



Dear Folks,

Hope you all had a good Christmas holiday – it seems so long ago now. This is just a quick catch-up newsletter before the AGM.

Tonkinese Breed Club AGM

Saturday 16th April Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road RG12 9SE 11.30am. Parking is free, the meeting will be in the crèche, and paper work will be out soon. Please do send in your results for the TBC Annual Awards – I’m accepting them up until the end of March. The form to complete can be downloaded from the web site or e-mailed to you on request.

Sadly the first news I bring you is of the passing of Diana Bishop (Episcopuss) who passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of 10th March. After the loss of her husband, Tommy, Diana succumbed to a debilitating condition. She and Tommy, along with Mary Hodgkinson, will always be remembered as the founders of both the Tonkinese Breed Club and the Tonkinese Cat Club. Many of you will find her beloved Episcopuss Caesar in your pedigrees. Diana was staunch supporter of the Tonks and her smile will be missed. We send condolences to her family and friends.

I am also sorry to tell you of the passing of Jo Logan (Herkatz) in December. Jo and her Tonk breeding partner, Bettina Lee, joined the TBC in 1994 and many of us have taken our queens to her lovely boys - Ishmal Darling Budofmay, Samkabar Zuriof Herkatz and Whyoo Deesonof Jana. Condolences have been sent on behalf of the Club.

TONKINESE BC SHOW 10TH DECEMBER 2016

We are pleased to inform you that our 13th Championship show will be back to back with the National Cat Club at Bracknell Leisure Centre. Our Show Manager is Carol Pike. Keep an eye on the web site for more details and schedule later in the year.

GCCF SUPREME RUBY ANNIVERSARY SHOW – 22ND OCTOBER

I mention this early to bring you news that this year, with the exception of UK Grands, all title certificate’s won at the show will be worth *double* even though they are awarded by a single judge! So start planning your trip for this 40th celebration event.

Tonkinese BC Photo Competition

You still have time to send those entries in. For details of **prizes** and **how to enter** visit the TBC web site. We are looking to produce some Club greeting cards in the near future – perhaps your photo may be featured?

TONKINESE REGISTRATION POLICY

In the Christmas Newsletter I mentioned the proposed changes to our Registration Policy, to permit F2 & F3 Tonks to be shown. The Tonkinese BAC has submitted the application in time for the Board meeting on 8th March. We'll let you know how it gets on as soon as possible.

MORE CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

- **Subscription renewal form** - is available on the web site - please don't use an old form.
- **Committee Members** – We are still hoping that at least *one of you* will join the Committee The volunteer/nomination form is included with this newsletter.
- **Club discount code for testing with Langford is:** *Meowsociety16*. The required tests are: for all studs to be tested for coat-pattern, the same is recommended for your new queens. We now also recommend that all breeding Tonks are tested for Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and Burmese Hypokalaemia – both are conditions that may have been carried through from your cat's Siamese & Burmese ancestry, and *have* been found in some tested Tonks.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this newsletter or any other matters relating to Tonkinese and the TBC. On behalf the Committee, I wish you all a Very Happy Easter.

Linda Vousden
TBC. Honorary Secretary

Tonkinese Breed Club Committee 2016

I would like to offer my services to the TBC by becoming a Committee Member.

1. I understand that there are usually four meetings per year (Committee year runs from AGM to AGM, usually held in April).
2. I understand that as a TBC Committee member I may also represent the Club on the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee.
3. I understand that in the event of there being more Committee nominees than places a ballot will be required, in which case I will be able to provide the names of two nominators.

Please print your name here: _____

Please sign your name here: _____

Please enter current e-mail address or contact number: _____

*Please return this form to Mrs L Vousden, 12 Robin Hood Lane, Winnersh, Berks RG41 5LX
If you have any questions about being a Committee member please feel free to call me on
0118 9619 444, and thank you for considering joining your Club Committee*