



Russian Toy Club of America

Club History

The building blocks for the Russian Toy Club of America, Inc. (RTCA) began in 2005 and 2006 when the founding members of the club began researching and importing Russian Toys from Europe.

In 2007 the founding members of the RTCA began seeking out and contacting other individuals in the states that were involved with the breed. The founding members also began educating and sharing the delightful Russian Toy Dog with the public and other breeders and exhibitors in the sport of pure bred dogs.

In March of 2008 the founding members of the RTCA contacted the Foundation Stock Services (FSS) of the American Kennel Club (AKC) in hopes of having the Russian Toy added to the FSS with the aspiration of full AKC recognition of the breed.

In April 2008 the Russian Toy Club of America had its organizational meeting in Frederick, MA. During the organizational meeting a temporary board was formed consisting of Deb Cawley of Kennel Aislinn, the renowned Ruth Ann and Danny Ford of Kennel Forevr, Marcy and Ric Wyrens of Kennel Marric and Jamie Walters of Kennel Sylfae.

All of these founding members had a multitude of experience with breeding and exhibiting Toy Dogs with the AKC. This founding group felt that it was imperative to seek the assistance of the AKC-FSS to help promote the Russian Toy in the USA, educate the general public about the breed and achieve full AKC recognition of the Russian Toy.

Over the next several months the organizing board began constructing a Code of Ethics, Constitution and By-Laws and a working Breed Stand for the Russian Toy Club of America. The founding members also felt that a website for the RTCA was imperative to help educate the general public about the breed. The website was designed to attract new fanciers of the breed opening its membership to anyone with an interested in the Russian Toy.

In July of 2008 the RTCA received confirmation from the FSS that the Russian Toy would be added to their roster of new breed and in August 2008 the AKC formally acknowledge the Russian Toy addition to the list of FSS breeds.

In October 2008, the organizing board put forth the proposed Constitution & By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Breed Stand for a vote by the membership of the RTCA, all of which passed unanimously.

Over the next several month the RTCA worked closely with the AKC to provide information and support for the Russian Toy section for the AKC website.

In May of 2009 the RTCA held their second General Meeting in Ft. Mitchell, KY. During the meeting several aspects regarding public education and directions for the future of the club were discussed. With other ideas for modifications to the evolving RTCA breed standard.

2010 the RTCA General Meeting was held in Des Moines, IA. It was decided at this meeting to proceed with the RTCA public education plan and promotion of the Russian Toy. Also in 2010 the RTCA held their first National Specialty.

In 2011 the Russian Toy Club of America and the Russian Toy Club of USA merged under the auspice of the Russian Toy Club of America. The two groups met and had a general meeting and second National Specialty in Hot Spring, AR.

With the new alliance and merger, these two clubs joined as one are able to participate in Meet the Breed Educational events, Responsible Dog Ownership Days (RDOD), judges and public education, supporting other Miscellaneous and FSS breed club functions and open shows. Promoting and advocating the ideals and standards set forth by the America Kennel Club. As well as fostering junior handlers that will one day be the future of the Russian Toy in the USA.