



1872 – 2012

THE HISTORY OF CREATION AND REVIVAL OF RUSSIAN IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF TRUE HUNTING AND THOROUGHBRED DOG BREEDING

The Imperial Society of Reproducing of Hunting and Fur-bearing Animals and True Hunting was created in 1872 under the initiative of the Count Vasily Alekseevich Sheremet'ev*. It was under the patronage of the Imperial House of Romanov till 1917.

It was noted in most publications in 1876 that the Imperial Society was the main initiator of revival of hunting and dog breeding at that time. They also said that the Society had achieved a lot, despite short period of existence.

The creation of Imperial Society stimulated the foundation of two organizations in pre-revolutionary St. Petersburg. One was the Society of Purebred Dogs Lovers, created in 1886, and the second was the Division of Purebred Dogs of the Society for the Encouragement of Hunting Dogs and All Kinds of Hunting, created in the early nineties of the XIX century. Both of these societies were of closed type, so it was impossible to become a member of the society if you are not from the nobility. One must have good recommendations, and besides he had to undergo of so-called ballot at the general meeting. And moreover, the members of the Society were those with a certain prosperity. The number of members of the Society of Purebred Dog Lovers did not exceed 250 persons, and the Society for the Encouragement had even less members.



Его Императорское Высочество
Великий Князь Николай Николаевич.

Among the famous and memorable hunters and breeders were the Lopukhins Princes, members of Ermolov and Bibikov families, Prince D.P.Golitsyn-Muravlin, Count B.S. Sheremetev, Prince D.I.Shirinsky-Shikhmatov, Nobleman L.P.Sabaneyev, who wrote a classical monograph of Hunting Dogs, which is so far the unique and fundamental tool for breeding science.

There are some documents dated 1907 that confirm the recognition of Imperial Society's Pedigree Book and the Judiciary by the leading European kennel clubs and also kennel clubs of Britain and America. The special sign for Members of Imperial Society was created in 1872 (see photo). This Sign was given to every member since 1874.



According to the press of that period, the establishment of the Imperial Society noticeably brightened up the Russian hunting world. In particular Russian hound hunting was revived. They began to organize dog exhibitions where the dog lovers had an opportunity to show their work, to see the achievements of the colleagues and to exchange breeding material. There was also special meeting or congresses that gave the opportunity of sharing the experience.

* Sheremetev Vasily 2.2.1834-5.11.1884 .- cynologist, public figure, count. The leader of the Nobility of Moscow Province. The Colonel valid State Councilor, Master of the Hunt. In 1853-1863 years served in the Cavalry Life Guards regiment. Ruza Marshal of the Nobility. His wife is Stolypina Natalya Afanasyevna (1840? -1905). He participated in the foundation of Moscow Imperial Society of Reproduction of Hunting Dogs and True Hunting (do not confused with the Russian Society - see above). He was the first vice-president of this society. In 1874 he organized the first exhibition of hunting dogs in Moscow at the Arena, where he personally was the head of the Commission on examination of Russian Borsoy. A member of the Moscow Society of Hunting (MSH) under the name of the Emperor Alexander II (since 1879), honorary member of this society (since 1883). The founder of the Foundation for financial support of MSH staff.

Foreigners, who came to judge these shows, noted that the Russian population of dogs is of very high quality and is very competitive to the foreign. During that period only aristocracy and noble wealthy people were breeding dogs.

Thanks to the efforts of enthusiasts and true dog lovers who managed to maintain and enhance the valuable pedigrees, which were nearly destroyed during the first years of Soviet power.

Nowadays the situation has changed and it's time to continue the work of the people who created the history of our Society and did much for Russian Cynology.



In June 2000 the leader of the Russian Nobility Assembly, Count Andrey Kirillovich Golitsyn (see photo) has signed a Decree (kept in the archives of the Society) about the revival of The Imperial Society of Reproducing of Hunting and Fur-bearing Animals and True Hunting under the new name - "Russian Imperial Society of True Hunt and Purebred Dog Breeding" (RIOPOiKS). This Society has been appointed as the successor of The Imperial Society of Reproducing of Hunting and Fur-bearing Animals and True Hunting.

In November 2001, the revived activity of RIOPOiKS, under the proposal of the Russian Nobility Assembly, was approved by the acting head of the Russian Imperial House, Her Imperial Highness Grand Duchess Maria Vladimirovna (see photo). This was confirmed by the official letter (kept in the archives of the Society) with the

consent of the taking the Society under Her Highness's patronage.

In its early years RIOPOiKS was a subdivision of the Russian Nobility Assembly without a legal entity.

The Decision of state registration was made on December 25, 2001, under the name of All-Russian Association of Public Organizations "Russian Imperial Society of True Hunt and Purebred Dog Breeding". The Russian Nobility Assembly was stated as the founder of the Association and the Count Andrey Kirillovich Golitsyn was elected as the Honorable President of the Imperial Society (for life).

Since March 26, 2002 the Society became a legal entity

registered with the Ministry of Justice (certificate number 4130, kept in the archives of the Society), and received all-Russian status in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation. In 2002 RIOPOiKS was connected to the Russian Kynological Federation (RKF) and currently is a member of the Russian Federation of Dog Lovers (RFLS).



The main activities of the Society:

- Organization of breeding work with dogs of different breeds, including hunting and domestic;
- Conducting tribal shows and exhibitions of all breeds;
- Sport dog competitions;
- Conducting field trials for hunting dogs;
- Organizing and conducting of classical hunting with hounds;
- Preparation and training of hunting dogs;
- Promotion of hunting societies, farms and other organizations to create opportunities for hunting, field trials and sport competitions;
- Support and development of programs to help with pedigreeless and homeless animals;
- Support of kennels and professionals involved in breeding and raising of hunting birds;
- Participation in government programs for the conservation of wildlife species of rare hunting birds (falcons, hawks, eagles and other hunting birds);
- Organizing and conducting of classical falconry and sport events with hunting birds;
- Training for hunting horses;
- Promotion of the domestic horse breeds and support the tribal households.

New page of history RIOPOiKS since 2010

In 2010 the management of All-Russian Association of Public Organizations “Russian Imperial Society of True Hunt and Purebred Dog Breeding” decided to register another name for the Imperial Society – Society of Thoroughbred Dog Breeding "DERZHAVA" (inter-regional organization), securing the intentions of the Society in the Charter (through registration with the Ministry of Justice) to preserve and continue the traditions and activities of the previous two Societies, in 1872 and 2000, respectively. So the necessary documents were prepared for the Russian Kynological Federation (RKF).

Under the supervision of the Count Andrey Kirillovich Golitsyn the councils of the RIOPOiKS is saved and continues to work. A new page in the history of Russian Cynology is open now.

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The most significant proof of the history of our Society was the unique antique Historical Essay of the Imperial Society of True Hunt and Purebred Dog Breeding (which is a historical rarity), published in 1898. It says that the Society was founded in 1872 for sure, not in 1873 as it was previously thought. So, 2012 is the anniversary of our Society, and possibly for the entire Russian Cynology. Among other things, the book describes the first dog show in Tsarist Russia, including list of the first judges for the exhibitions and testing, and much more.

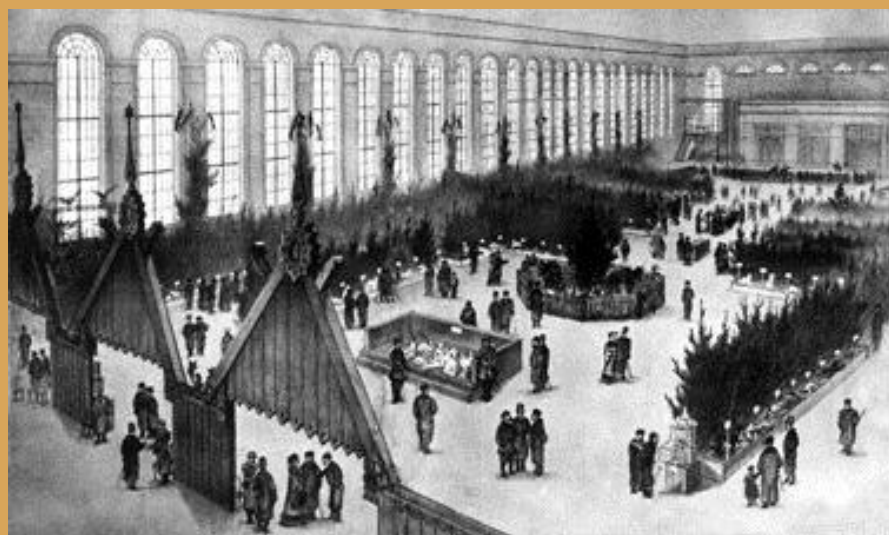
Time bounds let us have a fresh look at the organization and support the traditions of the Imperial Society, as we know it from the available historical documents dated 1872.

Since 1874 the organization of annual dog shows gave the opportunity for the broad mass to learn more about dog breeding and share the experience with the owners of hunting dogs.

Our National Dog Show "DERZHAVA-2012" we dedicate to 140-year anniversary of the foundation of "Imperial Society of True Hunt and Purebred Dog Breeding"

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Moscow, Manezh, 1874.
Dog Show



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