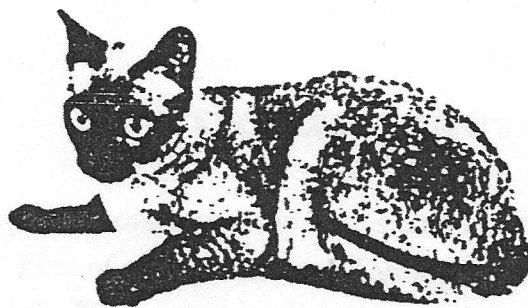


Tonkinese Breed Club Issue One

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- WELCOME TO NEWSLETTER -

First of all, I would like to welcome all members and cat lovers to the Tonkinese Breed Club Newsletter.

My name is Trisha Jenkinson and I am the Public Relations Officer for our club.

What I would like from our readers are any funny stories, sad stories, news about your or a friend's cat, poems, etc., which I can publish in our next issue of **NEWSLETTER**.

I hope to publish an edition of **NEWSLETTER** twice a year, and shall include details of current events and meetings.

There is also a helpline available for breeding and kitten care. If you need help, Mary Hodgkinson, Diana Waters or Trisha Jenkinson are available for advice.

If anyone would like to include details of their stud cat, or kittens for sale, please forward details to Trisha Jenkinson, Tel: 081-943-0067.

It would be much appreciated if any articles intended for inclusion in a forthcoming **NEWSLETTER** could be submitted, **ready typed on A4 paper**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There have been many hardworking people in this club and to whom due acknowledgements must be made. First of all to Diana and Tommy Bishop and Mary Hodgkinson because without them, the TBC would not have been founded. It was these people who travelled to Bridgewater to the GCCF offices to get the ball rolling.

Also, my kind friend Angela Halverson. Without her help, I could not have put this newsletter together. And last but not least, Debbie Cary who helped to organise the photocopying.

Thank you to you all.

Trisha Jenkinson

CHAIR'S NOTES

I hope by the time you read this that a lot of us will have met and got to know each other well enough to exchange ideas and views. In May, I hope very much that G.C.C.F. will have granted Preliminary Status. For me, it seems only a few months ago when Diana, Tommy and I went to Bridgwater to take the first steps and talk with Mrs Pring in order to bring about what we all wanted for our Tonkinese.

My entry into the Breed was Christmas 1986 but maybe some of you began before then. Since then we have, happily, been joined by many more - perhaps new members can sometimes help old remember their beginnings.

Now, those of us who have entered the Supreme Show have a great day to come on Exhibition. It will be wonderful to see so many there. Perhaps the Supreme 1992 will see us competing for Assessment Merit Awards - let's hope so!

To those who have litters or expect a litter soon, remember that it would be nice to have them registered with G.C.C.F. and, in time, showing. Should you get a Variant, she or he can be useful to us from a breeding point of view - see Breeding Programme in the papers you have all been sent.

If you can let Tricia Jenkinson have your ideas, views and stories we shall have an even better Newsletter next time.

I shall leave you now to read on,

from

MARY Hodgkinson.

IMPORTANT WARNING

Several of our members have found Breeds other than Tonkinese, Siamese or Burmese within 5 generations in pedigrees of cats among their breeding stock. These cats have had to be withdrawn from their breeding programme, as our Registration Policy (now formally accepted by G.C.C.F.) states specifically that no cat can be registered on any but Reference Register unless its pedigree for 5 generations is confined to the above 3 Breeds. (Havanas, Orientals etc. will NOT be accepted by G.C.C.F. in the pedigree.) There has been a lot of rather sloppy breeding of Tonkinese before they were accepted: anything with Siamese genes being bred to Burmese, producing a Tonkinese coat pattern and being sold as Tonk. These may be beautiful cats but they will be put on the Reference register (along with the Variants) and thus cannot be shown and their progeny will also be on Reference Register until they get beyond the 5 generations. They must therefore be sold as pets on the Non-Active unless the buyer is prepared to wait the necessary length of time for a show-able litter. So, PLEASE, everybody check your pedigrees: only the following Breed Numbers (or indication for Tonkinese, having as yet no Breed Number) should appear:

24, 24a, 24b, 24c, 32(1), 32(2), 32(3), 32(4), 32(5), 32(6),
32t(1), 32t(2), 32t(3), 32t(4), 32a, 32b(1), 32b(2), 32b(3),
32b(4), 32c. SIAMESE
27, 27a, 27b, 27c, 27d, 27e, 27f, 27g, 27h, 27j. BURMESE.
Sm/Bu, colour, i.e. Brown, Blue, etc., darker points, or
Tonkinese. TONKINESE.

We have received the Breed Number from GCCF: it is 74, with the colour indications following the Burmese & Siamese - i.e., 74: Brown, 74a: Blue etc. The Variants are: 74V - Siamese Variant, Brown, 74 aV - Siamese Variant, Blue, etc. 74qV - Burmese Variant, Brown, 74aqV - Burmese Variant, Blue, etc. The list will be published in full in 'Cats' of July 12th as part of our Breed Feature. ✓

Please check the Show List (obtainable from GCCF) or the lists published in the Cat Press to find your nearest shows and give the Show Manager a ring to find out if they have put on Assessment Classes for us. They have all been notified of our acceptance and asked to put on classes but very few have replied. We are (were, by now) in the Somerset Cat Club on July 6th, thanks to the efforts of an energetic member; Wyvern Cat Club, Worcester, Sept 7th - ditto; - these are Exemption shows; Bucks, Oxon & Berks, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Sept 21st; Midland Counties, Stoke, Staffs, Nov 23rd; and Southern Counties, Bracknell, Berks, Jan 25th; these are all Championship shows. We must be in many more but the Hon Sec's telephone bill won't cover ringing every Show Manager. Our Club has a fund-raising event here in Seaford on Sat July 13th at 10 am. Do ring me if you can come or help. - Hon Sec.