



Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka News

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Letter from the President

Let's talk about sportsmanship in the show ring and on the show grounds.

Our Code of Ethic reads:

Always display good sportsmanship, both in the show ring and at all RTBCA club functions. In conjunction with this, no Club member will degrade or berate any other member, their kennel, or their participation in Club activities in all forms of communication including, but not limited to, social media. Our Code of Ethic can be found on the club website at www.rtbc.com

AKC Code of Sportsmanship in part reads:

Sportsmen commit themselves to value fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning with and losing with grace. The entire AKC Code of Sportsmanship can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org.

We are a new breed to the AKC show ring and have just started to see more than just one or two Bolonkas at shows. We should all be welcoming the new exhibitor. They are there to learn how to groom and show their Bolonkas. Do you experienced exhibitors remember the first time you entered a show? Were you nervous or/and intimidated by the whole show scene? Well, the new exhibitor with the new puppy or the exhibitor with the older dog that has never seen a show ring or the whole show experience are also intimidated. They are not only intimidated by the show but also by you experienced exhibitors. Maybe their dog is not really show quality, but do we need to tell them that or the spectators standing around the ring? Be kind, be gentle, include them in your group. Help them in grooming their dog and if asked how to show their dog. We need to encourage and support each other. Back in the day when I was first starting out, I had a Belgian Sheepdog bitch from a very prominate kennel. She was skinny and did not have a lot of coat but I showed her anyway. One show I came out of the ring after losing once again when one of the old-time breeders came up to me and said *I can see you're upset about losing. You have a nice bitch there - just give her time to mature and she will do some nice winning for you."

The following year she went Winners bitch for six shows under six different judges. How easy it would have been for this person to ignore or make fun of my dog,. Instead, he encouraged me to continued showing my dog. Here it is 40 years later, and I still remember that conversation. Let's all make a vow to help the newcomers and not tear down another's dog just because you didn't win.

Candace Mogavero
President RTBCA



2022 RTBCA Events

A Reflection of 2022:

The 2022 RTBCA National Specialty held in Hutchinson KS was a success. Congrats again to the Winners. We hope to see you again next year. We are looking forward to 2023, and we hope to see some new faces.

The RTBCA participated in the AKC Meet The Breeds Event at the Dallas, TX location. The club received \$800.00 from AKC for participating in this event. Many people were introduced to the Bolonka and it was a great success.

Looking toward 2023

Moving into AKC Miscellaneous Classes:

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka will advance to the Miscellaneous Class Jan 1, 2023. This is a big step for our breed. There are a few changes that were introduced by AKC for the advancement to Full Recognition. { See the rule change on next page }

2023-2025 Elections were held:

The elections were held for new officers for the RTBCA. There was only one change and here is the Board for the RTBCA 2023-2025:

President~ Candace Mogavero

Vice President~ Elizabeth Melzer

Secretary ~ Denise Dang

Treasurer~ Natalie Armitage

Board Member~ Debby Buse

Board Member~ Deborah Howington

The Road to AKC Full Recognition

Per the AKC current rules effective August 1, 2022 these are the items that are required in order for the Russian Tsventaya Bolonka to advance to Full Recognition:

- ♦ A minimum of 300-400 dogs with Three Generation Pedigrees enrolled in AKC Foundation Stock. {CURRENT COUNT~ 317}.
- ♦ The Parent Club conducts a minimum of Two FSS Open Shows for Miscellaneous Class and FSS Breeds 6 months apart.
- ♦ A minimum of ONE Year has elapsed since entering the Miscellaneous Class unless the breed has over 1,000 three generation dogs when entering the Miscellaneous Class.
- ♦ Constitution and Bylaws submitted and approved by Club relations. (COMPLETED)
- ♦ A minimum of 20 litters bred and recorded, within a current 5 year period, while the breed is in Miscellaneous to ensure that the breed established and sustainable.
- ♦ A Minimum of three Judges Education Seminars conducted by the Parent Club.
- ♦ Develop Judges Education course in collaboration with AKC Staff for use on the AKC Canine College.
- ♦ Compete in Miscellaneous Class and Open Shows– Number of dogs competing is tracked by AKC Staff.
- ♦ Geographic distribution of dogs being shown Minimum of 10 different dogs owned by Parent Club members earning a Certificate of Merit.
- ♦ Membership of the club is a minimum of 100 households, geographically distributed throughout the country with flexibility based upon number of dogs enrolled.
- ♦ Provide AKC with Parent Club activities and documentation of participants in Shows, Matches, Judges Education Seminars, Meet the Breeds, Responsible Dog Ownership Events.



Please make note: The RTBCA board has confirmed with the FSS office that the following registries are accepted by the American Kennel Club for registration of a Bolonka at this time. This may be changed once the breed moves forward.

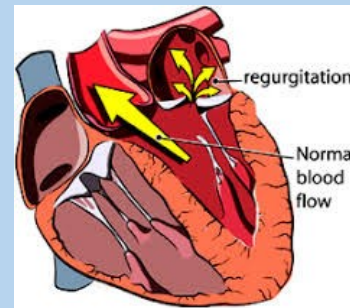
- ♦ FCI [Foreign registries]
- ♦ ARBA [American Rare Breed Association]
- ♦ North American Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club



Health Information:

One of the 5 tests recommended by the RTBCA

Heart Disease In Dogs



There's no single cause of heart disease in dogs. Aging, obesity, breed, and nutrition can all play a role. Heart Valve problems are the most common issue and typically affect small breeds that are five years and older. No matter what heart condition your dog may have, it's important to spot the signs early. 95% of heart conditions come on as the dog ages, it's easier to manage as soon as it develops. Because heart disease can be either congenital (condition present at birth) or acquired (condition developed over time) even puppies and younger dogs may have cardiac issues.

TWO MAIN HEART CONDITIONS IN DOGS

Valve Disease

Mitral regurgitation, a valve disease, is a common cause of a heart murmur in dogs. The blood flow becomes turbulent and creates the murmur. Murmurs are graded on a scale 1-6. The higher the number, the more obvious the murmur.

Heart Muscle Disease

DCM, or dilated cardiomyopathy, is the most common form of heart muscle disease. With DCM the muscles degenerate and begin to wear thin. That thinning decreased the heart's ability to contract and pump blood, and leads to congestive heart failure. DCM in dogs is irreversible but can be controlled through medications.

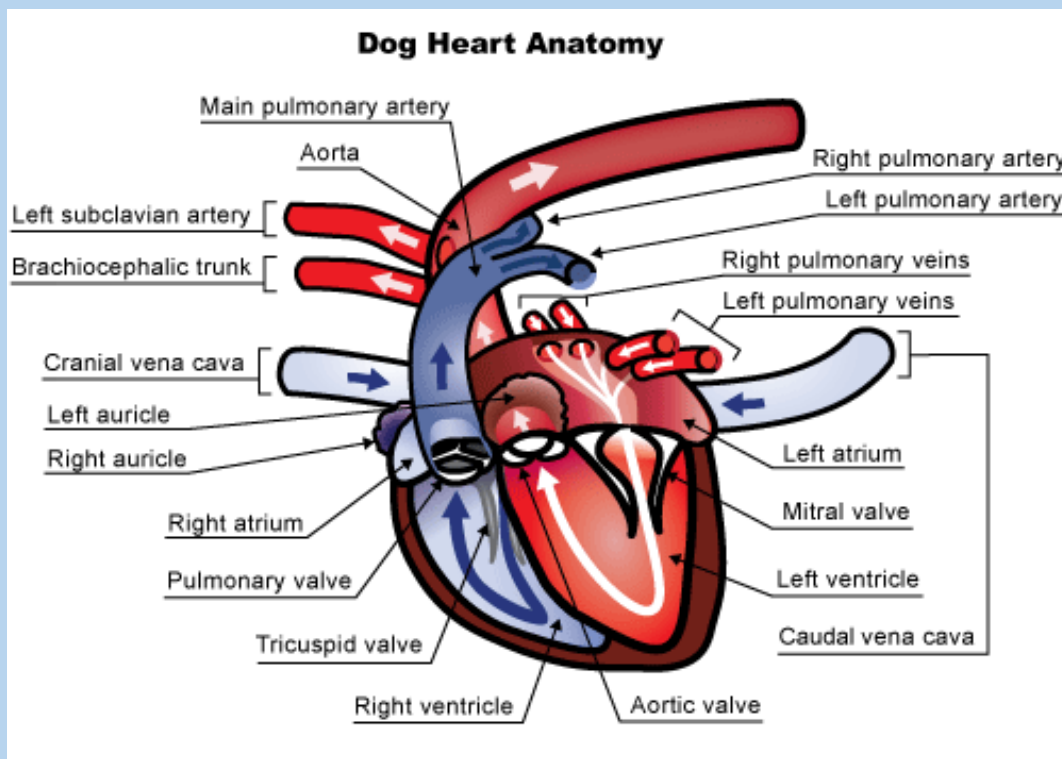
Heart Disease in dogs Continued

Diagnosing Heart conditions

- ♦ **Physical Examination** by Board Certified Dog Cardiologist– Including Listening to heart and lungs.
- ♦ **Electrocardiogram [ECG]** by Board Certified Dog Cardiologist ~ To measure Electrical activity.
- ♦ **Echocardiogram**– by Board Certified Cardiologist~ Ultrasound to view the heart.

There are several other heart conditions known in dogs, early detection is key. You can read more at the link below or follow up with your veterinarian.

<https://www.cvcavets.com/canine-heart-diseases>



Homemade dog Biscuits your Bolonka will love: [Banana/Peanut Butter]



Prep Time 15 mins

Cook Time 30 mins

Total Time 45 mins

Ingredients:

- ♦ **2 cups oats (old fashioned, 1-minute oats, or instant)**
- ♦ **2 medium ripe bananas**
- ♦ **1/2 Cup Natural Peanut Butter (read to be sure No Xylitol is listed)**

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 300F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add Oats to a food processor and grind until they reach a fine powder.
3. Add Banana and peanut butter and blend until a sticky dough is formed.
4. Remove from food processor and roll out on a lightly floured surface. (use whole wheat flour, more ground oats to ensure it is dog safe)
5. Cut into squares or use cookie cutter of choice.
6. Lay the treats on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 20 to 30 minutes, until the treats are puffed up a bit dry and have dark brown bottoms. (they may still feel soft when removed from oven, but will harden)
1. Be sure to let cool before giving to your dog as a treat. Store in air tight container at room temp for up to one (1) week or in the fridge for up to two (2) weeks, or you may choose to store in your freezer until ready to use.

This recipe offered by Elizabeth Sloan, [non member but supporter] Elizabeth will be getting her Bolonka in 2023 meanwhile she makes these treats for her Labrador Retriever.

All around the AKC Bolonka Community News

Litter announcement:

Debby Buse— 2 Male pups Black, looking for new families,
contact her at: debby@odysseysteel.net



New AKC Title Earners:



PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere, CM-4

Showboat Bliss Fairy Tale, CM

CONTRATULATIONS TO THEIR OWNERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE BREED

Upcoming RTBCA Club Events

October 2022 Show Sight Magazine~ The club will have a feature ad in Show Sight Magazine for the month of October. This is digital as well as hard copy. Check out the article written by our President.

2023 National Specialty~ The RTBCA National Specialty will be held in Perry, GA — Saturday, May 13, 2023. Watch for updated news as we get closer.

2023 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 need members.

- ♦ **Health Committee**~ contact **Teresa Huff** russianbolonkas@yahoo.com
- ♦ **Membership Committee**~ Contact **Denise** pinklotuskennels@gmail.com
- ♦ **Newsletter Committee**~ Contact **Candace** faireland1@gmail.com
- ♦ **Breeder Education Committee**~ Contact **Candace** faireland1@gmail.com
- ♦ **Meet the Breeds Committee for 2023**~ Contact **Denise** pinklotuskennels@gmail.com

If you are interested in joining one of these committees send email to the person listed to

Thank for reading.

I hope this newsletter has given you some inspiration as well as being educational.

“Looking forward to seeing you and your Bolonka in 2023”



2021-2022 RTBCA Board

- Candace Mogavero ~ President [faireland1@gmail.com]
- Kathy Reifsnyder ~ Vice President
- Denise Dang ~Secretary [pinklotuskennels@gmail.com]
- Natalie Armitage ~Treasurer
- Debby Buse ~Board Member- [info@debbysbolonkas.com]
- Deborah Howington~ Board Member