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I have been interested in animals my entire life. In my childhood, I've probably had all kinds of pets that one can have in an apartment. However, none of them were dogs, and having one has remained, for a long time, a dream. In 1995 I've graduated with a Master's degree in Genetics and Microbiology. In 2010, when I've built my own house, my dream of having a dog has finally come true. It was Shih-Tzu from Russia, our first boy Bai Kuin Ya Santa. From that moment started history of our small kennel Piccolo Tibet.

Later, from the same kennel, we imported our favourite Bai Kuin Bonaparte. For me it is absolutely clear that there is no other breed that would fascinate me as much as Shih-Tzu. When one is a newcomer to the breed, it is always difficult to get hold of a stud bitch. It is all the more impossible while living in Moldova. But I followed the old saying – if you want a good dog, make one yourself. This phrase has become my motto.

We brought our first dogs from Russia and Belgium. As I studied all the subtleties of the breed, the history of Shih-Tzu and the pedigrees of the champion dogs, I've acquired a clear understanding of HOW a Shih-Tzu should be and how I should achieve these objectives. My education in the field of genetics has undoubtedly proven very useful in my hobby. Today we can see fourth generation dogs from Piccolo Tibet entering the show rings. There is still a long way to go until we have perfect dogs, which I could call exemplary for myself.

However, already today we are proud of the numerous champions in our small kennel Piccolo Tibet – 22 champions of multiple countries across Europe, including 12 International Champions. Not bad result I think, having in consideration that in our kennel were born 53 shih-tzus and almost all of them are alive and well. I continue studying Shih-Tzu in the Scandinavian countries, where I draw inspiration for my ideas for breeding. In almost all of our dogs' pedigrees we can see dogs from Scandinavian kennels.

Piccolo Tibet is probably a good example of how a breed can evolve in the context of globalization. Or perhaps more accurately – how a breed can return to its origins and roots, to its initial appearance, after rather mindless diffusion throughout the world.

My priorities in the breed are simple and are displayed in the standard: a broad face with dark round eyes, a wide well defined chin and a warm expression; a correct proportions, short legs, wide chest and a tail as “teapot handle”. And of course, the very unique character of a true oriental dog.