

First Titled Fawn in the UK

submitted by Miriam Haas

**Tallica Shining Star (AKA Kiri) - b. 19/04/2015
(Nashira's Astamur (Brown TCR) x
Vomellerbek Cashmere of Tallica (Cinnamon TCR))
First Titled Fawn Tonkinese in the UK**

Kiri is a Fawn BCR Tonkinese bred by Hazel Hunter, the first UK breeder of Fawn Tonkinese. At the time of writing, Kiri is the only GCCF titled Fawn Tonkinese.

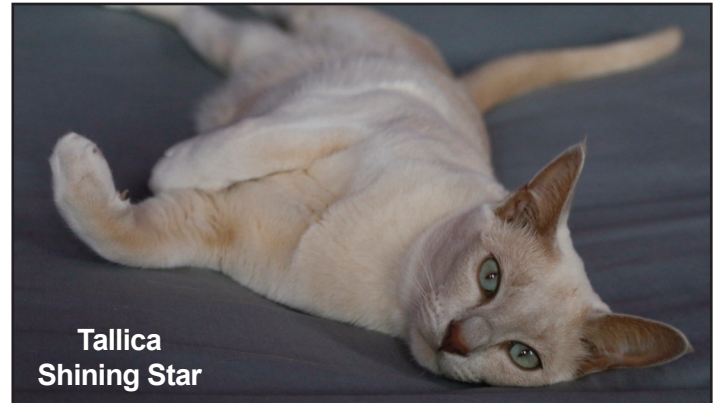
Fawn is a subtle and beautiful colour and, as a new Tonkinese colour, will obviously be open to debate in the show world.

Kiri's first show was August 2015 when the BCR Tonks were still at the assessment stage, so she was competing against the Standard of Points for that coveted pink slip. Unfortunately, she was judged to be a Lilac TCR and her Merit withheld. Support and advice on that day from Tonkinese, Burmese and Asian breeders and judges led me to sending DNA swabs to Langford. Luckily, Fawn BCR is a colour and coat pattern which has a definitive DNA result and I now send a copy of those results with her show entry. Her next three shows were red card days and she left kittenhood with three Merits.

I choose not to travel any great distance to shows, so her next shows weren't until this year when she gained her three PCs, made even more special by Hazel being at the show where she gained her title.

The comments and reports around Kiri's colour remind me of Karen Hood's Bonzer Blue Print (bred by Anthony and Jenny Ponford), who caused 'controversy' as the first Caramel Tonk on the bench back in the late 1990s.

Kiri's colour continues to develop as she matures and I don't doubt that it will continue to confuse some people. But she is a beautiful, affectionate and intelligent cat and I couldn't ask for more.



Tallica
Shining Star

Editor's Notes

Has it been another year already?!

What a year it's been for the breed - information is found in our Honorary Secretary's report.

And we're looking forward to our Championship Show this December! Mark it in your diary!

Hope you have a great year!
- Esther

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Honorary Secretary's Report

Hi Folks,

Isn't it nice that we've actually had some sunshine? My home project this year was to arrange a way to close in our pergola so that we could open the French windows - without the cats pouring out of the house. It worked and we are all happy. Even though the Mymystic Mob have always had free access to their garden pen they love their extra come-and-go facility.

The Club had another successful photo competition this year, results on the web site of course, and I hope that a lot more of you enter our next competition. So get busy with your cameras in good time.

Speaking of Tonk photos we now have the first issue of TBC greeting cards available – more information later in this issue, and on the website.

Earlier in the year I did my best to plug the Tonks on the BBC. I took my Louis Wain autograph to a 'Flog It' valuation day, when they came to Reading in March. It caused a bit of a stir, was it or wasn't it real, but it was selected to be auctioned. Later in April I trundled into Wokingham for the auction and this time managed to briefly chat about the Tonks on camera. Whether they use that bit or not I don't know yet - but I was later asked to send them a photo of myself and my Tonks. The autograph

sold very quickly for a nice little profit that I promptly invested in a watercolour I had my eye on there! I was told the Reading 'Flog It' days would be on air any time within eighteen months of August - they had enough material for five sales. Hopefully they'll show it in time for our show in December.

These past few years have seen significant advances in the scope of Tonkinese breeding and showing: we've added the Cinnamon and Fawn colours, we've taken our BCR and CPP Tonks to Championship and this year we've opened the way for Tonks to be shown from second generation onwards.

So we look forward to you giving us a really good turnout at our show on December 10th.

If you have a litter of Tonk kittens due I hope you were able to make use of the advertising invitation sent out by 'Your Cat' magazine, as the October issue (due out mid-September) is running a Tonkinese feature. The last Tonk feature was in 2014, so it's always good to keep the breed in the eyes of the public – our potential kitten owners.

Happy Tonking everyone and watch the web site later in the year for TBC Show and Christmassy things!

Linda (Vousden)



TONKINESE BREED CLUB 14th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

December 10th 2016 Bracknell Leisure Centre

Show Manager: Mrs Carol Pike

(Sharing with the National Cat Club Show)

Holding classes for all colours and coat-patterns

Club website: www.tonkinese.info

Welfare Report

After a six month stay with Val Chapple two Tortie females have been rehomed and a donation received from the new owner. A mature cat of Wilma Morrison's breeding, in Scotland, was returned to her for re-homing. Wilma was able to keep the cat until a new owner (from Liphook) drove up to collect it. Val will be able to check its progress as it will be boarded with her for holidays. Two cats (one Tonkinese and one Siamese) were left for two months in the home of the owner who had passed away, checked on daily by the owner's relatives. Both cats were homed by Val within a few days of notification, the Siamese went to Nottingham and the Tonk went to Canvey Island. Donations were received from the Siamese CC welfare and from the original owner's estate. A three year old Tortie was re-homed by Val, from Macclesfield to Cambridge (original owner found her to be too "in your face"). The new owner kindly sent a donation of £150. On behalf of the Club the Committee expressed appreciation of Val's continuing work for our Rescue & Welfare.



Information for Exhibitors

- Exhibited cats must be up to date with their vaccinations a minimum of one week before the show. Cats vaccinated with 'Purevax' (a three year lasting vaccine) are likely to be refused entry as the GCCF rules do not cater for such a vaccine duration.
- Exhibitors must now clip the claws of all four of their cat's feet.
- GCCF Ireland now comes under the GCCF.
- Breed Groups are still to be re-organised after the first proposals were rejected by Council.
- There was a discussion regarding chipping all cats exhibited under the GCCF, to avoid possible cheating e.g. people who swap cats. This is not likely to be approved for many reasons.

For any questions or for more information, please contact the Committee via our website.



A Trip down Memory Lane...

Have you been with the Cat Fancy longer than you thought?

submitted by Linda Vousden



Do you remember using the following products?

- Spillers, Choosy, Kattomeat
- Coatacine spray, Vitacoat, SA57 powder, Nutrigel
- Snowflake Cat Litter
- Regina Animal Magic Royal Jelly for pets
- Wicker cat baskets



Did you ever go to a Cat Association show?

Did you go to the National Cat Club's Centenary show?

Do you remember Maxine Aston, supplier of cat collectibles, especially books.

Do remember when Whiskas sponsored the Supreme show?

Do you have a copy of Nursing and Hand Rearing New Born Kittens by Betty Bloomfield?

Did you ever win a Whiskas lead crystal paperweight for your Tonk's Merit?

Were you at the Supreme show when the rosettes were pink?

Do you remember the days when there were so many freebies in your cat pen at the Supreme that you actually moaned about it?

I did use those products, I do remember it all, and I do have my Whiskas paperweights and Pink Supreme Rosettes - doesn't time fly?

The Tonkinese Age Survey

Early this year I had several enquiries about how long Tonkinese live, I answered to the best of my knowledge but thought it was worth trying to actually conduct a survey on the subject.

I am taking responses until the end of the year and it would be very helpful if Club members were to support the survey. I know that several of you have already – but for those of you who haven't the survey covers cats that are still with you after the age of 13, as well as those that we have sadly had to say farewell to. I've have a good response from the USA and Australia and if you are able to help just complete the form at this web address – thank you. (Linda Vousden)

<http://www.tonkinese.me/tonkinese-age-survey>

Club website: www.tonkinese.info

Adventures in Cat-Sitting

submitted by Esther Anstice

I recently celebrated six years' residency in the UK, having moved from Canada in August 2010. I had a lovely cat when I lived in Canada – he was called Presto, and he was probably a Turkish Van, but more likely more of a moggy. He lived with my parents after I moved until he died about four months ago.

So, after moving to the UK I was delighted to find a friend – a Tonkinese cat breeder, who could help me fill my cat-void. I got to know Julia and her cats and various kitten litters very well, and somehow I tricked her into thinking I'd be able to take care of them all when she went away to visit family or attend work conferences.

My first Christmas in the UK was spent with several adult Tonkinese cats and one rescue Siamese litter of eight. The adult cats were a breeze, of course. They knew the rules of the house better than I did, and each morning and evening I did the food and litter rounds, locked and unlocked various doors in a certain order for access to cat towers and the garden and played with cats all day long. Heaven.

The challenge, of course, was the Siamese litter. They were a rescue litter, and so they had to be isolated from the rest of the cats in the back room. They craved attention and the very moment I entered the room, swarmed me for cuddles. Now, this doesn't sound like a terrible thing, but changing litter and food bowls was quite a chore while I had eight kittens hanging off my pajamas! They were a very rewarding litter, though, and it was a delight to finish the routine with a proper cuddle session sitting on the floor with eight purring monsters snuggled into my lap.

Having survived that Christmas without incident, Julia then left me in charge of the house on several other occasions, all of which were delightful and hilarious. It slowly became evident that I was enjoying this cat-sitting



Christmas 2013



Sometimes they're quiet...

gig, and several other friends began asking me to take care of their cats while they were away on holiday. I've since cat-sat (!) for friends in Balham and Hammersmith and for colleagues at St Paul's Cathedral where I work.

Some of the cats have been very old, requiring unusual medical attention and special diets, and some have been younger, more exuberant beasts with mild death-wishes as they dangle from bannisters and leap from the top of refrigerators.

One morning, while I was cat-sitting for a colleague at St Paul's, I found Pebbles – a beautiful calico girl – staring intently at the underside of the credenza in the dining room. Now, I grew up on a dairy farm, and so I'm pretty practical about mice and other pests. Under the credenza, I saw what looked like the end of an electrical wire. But it was twitching. Sure enough, Pebbles had cornered a mouse behind the middle leg of the furniture, and they were having a stare-down. I was running a little late for work and so I decided that Pebbles would have to take care of this problem herself – and all day I wondered what sort of massacre I might find when I got back to the house. Upon arrival, I found Pebbles in the foyer standing proudly next to her prize: a little brown mouse, partially disembowelled. Much to her disappointment, I gathered it up in a dustpan and respectfully and ceremoniously disposed of it in the back garden. Pebbles didn't talk to me for the rest of my stay – but we've since made friends again and I look forward to the next time taking care of her.

It's always an adventure, and very rewarding to have a temporary cat – as I live in a flat where pets are not allowed. My cat-void continues to be filled by taking care of various cats in and around London. An excellent solution for someone who simply needs a cat cuddle once in a while!

Greeting Cards - Blank Inside

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Tonkinese Breed Club
Individually or as a set of 4



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**Great for letters,
special occasions
or just to show off
the breed to your
friends!**

We are delighted to offer a selection of high quality large greeting cards (A5 size), with envelopes. Naturally they will be available from the Club table at our Show in December – but why wait?

You won't find better value cards for the price:

Single card - £1.00p plus £0.75p UK s&h

Pack of one of each of the four cards - £3.50 plus £1.35p UK s&h

For multiple purchases reduced s&h may be possible

Under-the-door Cat Toy – Knitting pattern

Does your family include more than one cat?
They will love to play tug-the-toy with each
other when this toy is threaded under a door.

Notions:

4 double pointed needles (3.5 mm or 3.75 or 4 mm),
worsted yarn, stuffing*

Pattern:

Cast on 9 st (3 per needle)
knit one round
kfb, kfb, k on each needle (5 st per needle)
knit one round
kfb, kfb, kfb, kfb, k on each needle (9 st per needle)
knit one round
kfb, k9 on each needle (10 st per needle)
- mark the beginning of the round
Continue knitting in the round for 2 more inches
Stuff* the ball that has formed
k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog on each needle (8 st per needle)
knit one round
k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog on each needle (6 st per needle)
knit one round
Add more stuffing

k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog on each needle (4 st per needle)
knit one round
k2tog, k2tog on each needle (2 st per needle)
k2tog, then slip all stitches onto one needle. (5 st.)
Knit in i-cord for 12 inches
Cast on one st. and distribute the 6 stitches onto 3
needles.
Kfb, k on each needle (9 stitches.)
Make another ball as above.
When there are only 6 stitches left cut the yarn and
thread it on a needle
through the remaining stitches, pull tight and bind off.

* Quilt batting may be used for stuffing, and catnip
may be added. Another suggestion is to buy a silver
emergency camping blanket at the discount store and
cut it up for stuffing. Crinkly!!

It's a good idea to make the balls at each end in
stripes – 2 or 3 rows per colour.



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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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