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WORLD NEWS





Boxers in Russia by Anna Voevodina



Arabian roots

y name is Anna Voevodina and I live in Moscow. An economist by training I am also a breeder of Boxers under the kennel name Tripolitaniya Box. This name was chosen because of my Arabian roots. Tripolitaniya is an historical region and former province of Libya. As a result of the victory of Italy in the Italian-Turkish war (1911-1912) Tripolitaniya was under the rule of Italy and their colony of Italian North Africa was created. Nowadays the location of Tripolitaniya is to the north-west of Libya and it is where my mother grew up. My kennel's foundation became came from Italy and I called her Recanati, more formally Alexandra del colle Dell'Infinito. So my Arab / Italian roots and the roots of our Italian Boxer mixed together and the kennel appeared - Tripolitaniya Box.

Greatest authority

I want to tell you about the main national show of Boxers, traditionally held by the Russian Boxer Club in Moscow, usually in early September. The Best of Breed of this exhibition becomes the «Best Boxer of the Year». At the Russian specialised shows, the assessment is carried out by judges who enjoy the greatest authority among the breeders along with the most famous experts from the leading European countries.

Established

The Russian Boxer Club was established on 9 September 1993 on the initiative of Valery Novikov. The Russian Boxer breeder Sergey Vanzha was elected the Russian Boxer Club's President. The Conference made a decision to hold the first All-Russia Exhibition of Boxers and join the Association Technique Internationale du Boxer (ATIBOX). This defined plans for the future.

Different Russian cities

As soon as June 1994, thanks to the initiative of President Vanzha, the Russian Boxer Club was admitted to ATIBOX as an associate member. The first All-Russian Exhibition of the Russian Boxer Club was held in Rostovon-Don on the weekend of 23-24 September 1994. It was a great event for fans of the Boxer breed in Russia and thanks to the efforts of the organisers, it attracted many spectators from different Russian cities. At this show 60 Boxers participated and there were many more spectators. The judging was carried out by the Italian Mr Bruno Decisi who has been in Boxers for many years. At the request of the audience, he made detailed descriptions of the exhibited dogs and commented on his decisions. Izhitsa is Vaivariykshtes Ilankos was declared BOB at this first show.



Almeras Danhill and Via Aveling Dragonda



Dominic Aivengo Geeving Joy and Rosi Van Kratos Hof



Aivengo Yoker and Rosie Van Kratos Hof



Zhen Lee Martinika

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The second Russian Boxer Club show was held in Moscow on the same weekend in September the following year, 1994. It attracted a record number of 257 participants according to the catalogue. The expert from Germany Mr. Horst Becker was the judge. Never had so many magnificent Boxers gathered at a Russian show before! It was a great holiday and a



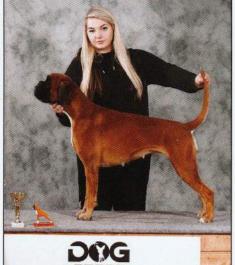
Pink Panther De Navissos

great success for the Russian Boxer Club. The exhibition allowed breeders to assess their stock honestly and breeders could compare their dogs' quality with other kennels.

Highlight

The Russian Boxer Club show remains the highlight of the year and is the biggest influence on the direction of Boxer breed development in Russia. It happens because the Club's shows are so well supported by specialists in the breed. The show attracts the best Boxers from all over Russia. The results of the show give a visual

picture of the breeders' achievements. They represent an opportunity for Russian Boxers to compare the statistics of the past years, to analyse the results of breeding, look at who the producers are, to compare the results of different breeding work by clubs and kennels. It is quite natural that at specialised exhibitions in the rings there is an atmosphere of keen competition.



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Getting rated excellent at the show is already a great achievement, and to enter the final stages is already a victory. The show attracts well-known kennels and clubs with a strong track record; individual owners of beautiful show dogs and young kennels who are rapidly progressing up the ladder. Thus, today we see a change of leaders and the birth of a new generation of breeders which is a very healthy state of affairs.





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