



Run for the Rosettes



Top 20

2024 Louisville, Kentucky





Top 20 Committee

The Top 20 Committee would like to congratulate everyone on qualifying for this event! The official standings were determined from the AKC Breed totals for events starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

We have done everything we can to ensure the accuracy of this catalog. Please note there may be errors or omissions. Each owner submitted the information for their respective dog including the pedigree. The information was copied and pasted from their submissions.

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We wish each exhibitor the best of luck!

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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 toy 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.

Sit 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 Breaker Only) | 10 | _____ |
| General Appearance | 15 | _____ |
| Size, Proportion, Substance | 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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Rip

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 06/12/2020

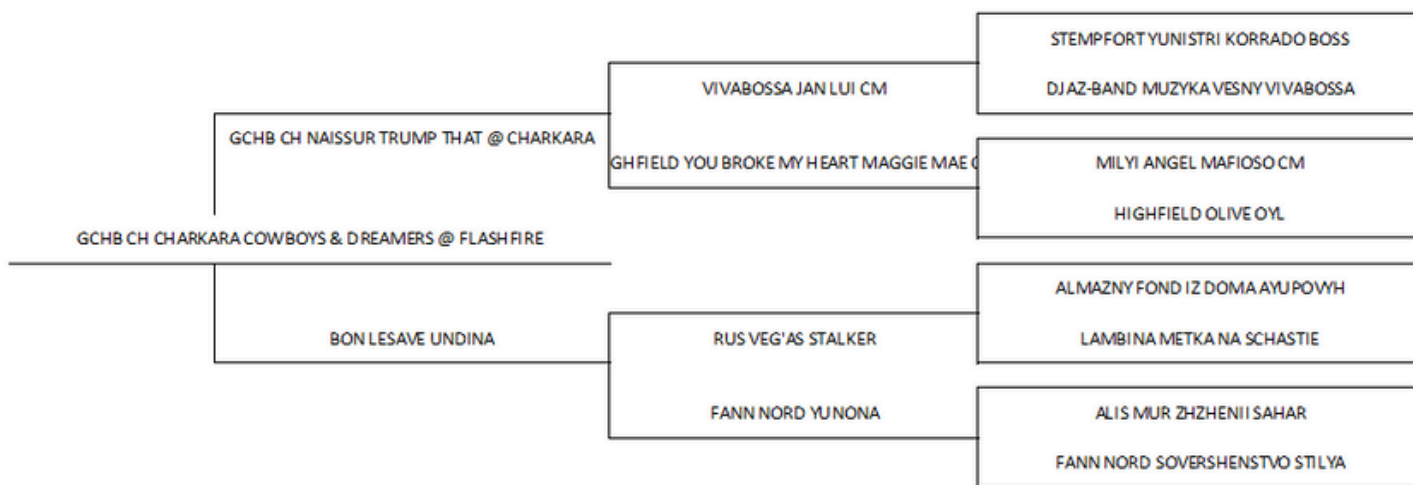
Breeder(s) of Record: Charmaine Berglof & Patty Bartley Shonts

Owner(s): Kim Vesterfelt

Handler's Name: Lois DeMers

GCHS CH Charkara Cowboys & Dreamers @ Flashfire

He came to us from Charkara kennels and has been making headway ever since. He is such a sweet little guy full of personality. He finished 2023 as #1 Breed and #2 All breed. He is the first Russian Toy to get a Group One All breed and we are very excited about that History making achievement.



Cash

Red Sable Long Coat, Male
Date of Birth: 04/27/2021

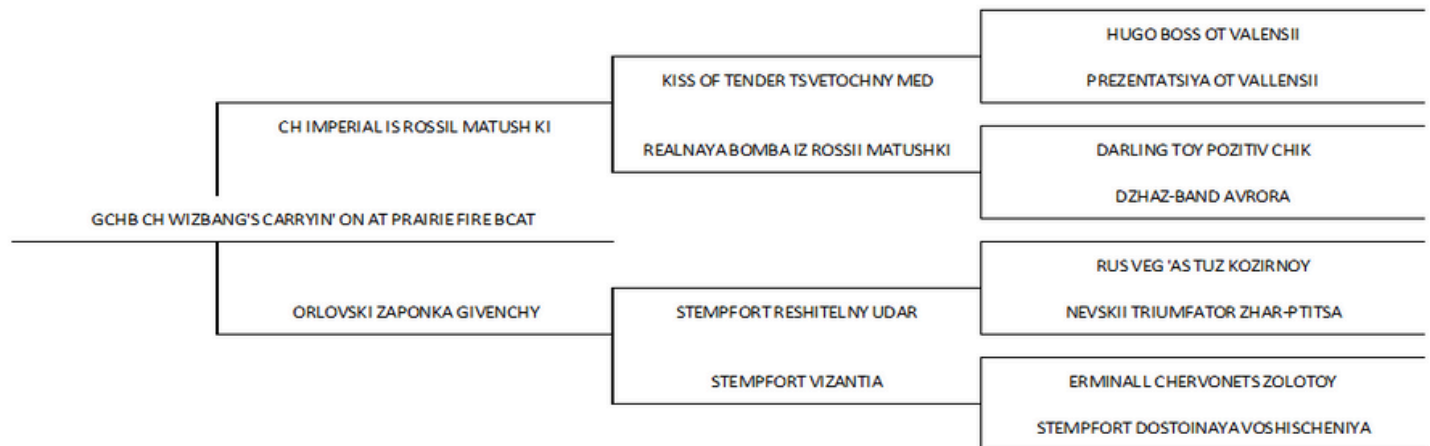
Breeder(s) of Record: Carolyn Strunge & Karen Cooper
Owner(s): Amy Harsch, Carolyn Strunge & Karen Cooper
Handler Name: Amy Harsch



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

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

His career to date includes four Reserve All-Breed Best In Shows and five Group 1's. He has a career of 28 All-Breed Group Placements, 2023 Westminster Best of Breed (invited), 2023 RTCA Florida Regional Specialty Best of Breed, 2023 Royal Canin Best of Breed, 2022 RTCA National Specialty Best of Breed and Regional Best of Opposite, and 2021 Royal Canine Junior Stakes Best of Breed. We certainly can't wait to see what his future continues to hold and the continued history he will



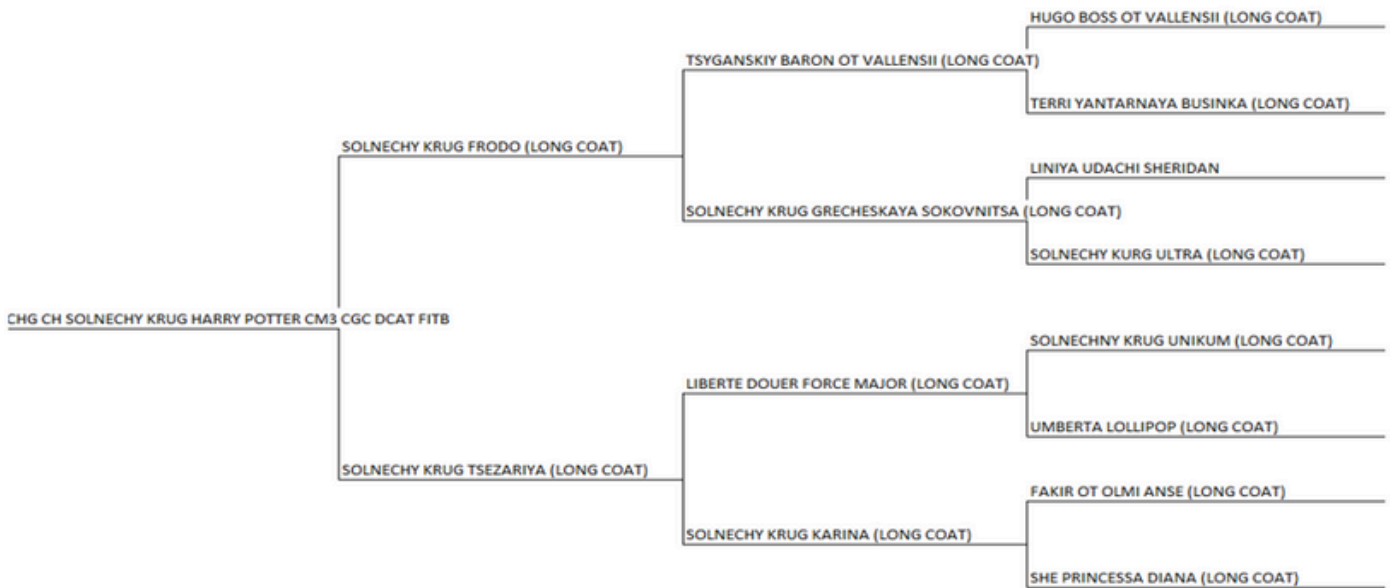


Bentley

Red Sable Long Coat, Male
 Date of Birth: 02/27/2019
 Breeder(s) of Record: L. Sadovnikova
 Owner(s): Jolanta Terrell
 Handler's Name: Jolanta Terrell

GCHS CH Solnechy Krug Harry Potter CM3 CGC DCAT FITB

Select at Westminster dog show of 2022, 2023, Best of breed at Philadelphia dog show 2022, Best of breed AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2022, Best of breed RTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2023, Best of breed RTCA Regional specialty 2022.



Karol Volk

Red Sable Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 02/09/2019

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

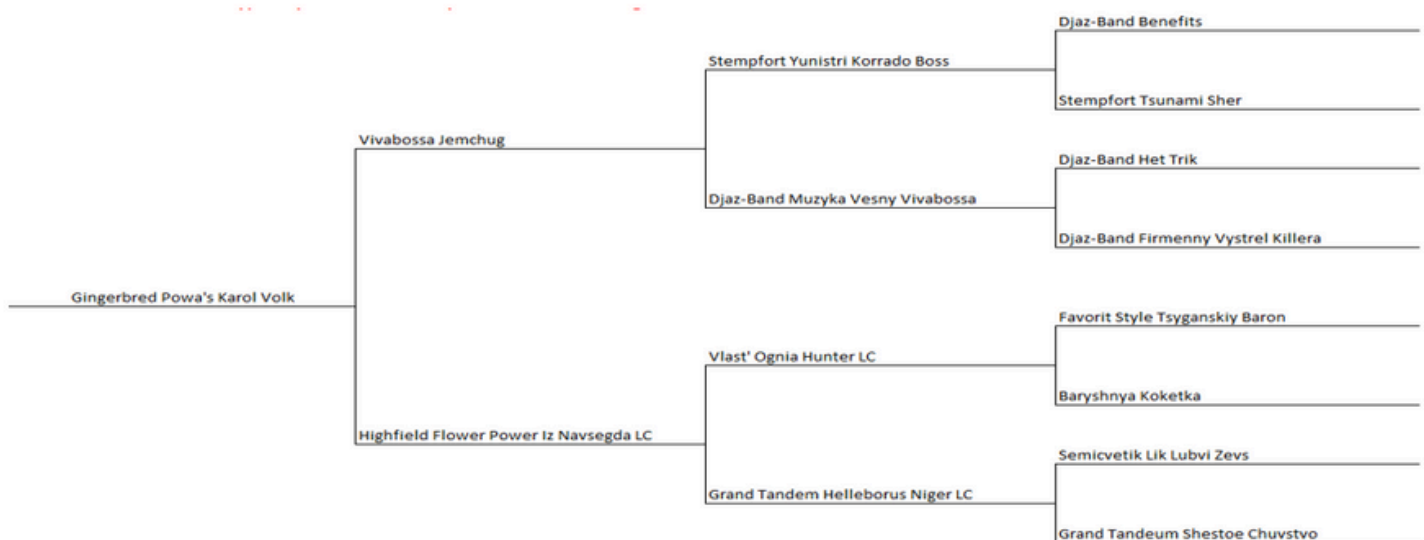
Owner(s): Connie Johnson

Handler Name: Connie Johnson



GCHB CH Gingrbred 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, and his name means “manly wolf”. Karol loves to run, and his 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. He became a father in August. 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. He received over 36 BOB this year including BISS at the regionals in Phoenix. This year he gained the rank of Grand Champion Bronze. He ranked fifth in NOHS for 2023 and competed in the finals in Orlando. While in Orlando he competed in shows including the Royal Canin championship and received an Award of Merit. Now he is one of the TOP 20 Russian Toys for the second year.





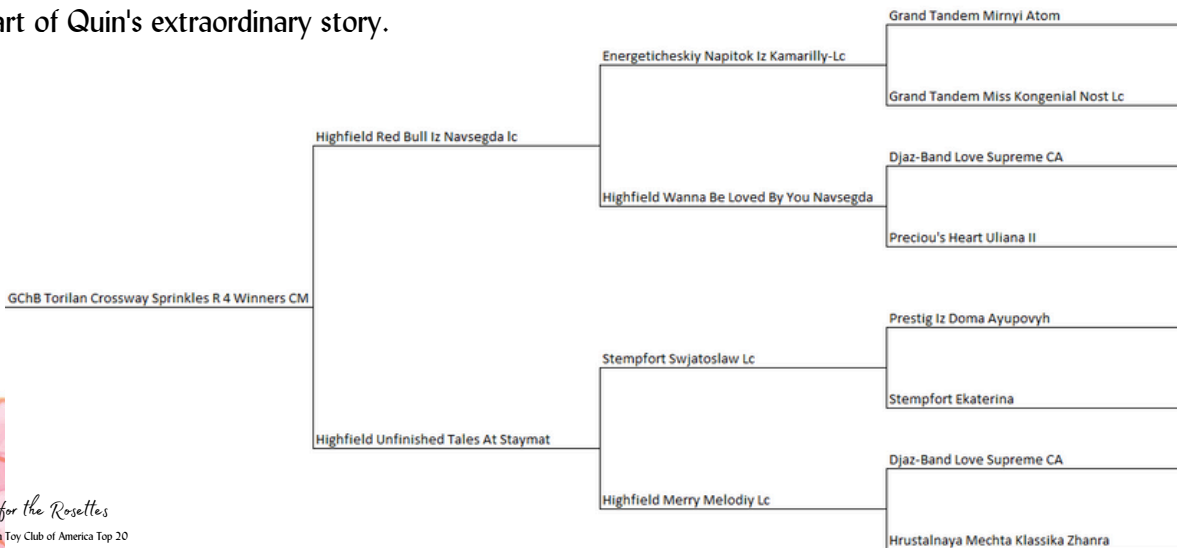
Quin

Red Sable Long Coat, Female
 Date of Birth: 11/16/2018
 Breeder(s) of Record: Loma Foster
 Owner(s): Jennifer Dellos, Beth Dellos, & Loma Foster
 Handler's Name: Jennifer Dellos

GCHB CH Torilan Crossway Sprinkles R 4 Winners CM

With her active and cheerful demeanor, Quin has won the hearts of everyone she meets, showcasing the true essence of the Russian Toy breed. Her keen intelligence, combined with cheerfulness, sets her apart as a truly remarkable dog. Quin not only captured my heart but also exceeded all expectations in the show ring. She quickly proved herself to be a star in the making. Our journey together would lead her to numerous victories in the show ring. From winning Best In Open Show in Orlando 2020 to achieving her Bronze Grand Championship, Quin's success story is nothing short of extraordinary. Her groundbreaking Group 4 placement in Breed history and consistent ranking in the Breed's Top 20 are testaments to her exceptional quality.

Beyond her achievements in the ring, Quin's legacy extends to the whelp box, where she has proven to be a phenomenal producer. With just 2 litters, she has already produced 4 AKC Champions, 3 of which are Grand Champions. The crowning moment came at the 2023 National, where her offspring swept top honors, including Award of Merit, Winners Bitch, and Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best Bred-By, solidifying Quin's reputation as a top-notch brood bitch. As I reflect on her remarkable journey, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the privilege of being a part of Quin's extraordinary story.



Jonas

Brown and Tan Long Coat, Male
 Date of Birth: 12/15/2020
 Breeder(s) of Record: YU. P. Shvets
 Owner(s): Marie Donahue
 Handler: Marie Donahue



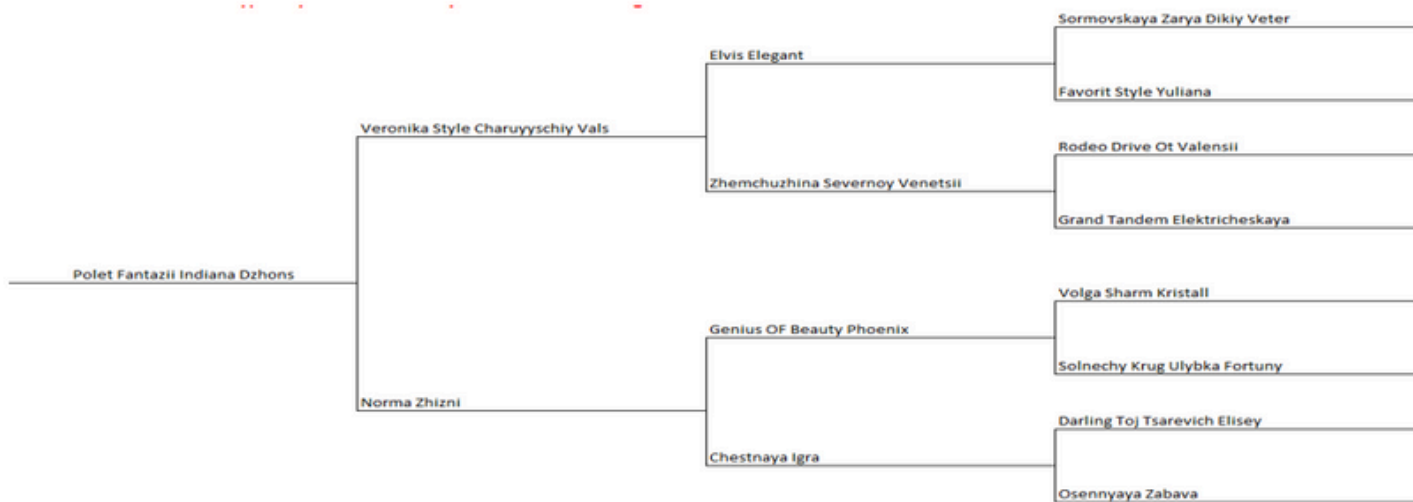
GCHB CH Polet Fantazii Indiana Dzhons

Jonas was love at first sight. I saw him in a training video when he was only 8 weeks old doing all sorts of puppy tricks. It was then I saw he was looking for his forever home, I knew there was something special about him and I just had to have him. So, at four months old he took his adventurous trip from Russia to the USA. Once he arrived, it was confirmed he was a remarkable little dog. He was so openly friendly, not phased at all from his long flight. He started playing immediately running through agility tunnels and offering his tricks.

We started trialing at 6 months old earning numerous Scent titles in C-Wags, and his ORT. He was also awarded his TKI, CGCA, CGU, and ATT. In 2022 he obtained his FCAT2 and ended the year #2 for the breed in Fast Cat. He was also featured on the cover of Pet Age Magazine and in the Catalog for the National Dog Show.

At the end of 2022 we started our new adventure in Conformation. Jonas showed his little heart out earning 40 Best of Breed wins, 5 Group placements including a Group 1. Ending the year 6th in Breed, #3 in All Breed and #2 NOHS earning 20 Group placements and a Reserve Best in Show. I could not be prouder of his accomplishments or more honored to be his teammate on this journey.

But beyond the gleaming achievements Jonas is my cherished companion who never takes his eyes off of me and always gives me his whole heart in everything we do. He is my little Russian man, that once in a lifetime dog.





Boris

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 11/11/2021

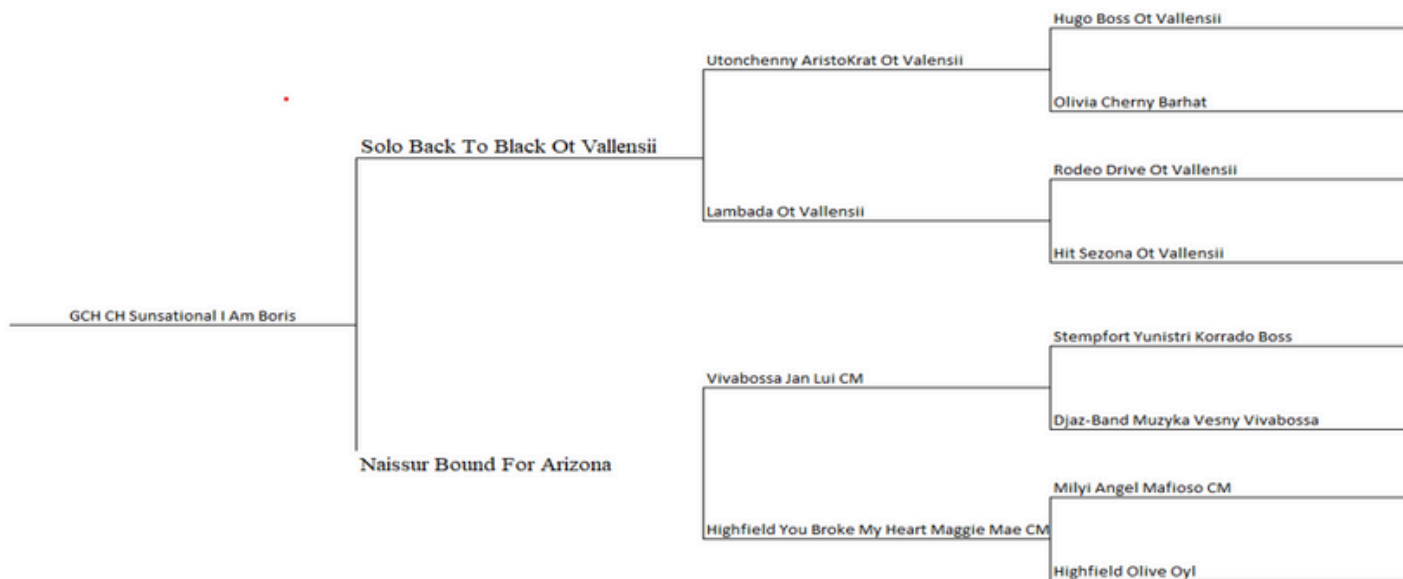
Breeder(s) of Record: TerryLee Janka

Owner(s): TerryLee Janka, Charmaine Berglof & JoAnna Taylor

Handler's Name: TerryLee Janka

GCH CH Sunsational 7 Am Boris

Boris, what can I say..... All my grey hair came from this boy! He was and is All That! Just ask him! While I was recouping from a knee surgery, Charmaine quickly finished him. Then we discussed what would be next. I wanted a specials dog and so off we went. After the first Grand points, I made the mistake of letting him sleep on the bed with me at the room. Oh my Heck!! Now this is the Life!! He loved it and showed his heart out as long as the bed was waiting!! 2024 holds a lot of promise for Boris and Myself as we plan on trying out so many beds across the country!



Manolo

Red Brown Long Coat, Male
 Date of Birth: 02/27/2023
 Breeder(s) of Record: Susan Moore
 Owner(s): Lory Anne Tannahill
 Handler Name:

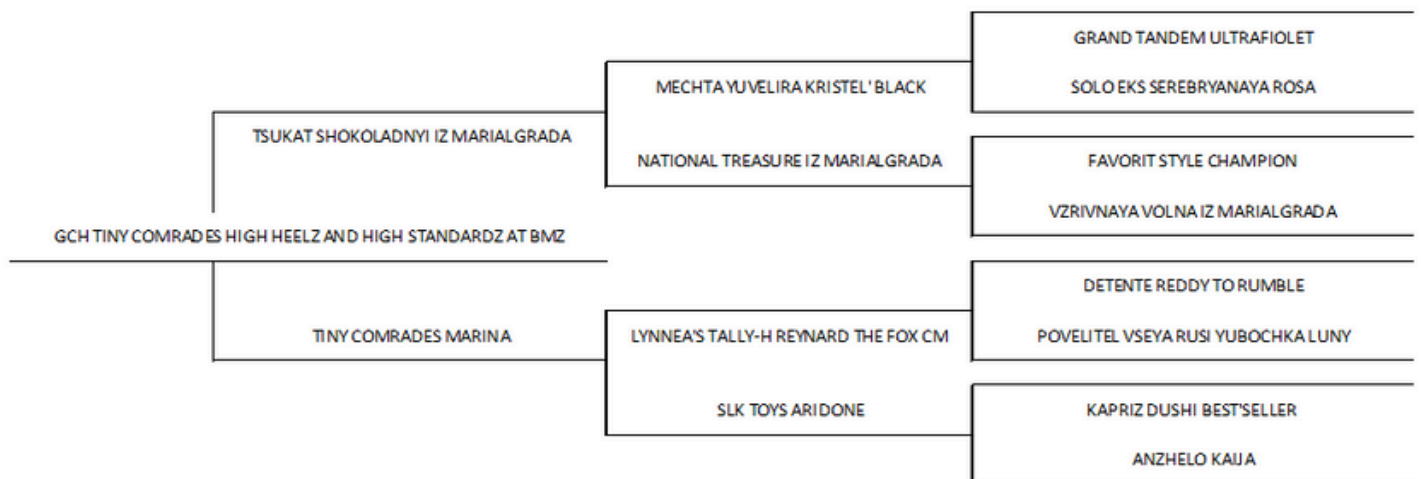


GCHS CH Tiny Comrades High Heelz and High Standardz At BMZ BCAT

Manolo is making his second appearance in the Top 20. In 2022, Manolo was number 12, and this year he is the #8 Russian Toy. His flash and sass that sets his team apart both in and out of the ring. He and his exclusive handler, Kelsey Jesseph have travelled the US in 2023 taking him to the top 10 in Breed Rankings. He has been an exceptional ambassador of the breed both in the conformation ring, Fast Cat track, and the Meet the Breed Stands across the US.

In 2023, Manolo earned his Grand Champion Bronze and Silver designations, as well as his DCAT. As we go into 2024, we are excited about the plans that lay ahead for our sassy red headed boy. We have no doubt that whatever the future holds for him, it will be exciting and nothing short of spectacular.

And to you Manolo, Congratulations on a great year! You are loved by so many for your sweet heart, your funny, silly personality, and the love you give to those you meet. You have the heart of a Champion and we could not be prouder of you and your accomplishments. Thank you for taking me on this adventure. I know I speak for Kelsey as well when I say, it is always a pleasure to be at the end of your lead. Here is to many more adventures I love you BIG my little red shoe. --Mom



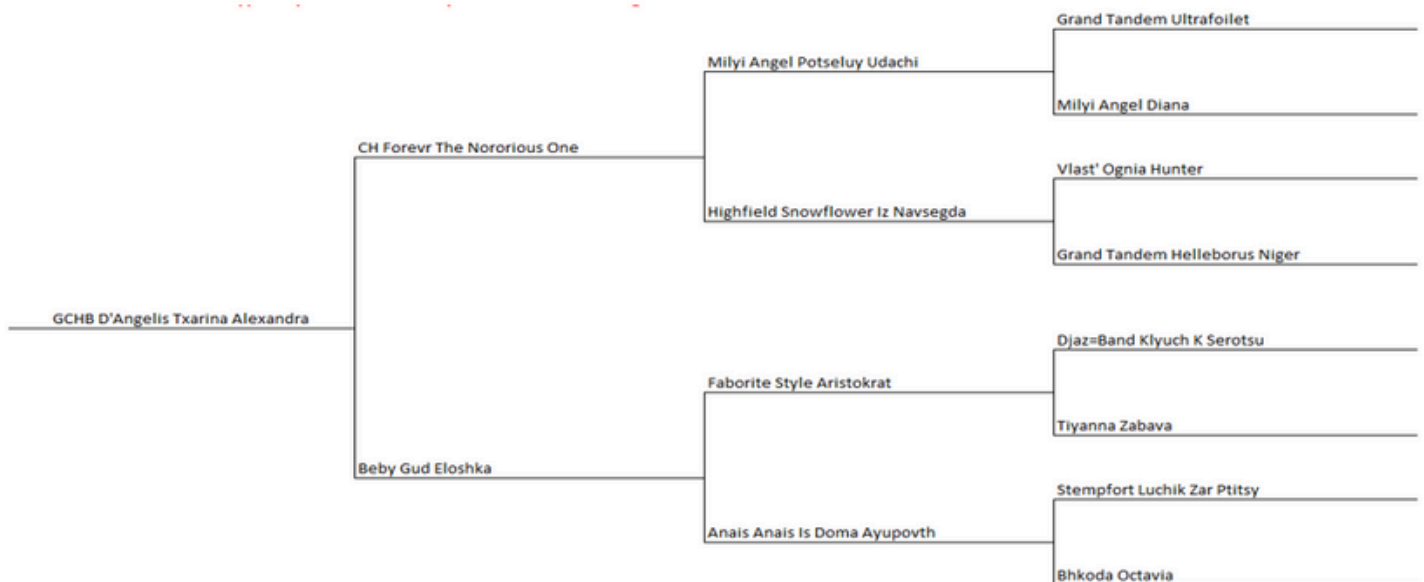


Sunny

Red Brown Long Coat, Female
 Date of Birth: 04/20/2021
 Breeder(s) of Record: Patricia Rust & Stephen Roberts
 Owner(s): Patricia Rust & Stephen Roberts
 Handler's Name: Patricia Rust

GCHBCH D'Angelis Tzarina Alexandria

Sunny Bunny, what can I say about you. You are everything I dreamed. From a difficult birth, to bottle feeding, to a Westminster Award of Merit winner, you can never be replaced. You are now my snuggle Bunny and bed warmer, living the good life. Be careful, Sunny, Bernadette is trying to replace you.



Kiara

Red Sable Long Coat, Female

Date of Birth: 12/23/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: Brenda Gibbon

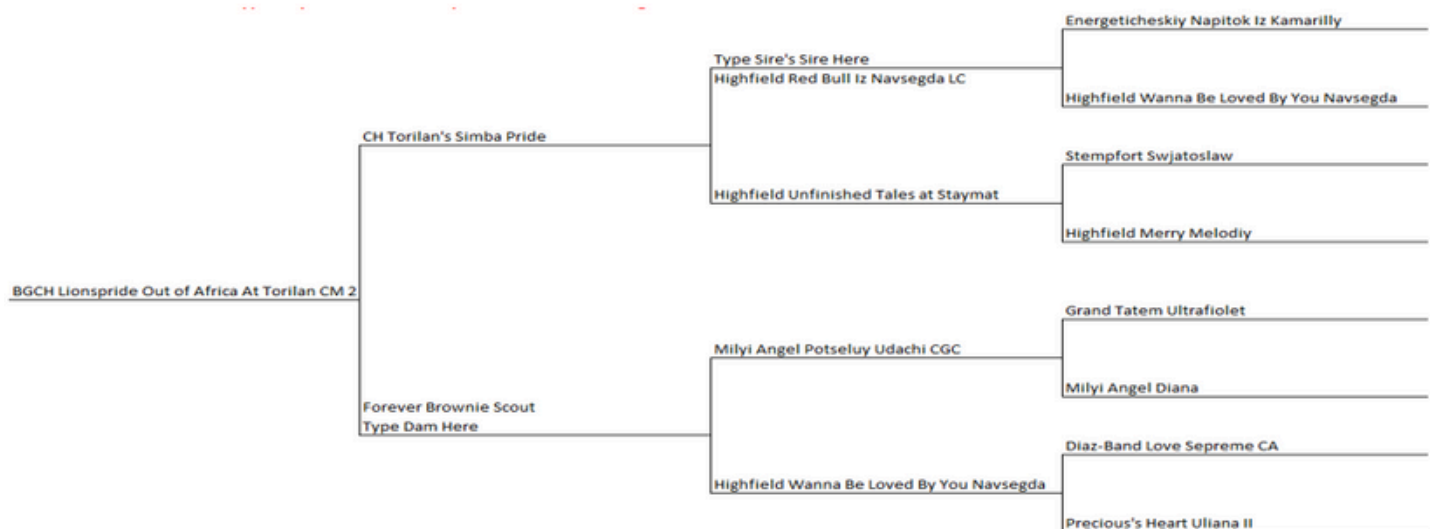
Owner(s): Loma Foster & Rick Carr

Handler Name:



GCHB CH Lionspride Out of Africa at Torilan CM2

At the 2023 Russian Toy National Kiara was chosen as the winner of the first Top 20 competition. This was a special honor as she was competing against the top Russian Toys in the nation. She has also achieved her Bronze Grand Championship designation. Along with these honors she has been awarded Group Placements in both the regular and the owner handler rings this past year. This fall, she continued her achievements in the whelping box producing a beautiful litter. Rick Carr and I are so proud of this amazing girl and feel privileged to have her in our lives.



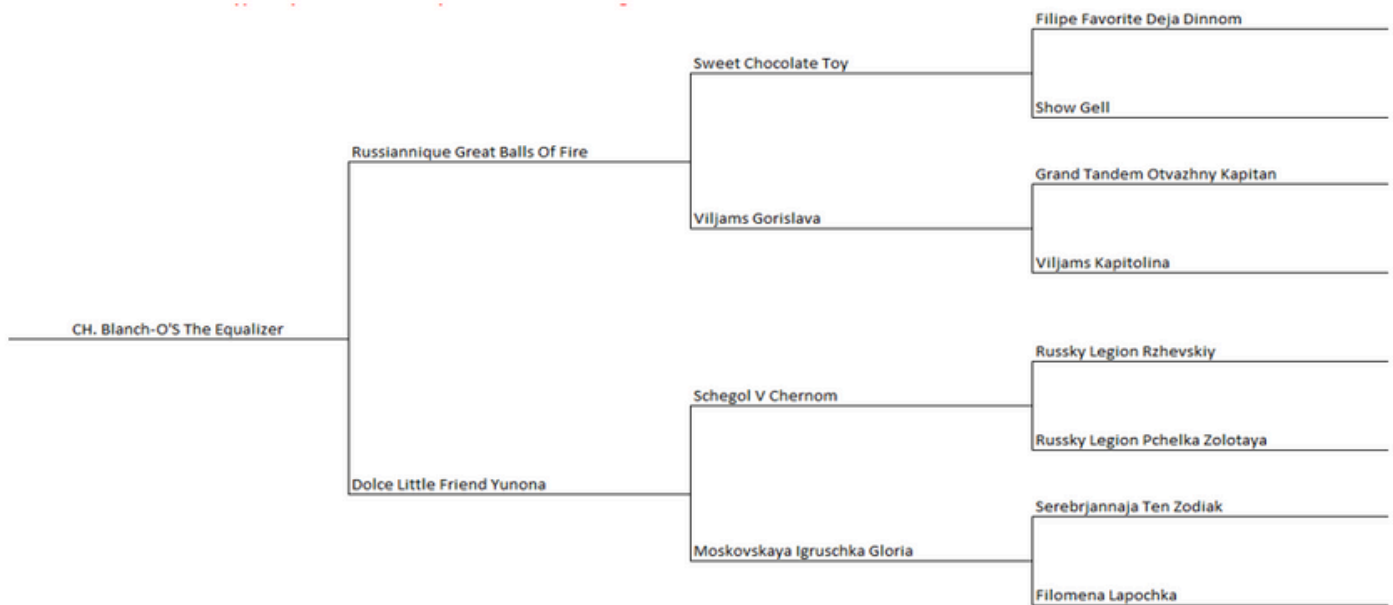


Denzel

Red Sable Long Coat, Male
Date of Birth: 10/04/2021
Breeder(s) of Record: Debbie & John Caponetto
Owner(s): Debbie & John Caponetto
Handler's Name: John Caponetto

CH Blanch-O'S The Equalizer

Just a quiet wonderful little dog to live with and loves to show always willing to make you happy!



Rooster

Red Brown Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 02/07/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: Loreta Milaite

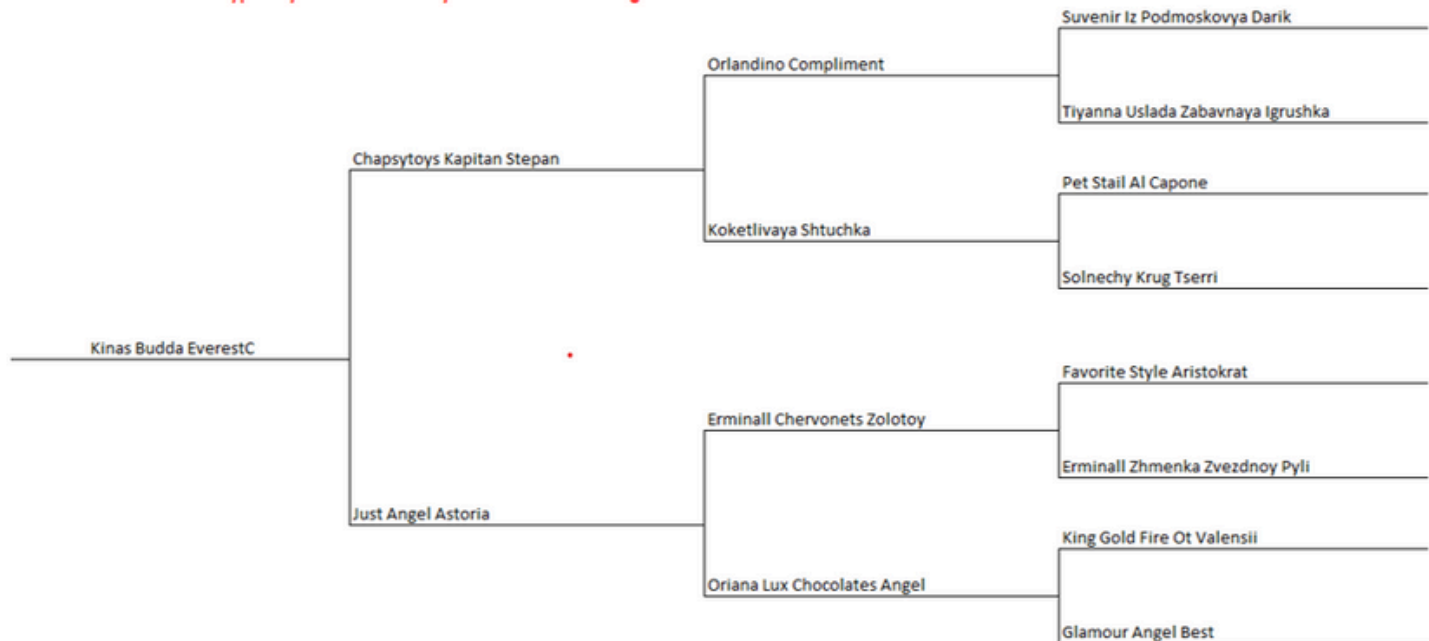
Owner(s): Ann Hurley, Kaylee Hunning, Lisa Hunning

Handler Name: Kaylee Hunning



GCH CH Kinas Budda Everest

Kinas Budda Everest “Rooster” is piloted by 13 year old Junior Handler Kaylee Hunning. Rooster has come along way in a short time. Together they have finished his Grand Champion title. Finished in the top 5 Owner Handled Russian Toys this year, Top Russian Toy Junior, and Top 20. Rooster has sired some of the top winning dogs this year and was awarded top Stud Dog at the 2023 Russian Toy Nationals. After an amazing 2 years we made the decision to retire Rooster from Show and Breeding. He is now living a happy life in retirement. We will forever be grateful to him for the accomplishments both in and out of the ring.



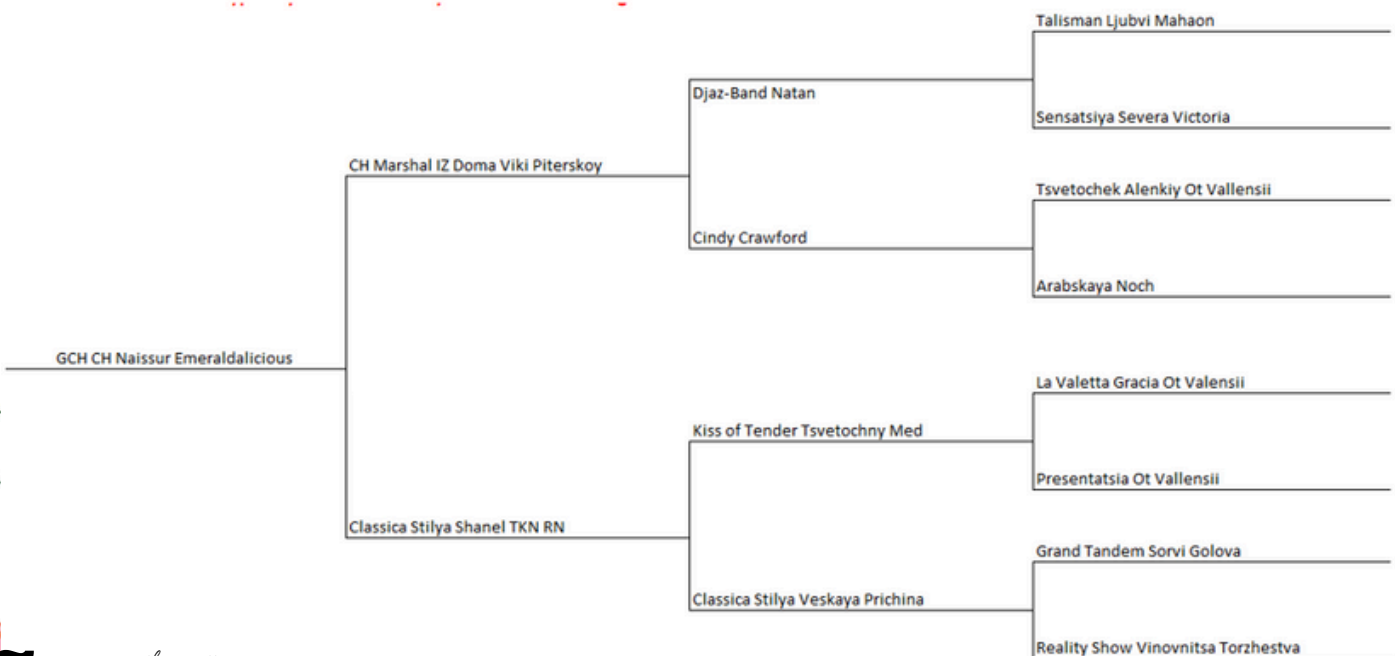


Emmett

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male
 Date of Birth: 03/25/2022
 Breeder(s) of Record: Jill Chase & Patty Bartley Shonts
 Owner(s): Jill Chase & Patty Bartley Shonts
 Handler's Name: Jill Chase

GCH CH Naissur Emeraldalicious

Emmett has given me a lot of firsts. He is one of two Champions out of a litter of three. I own both the parents and did the breeding, raising, training, and showing of him. I finished Emmett out of the bred by class and he quickly went on to be my first Grand Champion. Emmett will go on to earning performance titles. I am most proud of Emmett for not knowing a stranger and his positive friendly temperament toward other dogs and people.



Cash

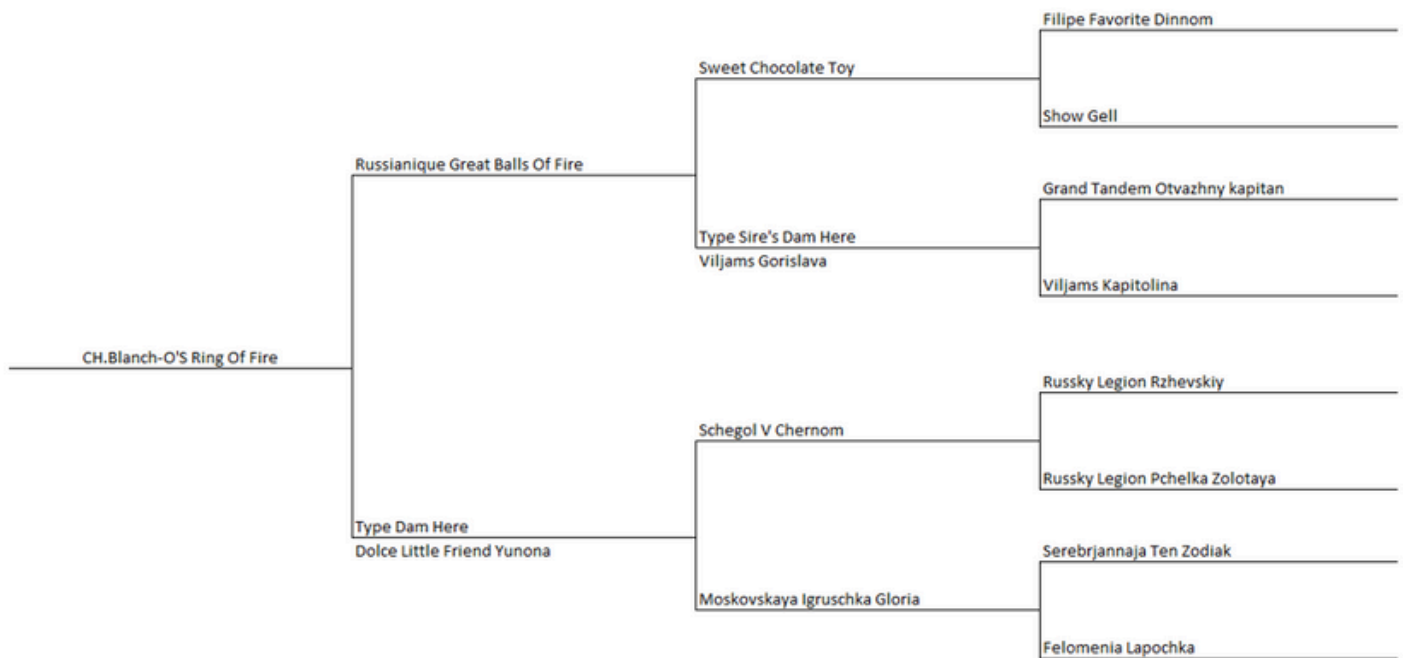


Red Sable Long Coat, Male
Date of Birth: 05/01/2022

Breeder(s) of Record: Debbie & John Caponetto & Trinity H Smith
Owner(s): Debbie & John Caponetto
Handler: Kacie Davis Jorden

CH Blanch-O's Ring of Fire

Cash from the time he was born he was a special boy always proud he went to live with a friend of ours to loved him at 6 month old he came out to show at 4 days how in NC he won BOB every day for Majors over specials finished that weekend, he lived with our friend for one year from that show and my friend was so busy showing his Frencies that he had no time for cash so we brought him home entered him in a show and showed his stuff again by





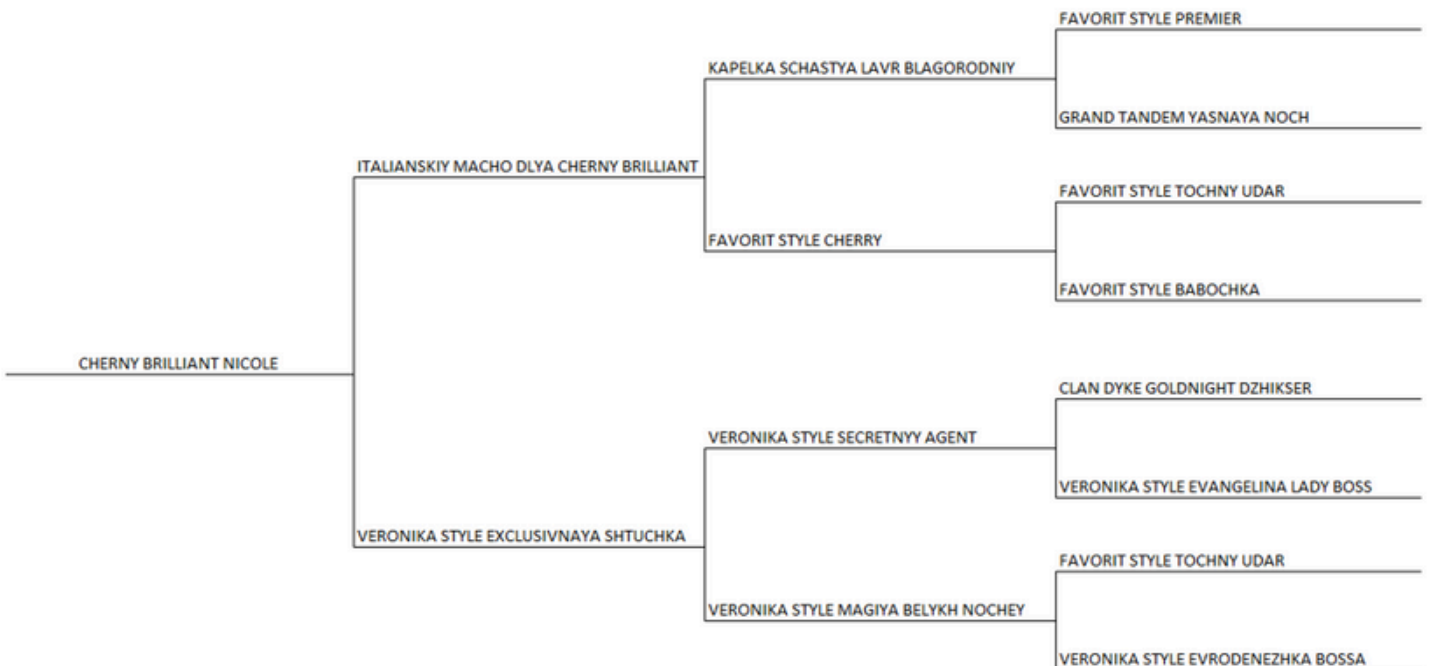
Nikole



Red Sable Long Coat, Female
Date of Birth: 08/22/2021
Breeder(s) of Record: Iya Hvizdezenka
Owner(s): Irina Cruse
Handler Name:

GCH CH Cherny Brilliant Nicole

Nikole was born in hot sunny Spain. She is active, funny and lovable dog with amazing temperament. Nikole is a Grand champion of USA. In her pedigree you can see very desirable RT lines and famous beautiful dogs: Favorit Style Tsyganskiy Baron, Favorit Style Tochny Udar, Veronika Style Sekretnyy Agent, Stempford Yunistrim Korrado Boss.



Tim

Black and Tan Long Coat, Male

Date of Birth: 11/23/2019

Breeder(s) of Record: MV AV Bocharova

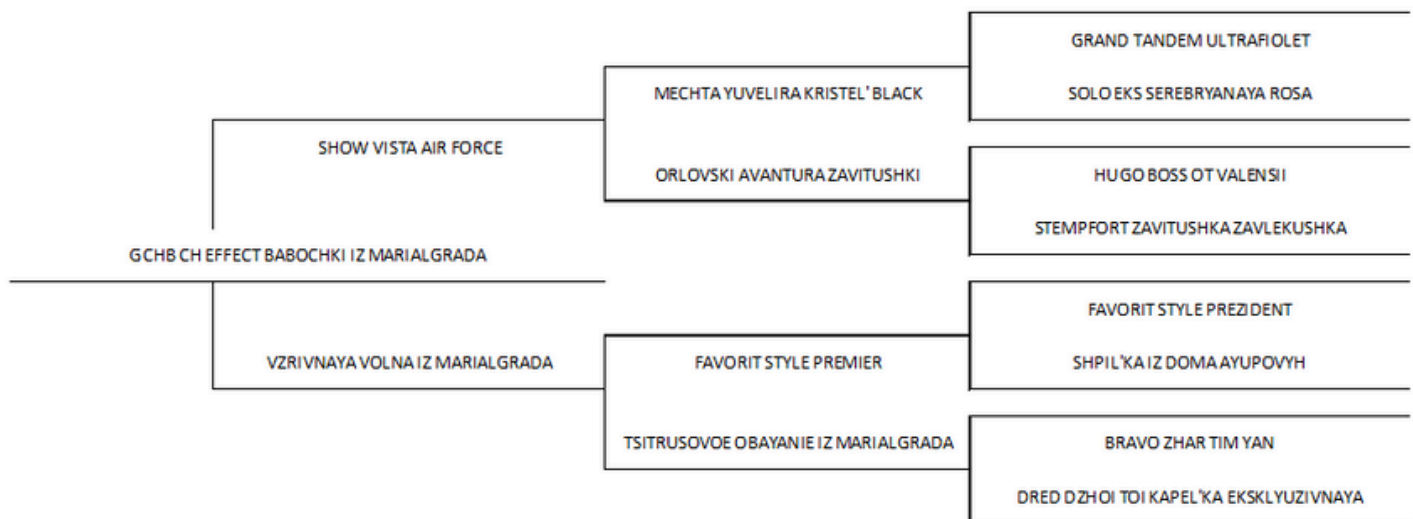
Owner(s): Kathleen O'Boyle

Handler Name:



GCHB CH Effect Babochki 7z Marialgrada

Tim arrived in the United States in April 2021 and he has been spreading “from Russia, with Love” every where he goes! He began his show career in February 2022 and achieved his championship April 2, 2022. He ended 2022 with a breed ranking of #8 and finished in the top 20 for 2023 with limited showing. Tim was one of the first ten Russian Toys to achieve his AKC grand championship title. Tim enjoys meeting new people at dog shows but prefers the “retired” lifestyle. However, you will see Tim in the ring once in awhile because he does get jealous sitting home or in the RV when I take other dogs to the shows and he is the first one to jump in the flight bag! Tim enjoys playing with other dogs, but his favorite spot is on my lap! He sired his first litter of puppies in the USA in 2023 and soon one of his sons will be hitting the show ring. Tim is available for stud to approved bitches.





Vega

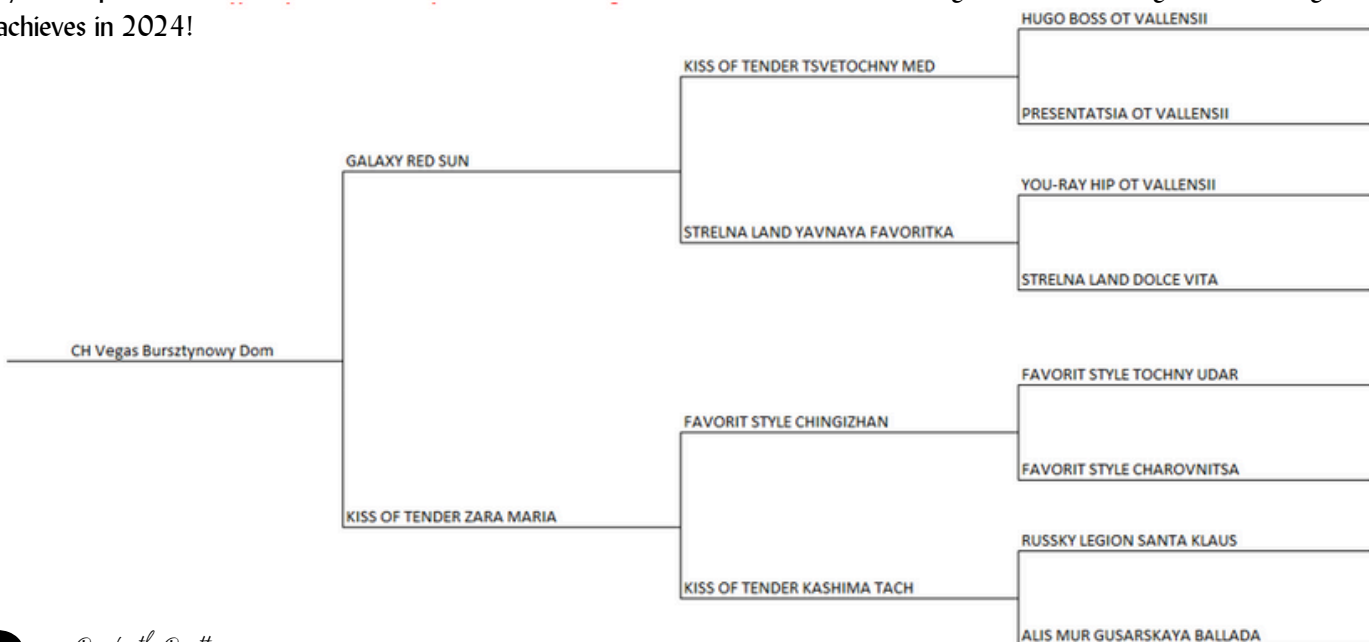
Red Sable Long Coat, Male
 Date of Birth: 10/27/2021
 Breeder(s) of Record: Ewa Wozniak
 Owner(s): Genevieve Wood
 Handler's Name:

CH Vegas Bursztynowy Dom

In addition to his classic spicy, high-energy and focused Russian Toy temperament, Vega is also exceptionally sweet and delightfully affectionate. And his small, 4 lb. stature doesn't hinder his athleticism as he leaps onto and off of all manners of tables, furniture, rocks and trees to capture his quarry... I mean, ball.

In 2022 Vega was awarded Best Puppy at the 24th International Dog Show (CACIB), a Crufts Qualifying show, in Krakow, Poland. Five days later (crossing 12 time zones and traveling 44 hours), he attended the RTCA National in Dallas, TX performing much better than his handler at that point.

In 2023, Vega achieved his AKC Champion title and NOHS Bronze level as well as receiving all IABCA VI ratings garnering his International Championship title and won two silver and one bronze medal in his group. He completed and cleared his OFA heart, eyes and patellas health tests and sired his first litter in December 2023. We're looking forward to seeing what this eager boy achieves in 2024!





Winners

2023 **Louisville, Kentucky ~ Run for the Rosettes**

Judges: Breeder: _____ AKC: _____ Handler: _____

2022 **Pheonix, Arizona ~ Wanderlust and Desert Dust**

“Kiara” GCH CH Lionspride Out of Africa at Torilan CM2

Owner(s): Loma Foster Breeder(s) of Record: Brenda Gibbon

Judges: Breeder: Marcy Wyrens AKC: Linn Klingel Brown Hander: Paula Murray

Thank you for attending!

