

# Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka News

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**From the Club President, *Candace Mogavero***

## **What is going on behind the scenes at the RTBCA.**

The Board of Directors is working hard to meet the requirements for the club's ability to apply for full AKC recognition. The Items that are listed are being completed by the Board of Directors and our goal is to apply for full AKC recognition within the next 18 months. As a requirement, the club cannot apply for AKC full recognition before all these items have been completed and one year has passed since the breed has been in the Miscellaneous class.

- 1. The club must host two AKC OPEN shows available to all FSS/MISC breeds.**
  - a. The first OPEN show is being held December 1, 2023, in Conroe, Texas. We look forward to an entry of several FSS/Miscellaneous breeds in the Midwest.
  - b. The second OPEN show is being planned. More updates later in the year.
  
- 2. Three Judges Education Seminars. This is done by approved Board Members.**
  - a. The first Judges education seminar was completed in March 2023.
  - b. The board has the second Judges Education seminar scheduled December 2023.
  - c. The third will be held in Phoenix AZ in February 2024.
  
- 3. Judges Education course development for AKC Canine College in collaboration with AKC.**
  - a. Our Secretary and President are in contact with AKC on getting this started. This is a process that takes months of preparation. Updates will be posted as they become available.
  
- 4. Complete a Policy and Procedure Manual for the club.**
  - a. This has been recently completed and will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before submission to the AKC.

## **Now what can the membership do to help...**

1. Encourage others to register their Bolonka with the AKC
2. Encourage Bolonka Owners to Join the RTBCA
3. Encourage Bolonka Owners to compete in AKC events.
4. Establish local specialty clubs for the breed and get approved by the RTBCA.

## 2023 – 2025 RTBCA Board

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Board Member – Deborah Howington

## Congratulations to Margarita Galperina:

Antonio Banderas Yablunevyi Tsvit, World Junior Vice Winner.  
Awarded R.CAC Junior under Judge Ramune Kazlauskaite.

## Congratulations to New Title Holders

CM ~ Aurora Bon-Ton Polska (Mary Poineal)  
CM7 ~ Showboat Take Your Whiskey Home (Debby Buse)  
CM12 ~ PLK I'm Here There And Everywhere (Denise Dang)

## Welcome to Our New Members!

Sharon Jacobs ~ El Reno OK  
Carolyn Johnson ~ Surprise, AZ  
Cynthia Hennessey ~ Seneca, NY  
Tyneil McFaddin ~ San Antonio, TX

**2023-2024 Committees:** The club would like to invite all members in good standing who would like to participate to join one of the committees.

## Committees Needing Volunteers

Health Committee Teresa [russianbolonkas@yahoo.com](mailto:russianbolonkas@yahoo.com)  
Trophy Committee Jeanie [dotjeansimon@yahoo.com](mailto:dotjeansimon@yahoo.com)  
Solicitations Committee - Mary [mpoineal@gmail.com](mailto:mphineal@gmail.com)  
Newsletter Committee - Christine [blueridgepups@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgepups@gmail.com)

## Photos from Meet The Breeds in Chicago ~ August 2023



**Congratulations to April Ellison, her Bolonka Niko is the first and only Bolonka invited to the 2023 Fast CAT Invationals.**



The 2023 Fast CAT Invitational will be held Tuesday, December 12 through Saturday, December 16 in Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center. The top 5 dogs in each breed according to the published and official invite list will be invited to attend the 4th Annual AKC Fast CAT Invitational.

Invitations will be e-mailed in the coming weeks to the address associated with the dog's registration. Please make sure you have the correct email address available under your dog's registration record. For questions please contact, [akcfastcatinvitational@akc.org](mailto:akcfastcatinvitational@akc.org) or 919-816-3340.

For more information visit:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/fast-cat-invitational/>

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**At Royal Canin this year, there will be Two open shows as well as Miscellaneous classes available to the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka. Here are the dates.. other information can be found on the AKC website**

## **2023 AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin**

**Orange County Convention Center ~ Orlando, FL December 16 & 17, 2023**

All Sporting, Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting Breeds and Junior Showmanship Competition will be Judged on Saturday. All Working, Terrier, Herding Breeds, Miscellaneous and Best in Show will be Judged on Sunday

The 2023 event will showcase the top canine athletes and will also include popular special attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals and the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Obedience Classic, with junior events in each sport.



For more information visit:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-championship/>

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Thu Dec 14, 2023 

### Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America

Orlando, FL

Event Approved  
#2023758701

 Eligible Breed(s):  
 **FSS Breeds(Incl.Misc)**

Closes:  
Nov 15, 2023  
Eastern Time

Entry Fees:  
\$35.00

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Fri Dec 15, 2023 

### Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America

Orlando, FL

Event Approved  
#2023758702

 Eligible Breed(s):  
 **FSS Breeds(Incl.Misc)**

Closes:  
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## Opportunities to show your Bolonka

Based on feedback on the last issue of the newsletter, this list is being abbreviated to include only open shows because they are always accompanied by other shows, giving you the chance to get more bang for your dog show buck. We appreciate and value your feedback. Please keep it coming!


October	November	December
Hot Springs Nat'l Pk, AR	Suffern, NY	Conroe, TX
Kennewick, WA	Ocala, FL	West Springfield, MA
Buckeye, AZ	Marshall, TX	Oaks, PA
Humble, TX	Tucson, AZ	Newberry, FL
Wauseon, OH	Scottsdale, AZ	Orlando, FL
Lincoln, NE	Tallmadge, OH	
Belton, TX		
Springfield, IL		
Lawrenceville, GA		
Pelham, AL		
Perris, CA		

These are all events the Bolonka can participate in:


### Sports & Events

Welcome to the world of dog sports! Whether you're a newcomer or a veteran, find everything you need: getting started, basic and advanced training tips, competition regulations, and more. Almost all AKC Sports welcome all dogs, including mixed breeds.


#### Featured Events




**AKC Agility Invitational**  
DECEMBER 16-17, 2023  
ORLANDO, FL



**AKC Junior Agility Competition**  
DECEMBER 15, 2023  
ORLANDO, FL



**AKC Obedience Classic**  
DECEMBER 16-17, 2023  
ORLANDO, FL



**AKC National Championship**  
DECEMBER 16-17, 2023  
ORLANDO, FL

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## OPEN SHOW vs MISCELLANEOUS CLASS

The Bolonka became eligible for the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2023, thus giving additional opportunities to gain points toward a Certificate of Merit title. This article assists in explaining the difference between the two events and how to calculate points.

**Open Show:** the AKC Open show was designed to give the Foundation Stock and Miscellaneous breeders and owners the opportunity to present their breeds to the public and to receive a Certificate of Merit suffix title on their dog. The AKC Open show is divided into two separate groups: the Foundation Stock breeds and the Miscellaneous breeds. Each breed competes for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex.

**Foundation Stock Classes:** The Best of Breed winner of each Foundation Stock breed will compete for Best of Foundation Stock. The group winner will then compete against the winner of the Miscellaneous Class for Best in Open Conference.

**Miscellaneous Classes:** The Best of Breed winner of each Miscellaneous breed will compete for Best of Miscellaneous Classes. The group winner will then compete against the winner from Foundation Stock class for Best in Open Conference.

Points are earned by the number of dogs entered at the breed, and group level with a maximum of 5 points available per show. See point scale below.



### How to Count Certificate of Merit Points in FSS Open shows

This document has been created for you by the American Kennel Club to help you understand the point schedule and how Certificate of Merit points are counted.

The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 15 points to earn a certificate of merit.

#### FSS Open Show Classes:

4-6, 6-9, 9-12, Bred-By and Open

You will see how to figure the points when your dog or bitch wins Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Best in FSS or Miscellaneous Group and Best in FSS Open Show.

Best of Breed – BOB  
Best of Opposite Sex – BOS  
Best in Group – BGroup  
Best in Open Show – BIOS

In the show catalog you will see a schedule of points for the Miscellaneous Breeds that will look similar to this:

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
FSS Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

### How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best of Breed

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs

Total of class bitches

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
FSS Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

Winner of BOB (4 class dogs + 4 class bitches = 8 dogs for 3 pts)

### How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best of Opposite Sex

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs

Total of class bitches

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
FSS Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

Winner of BOS (2 class dogs = 1 pt)  
Winner of BOS (4 class bitches = 2 pts)

### How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best in FSS or Miscellaneous Group

EXAMPLE:

Total of Breed A

Total of Breed B

Total of Breed C   
Total of Breed D

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
FSS Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

BGroup (2 dogs Breed A + 4 dogs Breed B + 5 dogs Breed C + 1 dog Breed D = 12 dogs for 4 pts)

### How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best in FSS Open Show

EXAMPLE:

Total FSS

Total Misc

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
FSS Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

BIOS (8 dogs FSS + 8 dogs Misc = 16 dogs for 5 pts)

Check the posted copies of the judge's book before you leave the show to make certain your dog was marked as the winner. Mistakes do happen! Also, verify that your dog's FSS number is correct in the catalog. If it is not correct, let the superintendent know before you leave the show. In both cases, it's easier to make the correction on the day of the show rather than later.

**All Breed Shows:** The AKC All Breed show will offer classes to the Miscellaneous breeds. The classes are explained below along with how points are earned toward the CM title.

**Miscellaneous Classes :** These classes are for Miscellaneous breeds only. Each breed will compete for Best of Breed within their breed. Once those winners are determined, each breed will then compete for Best Miscellaneous. See Point scale below.



**How to Count Certificate of Merit Points in Miscellaneous**

This document has been created for you by the American Kennel Club to help you understand the point schedule and how Certificate of Merit points are counted.

The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 15 points to earn a certificate of merit.

You will see how to figure the points when your dog or bitch wins Best of Breed, Best of Opposite or Best in Miscellaneous.

- Best of Breed – BOB
- Best of Opposite Sex – BOS
- Best in Miscellaneous - BIMISC

In the show catalog you will see a schedule of points for the Miscellaneous Breeds that will look similar to this:

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
Miscellaneous Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

**How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best of Breed**

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs 4  
Total of class bitches 4

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
Miscellaneous Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

Winner of BOB (4 class dogs + 4 class bitches = 8 dogs for 3 pts)

**How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best of Opposite Sex**

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs 2  
Total of class bitches 4

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
Miscellaneous Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

Winner of BOS (2 class dogs = 1 pt)  
Winner of BOS (4 class bitches = 2 pts)

**How To Figure Points if Your Dog or Bitch Wins Best in Miscellaneous**

EXAMPLE:

Total of Breed A 2  
Total of Breed B 4  
Total of Breed C 5  
Total of Breed D 1

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
Miscellaneous Breeds	2 2	4 4	8 8	12 12	16 16

BIMISC (2 dogs Breed A + 4 dogs Breed B + 5 dogs Breed C + 1 dog Breed D = 12 dogs for 4 pts )

Check the posted copies of the judge's book before you leave the show to make certain your dog was marked as the winner. Mistakes do happen! Also, verify that your dog's FSS number is correct in the catalog. If it is not correct, let the superintendent know before you leave the show. In both cases, it's easier to make the correction on the day of the show rather than later.

The Bolonkas are a Miscellaneous breed and therefore are given multiple opportunities to earn points toward the CM title. If the host club offers an OPEN show and All Breed Show the Bolonka can be entered and shown in both events, giving them two chances for points in the same day.

## Special Photo Request for Bolonka Club Members



We hope this message finds you and your furry friends in great health and high spirits! At RTBCA, we believe in celebrating the joy and happiness that Bolonka breed brings into our lives. We are excited to announce an opportunity for all Bolonka lovers to have a chance to contribute their photo(s) for use on the RTBCA website and in future newsletters.

### What We're Looking For:

- High-quality, sharp, clear, and well-composed photographs of the Bolonka breed. (jpeg file type setting on your smartphone is acceptable)
- Candid and natural moments that showcase the cuteness, charm, and personality of the Bolonka.
- Professional images that you have bought from a photographer.

### Other Requirements of Photos Submitted:

No people in the photos. The dogs must be clean and groomed as well as in a full coat (unless it's a pup). No pictures of dogs cut down. Professional photos must have photographer info listed to give credit.

### How to Submit Your Photos:

By Email: [RTBCOFAMERICA@gmail.com](mailto:RTBCOFAMERICA@gmail.com)

Include your name, a brief description of any Bolonka in the photo, any special story or context behind the picture, and photographer's credit as needed.

By submitting photos, you agree to grant RTBCA the right to use them on our website and related social media platforms.





## The Charm of Bolonka Puppies: Why They Hold a Special Place in Our Hearts !

When it comes to welcoming a new furry member into the family, prospective pet owners are often faced with the dilemma of choosing between a male or a female puppy. In this article, we will explore some of the reasons why people are drawn to the charm and unique qualities of *male* Bolonka puppies.

Bolonka puppies, regardless of gender, are renowned for their gentle and affectionate nature. However, some pet owners find that male Bolonka puppies, in particular, possess an extra dose of cuddliness and sweetness. Their warm and loving demeanor can create an instant bond with their human family, making them an endearing choice for individuals seeking a truly devoted companion.

Male Bolonka puppies are bursting with playful energy and an energetic spirit, making them an ideal choice for families or individuals who love an active and lively companion. Their playful antics and joyful spirit can brighten up any home and create moments of pure delight for everyone around them.

Bolonka puppies are known for their friendly and sociable nature, and male Bolonkas, in particular, tend to exhibit outgoing personalities. They often thrive in social situations, easily making friends with other dogs and humans alike. This sociability can be a significant factor for pet seekers looking to integrate their furry friend into various social environments.

Male Bolonka puppies are generally considered intelligent and eager to please, making training a more straightforward process. Their willingness to learn and adapt to commands can be a compelling reason for pet seekers who value a well-trained and obedient companion.

Bolonka puppies, both male and female, are a small toy breed, making them suitable for various living situations. Whether in an apartment or a house with a small yard, their compact size allows them to adapt seamlessly to different living environments.

Male Bolonka puppies often exhibit a protective streak, showing loyalty and dedication to their human family members. While not aggressive, their watchful and attentive nature can make them wonderful watchdogs, providing an added sense of security to their owners.

In conclusion, the decision to bring home a Bolonka puppy is a choice rooted in the desire for a loving, playful, and loyal companion. Bolonka puppies, regardless of gender, have a special charm that appeals to countless pet seekers, and male Bolonkas, in particular, possess endearing qualities that make them cherished members of the family. With responsible pet ownership and a loving home, a Bolonka puppy can grow into a delightful and devoted companion, enriching the lives of its owners in countless ways.



## Winter clothes for your Bolonka

Just as humans can, dogs also get chilly in the winter months. The Bolonka pet may be kept in a longer coat. A jacket or sweater may still be needed to keep them warm.

The choice of material when choosing a jacket or sweater for your Bolonka may depend on where you live and how long the coat on your dog is. Some materials also may be itchy to them such as wool. A blend of material such as acrylic and fleece may be what is needed.

To measure the size appropriate for your Bolonka you want to measure around the neck, the deepest part of the chest and the length of the chest to buttocks. You may also want to make sure the leg openings are not restrictive, allowing for free movement. When choosing a sweater, it should be snug but not tight.

The fun part of this is you can get creative with color and style to fit your Bolonkas' personality.

