



Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka News

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is here, which brings 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 titles, 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 are another option. Whatever way you choose to train your 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 to have fun together. Training your dog in any of these programs keeps their brain and body active. Even just taking your dog for a walk can benefit both of you in many ways. Walking your dog is not only good exercise for both of you, it can also show you areas in which your dog needs to learn correct behavior when out in public.

One reminder- your 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 very 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 a great day.

Candace Mogavero

President RTBCA



2022 RTBCA Events

2022 RTBCA National Specialty Hutchinson, KS June 10, 2022

The show was a success. We had a nice entry of 12 RTB's. Members from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Minnesota were in attendance. The prizes were beautiful and the Judge, Peggy Beisel McIlwaine, was inspired by the breed. We had a nice crowd of people watching and commenting how lovely the breed is. We look forward to next year and hope to see you all there. Watch for the next newsletter to find out where the location will be.

2022 Best of Breed

PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere, CM3.



2022 RTBCA National Specialty Results Continued

2022 Best of Opposite Sex

**PLK You're So Vain @Debby's. Owned
By Debby Buse, Elizabeth Melzer**



2022 RTBCA Best Puppy

**Debby's Sergei. Owned by Debby Buse, Elizabeth
Melzer, Kylie Soafer**



2022 RTBCA Best of Opposite Pup- py

Raisa Shiro Sho. Owned By Denise Dang

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America 2022 AKC Meet The Breeds Tour Dallas Texas

This was a fun event. Many people passing by the booth to meet and greet the Bolonka. Many questions were asked and there was a vast interest in this lovely breed from children to seasoned dog owners. Some AKC Judges and Executives came by for a chat and were interested in the breed. It is my hope to do this again next year.



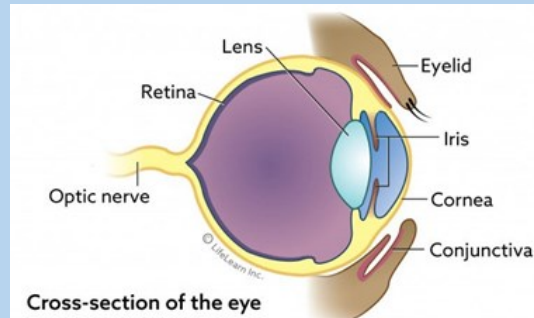


Health Information:

One of the 5 tests recommended by the RTBCA

Progressive Retinal Atrophy or PRA-prcd~

What is it.....



Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration, or PRA-prcd, is a form of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in which the cells in the dog's retina degenerate and die. PRA for dogs is similar to retinitis pigmentosa in humans. Most affected dogs will not show signs of vision loss until 3-5 years of age. Complete blindness can occur in older dogs. PRA-prcd is inherited as an autosomal recessive disorder. A dog must have two copies of the mutated gene to be affected by PRA. A dog can have one copy of the mutation and not experience any symptoms of the disease. Dogs with one copy of the mutation are known as carriers, meaning that they can pass on the mutation to their offspring. If they breed with another carrier, there is a 25% chance that the offspring can inherit one copy of the mutated gene from each parent, and be affected by the disease.

Symptoms of Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Dogs:

- ◆ Progressive loss of night vision affecting both eyes is usually the first sign of the disease.
- ◆ Day vision degeneration occurs over a period of time until total blindness results.
- ◆ Eyes begin to have a cloudy look.
- ◆ The eyes take on a grey color and have a slight sheen.

What is the treatment?

There is currently no effective treatment available for PRA. To date, the use of antioxidant supplements or vitamins has not shown any measurable effect on this disease, although these supplements are not harmful to your pet and they may reduce stress on the lens cells and delay cataract formation.

Source: Jeff Struder DVM DACVO


The OFA Breed Health Survey:


As part of our ongoing dedication to the health and welfare of this breed, the RTBCA would invites all Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka owners to complete the Health Survey listed for our breed on the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals website which can be found at this link; <https://ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/?survey=RTB>

The following link also gives a bundle of information on the health of the Bolonka as well as how to obtain your Bolonka CHIC number. You can go to this link:

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







As you can see on the snap shot here there are statistics, downloadable reports, the health survey and what health screenings are required to obtain your CHIC number



Order DNA Tests Log In to OFA Online  Search OFA Health-Tested Dogs

ABOUT CHIC PROGRAM DISEASES **BROWSE BY BREED** APPLICATIONS HEALTH CLINICS

RUSSIAN TSVETNAYA BOLONKA

 Health Screenings  Testing Statistics  Download Reports  Health Survey  Print Page  Club Web Page

Recommended Tests/CHIC Program Requirements

The OFA, working with the breed's parent club, recommends the following basic health screening tests for all breeding stock. Dogs meeting these basic health screening requirements will be issued Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) numbers. For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal, but they must all be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions. For potential puppy buyers, CHIC certification is a good indicator the breeder responsibly factors good health into their selection criteria. The breed specific list below represents the basic health screening recommendations. It is not all encompassing. There may be other health screening tests appropriate for this breed. And, there may be other health concerns for which there is no commonly accepted screening protocol available.

Screening	Testing options
Patellar Luxation	OFA Evaluation
ACVO Eye Exam	Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist
Cardiac Evaluation	<i>One of the following:</i> Congenital Cardiac Exam Advanced Cardiac Exam Basic Cardiac Exam
Progressive Retinal Atrophy	DNA based prcd-PRA test results from an approved lab
Hip Dysplasia	<i>(Optional but recommended)</i> OFA Evaluation

Application Forms

Breeding to the Standard Part 2

Every breeder of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka should watch this very informative Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2G5Xaus4PA&t=119s>



General Appearance:

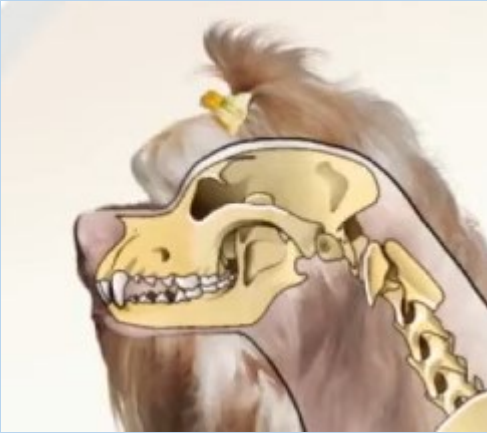
Developed to be the ultimate house pet and companion, the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka is a small, sturdy, balanced dog, slightly longer than tall. The breed appears disheveled due to the wavy or curly coat. He moves gracefully with the tail carried over the back. He is friendly to all and shows no sign of aggression. He is sweet, loving, intelligent and willing to please.

Size, Proportion and Substance:

The body is slightly (not more than 15%) longer than the height at the withers, just off-square, measured from the point of shoulder to the ischium. The height is up to 10 ¼". *Height at withers over 11 inches is a disqualification.* He is moderately boned. The ideal weight for males and females is 7 - 9 pounds



Breeding to the Standard Continued

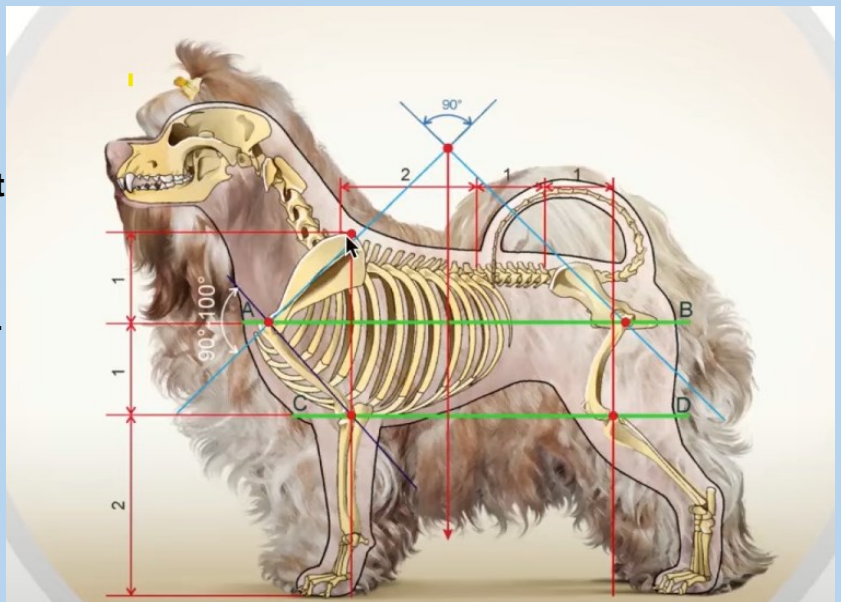


Head:

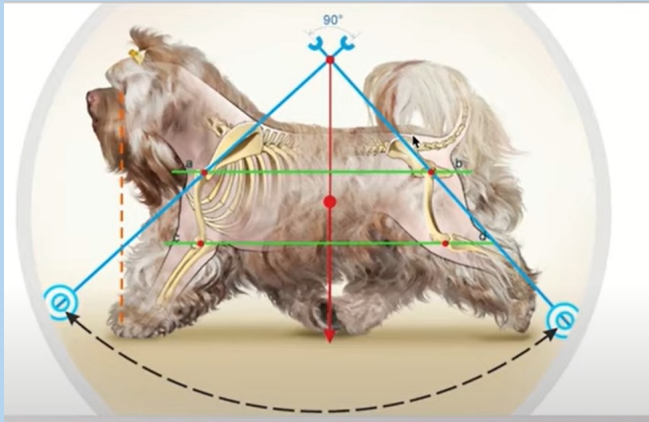
The expression is sweet, alert, and intelligent. Eyes are dark brown. Lighter brown color is allowed in brown, fawn and cream dogs. *Blue or partially blue eye(s) are a disqualification.* The eyes are of medium size, rounded, and set on the frontal plane. Eyelids are tight. Eye rims are black or match the coat color. Cheeks are slightly rounded. Ears are moderate size, V shaped with slightly rounded tips, set moderately high, lay close to the skull and carried dropped. When alert, the ears lift at the base. The head is in proportion to the body. The skull is slightly prominent and slightly rounded, with a well defined stop. The muzzle is short, slightly more than one third of the length of the head, slightly tapered to the nose. The nasal bridge is straight and wide at the base. Lower jaw is moderately wide. The nose is small, vertical in profile, with nostrils that are well opened. The nose is solid black or matches the coat color. All shades of solid brown pigmentation are allowed in brown dogs. *A spotted or flesh-colored nose is a disqualification.* The lips are tight, with edges that are black or similar to the coat color. A scissors bite is preferred; a level bite or a slightly undershot bite is tolerated. A complete set of incisors and canines is desired. *An overshot bite or wry mouth is a disqualification.*

Neck, Topline and Body:

The neck is average length, sloping, dry, and well-muscled. The topline is level with a strong, broad, well-muscled back. The body is compact with a deep chest that is moderately broad and oval shaped with the brisket extending to the elbow. Ribs are well sprung. The underline is moderately tucked up. The loin is short and slightly arched. The croup is rounded, medium length, rather broad, slightly sloping, and muscular. The tail is medium length, set at moderate height, and curls over the back so the tip is close to the back. The tail is completely covered by coat. The tail may not be docked. *A missing or docked tail is a disqualification.*



Breeding to the Standard Continued



Forequarters:

Legs are straight, parallel, and moderately wide when viewed from the front. The shoulder blades are well muscled, and their angulation with the shoulders is 100-110 degrees. The forelegs are straight and parallel, with elbows tight to the body. The length from the withers to the elbows is equal to the length from the elbows to the ground. Pasterns are strong and nearly upright. Dew claws may be removed. The feet are small and round with arched, tight toes. Pads and nails are dark.

Hindquarters:

The hind legs are straight and parallel. The hocks are strong, and moderately angulated, medium in length. They are set moderately wide when viewed from the rear. The rear pasterns are medium length and upright. Dew claws may be removed. The feet are a little smaller than the forefeet, oval shaped, with arched, tight toes. Pads and nails are dark.

Gait:

The movement is smooth and flowing with good reach in front and strong rear drive.

These last two items are the hallmark of the breed and should not be deviated from.

Coat:

The coat is long, dense, thick, soft, and supple, with a well-developed undercoat. The coat forms large curls (preferred) or may be very wavy. The head has a well-developed beard and moustache. *Complete lack of a beard and moustache is a disqualification.* The coat is never deliberately parted. Hair on top of the head may fall naturally or be held up with a small bow on the top of the head. Feet may be neatened. No other trimming of the coat is allowed.

Color:

All colors are permitted except solid white, spotted, parti-color or merle. Small white markings on the toes and fore chest are permitted. *A solid white, spotted, parti-color or merle coat color is a disqualification.*

A Veterinarian Approved Raw Diet Recipe:

We all struggle to make sure our dogs are eating well and getting what they need. And every dog food you find on the shelf has several items that may be questionable of it is good for your dog. Many of people today have gone to the raw diet making food for their dogs at home. The question here is, are they getting all the things they need in that diet? This is one recipe that has been vet approved for dogs with sensitivity to grains in their diet.



INGREDIENTS

- 3.5 lbs lean ground beef 90% +
- 8 tsp hempseed oil or 12 tbsp hemp seeds
- 8 oz canned sardines in water or 2 tsp cod liver oil
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp kelp powder
- 4 eggs
- 2 egg shells
- 4 oz beef liver
- 4 oz broccoli
- 4 oz spinach
- 2 oz red bell pepper
- 2 oz carrot

Recipe by Rodney Habib YouTube

Instructions:

- ◆ Begin by mixing together the beef, eggs, kelp, ground ginger, hempseed oil, and sardines. Drain the water from the Sardines before you add them in. Save egg shells and set aside.
- ◆ Try to break up the sardines as much as possible before mixing so it evenly distributes throughout. When it is well combined set aside.
- ◆ Next, add the veggies, eggshells and beef or chicken liver into a food processor and blend until everything is evenly chopped. May need to do this in batches if your food processor is small.
- ◆ Add the blended ingredients to the mix until well combined
- ◆ Portion out food according to your dog's daily intake requirements. Remember the food will be okay in the freezer for weeks, but only a few days in the fridge. Portion accordingly.
- ◆ A dog should eat 10% of their body weight in meat per day. So, if you have a 10 lb dog they would eat 1lb of mixture per day.
- ◆ NOTE: you may add a vitamin supplement if you feel it is needed, however this mix may be all that is needed.

All around the Bolonka Community News

Litter announcement:

Debby Buse— 2 Male pups Black, looking for new families.



New Title Earners:

- ♦ Showboat Bliss Milo, CM owned By Deborah Howington & Dakota McDaniel, Elizabeth Melzer
- ♦ PLK She's So Vain@ Debbys, CM Owned by Debby Buse, Elizabeth Melzer
- ♦ PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere, CM3 Owned By Denise Dang, Victoria & Serena Umoh

Congratulations to them for all their hard work out there promoting the breed.

Upcoming Club Events

Election Year—this is the year to elect new club officers. All current members will be receiving the slate in a few days. As per our Constitution and Bylaws. If you are interested in running or have a person in mind for an office you will need to submit the name for that nomination with a petition of 5 other members in good standing for that person to be placed on the slate. Voting will be in September.

Committees: The club would like to invite all members in good standing who would like to participate to join one of the committees. It is a good way to learn and have input on activities within the club. The following committees are needing members.

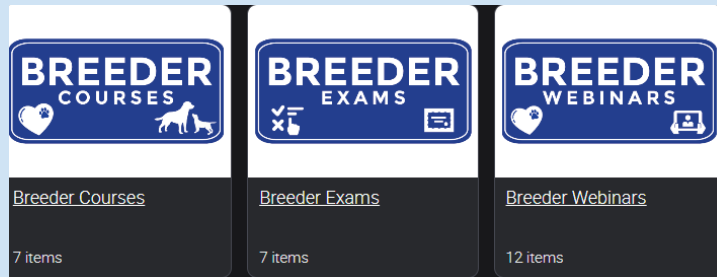
1. **Health Committee**
2. **Membership Committee**
3. **Newsletter Committee**
4. **Breeder Education Committee**
5. **2023 National Specialty Show Committee, which will be held in Perry GA May 2023.**
6. **Meet the Breeds Committee for 2023.**

If you are interested in joining one of these committees send email to club secretary at Pinklotuskennels@gmail.com

AKC Events and Education

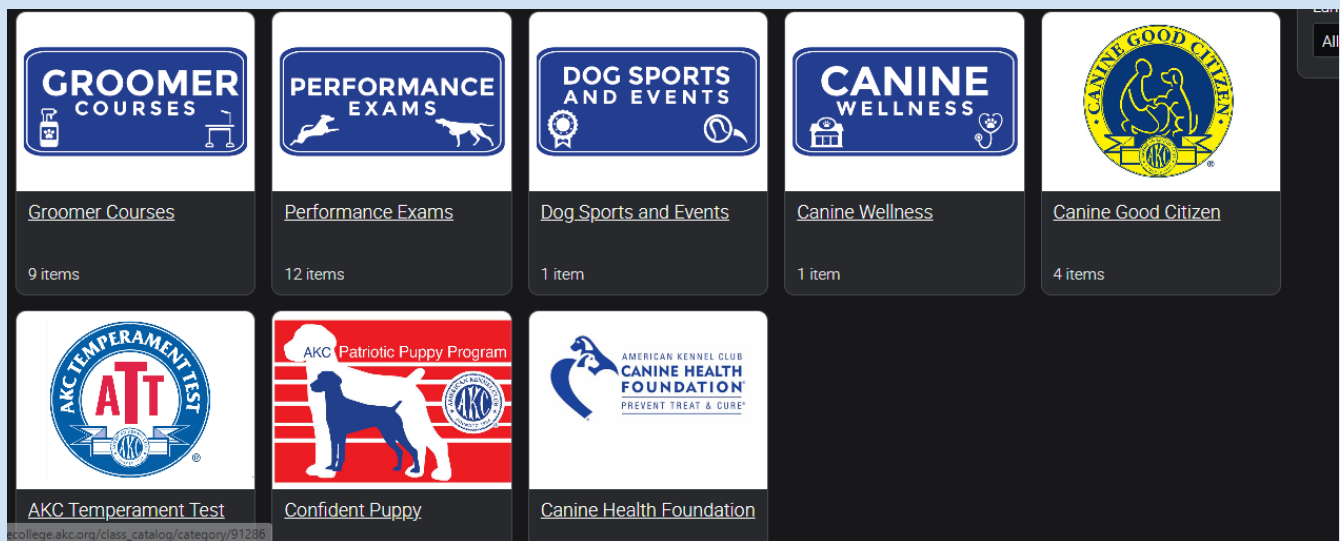
Some people are now aware of this great resource that AKC has. You can learn a lot while earning certificates of completion. The AKC Canine College is a wealth of knowledge that you can access as simply as creating your own account where your learning is stored. Go To: <https://www.caninecollege.akc.org/>

There are Breeder courses and webinars as well as Exams to earn a certificate



As well as other courses, most of these are free some require a fee for the certificate. These also come in multiple languages.

Example: Dog Sports & Events it is a free video on how to get started showing your dog.



All of these courses are fun and rewarding. Sign up today.

AKC Events— How to Look them up on the Website.

Remember starting January 2023 the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka will be moving to the Miscellaneous class. Until that time this is a short set of instruction on how to locate FSS Open Shows in your area. Follow the link.

- <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/>

Using the drop down under Conformation Events , choose FSS Open , then choose your state[s] in which you want to find and OPEN show.

The screenshot shows the AKC Event Search interface. On the left, under 'Conformation Events', the 'FSS Open (OPNC)' checkbox is selected. Below this, the 'BREED' section has 'Any AKC Recognized or FSS Breed' selected. The 'LOCATION' section on the right has 'Indoors' selected, and the 'DATE RANGE' section at the bottom has 'Event Date' selected with a date range from 08/09/2022 to 08/09/2023. A map of the United States is displayed in the center.

You can also find performance and Companion events under this menu. Such as you see here. FSS breeds are allowed to compete and gain titles in these events.

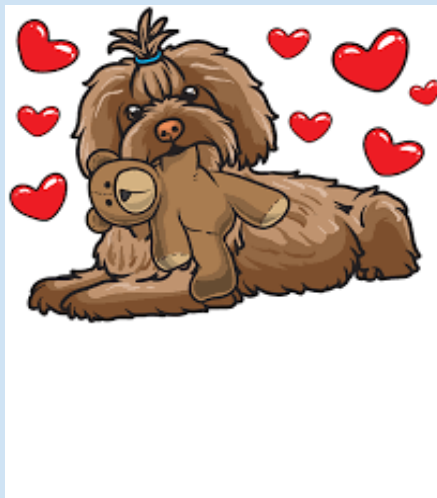
The screenshot shows the AKC Event Search interface with 'Performance Events' selected. Under 'Performance Events', 'Farm Dog Certification (FDC)', 'Lure Coursing Tests & Trials (LC)', 'Fast CAT (FCAT)', 'Scent Work (SCWK)', and 'AKC Temperament Test' are all selected. The 'LOCATION' and 'DATE RANGE' sections are the same as in the previous screenshot, with 'Indoors' selected and a date range from 08/09/2022 to 08/09/2023. A map of the United States is displayed in the center.

If you still are unsure on how to locate these feel free to contact our RTBCA secretary @ pinklotuskennels@gmail.com.

Thank for reading.

I hope this newsletter has given you some inspiration and educational

“Looking forward to seeing you and your Bolonka in the Miscellaneous Class 2022 AKCshows!!”



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