



# RUSSIAN TSVETNAYA BOLONKA NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here which bring warmer weather, earlier sunrise, and later sunset. It's time to think of activities you can do with your Bolonkas such as learning tricks for a Trick dog title, obedience, Rally titles, Fast Cat and or conformation titles (CM). if you are interested in any of these things you can usually find classes for conformation at your local all-breed dog club. performance training club or even online with You Tube videos. Books on training is another option. Whatever way you choose to train you dog it is a plus for both you and your dog. It will bring you closer together and provides an outlet for both of you. Training you dog in any of these programs keeps their brain and body active. Even just taking you dog for a walk can benefit both of you in many ways. Walking you dog is not only good exercise for both of you it can also show you areas in which you dog need to learn correct behavior when out in public. One reminder remember you dog does not need to like everyone or anyone for that matter. If they are a social butterfly great for them, but if they prefer not having a strange person or dog in their personal space respect their wishes. Bolonkas should be walked with a harness and leash as it can be quite easy to damage their trachea if you do not know how to use a regular collar. One last suggestion every dog should be micro-chipped just in case they were to get away from you while out in public. Have an enjoyable day.

Candace Mogavero

President RTBC



## AKC NEWS UPDATE



### **The RTBCA Board is excited to announce our 2021 Goal has been met.**

It was announced in the March AKC Gazette that the AKC Board of directors unanimously voted that The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka will be moved to the Miscellaneous group effective January 1, 2023.

What does this mean for our breed and our club? A few things, first we have officially become an AKC breed. We are now waiting to move into full recognition once all conditions are met. Our breed standard has been approved and is effective January 1, 2023, which can be found on the AKC website. After January 1, 2023, the breed will be eligible to compete in any AKC dog show under the miscellaneous class. All Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka puppies will be registered with traditional AKC registration papers. They will no longer be registered under Foundation Stock.

You ask what are those AKC conditions that need to be met to move forward? Well, the first two conditions are the most important and here is where all of you can really help. The RTBCA will need to increase our club membership. The requirement is over 100 households. We are halfway there. The second important condition is an increase the number of Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka "individually" registered with the AKC. The requirement is 1000 dogs registered with three (3) generation pedigrees. Currently we have 281, so as you can see, we have a long way to go.

With that said, the RTBCA would like to encourage all Bolonka owners and breeders to individually register all their puppies/dogs. We kindly request that breeders to gift a one-year membership to your puppy buyers and encourage them to participate in activities with the club. Thus, increasing the numbers needed to move forward.

The last and important goal is to get out and exhibit your Bolonka at an AKC sanctioned event/show. AKC likes to see participation in their events. If you need help or just are not sure how to get started. Contact the board, we are here to help.

Watch for additional information in detail in our Volume 3 Newsletter. From AKC as we move forward toward Full-Recognition.

~ Denise Dang, RTBCA Secretary



## **Training advice for the unsure:**

When training any of the many dogs I have owned over the years, there are a few rules I have lived by: Repetition, Patience, Upbeat voice command, Positive reinforcement, make it fun and keep it in short sessions.

As with humans, learning a new habit or trick takes repetition and lots of patience. If you only do a thing once, you most likely did not retain enough of the information to do it correctly a second time. Skill takes practice. A daily 5–10-minute lesson with a very young puppy, followed by 20 minutes of play will not only make learning fun but less stressful when they do not do it correctly.

Keep up the encouragement. If you are impatient or angry, dogs can feel it. Be patient, remembering to use an encouraging command voice. Even the most even-tempered puppies will cower if your tone of voice and body language are harsh. The opposite is also true. Use too playful or coddling of a tone, your puppy will not be listening, being more interested in playing.

In my honest opinion baby talk should never be used when training a dog. This is not encouraging and does not gain the desired effect. The best way I can describe a good command voice is the difference between asking someone to do something and telling them. If you ask the dog to do something, even a puppy will understand it has a choice. They need to understand you mean what you say while sounding like whatever you are asking them to do is fun. While training, use light praise or a small bit of treat. Again, if you are having fun, they will try to do better because it is fun.

I find for puppies; any more than 15 minutes of training is too much. Their focus will wane toward a needed potty break or something more interesting that has caught their eye. Just let them play. There is no harm in letting them be until tomorrow.

So, when training a puppy to do a trick or learn a new habit, I remember these key tips:

1. Make it fun! If you are having fun, they will too.
2. Keep it short, no more than 15 minutes.
3. Tell, don't ask. No babytalk.
4. Positive reinforcement with a treat or praise.
5. Most important of all, remember they are learning. Skill takes time and practice.

Happy Training!

Written by ~Victoria Umoh RTBCA Member & Avid Dog Trainer

## 2022 RTBCA CLUB EVENTS

### 2022 RTBCA NATIONALS HUTCHINSON KANSAS

The date is getting closer. We hope to see you all at this years RTBCA National Specialty. Join us and support the club and the breed in its quest for Full Recognition. Are you new to showing? NO problem, we are all here to help. There will be Two additional Open Shows the same weekend making additional points will be available toward your CM Titles. All-Breed Shows held Thursday through Sunday. Health clinics are by appointment on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be in the premium. The Premium has been released and posted to Face Book. If you need a copy, please contact Denise Dang at [pinklotuskennels@gmail.com](mailto:pinklotuskennels@gmail.com) and she can provide you another copy. Entries will close May 25<sup>th</sup> at noon



The **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on Friday evening June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, please join us, and get the latest news and updates.

### UPDATE: RTBCA Joins “The AKC Meet the Breed Tour 2022”



The RTBCA will be participating in “The AKC Meet the Breeds Tour.” Our first date will be June 25-26 in Dallas Texas. If you would like to join us with your groomed Bolonka, please email Denise @ [pinklotuskennels@gmail.com](mailto:pinklotuskennels@gmail.com) to confirm you will be attending as a volunteer for the booth. Tickets are required to gain entrance and therefore a headcount is needed. In the Volume 1 newsletter we announced we would be attending the Atlanta date, however AKC has cancelled that date. We are reviewing the New York Date in November, if you are interested in attending or volunteering to staff the booth, please contact Denise.

**Be on the lookout for our upcoming contests!**















**What Amazing things does your Bolonka do?**



## WELCOME TO THE DOG SHOW



### Tips to follow when attending:

-  We welcome you to watch the competition and demonstrations at our show. Here are some tips to help you and your family have a safe, pleasant experience.
-  Do enjoy yourself! You can pick up a schedule of the breeds and their show times at the Superintendent's table or the catalog table.
-  Don't be afraid to ask questions, but it is best to approach exhibitors *after* they have been in the ring for judging.
-  Join a guided tour of the show. This will help you understand what's going on at the show.
-  If you would like more information about any of the events taking place today, please ask at the club table or someone from the show committee.
-  Avoid standing near the entrances to rings. Be extra careful in those areas where the dogs are waiting to enter the ring.
-  We welcome you to watch the competition. The dogs and their handlers have worked and trained hard to be here. Please don't do anything to distract them at ringside.
-  Keep your child close to you and be aware of what he/she is doing at all times.
-  If your child is in a stroller, keep a respectful distance from dogs, particularly dogs whose heads are at the same level as your child. Be very careful when near dogs so that you don't run over tails or feet or bump into them. Be sure your child does not reach out to touch a dog without owner's permission.
-  Always ask permission from owners before petting a strange dog and instruct your children to ask permission before petting a dog. Don't put your fingers or hand in a crate or exercise pen. Don't offer treats to a dog.
-  Do not allow your child to run on show grounds. Some dogs love to chase things that are running!
-  If you are looking for a puppy, talk to exhibitors about the breed they are showing to see if this is the right breed for you and your lifestyle. No puppies or dogs will be for sale at any AKC show.
-  Visit our vendors. They offer lots of doggie items perfect for the pet you may have at home.
-  For more information about AKC breeds and events, go to [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

## Coco & Pasha's Favorite Raw Recipe

As I was stuck at home due to the pandemic for the past two years, I decided to experiment with making my own raw dog food. I'm proud to say that my dogs love my cooking (or non-cooking, as the case may be). Mostly...

I have several different raw recipes that I use when I am feeling creative. But the cardinal rule for all the recipes is to use a ratio of about 80% raw meat and organs and 20% fresh vegetables and fruits by weight.

The recipe they like best is as follows:

- 2 pounds ground chuck
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 pound beef liver
- 1 pound beef kidney
- 1/2 pound chicken livers
- 2 cans mackerel (drained)
- 2 tins of anchovies in olive oil (drained)
- 1 large head of fresh kale
- 6 carrots
- 1 pint of strawberries or blueberries

Plus, the following add-ins:

- 1/2 cup Native Pet Probiotic Powder
- 1/2 cup Nature Vet Calcium-Phosphorus Powder
- 1 cup liquid Omega 3 (Salmon and Pollack oil)
- 1 1/2 cups ground flaxseed

The mixer does all the work, and the consistency should be rather thick. Adding more ground flaxseed is a good way to thicken it.

I portion the food into 1/2 cup containers and freeze them until I'm ready to use them. Each container is about 4 servings when mixed with a high-quality dry kibble or 2 servings without kibble.

~ **Written by Steve Waldman, RTBCA member**



I use my large Kitchen Aid mixer on the slowest setting to mix the ingredients.

Prior to mixing, each of the following ingredients are pureed in the food processor:

- beef liver
- kidneys
- chicken liver
- mackerel
- anchovies
- kale
- carrots
- berries – strained to remove most of the juice

## Health Information: This is one of the 5 Tests Needed to acquire an OFA CHIC Number.

### Patella Luxation- What is it...

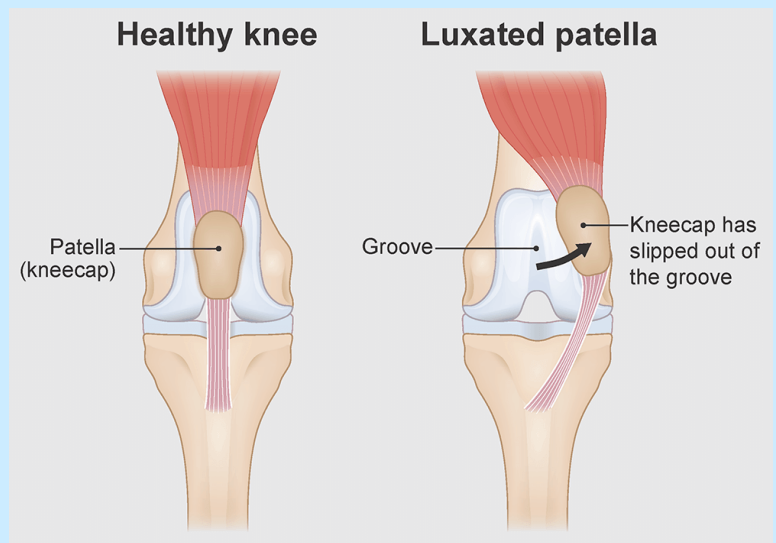
Patella luxation is a condition in which the kneecap is loose and can slide around the joint. There are four grades of Patella Luxation:

**Grade 1:** The kneecap is loose but stays in the correct place when your dog moves around. It will dislocate if forced by your vet, but immediately returns when released. Grade 1 patella luxation doesn't often cause much of a problem.

**Grade 2:** The kneecap occasionally dislocates when your dog moves around, but usually returns by itself. Grade 2 symptoms range from mild to moderate depending on how regularly the kneecap dislocates.

**Grade 3:** The kneecap is permanently dislocated, can be pushed back into place by your vet, but slips straight out again when they let go.

**Grade 4:** The kneecap is permanently dislocated and is impossible to push back into place.



### Symptoms

Although symptoms of patella luxation can appear at any time, they often develop before one year of age and include:

Intermittent hopping/ skipping – This usually lasts for a few seconds (until the kneecap has slipped back again)

Stiffness – can affect one or both back legs and ranges from mild to severe

### Breeds and prevention

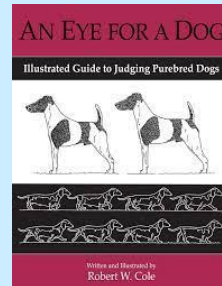
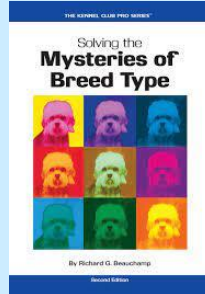
Patella luxation is more common in certain breeds, especially toy and small breeds. This is often because these breeds have a shallow knee groove that doesn't hold the kneecap in place. The best way to prevent patella luxation is to avoid breeding from any dog that has had a kneecap problem in the past. If you are thinking of getting a dog, make sure you research the pedigree thoroughly and avoid a history of patella luxation.

### Treatment

Treatment for patella luxation varies depending on the severity. In Group 1 and 2, it's usually physical therapy to build up the muscles around the patella. Group 3 and 4 could require surgery. If you have a dog that exhibits any symptoms, it's important to get a diagnosis and treat, as patella luxation often leads to arthritis in the affected knees as well as imbalance of muscle development when the dog compensates for the weaker knees.

## Breeding to the standard ~ why is this important?

I would like to recommend a few books that I have read and found deeply knowledgeable in my quest to become a good breeder. It has occurred to me that there are many new breeders who do not have complete knowledge as to how to obtain the goal on breeding for type, structure, or health. We were all new at one point in time and so I offer you a few good books to fill your minds.



- ❖ **Born to Win Breed to Success** written by Patricia Craig Trotter. AKC Judge and Breeder
- ❖ **Solving the Mysteries of Breed Type** written by Richard G. Beauchamp. Breeder and AKC Judge
- ❖ **An Eye for a dog, Illustrated Guide to Judging Purebred Dogs** written & illustrated by Robert Cole.

I found these books to be most helpful when I was looking to obtain the best breeding dogs I could find. You must know where to start before you can begin. I encourage seasoned and new breeders to read these books.

~ **Written by Kathleen Gilbert, RTBCA Member**



### *Current & Upcoming Litters*

- **Ancient Iron Bolonka's**~ Susan Hansen, Canada ~ Puppies Due April 2022
- **Pink Lotus Kennels**~ Denise & John Dang, Oklahoma ~ Puppies Due May 2022



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Thank you from the Board of the RTBCA.

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.