



Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka New

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Christmas is here and the holidays buzz is in the air! While we're busy shopping and celebrating, don't forget that our pets feel the holiday hustle too. Set up a cozy retreat where your Bolonka can unwind during the festivities.

And remember: Some holiday treats may be too rich for your pets tummy, so watch what you (or your guests!) are sharing. Here's to a joyful, safe and restful holiday for you, your family and the beloved Bolonka sharing your holiday!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Holidays

Candace Mogavero

RTBCA President



A Letter From the RTBCA Secretary

It has been a long road for the RTBCA with many demands from the American Kennel Club Foundation Stock Services Office. The completion of the requirements to get a new breed accepted into the American Kennel Club is not an easy task. The list of requirements were not completed when I joined the club in 2019. Every year since AKC has added something new.

When I was voted to the RTBCA Secretary position in 2020 there were two major requirements that needed to be completed to bring the breed into Miscellaneous Class status with the American Kennel Club. The first requirement was to complete the translation of the Standard from Russian and format the sections of the Breed Standard to meet AKC requirements. This project took approximately one year going back and forth with the AKC FSS office staff, making changes, and waiting for a response. The second item was to complete the Constitution and By-Laws of the RTBCA. That also took approximately one year to complete due to the changes and wording requirements of the AKC FSS office. Once the AKC FSS office determined the requirements were met, the Breed Standard and Constitution and By-Laws went to the membership for a vote, and both were approved by the membership in June 2021. The vote report was sent to AKC for review and the Breed Standard and Constitution and By-Laws were officially approved by AKC on June 17, 2021. Also in 2021, Candace Mogavero, RTBCA President, took on the task of getting the club Incorporated and suggested to the RTBCA Board of Directors that the club adopt a new logo. On May 19, 2021 the RTBCA was officially incorporated and our Logo we use today was adopted.

In December 2021, the RTBCA letter requesting to be moved to Miscellaneous Class Status was sent. On February 10, 2022, I received a letter from the AKC FSS office stating the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka was moved to the Miscellaneous Class status. This was a huge step for the breed since they are still not a recognized FCI breed.

In 2022 a new list of items was sent by AKC for the club to work towards becoming a fully recognized breed. There were five major items that needed to be completed. First was to create a Code of Ethics for our members.

We also needed to build committees to promote the interest in and support of the breed with AKC. In late 2021, I started the new club Newsletter and built a Newsletter Committee of members to show support and share information among the membership. With my suggestion, a Health Committee was formed with three other members. The Health Committee held their first meeting to discuss the conditions that may affect the breed and submitted those to the RTBCA Board of Directors as recommended health testing. On December 30, 2021, the Health Committee submitted their Official Health Statement to the RTBCA Board of Directors for approval and requested that it be sent to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, once approved. On February 14, 2022 the committee submitted the Official Health Statement and applied to have the breed added to the CHIC program. During this time, a Membership Committee was also formed to help promote the breed and gain new members to the club. The membership application forms were updated, and a breed brochure was created for current members to hand out to potential new members. AKC requires a club to have 100 households within their membership before applying to move to full recognition. This was a large hurdle for our small club and was finally completed in October 2024.

In January 2023 Candace Mogavero, RTBCA President, developed the Breeder Education and Judges Education Committee with other RTBCA Board Members. With the assistance of Candace Mogavero and Natalie Armitage, we created a Power Point presentation as well as handouts for Judges. The first Breeder Education committee meeting was held by Candace on April 20, 2023. Candace also completed the first Judges Education seminar on March 15, 2023. AKC requires that the club hold three Judges Education seminars in separate geographical locations. I was given the task to handle the two seminars remaining. Both were completed in 2024 and the requirement was completed. Meanwhile, a Judges Education packet was put together and sent out to over 200 AKC judges by email.

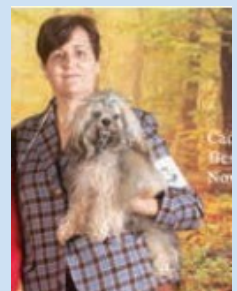
Other major projects for the club were the required creation of a 5-Year plan and a Policy and Procedure Manual. With the help of Natalie Armitage, RTBCA Vice President, the 43 page manual with detailed information, including Job Descriptions, the Rules and Procedures of the RTBCA, Letter of Incorporation, Code Of Ethics and the Constitution and By-Laws was complete as of September 17, 2024.

Another major requirement was for the RTBCA to host two AKC FSS Open Shows that included all FSS and Miscellaneous breeds. These must be held in two separate geographical locations as well as being 6 months apart. The first was held in Texas in December 2023 and the second was held in Arizona in September 2024. The last hurdle was the requirement of the Membership needing 100 households. AKC defines this as separate addresses in separate geographical locations across the US. The Board of Directors working together managed to gain the last 20 households needed and the goal was met.

As of October 1, 2024 the RTBCA had met all the AKC requirements and our packet requesting full recognition was submitted to the AKC FSS office. I received a response in November 2024, stating that the club's packet will go to the AKC Board of Directors to be read in the January 2025 meeting. However, it will likely be tabled until the February meeting and voted on at that time. The AKC FSS will send a notice to the RTBCA Secretary as the outcome after the February AKC Board of Directors Meeting. If approved the effective date of full recognition would be January 1, 2026. The notice will be posted in the AKC Gazette in March 2025.

Once the official letter is received by AKC, I will be sure to send a copy to the membership as well as post on the RTBCA Facebook pages and a copy of the letter will be posted in the RTBCA Newsletter.

Denise Dang,
RTBCA Secretary



Important Reminders

Membership Renewal due date is **January 31, 2025.**

This can be mailed to

RTBCA Treasurer c/o Debra Buse

17720 Long Lake Rd. NW Brandon, MN 56315

Checks made payable to RTBCA

You may also use PayPal using RTBCATreasurer@gmail.com

There is an additional \$2 fee for processing if PayPal is used.

Membership Status

Regular Membership [1 person] **\$25.00**

Household Membership [2 persons same address] **\$30.00**

Foreign [Person who resides outside the US] **\$15.00**

Junior [Person between 10-17 years of Age] **N/C**

The Criteria for the Website Breeder page has changed. The applicant should read the application carefully to determine which category is best for them.

- ◆ Gold status [Proof of CHIC certification on all breeding dogs listed with your kennel is required.] Fee \$15.00 {Listing will be placed on top, alphabetically with OFA CHIC logo placed next to your info as a Gold Status breeder. You will be allowed one high resolution photo of your dog (s). Kennel information, website link, and a short bio may be included.}
- ◆ Standard status [Limited health testing has been done-Proof of certifications but no CHIC number.] Fee \$20.00 {Listing will follow Gold Status. You will have the OFA traditional logo placed next to your kennel information, with a link to your website.}
- ◆ Regular status [proof of health testing not available on your dogs.] Fee \$25.00 {Listing will be at the bottom of the page with name, phone number and state only.}

Information provided will be verified



Volunteers Wanted

The Health & Genetics Committee

The Health & Genetics Committee chairperson, Nikki Woller is actively looking for helping hands. The Committee is responsible for conducting research and developing projects that will benefit the health and welfare of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka and to provide this information to owners and breeders as approved by the RTBCA Board of Directors.

- ◆ They maintain, promote and make periodical updates to the confidential OFA Health Survey that identifies the genetic health concerns for the breed.
- ◆ Monitor and provide statics of health testing and CHIC numbers received by any Bolonka and provide a report to the RTBCA Board of Directors.
- ◆ Monitor the OFA Health Survey for trends and make recommendations to the RTBCA Board of Directors regarding the leading health concerns of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka and also trends that may arise to become significant health threats to the breed.
- ◆ Provide educational material for including in the club newsletter that pertains to the health and welfare of the Bolonka. Some suggestions are;
 - I. Original articles written by club members and submitted to the Health and Genetics Committee for approval by the RTBCA Board of Directors.
 - II. Reprints of health or genetics articles published in other publications when permission from the author is received.
 - III. Coordinate health clinics at the RTBCA National Specialty show.



Newsletter Committee Members needed

The Newsletter Committee Chairperson, Allison Woller is looking for some lively volunteers to help her with the RTBCA Newsletter.

The committee is responsible for providing the RTBCA membership a quarterly Newsletter of ongoing and upcoming events within or related to the RTBCA or the breed. This includes the content and preparation, and emailing the finished product after RTBCA Board Approval.

Items for inclusion are as follows:

- ◆ The Presidents Message
- ◆ A warm welcome to new members to include their name and state in which they reside.
- ◆ Hold a monthly meeting for discussion of topics and ideas to submit for the next newsletter. Collect, discuss and vote on subject matter to be submitted to the RTBCA Board of Directors for approval to be published in upcoming newsletters.
- ◆ Post results of shows where a Bolonka has placed in a Group or won a Best In Show placement as well as listing any new title earned by a Bolonka.
- ◆ Gather Educational articles about Breeding, Grooming and Health.
- ◆ Post a list of Committees or events that need volunteers to assist.
- ◆ Post a summary of the Annual Membership Meeting.
- ◆ Post dates for upcoming events such as Educational Seminars,

Supported Entries, and the RTBCA National Specialty show.

- ◆ Post other items that may of interest to the club and it's members.

Newsletter Editor Responsibilities

- ◇ Hold a monthly Newsletter Committee meeting and submit the meeting minutes to the club Secretary for club records.
- ◇ Submit the Newsletter to the RTBCA Board of Directors for approval 5 days prior to the release to the membership.
- ◇ Once approved by the Board of Directors, submit the newsletter to the membership via email and have it posted on the RTBCA website as well as the Facebook Membership page.

2024 RTBCA National Specialty Winners

Thank you to Judge Gary Andersen for taking the time to judge at our National Specialty.

Best of Breed

PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere, CM15

Owner Denise Dang, Victoria Umoh & Serena Umoh.

Breeder Denise & Cuong Dang



Best Of Opposite Sex Adult

Showboat Bliss A Sky Full of Stars @ SFR

[picture not provided]

Owner [s] Shannon Rives, D Howington, K Soaferand & E Melzer.

Breeder [s] Deborah Howington & Gary Howington

Best Bred By Adult

Showboat Bliss Top Shelf Whiskey Macallan @SFR

[picture not provided]

Owner [s] Shannon Rives, Elizabeth Melzer, Deborah Howington

Breeder [s] D Howington, C Giffin, K Soafer, E Melzer

Best Puppy

Deb-Mars Simple Chocolate Kiss Von Edelweiss, CM

Owner [s] Anita Anderson, Marcelino Hayes

Breeder [s] Mary Poineal & Deborah Pike



**Best of Opposite Puppy
&
Best Bred By Puppy**

PLK Everywhere All At Once

Owner [s] Denise Dang & Resolve Group

Breeder Denise & Cuong Dang



Litter Announcements

Debby Buse of Debby's Bolonka has one sable female puppy looking for placement.

For information email info@debbysbolonkas.com

April Ellison has 1 male available

Contact her at april0121@yahoo.com



From the RTBCA Board of Directors. We wish everyone a blessed Holiday. Safe journeys for those who are traveling. See you in 2025.