 100 members requirement.

Thank you to Candace Mogavero and Denise Dang for their contributions of information for this article.

When a dog club is formed and the club members wish to become an AKC Member club, there are numerous Rules and Regulations that the new club must complete before AKC will recognize the club. To make it even more difficult, AKC frequently adds new Rules or Regulations, and those must also be completed by clubs seeking recognition. This applies to All-Breed clubs that serve all AKC breeds, Group clubs that serve breeds within a specific AKC Group, and Specialty clubs that serve one breed. The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America is in the category of a Specialty club, serving only the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka breed.

In the year 2000, Candace Mogavero imported a Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka bitch from Russia. In 2001, Candace imported a male Bolonka and Dr. Patricia McRae imported a Bolonka bitch. The North America Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club was formed by Candace Mogavero and Patricia McRae in 2001 to create a Registry for the breed in this country. Candace Mogavero and Patricia McRae were the only members of the club at that time. In 2002 four additional bitches were imported, one each by Candace Mogavero, Patricia McRae, Nancy Holmes and Jane Falkenstein. All of the original dogs that were imported came from Russia, with Russian registration papers, and the dogs had tattoo numbers for identification. It was not long before exhibitors of other breeds became interested in the Bolonka, and the population of Bolonkas in the United States slowly began to increase, along with new members joining the Bolonka club.

When the North America Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club applied to AKC for recognition of the breed in 2015, AKC required the name of the club to be changed to be in compliance with AKC Rules. The club name was changed to Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America at that time. The first elected Board of Directors of the newly recognized club were: President-Candace Mogavero, Vice President-Mark Kolbe, Secretary-Cathy Nilsen, Treasurer-Natalie Armitage, Board Members were Mark Sternlicht and Kathy Reifsnyder.

The 1st RTBCA National Specialty Show was held on August 22, 2015 in West Springfield, Massachusetts. There were 19 entries in the show. Best of Breed was Kolmar's Lit'l Buddy Boy, bred and owned by Mark Kolbe. Best of Opposite Sex was Vitaminka My Small Diamond owned by Jessica White. Best Veteran was Nevskaya Uslada Yantarik owned by Candace Mogavero.

The 2nd National Specialty Show was on May 7, 2016 in West Windsor Township, New Jersey, with 16 dogs entered. Best of Breed was Talisman Zapada Afrodita, owned by Jessica White. Best of Opposite Sex was Kolmar's Lit'l Buddy Boy bred and owned by Mark Kolbe. Best Puppy was Dama Pik From Lovely Dogs owned by Patti Chiaverini.

The 2017 National Specialty Show was scheduled to be held very close to Thanksgiving Day, and was cancelled due to a very low entry.

The 3rd National Specialty Show was held on June 25, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri with 11 dogs entered. Best of Breed was Imperials Thor Rolling Thunder owned by Katherine (Lucy) Ellis and Jessica White. Best of Opposite Sex was Anastasia owned by Susanne Hansen. Best Puppy was Russkaya Rososh Polen owned by Julie Gister.

The 4th National Specialty Show was on May 4, 2019 in Durham, North Carolina with 19 dogs entered. Best of Breed was Faireland's Tarick owned by Candace Mogavero. Best of Opposite Sex was Radost Moja Doctor Gaffs owned by Denise and Cuong Dang. Best Puppy was Debby's Southern Belle owned by Debby Buse. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was Elvis From Lovely Guys owned by Denise Dang.

The 5th National Specialty Show was on November 18, 2021 in Tucson, Arizona with 13 dogs entered. This was the first AKC Sanctioned National Specialty Show. Each show since then has been an AKC sanctioned show. Best of Breed was PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere CM, bred by Denise Dang and owned by Denise Dang, Victoria Umoh and Serena Umoh. Best of Opposite Sex and Best Puppy was PLK You're So Vain At Debby's owned by Debby Buse, and Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was PLK Don't Go Breaking My Heart @ Firehouse owned by Layna Landers & Denise Dang.

The 6th National Specialty Show was in 2022 in Hutchinson Kansas with 12 dogs entered. Best of Breed was PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere CM, owned by Denise Dang, Victoria Umoh and Serena Umoh. Best of Opposite Sex was PLK You're So Vain At Debby's owned by Debby Buse. Best Puppy was Debby's Sergei owned by Debby Buse. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was Raisa Shiro Sho owned by Denise Dang.

The 7th National Specialty Show was on May 13, 2023 in Perry, Georgia with 20 dogs entered. Best of Breed was PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere CM, owned by Denise Dang, Victoria Umoh and Serena Umoh. Best of Opposite Sex was PLK Rye Whiskey Neat @ Tovia CM, owned by Denise Dang and Jay & Jeanie Simon. Best Puppy was Showboat Take Your Whiskey Home owned by Debby Buse and Deborah Howington, Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was Showboat Bliss Slow Gin Fizz owned by Deborah Howington.

The 8th National Specialty Show was on September 19, 2024 in Prescott, Arizona with 12 dogs entered. Best of Breed was PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere CM14 owned by Denise Dang, Victoria Umoh and Serena Umoh. Best of Opposite Sex was Showboat Bliss A Sky Full of Stars @ SFR owned by S. Rives, D. Howington, K. Soafer and E. Melzer. Best Puppy was Deb-Mars Simply A Chocolate Kiss Von Edelweiss owned by Anita Anderson and Marcellino Hayes. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was PLK Everywhere All At Once owned by Denise & Cuong Dang.