



Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka News

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This is the last Newsletter the club will publish as an AKC Miscellaneous Class. On January 1, 2026, the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka will gain full AKC recognition

as a member of the Toy Group. It is widely recognized that our secretary, Denise Dang, played a significant role in advancing both the breed and the club to their current standing. I would like to publicly thank Natalie Armitage, who worked behind the scenes as both my editor and Pat McRay, helping us create the club's first constitution and refining other essential documents with her expertise. She served as our club treasurer for years before transitioning to a less demanding role as our Vice President. I just want to thank Natalie for all the work she has done to give our club the polish it needed as an AKC breed club.

This section is intended for all new exhibitors preparing to enter the AKC show ring. The regular AKC show ring differs from the Open shows you're used to. You will be competing not only with Handlers but also with experienced exhibitors—a few essential points to consider.

1. Always make sure your dog is clean. Bathe the dog two or three days before the show to restore the coat's curl or waves. All mats and knots should be totally brushed and combed out of their coat.
2. Make sure you know how to show your dog before entering the show ring. A good approach is to join a breed club that offers show training classes. You can watch training classes on YouTube or find a mentor willing to guide you.
3. Finally, be a good sport, win or lose, always be gracious. Congratulate the winners when you lose, even if you do not feel like it. When you win, be courteous to the losers.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday.

Candace Mogavero
RTBCA President





An Update From the RTBCA Secretary

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America is proud to announce that our breed will be setting history. The American Kennel Club is the only national registry that fully recognized the breed, effective Jan 1, 2026.

The End of An Era And a New Beginning!

As this year comes to a close, the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America has so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to. We are thankful for the tireless efforts of the members of the club, especially our Board members, for their efforts with AKC in getting the breed fully recognized. We are also thankful to every person committed to improving the breed! Last, but not least, we are thankful to everyone who spent their weekends (and some weekdays) at dog shows all over the country! These efforts have resulted in the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka becoming the next big thing in the world of dog fanciers in the USA!

The new year will be filled with exciting milestones that will be covered in the upcoming editions of the Newsletter! We will start publishing every new Champion and Grand Champion and a record of all Group wins. Send your news to RTBCANewsletter@gmail.com.

2025 RTBCA National Specialty

The RTBCA National Specialty was held Friday, October 17, 2025 in Shawnee, OK. Natalie Armitage was Show Chair joined by Kathleen Gilbert & Denise Dang.



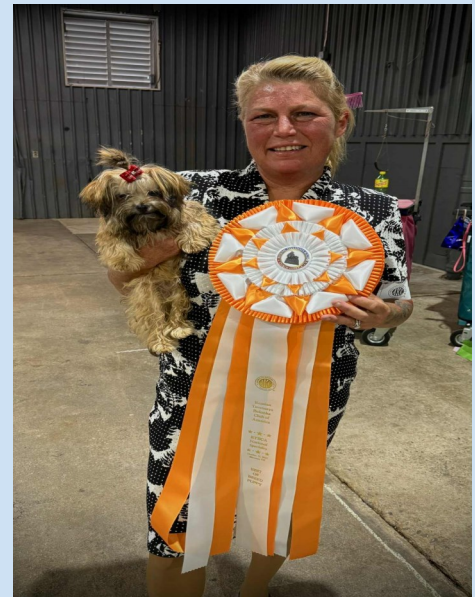
The winners were:

Best In Show:
Debby's Katya





Best of Opposite Sex:
Showboat's Etched in Steel



Best Puppy:
SFR N Vauclain's Malen'Kiy Kotonok



Best Bred By Exhibitor Adult:
Debby's Dasha

The Grooming Table

We probably all have one with our collections of favorite combs and brushes!



And then there's the bathing area. A couple of years ago, I failed at an attempt to publish a survey of Bolonka owners' favorite hair care products. As for me, my friends can't believe my collection of shampoos, conditioners, brushing sprays, and various specialty products — especially since I'm bald. I asked many people: Bolonka owners, professional groomers, and people with other long-coated dogs. I purchased almost every product they told me they liked, whether from the USA, Australia, the UK, or Europe. Here's a picture of part of my collection by the sink I use to bathe my dogs.

How many brands of products can you name?

If you're interested in sharing your product recommendations, please drop me a line at RTBCANewsletter@gmail.com. The results will be published in the next newsletter.



The Making of Champions and Grand Champions

For those of you who are new to showing dogs in fully recognized groups, here is an explanation of how your Bolonka can earn Champion and Grand Champion titles. When competing against other Bolonki, your dog or bitch earns points depending on the number of dogs or bitches it competes against according to the AKC Schedule of Points. To become a Champion, your Bolonka must earn 15 points, with two major wins of 3 or more points under three different judges. Your Bolonka can earn a Grand Champion title by earning a total of 25 points with three major wins under three different judges. For detailed explanations of how points are awarded, please check the AKC website: [How to Count Points at AKC Dog Shows](#). The information on that page explains how points accumulate when your dog wins Best Of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, or a placement in the Toy Group.

Please note that the Schedule of Points may change over time.

AKC Schedule of Points

1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS	4 POINTS	5 POINTS
Dog / Bitch	Dog / Bitch	Dog / Bitch	Dog / Bitch	Dog/Bitch
2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

Health Corner

How do you keep your Bolonka's teeth healthy and looking great? Some people rely on mobile services that come to you and clean your dogs' teeth with an ultrasonic device that removes much of the tarter and plaque above the gum line. Some people do this on their own too. Every Veterinarian suggests brushing your dog's teeth. Some brands of oral healthcare products are Xymox and Virbac, as these are generally Veterinarian recommended. Some people also swear by dental powders comprised mainly of probiotics and sea kelp. Some Veterinarians will also suggest a cleaning with the dog sedated at least once per year. What do you recommend to your new puppy owners? Which products and practices do you use to keep your dog's teeth healthy? Please share your experiences with us at RTBCANewsletter@gmail.com.

Important Reminders

Membership renewal– Renewals with payment must be received no later than January 31, 2026.

2026 RTBCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE IS NEEDED

2026 National Specialty– As per our Bylaws, the Specialty will be held between August and October. **In 2026 the show will be held on the Northeast part of the country.**

Below is the job description for the Show Chairperson.

I. Show Chairperson–

- Must be a active member of the club and approved by the RTBCA Board of Directors.
- Recruit at minimum three other active members to form a Show Committee.
- Show Chairperson must be present at the show. No dogs Owned or Co-owned by the Show Chairperson can be entered or shown.
- Show Chairperson will be responsible for hiring the Judge under a contract and approved by the RTBCA Board of Directors.
- Show Chairperson is responsible for communication with the RTBCA Secretary to get approval of location, Judge, and the budget through the Board of Directors.
- Must have a firm understanding of the AKC Rules According to Dog Shows .
- Responsible for hiring a Board approved Superintendent and the completion of all necessary paperwork. When complete, send the paperwork to the RTBCA Secretary to submit to AKC.



The Health & Genetics Committee

The RTBCA is looking for members for the Health & Genetics Committee.

The Committee is responsible for conducting research and developing projects that will benefit the health and welfare of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, and to provide this information to owners and breeders as approved by the RTBCA Board of Directors.

- ♦ Maintain, promote and make periodical updates to the confidential OFA Health Survey that identifies the genetic health concerns for the breed.
- ♦ Monitor and provide statics of health testing and CHIC numbers received by any Bolonka, and provide a report to the RTBCA Board of Directors.
- ♦ Monitor the OFA Health Survey for trends and make recommendations to the RTBCA Board of Directors regarding the leading health concerns of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka and also trends that may arise to become significant health threats to the breed.
- ♦ Provide educational material for inclusion in the club newsletter that pertains to the health and welfare of the Bolonka. Some suggestions are:
 1. Original articles written by club members and submitted to the Health and Genetics Committee for approval by the RTBCA Board of Directors.
 2. Reprints of health or genetics articles published in other publications when permission from the author is received.
 3. Coordinate health clinics at the RTBCA National Specialty show.



Newsletter Committee

Please consider helping with the Newsletter. We need members to write articles for publication.

2026 will be an exciting year. The RTBCA Newsletter will be sharing upcoming events.

Please share your accomplishments and brags to be announced in the Newsletter. The RTBCA Newsletter will announce new title holders such as AKC Champions and Grand Champion titles quarterly. Win Photos are welcome

Other Announcements

AKC Meet the Breeds will return to New York City on February 7th & 8th, 2026. If you would like to participate and organize a booth for the club. Contact the RTBCA Secretary to present your request to the Board of Directors for approval.