

2023 Phrenix, Arizona

Top 20 Committee

The Top 20 Committee would like to congratulate everyone on qualifying for this inaugural event! The official standings were determined from the AKC Breed totals for events starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

We have done everything we can to ensure the accuracy of this catalog. Please note there may be errors or omissions. Each exhibitor submitted the information for their respective dog including the pedigree. The information was copied and pasted from their submissions. All pedigrees were loaded using the Russian Toy World Pedigree DataBase at ingrus.net/ru_toy/en/.

Top 20 Committee

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We wish each exhibitor the best of luck! Now let's make some American Russian Toy History!

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Judging Criteria

Each dog will be individually judged by three Russian Toy expert judges: one Russian Toy breeder, one professional handler and one AKC all-breed judge. Each judge will score the dog based on the criteria listed below. The three totals will be added together and the highest score will be named the Top 20 Winner.

Git back and enjoy the judging. Be sure to keep your own score and notes! We have an impressive group of dogs for you to enjoy this evening.

Category	Maximum Points Available	Dog's Score
First Impression (Tie B	reaker Only) 10	
General Appearance	15	<u> </u>
Size, Proportion, Subs	tance 15	
Head/Eyes/Ears	15	
Neck, Topline, Body	15	
Forequarters	5	
Hindquarters	5	
Coat	5	
Color	5	
Gait	10	
Temperament	10	
TOTAL	100	



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Bentley

Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 2/27/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: Jolanta Terrell

> Ownerls): Jolanta Terrell

GCHS CH Solnechy Krug Harry Potter CM3 CGC BCAT FITB

First dog received Grand champion, grand champion Bronze and grand champion Silver. Multiple group winner, Select dog at The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, Best of Breed at The Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Best of Breed at Regional Russian Toy Club Specialty, Best of Breed at AKC National Championship by Royal Canine, Number 1 Russian Toy dog in all AKC Rankings. Bentley loves to paddle boarding, he have favorite ball, he takes him everywhere he goes.





Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 4/27/2021

Breeder(s) of Record: Carolyn Strunge and Karen Cooper

Owner(s): Amy Harsch, Carolyn Strunge & Karen Cooper

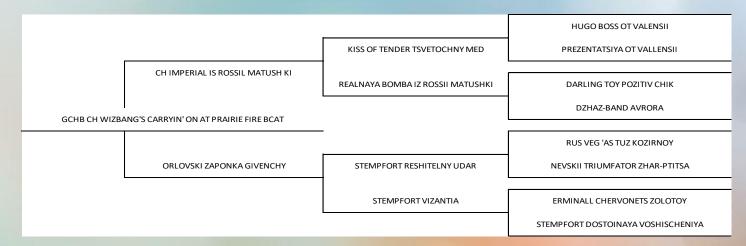


GCHB CH Wizbang's Carryin' On At Prairie Fire BCAT

Cash started his show career with a bang. He was just barely old enough to show at the 2021 Royal Canin where he went Best in Junior Stakes and Best of Opposite in the Open Show to his half-sister. In his first AKC show, he took two 5 point majors, despite thinking that every b**ch around him was in season! Those that were there will remember his embarrassing screaming in the ring! I would have liked to die. Thank goodness for great judges that found the comedy in his antics. The tough decision to put him away with 12 points toward his championship and let him mature.

Upon bringing him back out, he was taking best of breeds from the classes, over specials to finish his championship in style. The next weekend he went on to take Best of Breed at the 2022 RTCA National and Best of Opposite at the Regional. He has the most group placements of any Russian Toy and secured two coveted invitations to Westminster; one for winning the National and one for being the 2022 #2 dog in the country.

I couldn't be prouder to showcase the most winning Russian Toy to date in AKC history. Thank you to Carolyn and Karen for sharing such a special boy. The ride that he has us on is certainly a once in a lifetime experience!





Trump

Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 4/14/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: Patty Bartley Shonts & Jill Chase

> Owner(s): Charmaine Berglof

GCHB CH Naissour Trump That @ Charkara

Trump is my spoiled brat, and I love him to death. He is outgoing, and loves everybody. Trump thinks he's hot stuff but I tell him he's just a little monkey. Trump loves attention, but he doesn't like his picture taken.

Trump received his Championship, his Grand Championship, and his Bronze Grand Championship very quickly. Trump finished #3 and is invited to the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Trump has sired multiple group placement dogs including;

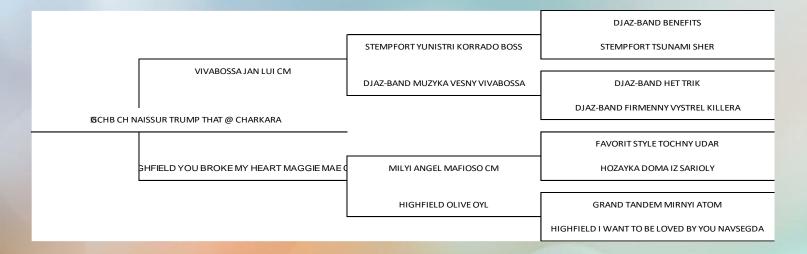
GCHB Charkara Cowboys & Dreamers @ Flashfire (Rip)

CH Charkara Leo the Lion (Leo)

CH Charkara's Sunsational Barbed Wire N Roses (Rosey)

Charkara All That Jazz (Jazzy) *major pointed

I love this breed, it is clean, smart, and a joy to live with.



Darya

Black and Tan Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 4/27/2017

Breeder(s) of Record: Diana M. Downey

Owner(s): Diana M. Downey



GCHB CH Dimonde's Happily Ever After CM

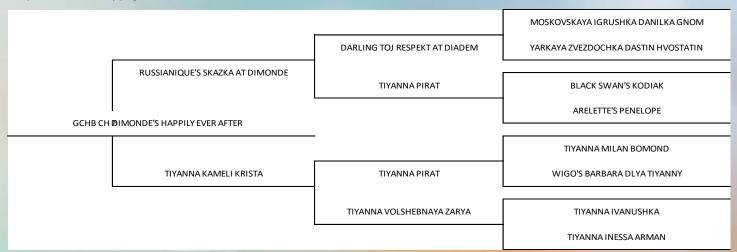
GCHB CH Dimonde's Happily Ever After, CM ("Darya") is the daughter of Russianique's Skazka At Dimonde ("Yuri"), acquired from his breeder Jerome Podell, and a female I imported from Russia, Tiyanna Kameli Krista ("Hazel"). Darya is one of three AKC champions from this pair.

I started showing Darya in Open shows when the breed was still in FSS status. I had been told that the RTCA needed more CM titles to move the breed forward in the AKC approval process. I continued to show her in Miscellaneous classes where she was awarded multiple BOB wins, group placements and Bests in Miscellaneous, completing her CM title along the way. When Russian Toys acquired full acceptance by the AKC last year, Darya quickly racked up wins, including several BOB and OHBOB awards. She completed her championship in March.

Darya continued her winning ways becoming not only the third Grand Champion, but also the second RT, and first bitch, to accomplish the GCH Bronze title. Amongst many BOB, BOS and SEL awards Darya also has both regular and OH group placements to her credit.

Darya finished 2022 #4 Breed/#5 All-Breed/#4 NOHS/#3 AKC Grand Championship Standings Russian Toy. She has been invited to the 2022 NOHS Finals, 2023 Westminster KC show and to this Top Twenty. Thank you to all who made this possible.

I plan to retire Darya this year as she is now 6 years old. She is a diva, mooch pooch and all-around clown. I adore her and hope she lives Happily Ever After.





Molly

Black and Tan Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 4/13/2020

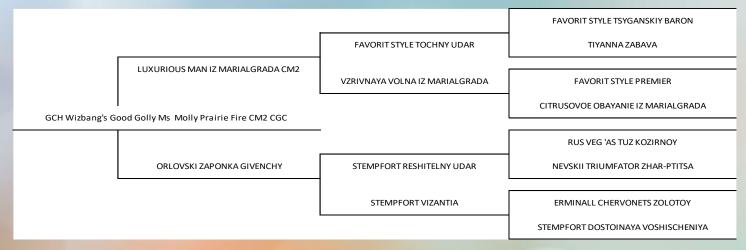
Breeder(s) of Record: Carolyn Strunge and Karen Cooper

> Owner(s): Amy and Kevin Harsch

GCH CH Wizbang's Good Golly Ms Molly Prairie Fire CM2 CGC

"Good golly" Ms Molly has certainly taken me on a ride that I never expected. I contacted Carolyn Strunge on a prayer that she might have something available after seeing puppy pictures on her social media page. I had my eye on a black and tan puppy and hoped that puppy wasn't spoken for. Little did I know a few short weeks later, I would be on a plane ride in the middle of COVID to pick up that very black and tan.

Molly has certainly accomplished many things in her short life. She loves to show, and her record includes multiple Best in Open Show, multiple Best in Miscellaneous, was the 3rd American Champion and among the first 10 American Grand Champions, multiple group placings, Best of Breed at the 2021 RTCA National and Best of Opposite at the 2022 RTCA National, Best of Breed at the 2022 RTCA Regional and Best of Opposite at the RTCA Florida Regional. The hardest choice was to semi-retire Molly after the 2022 National and breed her. Many tears were shed over the thought of my special show dog being retired in the middle of the show year. Much to my surprise she still finished out the year in the Top 5 Russian Toys in the country and garnered one of the coveted invitations to the 2023 Westminster. She also knows a whole host of tricks and will woo everyone with her dark eyes and big ears. A true ambassador for the breed.



Kiara

Red Sable Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 12/23/2018

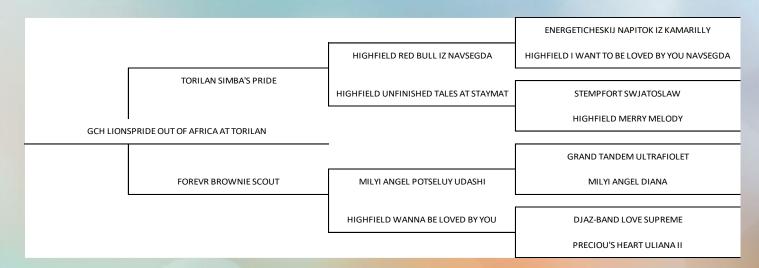
Breeder(s) of Record: Brenda Gibbon

> Owner(s): Loma Foster



GCH CH Lionspride Out of Africa at Torilan CM2

I first saw Kiara in a pile of puppies where her face jumped out at me and I fell in love. She went home with me and has been my heart dog ever since. Kiara has won many honors, OHBIS at the Houston Cluster of Dog Shows, multiple BOBs, and ended 2022 as the #6 Russian Toy and the #2 Owner Handler RT. She always give 1000% to whatever I ask of her and has never disappointed me. Kiara is an outstanding example of a Russian Toy and I am so proud to be on the other end of her leash.





Karol

Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 2/09/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: Nona Dietrich and Scarlett King

> Owner(s): Connie Johnson

GCH CH Gingerbred Powa's Karol Volk

Karol Volk was a Big Baby. He was a singleton weighing 8.9 ounces at birth. He was named for his mother and father. His name means "manly wolf", but he turned out to be more of a lamb. Karol's motto is "Will work for Food". A native Minnesotan, he loves to run, jump and roll in snow, and eat it. He has caught three birds in flight, using abilities that help him do well in agility. Bred by Nona Dietrich and Scarlett King, Karol inherited his handsome good looks, natural stride, and stack from his champion parents and grandfathers. Even with a scarcity of Russian toys in the area, Karol finished his CM in the troubled year 2020. Although he feels the commands, "Stay" and "Down", are against his belief in "Run", he completed his CGC certification. In his first show after AKC recognition, Karol attained BOB and NOHS Group 2. He won a regular Group 2 title in near 100 degree heat when his handler had her arm in a sling. A lot of travel brought about finishing his Championship, and after a long search for other champions, he finished his Grand Championship. He ranked third in NOHS for 2022 and competed in the finals in Orlando. While in Orlando he competed in shows including the Royal Canin championship and a Russian Toy specialty. He received an Award of Merit in the Specialty and a Select Dog in one of the shows . Now he is one of the TOP 20 Russian Toys.





Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 11/23/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: MW AW Bocharova

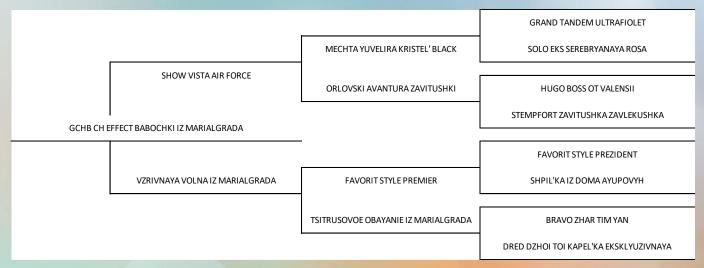
Owner(s): Kathleen OBoyle



GCHB CH Effect Babochki Iz Marialgrada

Tim came into my life April 2021 from Russia. We first set foot in the ring at the RTCA National in 2021 and Tim was awarded Best of Opposite Sex in the puppy sweepstakes.

Tim started his show career in February 2022. He received his championship on April 2, 2022 and was one of the first 10 Russian Toys to become a grand champion. He finished 2022 with breed ranking of #8 for the year. He was ranked #6 by grand champion points. Tim is a great pillow buddy and is in semi-retirement!





Ryp

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 6/12/2020

Breeder(s) of Record: Charmaine Berglof & Patty Bartley

> Owner(s): Kim Vesterfelt

GCHB CH Charkara Cowboys & Dreamers @ Flashfire

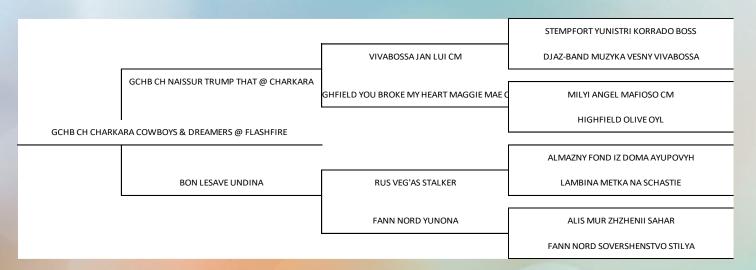
#1 2023 Breed Ranking

1st Russian Toy to get a Group One All Breed in USA

2022 National Dog Show Breed Winner

#4 All Breed 2022

#9 Breed 2022



Porsche

Red Sable Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 2/30/2021

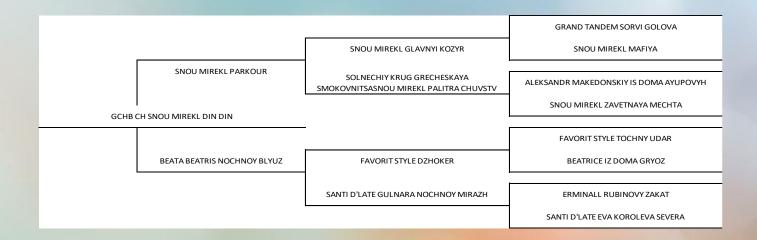
Breeder(s) of Record: Koreneva

> Owner(s): Jolanta Terrell



GCHB CH Snou Mirekt Din Din

Best of Opposite at AKC National Championship, Best of Opposite at The Kennel of Philadelphia, Best of Breed at The Westminster Kennel Club dog Show. #2 AKC Grandchampionship Standings, #10 Breed Standings, #12 All Breed Standings





Joker

Chocolate and Tan Long Coat, Male

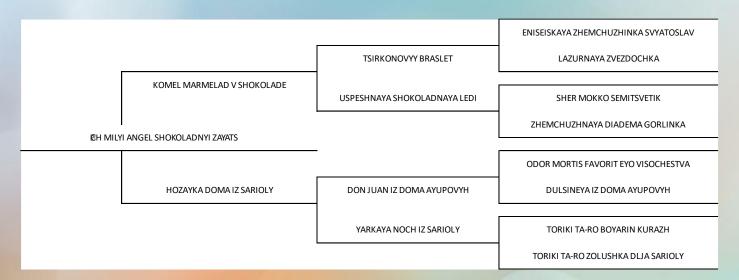
Date of Birth: 4/08/2018

Breeder(s) of Record: N Yakusevich

> Owner(s): Patti Krueger

CH Milyi Angel Shokladniy Zayats

Joker's wins include CM2, 3 BIMS, and multiple BOB wins. He is a Grand Champion. He loves being a couch potato and having lots of belly rubs.



Manolo

Red Brown Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 2/27/2023

Breeder(s) of Record: Susan Moore

Owner(s): Lory Anne Tannahill

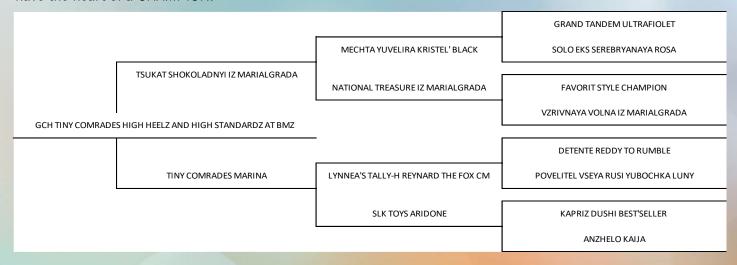


GCH CH Tiny Comrades High Heelz and High Standardz at BMZ DCAT

For me, there is nothing better than a nice pair of shoes to set off an outfit. Manolo, the # 12 Russian Toy, is just that. He is that flash and sass that sets us apart both in and out of the ring. However, life has not always been easy for Manolo. At 6 months of age, he suffered a traumatic brain injury to the brain stem leaving him paralyzed. While the doctors gave me little hope, I held a glimmer of hope that he would regain some semblance of a normal life.

Everyday Manolo gave it a fight. He began to stand independently. Then slowly began to take a few steps, knowing I would always be there to catch him and remind him what a strong boy he was. Each day, Manolo made little improvements that began to bring light to our darkness. After months of physical therapy, neurology appointments, acupuncture and massage, Manolo amazed his medical team and was released with very little residual of the accident.

This dog has inspired me in countless ways. He is my constant reminder of the power of prayer, faith, hard work, and dedication. Today, Manolo enjoys Fast Cat, agility, and he is an avid television watcher. So this weekend, as I step out with my favorite little red shoe at the RTCA inaugural Top 20, I am thankful for all of you who supported him through his hard time. I am thankful for the support you gave me when times were dark. But most of all I am thankful for you, Tiny Comrades High Heelz and High Standardz at BMZ, "Manolo". You have the heart of a CHAMPION.





Conor

Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 3/29/2018

Breeder(s) of Record: Ruth Ann & Danny Ford

> Owner(s): Patricia Rust

CH Forevr The Notorious One CM

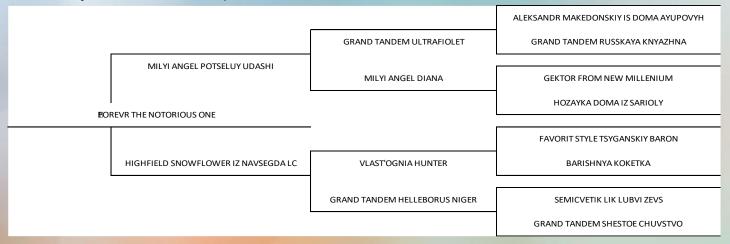
In June 2018 my 20 year old granddaughter died. I had to be strong for my daughter-in-law and son, walking them through the legal consequences and supporting them without showing emotion for their benefit. I had difficulty processing this and fell into a deep depression.

I had been interested in Russian Toys for years, being a member of the club since its original recognition. As I was perusing Facebook in July, 2018, I came across a posting by Ruth Ann showing puppies she had available and knew this was the time. Within 72 hours my husband was on the road. He knew acquiring Conor was the answer to alleviating the pain.

Conor is my pride and joy and the emotional support I needed to cope with the tragic events of June. He stayed by my side and made his debut at a puppy match in Owensboro, Kentucky in August 2018. The rest is history, and I cannot thank Ruth Ann enough. He won several Best in Open Shows during the AKC transition period and completed the requirements for CH within three months after formal recognition. He now has a daughter that is a Grand Champion and leaving his mark and consistency through two breedings.

However, Conor lives up to his name squabbling with a papillon. During one mishap he lost teeth and injured his leg resulting in the end of his show career prematurely.

Conor is my foundation stud and perfect for me.



Lux

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 6/24/2016

Breeder(s) of Record: MV Bocharov & AV Bocharov

Owner(s): Carolyn Strunge and Karen Cooper



CH Luxurious Man Iz Marialgrada CM2

Lux demands and commands attention at home and in the show ring! He was the first to achieve the CM2 designation. He is only a few points away for his GCH. He is the sire of the 2021 National Specialty winner and Top 20 competitor "Molly". And the sire of the top Agility girl in the breed "Tasha".





Jack

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 11/23/2018

Breeder(s) of Record: Anna Protsenko

Owner(s): Vanessa Venditello

GCH CH Show Vista Black Jack at VeeVee CM2

Jack, a Russian Toy dog owned by me and handled by Lisa Goodman, was shown in the American Kennel Club (AKC) Miscellaneous Group for a few years before full AKC acceptance of this lovely toy breed. He represented his breed very well and, as his owner, I was thrilled with the "joie de vivre" and adaptability demonstrated by this special boy. During his time in the Miscellaneous Group, Jack attained 2 Certificates of Merit. Although no AKC Champion points are accumulated while earning these certificates, Jack made huge contributions by bringing awareness of this breed to the public and demonstrating to the AKC that there was value in accepting this breed. Those days will always be a treasured memory for me and a reminder of how much we did for the breed as a whole.

As of January 1, 2022, the Russian Toy gained full AKC acceptance and was placed in the AKC Toy Group. Jack went on to make AKC history as the FIRST EVER "Male Russian Toy Champion" and the FIRST EVER "Best of Opposite Sex" winner at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. After competing in just a handful of shows, Jack walked away from the ring that summer earning this prestigious placement in the Top 20. Jack leaves the following legacy in AKC: 1st Male Russian Toy Champion; 2 x Certificates of Merit; 15 x Best in Miscellaneous Show; 1 x Best in Open Show; 1 x Group 1 Open Show; 2 x Group 2 Open Show; and 1x Group 4 Open Show. I couldn't be more proud of this amazing little dog!



Squirrel

Red Gable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 4/05/2021

Breeder(s) of Record: Diana M Downey

Owner(s): Jerome Podell, Rebecca Koester & Kelsey Jesseph



CH Dimonde's Squirrel At Russianique

The name alone invokes his spirit. The first pointed Russian Toy.

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Little

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 8/07/2017

Breeder(s) of Record: DV Andreeva

Owner(s): Carolyn Strunge and Karen Cooper

Mirades Love Epifan

Affectionally known as "Little". This boy came to us as a dual RKF champion. He is a dynamo in ring and never let us down in the ring or the whelping box.



Makita

Red Sable Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 9/08/2021

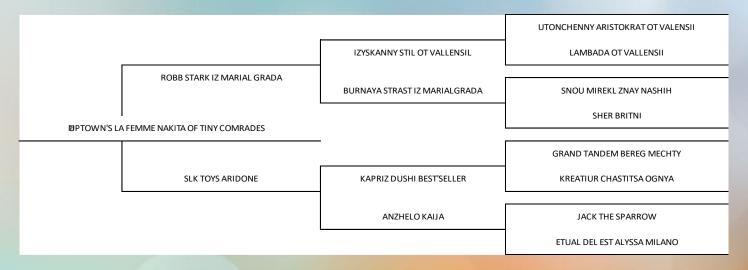
Breeder(s) of Record: Susan Moore

Owner(s): Rebecca Koester, Kelsey Jesseph & Jerome Podell



CH Uptown's La Femme Nakita @ Tiny Comrades

Nakita is the Princess; she is very elegant and lets everyone know who is boss! Her most memorable win was winning multiple BOB before she was a year old as well as finishing before her first birthday, owner handled by me!





Rooster

Red Brown Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 2/07/2019

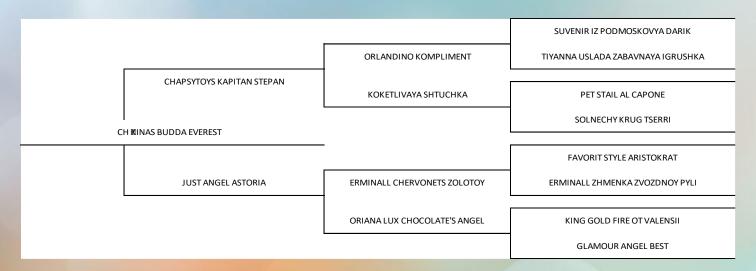
Breeder(s) of Record: Loreta Milaite

Owner(s): Kaylee Hunning, Ann Hurley, Amy Harsch & Lisa Hunning

CH Kinas Budda Everest

Kinas Budda Everest "Rooster" is piloted by 12 year old Junior Handler Kaylee Hunning. Rooster has come along way this year and finished his Championship in January. Kaylee and Rooster have received a few nice Owner Handled Group placings this year and won Best Junior at the Russian Toy Regional Specialty in Orlando. Thank you Ann Hurley and Amy Novak Harsch for entrusting us with this special boy.

They are very excited to attend the Russian Toy Nationals this year and are honored to be apart of the Inaugural Top 20.



Pickles

Chocolate and Tan Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 12/21/2020

Breeder(s) of Record: Amy Harsch, Patty Shonts & Jill Chase

Owner(s):

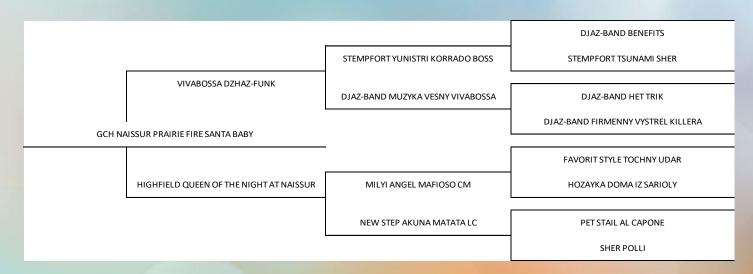
Avery Hunning, Amy Harsch, Lisa Hunning, Patty Shonts & Jill Chase



GCH CH Naissur Prairie Fine Santa Baby

Naissur Prairie Fire Santa Baby "Pickles" entered the show ring this year piloted by a 9 year old Junior Handler. Together they accomplished great things finishing Pickles Championship, and ending 2022 1 point away from her Grand Championship Title. They took a nice Group 3rd and Owner Handled Group 2nd at the Mile High Kennel Club Toy Specialty this year and Select Bitch out of a lovely group of Russian Toys at the Regional Specialty in Orlando, FL.

This dynamic duo has a bright future ahead of them. We would like to thank our Breeder and Mentor Amy Novak Harsch for this wonderful little girl and introducing us to this special breed.





Delly

Red Sable Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 12/18/2020

Breeder(s) of Record: Ann Hurley

Owner(s): David Buckner & Alejandro Vazquez

GCH CH Nesting Doll's Rag Doll

Dolly Features many of the Breed Characteristics which made her a joy to show in Conformation and now she is ready to explore other adventures as well since she became a GCH with Limited Showing. We Love Her and the Breed.

She is Smart, Lovely, Fierce and not afraid of New Challenges with the Amazing Energy she has all the time. We are blessed to have her and looking forward to her Future with us.





Congratulations to the Top 20 Winner!

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Notes:		

Thank you for attending!