

TONKINESE BURMESE COLOUR RESTRICTION (BCR) PROGRESS REPORT

submitted by Linda Vousden

We now have the information and show results we need for our BCRs to be promoted to Championship status. The BAC will submit an application in time for a vote at the October Council meeting. We don't anticipate any problems, and hope to see our BCRs joining the TCRs and CPPs in Championship classes at the National etc. this year. Finally, we'll see all of our beautiful Tonks together, where they deserve to be!

KITTEN/CAT REGISTRATION

Registering a cat over two years old

At the Council meeting on 22 October 2014, delegates agreed to changes to the rules Section 1 rules 1e and 4 relating to cats over 2 years of age. These changes will mean that a cat over 2 years of age can be registered on the non-active register without the need for Board approval nor require the additional fee in connection with such approval. Any cat over 2 years of age at time of first registration, or any cat over 2 years of age being changed from the non-active to the active register will require Board approval and will be subject to the fee in connection with such approval, currently £20.

Current Registration fees:

Prefix Holders = £5 per litter plus £9 per each cat/kitten; No Prefix = £5 per litter plus £18 per each cat/kitten

GCCF Notice re: "New Kitten Transfer Incentive & Breeder Registration Cards" - June 2015

As part of the GCCF's continuing business development and desire to secure its future through maximising the take up of its services, we have entered into an agreement with Royal Canin for them to provide free foods to the new owners of cats upon transfer of ownership with the GCCF.

To do this we have to ensure the new owners are aware of the offer available and have therefore redesigned the initial registration certificate and renamed this the Breeder Registration Card. This being the registration certificate received at first registration and handed to new owners at the time of sale of the kitten, along with the breeder pedigree, GCCF Kitten leaflet, insurance and other documents the breeder provides. The Incentive begins from Monday 1st June 2015.

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Editor's Notes

Happy Autumn, everyone! I hope you've had a good year. This is my first time editing TonkInfo and I've had a lovely time compiling, editing and putting together this newsletter – and I hope you all enjoy the stories and information about our favourite breed in this issue.

As always, if you have stories, recipes, information or pictures that you'd like to include in the newsletter, please don't be shy! You can find my contact details on page two.

See you next year!

- Esther

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BCR Progress Report

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The Breeder Registration Card is a full colour double sided A5 card. In order to have room to display the offer to new owners, the card has fewer details than the Registration Certificate. To get the all details all they [the new owners] need to do is transfer the cat.

The Breeder Registration Card can still be used to transfer in all the ways the previous certificates could - online, by phone, or by mail. The breeder receives a Registration Record Certificate for them to keep and one Breeder Registration Card per kitten in the same way that they received a certificate per kitten previously. If you, the breeder, are keeping a kitten and would like a full Registration Certificate, just telephone the office and we will arrange for a replacement full Registration Certificate to be posted to you free of charge.

In response to requests from Breeders the details on the Breeder Registration Card were amended prior to first issue to show the names of the parents. We are aware that a rumour is circulating that Registration Certificates have been done away with. This is entirely inaccurate. As before,

after transfer, an A5 Registration Certificate, as introduced in 2012 will be issued to the new owner. We have received requests for "old certificates" which would be pink ones prior to 2012 and it should be noted we can no longer supply these.

Several breeders have concerns that the details provided to new owners on the Registration Card have been sacrificed in order to promote the Royal Canin Advertisement, and that new owners are now obliged to transfer the kitten into their name in order to get a reg card with this information. The missing details are the registration number, breed number and date of birth of the parents.

Do you have any concerns or thoughts on this change of registration document? Are you satisfied with the part of the Registration Card that is provided for the breeders to keep? Do you consider it to be inconvenient to have to specifically request a full Registration Card if you are keeping one of your own kittens? Do you think that both parts of this document should show the same amount of information? Please let us know your feelings as soon as possible.

Linda Vousden



TRUE STORY - A VETERINARY PRACTICE HAD A LATE NIGHT CALL FROM A GP...

Doctor: "Hi, we're at a patient's house now. She's worried because she accidentally took her cat's medication. The thing is, she's decanted the tablets into a tub and has lost the label. Are you able to tell me what they are?"

Vet Nurse: "Give me a description of the tablets, I'll see if I recognise the med code."

Doctor: "The pills are round, white and have A-S-P-I-R-I-N stamped on them."

Vet Nurse: "Seriously? Are you kidding me?"

Doctor: "What's your problem, for heaven's sake! I have a patient that may be poisoned! It's my JOB on the line here, do you understand that? MY JOB, I don't know why I thought you'd know anyway, you are just some stupid nurse for animals, you ignorant cow!"

Vet Nurse: "It's an aspirin...spelled A-S-P-I-R-I-N."

Doctor: **prolonged silence** "I guess I should say sorry now, right?"

YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE TBC SHOWS

by Linda Vousden

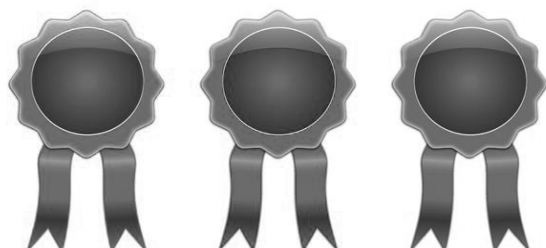
Following the notably low entry at our May show we have been looking at feedback from those who attended and those who didn't. The results so far have shown that: many people are not aware of the regulations regarding the running of a show, there are misunderstandings about the shows and some valid points that the Committee is carefully considering. We appreciate your feedback and until we've made decisions on the way ahead for the TBC show here is some explanatory information:

VENUES

As a result of the recession over the past decade you will have noticed that even the largest of shows (e.g. The National) are now going back to back with another show, where once they filled a two level hall the size of Olympia! The cost of suitable halls has risen astronomically. So finding a venue is difficult in itself, and impossible to find one in a location that will please all members of the Club – and those very few people (usually just Committee members) who actually do the work of setting-up and clearing away the show in the evenings. We have tried, and will continue to do so.

ADVERTISING

It has been suggested that more Club Members would attend if they knew when and where the show was going to be. We ensure that as soon as we have a venue and date the information is posted on the Club web site, in the Club magazine (Tonkinfo), in Club Newsletters when issued, on the GCCF web site's list of Shows and Events, it is a point on the agenda of the Club AGM – we even send out e-mails to Members to let you know when the schedule is posted to the Club web site. So if you are one of the few people who has missed all of this please accept our apologies and be advised that our web site address is www.tonkinese.info



REMINDING PEOPLE TO POST THEIR ENTRIES

It is not the usual practice for exhibitors to be reminded to post their entries. In all clubs, especially smaller breed clubs, the expectation is that its members will strive to support it. We do send out an e-mail to our members to remind them that the closing date is coming up soon. Also please be aware that the previous Show Manager called many members, at her own expense and as a courtesy.

VARIETY OF JUDGES

A show as small as ours will naturally only engage a small number of Judges. Show Managers are not allowed to engage Judges earlier than one year ahead and since we are constantly up against the larger county shows it is often difficult to engage even the number of different Judges that we have managed to so far. We do try. We also try to engage Judges who don't need travel and hotel expenses as we simply don't have the income to support Judges from far afield. It has been noted that one or more Full Judges may have been too frequently engaged and we are addressing this. Regarding Probationer (now referred to as Pupil) Judges, specialist breed clubs are obliged to support their PJs by inviting them to judge the kitten open classes, a responsibility that the TBC has always taken seriously. Kitten open classes are not certificate classes so the requirement for a counter-signature does not exist; PJs are not permitted to judge pedigree certificate Breed classes.

TONKINESE BREEDER JUDGES

It has been suggested that we shouldn't engage Judges who are, or have been, Tonkinese breeders as they may recognise some people's cats. Laying aside one person's insulting statement that such judges will favour their friends' cats, there is a strong and logical argument for engaging a judge who has experience of the breed and understands fully how the cats develop from kitten into maturity, particularly with the more difficult colours.

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TBC Show Feedback

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BACK-TO-BACK TONKINESE CLUB SHOWS REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN CERTIFICATES

On the contrary, it should be remembered that even though we share a hall, judges and facilities we are still two separate shows. This means that a cat could win two Grand certificates, for example, on the same day - one from each show as we *always ensure* that a different judge covers the Certificate classes for each show.

PRIZES AND ROSETTES

It has been said that they are not as good as they used to be - sadly this is true, the cost of rosettes is increasing all the time and you will see that a great many shows now only give place cards, some don't even do that except for the open classes. We *always* make sure that our BIS and certificate rosettes are of good quality and we continue to provide place cards and special BOB/BIC cards to help make your day memorable. Once upon a time there were always special prizes for the BOB – but were you aware that these were personally donated by some Committee members (as indicated in the catalogues), and on rare occasions by a Club member - they did not come from the show account.



With the significant increase in the number of BOBs now, and having donated for many years, the Committee's donations have reached their end. Perhaps more Club members would like to contribute?

A few years ago we changed from rosettes to pennants and class badges – it meant that everyone went home with at least one reminder of the show for which they had paid an entry fee. The problem with providing rosettes for all classes is that a lot of people have told us they don't want them and, even with careful ordering, there are often boxes left over at the end of a show that few of us now have the room to store and maintain. As far as 'goodies' for the cats are concerned, for years there have been fewer and fewer suppliers willing to provide such goodies. Thanks to our show managers we have a reputation for being very generous with 'goodies', and again some Committee members often donate 'special' prizes, which are nearly always taken for granted by exhibitors – but this kind of support is not endless. We are looking into some slight changes in the awards for the future.

LACK OF TRADE STANDS – The more trade stands we have in the hall the less room there is for exhibitors' seating. However, the main reason is that in the past, when we have had trade stands, the traders simply don't make enough from exhibitors to cover their expenses – so they *don't want* to book again. You can see this even at the largest shows.

A BACK-TO-BACK SHOW WITH THE TWO TONK CLUBS IS EXPENSIVE FOR THE EXHIBITORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BOTH CLUBS AND THEREFORE FEEL OBLIGED TO ENTER BOTH – A valid point.

Tonkinese Cats – A History

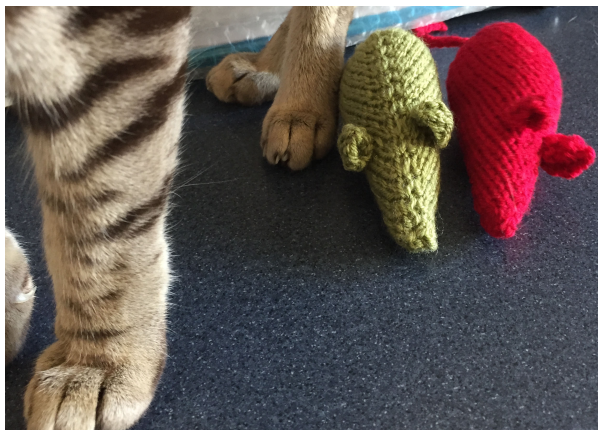
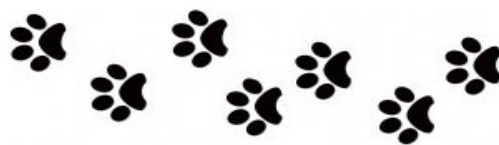
Now sold out in hard copy, but has recently been updated & illustrated in colour with 140 named Tonks from around the world, new pictures included.

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Flat-knit Mouse Cat Toy



A lovely, simple pattern for you, or your knitting friend to make for the Tonks in your life!

Notions:

pair of 4mm knitting needles, DK yarn

The pattern starts at the nose. The ears are bobbed.

kfb – knit into the front of the stitch, then the back of the same stitch (makes an increase).

skpo – slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over (makes a decrease)

*bobble - Knit, purl, knit, purl, knit all into the one stitch.

Turn, purl 5, turn, knit 5, turn, purl 5.

Turn. Slip 2 together, knit 3 together, pass slipped stitches over together.

Cast on 9 sts, leaving 12 inch tail for sewing up.

Row 1. K3, kfb, kfb, k4. 11 sts.

Row 2 and all even rows – purl

Row 3. K4, kfb, kfb, k5. 13 sts.

Row 5. K5, kfb, kfb, k6. 15 st

Row 7. k5. bobble* into sixth stitch, kfb kfb, bobble* into next stitch, k6. 17 st

Row 9. k7, kfb kfb, k8. 19 st

Row 11 etc. continue increase until 31 stitches. Last row will be k13, kfb kfb, k14

Then

P 1 row. K 1 row. P 1 row.

Next row K1, [skpo] 7 times, k1, [k2tog] 7 times, k1. 17 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row K1, [skpo] 3 times, k3, [k2tog] 3 times, k1. 11 sts.

P 1 row.

Leave 30 inch tail, Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up and secure.

Thread cast-on end through cast-on row and gather up stitches, then sew seam, stuffing as you sew (cat-nip can be included with the stuffing, or use cat-nip spray afterwards). Then put needle through mouse up to the bobble-ears and close off any openings around the ears before tying off thread.

TAIL: with crochet hook make chain about 6 inches, then thread needle and weave end back through tail and anchor to body.

Embroider the eyes.

Cat Jelly

An offering from Mike Vousden

Isn't it frustrating to see your cat lick all the jelly on its plate and leave all the meat? Here's a recipe that should satisfy everyone:

Ingredients:

3 cups chicken broth

4-1/2 tbl flour

1/4 cup carrots -- diced into very small cubes

3/4 cup cooked minced meat, or cooked flaked fish – (or both together)

Directions:

After the chicken broth has been made, allow it too cool for around 2 minutes. Add all the flour and mix. Some flour might not dissolve but this is not a problem, it will when you heat the mixture later on.

Heat broth and flour mixture on high heat until a thick creamy mixture is formed. Immediately add all other ingredients and pour all contents of this meal into the cat's container. Allow it to set into jelly like substance with the carrots, minced meat and fish suspended in it.

Serve to your Tonk!



Honorary Secretary's Report

Hi Folks,

Have you and your cats enjoyed the Summer? We had a lovely show this year, although much smaller than we've ever had before – such a shame. I hope you've all visited the Club web site to see the pictures by Miriam Haas.

While we were clearing up after the shows I realised that we should have had two full Committees helping, not to mention any number of members from both Clubs but it was the same tiny little group setting-up the shows on Friday and clearing them away on Saturday, that has been doing it for almost 20 years – and we are nearly all now over 60. So my question to you is – are you the kind of member who just "coughs up" your subscription once a year, skims through the Club's Newsletter/Magazine, and leaves the work to others. As a Club member do you attend your AGM?

Do you offer help at our show? Do you contribute to Tonkinfo? Do you respond when the Club Secretary calls for information or help? If your answer is "no" to any or all of the above, are you happy with the way your cub is run? If not, have you ever made any constructive suggestions to the Committee on how to improve matters – or do you only comment/complain when something affects you personally?

Frankly the Club Committee is struggling – we only have eight members now and will have fewer after April 2016 because no-one else ever bothers to stand. The TBC needs more active involvement by its members. For 25 years we've worked hard to support and promote the Tonks and raise the good name of our Club; in fact some of the current Committee have been doing it virtually since the start, but we won't be able to do it forever. So I kindly ask you to consider 'Could you be more involved?' If so please get in touch with me.

Now, changing the subject - if you've been on the Club web site you'll have noticed our new TBC leaflet, a perfect addition to your kitten packs. We've also opened up a Tonkinese Breed Club UK Facebook page so that we can post notices etc. So please show your support, join it and 'Like' it.

I've provided information on our BCR Tonkinese progress elsewhere in this issue. Finally, advance info for your diary – the TBC AGM will be held on Saturday 16th April 2016 at the Bracknell Leisure Centre.

Best wishes, everyone, and watch the web site later in the year for Christmassy things!

Linda (Vousden)



I HAD KITTENS

by Ann Hazelden

I suspect that for many of you this is normal but I haven't had kittens for a long time. Even then, they were my queens' kittens, in litters. But these kittens came one at a time, bought from someone else and were introduced to a new home and integrated with the existing inhabitants.

So we got our first bundle of fun home and all she wanted was a big cuddle but 24/7. We kept our existing cat and the new kitten separate for the first day and then allowed supervised 'together' periods. With all the playing and cuddling it became so time consuming! Our existing older cat didn't think it was a bundle of fun. The language whenever they saw each other was terrible. After much stroking them with the same hand so that they carried each other's smell, giving them treats together and letting them see that the other one was not a rival they could finally tolerate each other.

Then we got our second bundle of fun. He just wanted to play - and eat - and play - and play! He didn't want anything to do with those other creatures and they didn't want anything to do with him. Back to square one and supervised 'together' periods. Double the playing and cuddling and stroking.

I think I could possibly recognise new kitten owners now. They are the ones who are shuffling along, they daren't lift their feet for fear that when they put them down they will squash a paw, a tail, a body of some fast, furry figure on four paws. They are the people who keep saying "no" because the kittens have not yet developed polite manners and insist on climbing legs, waltzing across the tables, sharpening their already needle sharp claws on the carpet or furniture. They are brilliant at rugby tackles which they have to do frequently to stop the kittens disappearing into the cupboard under the stairs or some other inaccessible space (only to reappear two hours later covered in dust and cobwebs). They also keep doing a visual sweep of the area, they are so used to watching for any kittens chewing cables or trying to suffocate themselves on the plastic bags put inside the bins to keep the rubbish tidy.

Now, nearly a year later, the young cats still don't understand "no". They still waltz across tables. They still disappear into the cupboard under the stairs. They are slightly better about claw sharpening, normally using the scratching posts. I haven't seen them cable chewing lately. Now they want to send messages on the computer. They want to jump to higher places. Once, when we let them out, they climbed the pergola and went for an exploration across the roof, not just ours but next door's as well.

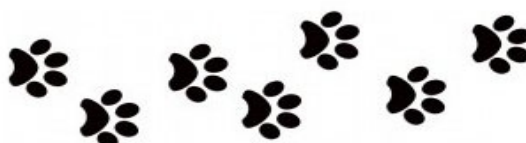
Our little girl gets very upset if our attention is elsewhere for too long. If we are watching TV she climbs on it and walks along the top (it's a flat screen job), it wobbles and we jump to get her off. She gets the attention she wants.

The little boy has developed a cute trick of running down the stairs in front of me, laying on a stair and spreading himself out so that I nearly break my neck to avoid standing on him. He also is addicted to buttons. He *must* hold them in his mouth. He would eat all day if he could and has a bulging belly after each meal.

They both have silky soft coats. They both purr so beautifully. They both want to cuddle us. Sometimes they sit quietly on our laps. They both retrieve toys; he will play this game for hours.

Our original cat still likes to sit on laps and wants his tummy stroked, then he purrs too. He is restful. He holds the youngsters down with a paw when he has had enough of them rushing at him. He can be trusted to go in the garden, not climb the fences and comes back by himself through the cat flap. When one of the others disappears out there he will always give me a clue where they are.

All three chase around the house one way, then turn around and go in the opposite direction and the opposite order. They all curl up together and we love them all.



In Memory of GrCh&Pr MYMYSTIC PHAROAH (Jan 1997 – Aug 2015)

With extreme sadness and pain we inform you that, on 15th August, our beloved Pharoah was gently put to sleep at the grand age of 18 ½ years.

Pharoah became a legend of his time, renowned for the beauty, health and superb temperament of his kittens. He was a favourite of his judges because he was so extraordinarily easy to handle. In fact he was a favourite of many who knew him since his sparkling introduction to the show bench as a kitten - winning Merits, Provisional & Challenge certificates, & several BIS awards and even awards from visiting overseas judges and TV shows.

Our lovely boy was bright and cheeky to the end, always playful and alert, tolerant and gentle. He was so relaxed at cat shows that he had the nickname 'The Mogadon Moggy'. Pharoah was the world's first male Tabby grand champion Tonkinese – and the last of the original 1st generation UK foundation Tonks. He has left us a wonderful legacy. Pharoah now has his own page on Facebook (Mymystic Pharoah), enjoyed by those who have a Pharoah kitten, grand-kitten, great-grand-kitten, or those who just knew him.

At present there is a huge hole in our hearts, but we were so incredibly lucky that he was our companion for almost a third of our lives. He is home with us now; but much missed by his companions Chiffon, Ehawee, Nimue and his son Mandu. If you have, or ever had, a Pharoah kitten then you too are lucky.

Linda & Mike Vousden (Mymystic Tonkinese)



THE TALE OF OSCAR THE TREE CAT

by DrJulia Craig-McFeely (Rameses Cats)

Many of you may remember Bill and Ben, who were supported by the rescue efforts of both the Tonkinese Club and the Tonkinese Breed Club as they were too elderly and unwell to be rehomed. They were fostered by the nuns of the Sisters of the Love of God at a convent in Oxford where they were adored and petted by the whole community and had a very happy last few years. Sadly we lost both of them last year and the nuns who had been looking after them were bereft. The boys had taken an enormous amount of work, particularly in the last year, when the nuns were down at the vet every few days with one or other of them. They decided eventually that they did want to have another cat, and would rather like another Tonkinese, but they definitely wanted a young cat this time so that they wouldn't have to deal with the heartbreak of losing a cat soon again.

I'm glad to report that last week I took Oscar (blue tabby) to the convent, and left him with an ecstatic Sister Eve, who asked if I thought he would mind sleeping on her bed! I know that he is going to be extremely happy there. So far he has explored quite a long way, but the convent is huge and it will be a long time before he runs out of new places to explore. This is just as well, as we want to wait as long as possible before letting him out into the huge walled garden.



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Oscar the Tree Cat

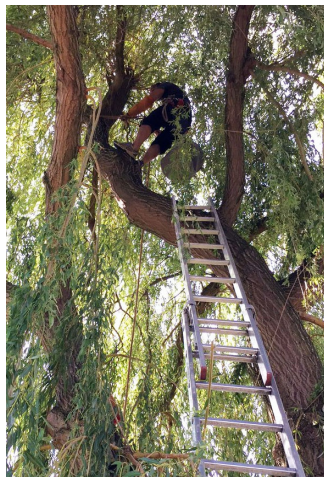
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That's going to be the crunch point! And I do wonder if he might end up coming back to me with a terse note to say that he is an extremely unsuitable person for the Convent. I've never had a kitten quite like this one. He is normal in every way, except when it comes to trees. My garden is enclosed,

which means the cats can have free access to the outdoors most of the time. In the middle of the garden is a huge willow tree, and all the cats love to climb it right to the top. Oscar also loves to climb, but unfortunately only up.

The first time he got stuck in the tree the other cats made a huge fuss trying to help him get down. One after the other they climbed up the tree to talk to him and then showed him how to come down backwards, without success: Oscar just whined that he couldn't get down and I would have to come and fetch him. At one point his mother went up, and tried to bring him down carrying him by the scruff of the neck. Fortunately she didn't succeed. By this time he was above the height of the ridge tiles on my roof, well over 30 feet up. I



sat it out for eight hours, before I decided I really had to call for help. I was very lucky to get hold of a tree surgeon who agreed to come out after his normal working day.

Shortly after 6 pm, he arrived complete with long ladder, ropes and tree climbing tackle. It took him a while to get up the tree going up the

main trunk and then swinging across to the branch where Oscar was perched. Oscar is sitting in what looks like a bird's nest in the top right corner of this picture. Oscar had no intention of going into the bag I had provided, so in the end the tree surgeon simply clamped Oscar to his chest like a limpet, and abseiled down. I dread to think what his chest must've looked like after having Oscar's claws stuck in it.

I hoped that would be the last time Oscar tried this and I watched him carefully in the garden for days without him going anywhere near the tree. A few days later though I caught him halfway up the tree. Fortunately I had the hose in my hand and squirted him before he could get too high, and he got himself out of the tree very smartly. For about two weeks after that he was very well behaved and I thought I had put him off for good. However, that turned out to be wishful thinking. The second time Oscar got himself stuck up the tree I decided I was going to wait it out, and as a result had a very sleepless night when I had to keep going out into the garden to see if he had come down yet. He didn't come down all night, but the girls took turns spending time up in the tree with him to keep him warm, and I think the place he was perched was wide enough that he could get some sleep.

By the next morning, it was clear that he wasn't going to find his own way down. However I had not realised the implication of the fact that the next morning was Saturday: all my calls to tree surgeons were met with answerphones. On the 13th try (a lucky number this time) I found myself talking to a lovely family business in Oxford run by Mr Timms and his son. They abandoned their weekend guests and came rushing over armed with a most effective laundry bag with a drawstring top. Leon went up the tree and after some negotiation managed to get Oscar into the bag and abseiled down with him. I offered to pay them, but they wouldn't take a penny, not even petrol money.

The next week, I was due to go away on holiday, and I left strict instructions with my house sitters that Oscar was not to be allowed out unsupervised. Unfortunately, they didn't take me seriously, and on day four of my holiday I received an anguished text to say that Oscar was stuck up in the tree again. Leon and his dad came out again, and very kindly brought Oscar back to earth.

Leon told me that he also has a cat who is able to go up trees but apparently not come back down again. It's certainly the first time this has happened to me though, as my cats are avid tree-climbers, and occasionally even bring me pigeon eggs as gifts. It's also the first time that I have given a kitten to anyone with the phone number of the local tree surgeon in their care package!

For your Funny Bone...

DUMB PET OWNERS

Most vets choose their vocation because they love animals, but fail to consider that there's usually a human attached to the pet! These true stories are reported from various veterinary practices -

The owner who was astonished that the receptionist knew what kind of pet she had, after taking a sack of cat biscuits to the desk to pay for them.

The owner who had to have it explained to her that the ticks she had frantically been trying to remove from her male dogs belly with tweezers were actually his nipples!

The owner who asked for her cat to be neutered instead of spayed because she knew it was cheaper.

The owner who wanted to know why her duck wasn't swimming properly when she put it in the bath – it was a chicken.



The owner who was concerned about the two lumps on his bitch's underbelly – it was a dog. The owners who insisted that, when they brought their cat in for attention, the blinds were all drawn - because they were vampires. The owner who brought in a stray cat that she had adopted. It was very aggressive and she wanted it to be 'de-scented' because it was spraying foul liquid around her house and it might calm it down after the operation – it was a skunk.

The owner who complained about the practice, saying that they were completely insensitive to people with allergies as the waiting-room was always full of animals.

The owner who was concerned that her cat was possessed because its eyes always got bigger in the dark and smaller in the light.

The woman who was convinced that her indoor-only cat couldn't possibly be pregnant, because the only male cat in the house was her brother.

The man who thought a distemper shot would calm his dog down.

The Tonkinese Clubs' Joint Show

Tonkinese Breed Club's 13th Championship Show
& Tonkinese Cat Club's 8th Championship Show

Saturday - May 2016, more details in due course
Please keep an eye on the website!!

New Haw Community Centre, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Surrey KT15 3ND

Show Manager: **Mr Ian Macro**

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What would you like more information about?

The TBAC would like to get vets, experienced Tonkinese breeders and feline specialists together for a seminar, hopefully in 2016, to speak about pre-arranged subjects and answer questions on the day. We would love to know more about the coat colour and pattern change in Tonkinese from kittenhood to maturity. What would you like to know more about? Please send subjects and questions to Ann Hazelden. elann@btinternet.com

TBC Recommendations For Breeders

In addition to the GCCF Code of Ethics the TBC strongly recommends that the following points are noted by owners of queens and studs.

- 1 If breeding from a Tonkinese on the REFEreNce register, ensure that it complies with the current Tonkinese Registration Policy - some cats are on the REFEreNce register because they have ancestors that are not permitted in the Tonkinese breed programme (eg. Orientals or cats of unregistered or unknown parentage).
- 2 A stud owner is not obliged to accept a queen to stud
- 3 Studs must be on the active register with the GCCF and must have their Certificate of Entirety (COE), micro-chip number & DNA test information lodged with the GCCF prior to the registration of their first litter. Stud owners should be able to show a copy of this information to the queen's owner.
- 4 Studs, and visiting queens, should be vaccinated against Feline Enteritis and Cat 'Flu (but not within 14 days before the mating). Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable. Vaccination certificates should be available for inspection.
- 5 The queen's owner has a responsibility to make arrangements, including the inspection of stud premises, well in advance of taking the queen to stud.
- 6 Studs must be regularly tested for FeLV and FIV, even if they are inoculated against FeLV. It is recommended that they are tested at least once per year and the documentation should be shown to the owners of visiting queens.
- 7 The stud premises should be available for inspection, by appointment, by the queen's owner prior to the queen being brought to stud.
- 8 The stud owner must make clear any conditions relating to the kittens, or repeat matings, **before** the queen is left with the stud.
- 9 The stud owner **must** supply the following for the queen's owner : a). A mating certificate that complies with GCCF Section 1 Rule 3d.. b) A full pedigree of the stud showing at least three generations with full registration numbers. c) A stud fee receipt.
- 10 Queens must be on the active register with the GCCF.
- 11 It is recommended that queens are tested for FeLV and FIV within 24 hours before visiting the stud, unless from a fully tested household, and the documentation should be shown to the stud's owner.
- 12 The queen's owner should be aware that the stud fee is for the services of the stud and is not based upon results - it should be offered at the time the queen is left with the stud.
- 13 The breeder **must supply** each kitten owner with a copy of the GCCF code of ethics; a valid vaccination certificate showing that the full course has been completed for Enteritis and cat 'flu; a properly completed pedigree certificate that includes at least three generations with full registration numbers and the pink registration certificate duly signed by the breeder for transfer of ownership.
- 14 **It is strongly recommended that, in addition to DNA tests for coat-pattern, breeding cats should be tested for Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and for Burmese Hypokalaemia.**

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