

RUSSIAN TSVETNAYA BOLONKA NEWS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2021 comes to an end, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year! To recap, our most important event in 2021 was the first AKC Specialty. Congratulations to the winners,

Denise Dang, Victory & Serena Umoh taking BEST OF BREED, PLK Here There And Everywhere, CM3

Debby Buse taking Best of Opposite Sex & Best Puppy; PLK Your So Vain At Debby's.

Layna Landers & Denise Dang taking Best of Opposite Puppy, PLK Don't Go Breaking My Heart @ Firehouse.

Our 2022 specialty will be in June 2022. I hope everyone will make plans to attend.

Remember, 2022 club dues will be due in January. One last reminder you must be a club member and register your litters with the AKC to be eligible to have the litter listed in the newsletter.

AS THE OLD IRISH PRAYER, MY WISH FOR ALL OF YOU AS WE BEGIN 2022.

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU.

MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.

MAY THE SUNSHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE.

THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

CANDANCE MOGAVERO

RTBC PRESIDENT



2021 RTBC NATIONALS/ SPECIALITY TUSCON ARIZONA

The 2021 National Speciality was fun for all. Thank you, Natalie Armitage, Russ Armitage, and Teresa Huff you all did a fantasic job. The trophies, goodie bags and Ribbons were absolutely amazing. The food and company was great. Despite the low entry it was educational for all. The Specialty was held outdoors along with many other Specialties held that day. There were many spectators interested in getting to know the Bolonka and their talents. Our Annual meeting was held after the show. Many new and upcoming events and goals for the club and breed were discussed. It was a fun and educational event for all.

2021 RTBCA National Specialty Show results were at follows:

BEST OF BREED: <u>PLK Here There and Everywhere, CM3</u>, owned by Denise Dang, Victoria & Serena Umoh.



Bred-By Pink Lotus Kennels

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX and BEST PUPPY: PLK Your so Vain at Debby's. Owned by Debby Buse



Bred-By Pink Lotus Kennels

Best Opposite Puppy: PLK Don't Go Breaking My Heart @ Firehouse. Owned by Layna Landers & Denise Dang



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*** AKC BREED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UPDATE****

OUR SECRETARY HAS CONFIRMED THE APPLICATION REQUESTING TO BE MOVED TO MISCELLANOUS STATUS WAS SUBMITTED NOV 15, 2021. AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2021, THE AKC FSS OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THE APPLICATION WILL GO TO THE AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING.

THE RUSSIAN TSVETNAYA BOLONKA AT

THE AKC 2021 ROYAL CANINE NATIONALS.

Thank you to Debby Buse, Kathleen Gilbert, Brenda Algar, Denise Dang, Layna Landers and Deborah Howington for attending and showing their support for the breed at a National event.





Suggestions on how to Maintain the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Show long coat.

The Bolonka coat is not as difficult as it would appear. I get asked questions all the time at shows about does that mat easily. My answer is always the same, not if it is kept clean and brushed at minimum weekly. Here are a few suggestions if you would like to maintain a beautiful show coat on your Bolonka. {This is only my opinion and personal experience} My first step is to keep the coat clean. A weekly bath is not as much work as it would seem.

Step 1. Completely comb out all mats gently with a comb using a leave in conditioning spray as you comb. Make sure all mats are out as getting those wet will make the coat matt even more. Trim hair between pads of feet and trim nails if needed. Nails should not touch the ground. If the dog has a long coat and are walking on it, I do round off the hair on the feet as to keep them from walking on it and causing a mat. Also, trim hair around the anus to keep it debris free.

<u>Step 2.</u> Dampen coat with tepid water [lukewarm]. Using a paraben free/sulfate free shampoo dilute in a separate 16-20 oz bottle 1-part shampoo 4-part water. Shake well. Apply shampoo to wet coat. Do not rub the coat however work shampoo from skin to ends getting the coat clean. RINSE WELL. When you feel it squeak, you have all the shampoo out.

<u>Step 3</u>. Dilute the conditioner 3:1 in separate bottle. [Only use straight when coat is especially dry or needs a little more conditioner]. I personally use a conditioner that has Jojoba/Argan oils in it. RINSE WELL.

<u>Step 4.</u> Blot the coat with towel, never rub or fluff coat with towel as that causes matting. I personally use a Shammy to extract water from the coat.

<u>Step 5</u>. Using a quality leave in spray conditioner gently comb through the coat until you can get the comb through completely without catching a knot.

<u>Step 6</u>. Place dog in crate with NO TOWELS or other things to lay on until they are dry. Leaving a coated breed on a towel while wet will severely matt the coat.

<u>Step 7</u>. Once the dog is dry, comb out coat and pull hair on top of the head with a band to keep the hair out of the eyes.

These steps are done once a week. As well as a thorough brushing/comb out mid-week to keep my time short before the bath. Bands on ponytail are done daily to keep coat from breakage.

2022 EVENTS

2022 RTBCA NATIONALS HUTCHINSON KANSAS

We are excited to announce that the RTBCA National Specialty 2022 will be in Hutchinson KS. The committee is hoping the more central US location and Summertime date will encourage more people to attend. The location address is Kansas State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson KS. The Specialty will be held Friday June 10, 2022. No day of show entries will be taken. Our specialty will be held in conjunction with the Sunflower Classic. There will be Two additional OPEN Shows available June 11th & 12th making additional CM points available. The Cluster Committee that they will be offering Health Clinics on Sat to include Eyes, Patella, Hips & Elbows. OFA cert applications will be available to gain your CHIC number. You will need to have your microchip and registration numbers available to complete the forms.

It is the suggestion of the committee that you book your hotel early as they do fill up quickly. So, dust off the show clothes and join us in a fun filled afternoon with friends old and new. More information to come.

Upcoming Event 2022 AKC Meet the Breed Tour 2022

The RTBCA will be participating in the AKC Meet the breed tour. Our first date will be June 25-26 in Dallas Texas. And a second date October 22-23 in Atlanta GA. If you would like to participate and join this committee, please contact Denise Dang @ pinklotuskennels@gmail.com





CURRENT AND UPCOMING LITTERS

Bolonka Treasures~AZ-[Teresa Huff] is expecting a litter soon Steve Waldman~ FL-- 2 female puppies.

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BREED EDUCATION

Below you will find an informative link about the structure of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka presented by Eugene Erusalimsky from the RFK.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H2G5Xaus4PA&feature=share#menu

Thank you from the Board of the RTBCA. It is our hope that 2022 will be a great year for our club and breed within AKC. There will be lots of exciting events and news coming. So, watch for the next newsletter.

If you have suggestions or would like to participate with any of the committees or at any events upcoming, please contact the Secretary for additional information and how you can help.