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The Russian Toy Club of America is working with the American Kennel Club's Foundation Stock Services (FSS) to help promote and educate the public about the Russian Toy breed. If you'd like to know more about the history of the Russian Toy, its breed type and unique characteristics, temperament or general information, please visit our website for further information. Our members can be found throughout the United States, and are often found at dog shows, events, and trials throughout the year. If you'd like to meet some Russian Toys and their people at one of these upcoming events please contact our Secretary for a list of them in that might be in your area.

RUSSIAN TOY BREED HISTORY

At the beginning of the 20th century, the English Toy Terrier was one of the most popular toy dogs in Russia. However, in the period 1920 – 1950 the breeding of pure toy terriers was almost stopped and the number of dogs fell to a critical level. Only in the mid-fifties did Russian dog-breeders begin the revival of the breed. Practically all dogs which were used for breeding had no pedigrees; many of them were not pure blood. The Standard drafted for Toy Terriers significantly differed from that of the English Toy Terrier in many aspects. From this moment, the evolution of the breed in Russia went its own way.

On the 12th of October, 1958 two smooth-haired dogs, one of which had slightly longer hair, gave birth to a male dog with a spectacular fringes on ears and limbs. It was decided to keep this feature. The male was mated with a female which also had slightly long hair. Thus the longhaired variety of the Russian Toy

appeared. It was called Moscow Longhaired Toy
Terrier.

It was during a long period of development, in an isolated context, along with a specifically conducted selection that a new breed was created: the Russian Toy with two varieties: Long Haired and Smooth Haired.



The Russian Toy Club of America believes in promoting and educating the public about the Russian Toy, while maintaining breed type that is distinctly Russian.