Puppy Love

To Russia With Love

Anton Chekhov was a playwright and one of the greatest short story writers in history. He was born in southern Russia in 1860. In 1892, he realized his longtime dream of owning an estate when he purchased his home in Milihovo. He promptly set about bringing to fruition another dream: owning a pedigreed dog. In 1893, two dachshunds joined his family and they are amongst the first recorded ownership of dachshunds in Russia. Chekhov was also a medical doctor, simultaneously writing and practicing medicine at the same time. The dogs followed him everywhere and were allowed to sleep in his room every night. He loved having long conversation with them and staged hilarious plays. According to Chekhov's brother, "He would spend an entire half hour talking to his dogs, thus keeping everyone in the house in stiches." Chekhov's sister named the dogs after substances found in Dr. Chekho's medicine bag: bromide and khina. Chekhov wrote a friend affectionately saying, "The dachshunds Brom and Khina are well. The former is dexterous and lithe, polite and sensitive. The latter is clumsy, fat, lazy and sly…"

The Chekhor Museum

In 2012, a sculpture of Brom and Khina was added to the museum grounds starting a new Russian tradition: people rub the dachshunds' noses to make their wishes come true.

Modern Day Russia

In 2015, American judge, Dan Harrison, judged the Snow Dachshund Specialty in Moscow, Russia. Flying home he reflected back on the experience, "I got on the plane and thought fondly of all the great new Dachshunds that I had judged and I was very proud of the way they had captured the Russian's imagination as a beautiful addition to the dog world."

Parade of Dachshunds

St. Petersburg, Russia annually celebrates City Day, which also coincides with Children's Day. For the past six years they have held a dachshund parade on the same day. Last year 126 dachshunds in costume joined the colorful dachshund parade.