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Editorial

Well the plea went out for some one to edit Tonkinfo, but by the committee meeting no one had come forward, as I had already made murmurings about being willing to have a go, suddenly the job was mine, (although I distinctly heard someone at the back utter 'MUG').

I think I basically 'got the job' due to my access to a diabolical machine (husbands computer) in which, I might state, I had no interest whatsoever until I found out that it could read, memorise, and regurgitate at any time all the cat stuff that I was prepared to put in it, and what is more there is a thing called spell check! I am hooked. So herewith my first attempt, I am very grateful to all of you who have rallied round and sent me things to print and I will now be constantly bothering you to write things for me. So when you see me at shows you may have to duck! or you will find yourself promising me articles I will then bully you into producing. If you don't go to shows your not safe. I'm very persuasive on the phone too (some would say far too chatty). I have one or two ideas that I am going to try out (like scanning photos) and I would love to hear your views on anything you would like to see included. I hope you enjoy this edition and Best Wishes to everyone.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING CHAIRMAN

As I am sure most of you are aware, it was with regret that due to health reasons, I felt it would be best if I stood down from the Chair and Committee. I shall be continuing in my position as area advisor, rescue co-ordinator and pedigree bank collator and of course will be only too happy to answer any queries that anyone may have. I would like to thank the members for their support during last year and wish everyone a successful 1995.

Pauline Earley

CHAIR'S NOTES

Dear Member of the TBC,

This is a short message of introduction as the incoming Chairman of the TBC Committee. This year's AGM has now passed and we start the year with new objectives to follow on from our attainment of Affiliation to the GCCF. There have also been changes in the Committee and I should like to take the opportunity of mentioning these.

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all of you, to wish our retiring Chairman, Mrs. Pauline Earley, best wishes for the future and to extend our thanks for helping to steer the TBC through the turbulent waters of the last year. Thanks must also be extended to Mrs. Diana Waters for her work after stepping in to buoy up the Committee and who sadly stood down at the end of the year.

I hope you all will agree that last year was a very successful one for our Club and our cats. Our attainment

of Affiliation and the holding of our first Breed Advisory Committee-run Breed Seminar are milestones to be savoured.

Secondly, I should like to welcome two new members to the Committee; Mrs. Brenda Rawlinson and Mrs. Tricia Jenkinson and I am looking forward to working with them.

Perhaps I should also give you all a better insight into who I am and how I see the future. I am the breeder of the Samkabar cats, owning both Burmese and Tonkinese queens in Plymouth, Devon. I have been breeding and showing now for five years and was one of the founding members of our Club. Members who know me from the shows around the country also know that I have always worked energetically in support of the TBC and that I will continue to do so.

As a member of the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee I also look forward to taking an active role in helping our cats in their progress to Provisional status and so bring closer the day that we see Champion Tonkinese on the showbench.

Helen Barnes.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

(Mrs Linda Vousden)

Yes - I'm still in the hot seat and looking toward to another active year in the life of the TBC! You will find enclosed a list of all rule changes made at the AGM so will you please mark-up your copy of the Rules to reflect these amendments and re-date your Rules as 30th April

1995. You will also find Committee, Regional Advisors and BAC Officer details in this issue.

I take this opportunity to re-iterate Helens thanks to Pauline Earley (retiring Chairman) and Diana Waters for the hard work they have put in as Committee members. Pauline and Diana have 'stood down' from the Committee this year as they feel it is time for someone else to take up the reins; Pauline has a desire to concentrate on work with the Club's Pedigree Bank and as the Club's Tonkinese Rescue Officer; Diana has numerous commitments with her own cattery although she has kindly agreed to continue as the Clubs Welfare Officer

We already have a very successful Breed Seminar under our belts and what about that splash of publicity for the Tonks in the BBC CATS program and in the April 14th issue of CATS magazine! At the National CC Show in December our Club exhibited 5 Tonks in the World of Cats. We were SWAMPED by visitors throughout the day (including many members who had come from as far as Scotland - it was a real pleasure to see you all); we had overseas visitors, judges, members of a genetics team at London Zoo, Blue Peter and also the BBC team who did a special interview on the Tonks with Roger Tabor (one of our Honorary members) and Doreen Burke with her leading Tonkinese merit winner Adinnsh Xin Wun (74f). Thanks to everyone who helped man the desk - it was fun!

Once the Club was affiliated we handed over the running of the Breed Seminar to the Tonkinese BAC. It was

highly successful thanks especially to the efforts of Doreen Burke, Sarah Inigo-Jones, Susan Vogt, advice from Diana Waters, catering from Tricia Jenkinson and the presence of many Tonks! The turn-out was greater than expected and it was a most useful day for all. Sarah personally provided the most beautiful rosettes for each cat.

Those who take CATs magazine will already know that I was able to book a 'breed feature' on the Tonkinese in the Easter edition of the magazine. It included articles both from our Club and from Roy Robinson (the renowned geneticist) - not to mention the fabulous photo spread of our own cats, get yourself a copy.

The AGM had an excellent turn out of members from all over the country. We have three new Honorary members, Mr Roy Robinson the geneticist, Dr Jenny Remfrey a veterinary surgeon who specialises in animal welfare and Mr Marc Henrie the international photographer. As we had hoped we had a lively discussion on the way forward for the SOP and a few members had written in with their points; as members of an affiliated Club you will shortly be consulted further on the SOP by the BAC.

Finally in my capacity as 'ex-Editor' I would like to express grateful thanks to Sarah for taking on the role and hope -that you support her by continuing to write in to Tonkinfo!

See next page for rule amendments.

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO
THE RULES OF THE TBC

RULE 4b) Proposal withdrawn

RULE 5f) Proposal withdrawn
RULE 6

After 'Club newsletter' insert new
point as follows

'Shall report to the members at every
AGM the activities and progress of
the Club.'

RULE 7a) Proposal defeated

RULE 7a) Proposal withdrawn

RULE 7c) Proposal defeated

RULE 9b) Proposal withdrawn

◆ **A brief introduction to your
Committee**

Sarah Inigo-Jones

Although I have lived with cats of all
shapes, sizes and denominations all
my life, I am a relative new comer to
Tonkinese, My prefix is Ekahti and I
have been showing for just under three
years and breeding for two. I live in a
large chaotic house in London, which
always sounds like a zoo if you phone
me at about children/animal feeding
time. I regard the breeding and
showing of cats as my hobby which I
pursue with the love and dedication of
any professional. My family consider
me slightly eccentric!

Linda Vousden:

I have always lived with, and loved,
cats; my first litter (Siamese) was born
in 1978 with the guidance of the
indomitable Mrs Daphne Deakin. The
next 14 I pursued a satisfying career in
computers only to join the unemployed
in 1990. The following two years I
spent in and out of hospital after being
run-over which left me with plenty of
time on my hands. I took up my art
work again and established 'Lansdale

Cats' which allowed me to work from
home. During this time our lovely
Siamese, Moral an Grimley, both died
at a good age. The story from there is
fairly classic - you know: didn't like
new Siamese got Burmese, bred Tonks,
kept Tonks, love Tonks etc. etc. joined
the Club in January 1991 and the
Committee in 1993. My prefix is
Mymystic. If you see a short, round,
blonde person at the shows, with lovely
blue Fable 'kneading dough' in her
arms, come and say hello!

Mike Vousden:

I was made aware of the joy of cats
when I met Linda's Siamese. Following
our first litter of Tonks I joined the Club
(1992) when I was also introduced to
the 'gentle' art of showing ca - a far cry
from spending a day at a car club show,
which I was more used to. By profession
I am an accountant and in consequence
I found myself on the Committee in
1994. Since then I have become
thoroughly fascinated by the ins and
outs of the cat Fancy and the Tonkinese
in particular. I am presently enjoying
the antics of our latest litter.

Susan Vogt:

I am a well known figure on the show
circuit as I am regularly stewarding and
have been showing Birmans for 6 years
although I been living with pedigree
cats since 1980. I also show Ragdolls
Angoras and Balinese but unfortunately
not my Tonk 'Filo' who was bought
before they were recognised, and is
therefore not registered, my prefix is
Xigamma and am I hoping for Birmans
this years. I also share a prefix Acares
with Karen Bennett and we plan to start
a line of Tonkinese tabbies by the end of
this year.

Sylvia Clark

I own 16 cats, 11 of which are Tonkinese. I breed Tonks on a small scale owing to the
fact that with a full time job, I have very little spare time. I am hoping to start
breeding Burmese and Abyssinians in the Autumn. I am based near Leamington Spa
and show my cats in various parts of the country, gaining a few merits and having a
lovely time. My prefix is Wizadora and I hope to be showing my first Wizadora cat at
the Merseyside show in June. (I'm sure we all wish you lots of luck Sylvia, -Ed.)

Doreen Burke

I have been showing Tonks since the very first show at the Mid Somerset Agricultural
Exemption show, and have been owned by cats for almost half a century. My first
Tonk was born in 1990. I have so far specialised in reds, but I am about to branch out
into brown and chocolate tabbies. My prefix is Tonkitu. I live in the peace and
tranquillity of Ilfracombe with a view overlooking the harbour. I enjoy showing and
stewarding and am regularly seen out and about, distance no object! I have been a
member of the Committee for the last year and I thoroughly enjoying helping to
forward our beautiful breed. I am hoping that it wont be too long before the TBC have
their first Exemption show.



Rogues Gallery
Doreen Burke, Sarah Inigo-Jones, Susan Vogt

Tricia Jenkinson

I have been successfully breeding and showing Tonks since 1989 under my prefix
'Tajens'. I have had a keen interest in the breed's development, in particular genetics
and the treatment of ill cats. I was one of the founder members of the TBC and served
on the first committee, and I am very pleased to be here again, helping to further the
breed. I am only too happy to offer help and advice to newcomers to the Tonkinese
breed. I have a general interest in all animals especially horses and the equestrian
world and I specialise in ridden showing.

Carol Poole

I have been on the committee for 2 years and my prefix is Clarinath. I breed Tonkinese and Burmese cats. I am a qualified veterinary nurse, and I work as head nurse and practice manager in a large veterinary practice near my home in Maidenhead, I am always available for advice. I do seem to spend a lot of time with my cats, at shows or talking about cats, in fact recently my Husband designed me a new business card, it read Carol Poole - Boring Cat Person!!

Brenda Rawlinson

I am a new comer to TBC committee, but not to cats, as I have loved and owned them for over 25 years. For the last 3 years I have been owned by Tonks. I live in the Devonshire countryside, and I work as a therapist and consider my cats to be my greatest therapy. I enjoy showing cat as a hobby and am looking forward to more problems from the patter of little paws very soon . My prefix is Melusine.

INFORMATION FROM THE BAC

Our affiliation in October 1994 lead to the formation of the first Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee (BAC). At the moment, we are the only Tonkinese club that is affiliated to the GCCF, and as such, in line with their rules, the members of the TBC committee become the members of the BAC. We were also allowed to invite an independent Chair, to help and guide us. We were advised that they should have a high profile within the GCCF, with a thorough knowledge of their rules and procedures. The officers are as follows. Chair: Mr Keith Scruton. Vice-Chair: Doreen Burke. Secretary: Carol Poole. Delegate: Susan Vogt.

At the moment the BAC are preparing the paperwork for our application for provisional status. To this end the BAC proposed some PROVISIONAL CHANGES TO THE STANDARD OF POINTS.

I don't need to tell you what a pickle and uproar that seems to have created.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PROPOSED STANDARD OF POINTS THAT WAS SENT OUT WITH THE AGM PAPERS, WERE JUST THAT, **PROPOSALS**. THEY WERE **NOT** THE NEW SOP. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSALS AT THE AGM WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE AND IT WAS AGREED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT THAT ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BE BALLOTTED ON THIS ISSUE.

ENCLOSED IN THIS TONKINFO IS YOUR BALLOT PAPER FOR THE PROPOSALS. PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE IT AND 'PHONE CAROL POOLE IMMEDIATELY IF IT IS MISSING.

PLEASE, PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE IT CAREFULLY AND RETURN ASAP

If you are unsure of the effect that any of the changes might have, please do not 'fill in the gaps' just for the sake of it, either write a note and include it with your paper or seek the advice of a member whom you trust.

On a lighter note some of you may have noticed that previously when registering Tonkinese 'variants' the registration certificate actually said 'TN variant' the TN

stood for Tonkinese but was very confusing to the kittens new owner, especially as many 'variants' are sold as pets. Well thanks to a plea by the BAC, the new registration Certificates will state Tonkinese Variant.

Schedule error: There is an error in the KK&N CC schedule. The judge for class 173 - Tonkinese Neuter should read Mrs Shrouder-May and not Mrs P. Wilding as stated. The judge for the kitten class is Alison Ashford.

For queries or information regarding the BAC, please contact Carol Poole.

◆ TONKINESE BREED CLUB

◆ GCCF Delegate's report to the 1995 AGM

As I expect you know, Council granted our application for affiliation at their meeting on October 24th 1994, and so the Club became eligible to send a delegate to the next meeting. I therefore attended as TBC delegate on March 1st 1995. Since it had been possible to only hold two meetings during the 1994/95 Year because of the train strikes, Article 9 of the GCCF constitution (which requires that Council meets 3 times a year) was suspended to take this into account.

Among the- items dealt with were the following:

Delegates were asked to stand in remembrance of Carol Barnes and Mrs Threadingham, both of whom had died since the last meeting.

Although not on the agenda, Council was ask-d to approve in principle a bid being made for the property adjoining the GCCF office in Bridgwater, which had just been put on the market. This premises had been a dress shop with a flat

above, and would give much needed additional space. The property would be freehold and would require some repair work. A survey would be carried out and an appropriate offer made. The asking Price was 50K which was certainly too high as the shopping centre of the town had moved away and it was hoped that a much lower price would be achieved. After extensive discussion and many pertinent questions, approval in principle was agreed.

In line with the change in the law, the Articles of the GCCF constitution and the BAC constitutions were amended from 'audited accounts' to 'accounts of the club which have been examined and signed by a suitable independent person.'

The rules governing the recognition and Promotion of new breeds and colours were amended. In the future new colours of recognised breeds will join the rest of the breed at whatever status it is at instead of having to gain promotion from the bottom up. The Bristol & District Cat Club was granted affiliation, several SoPs were amended, and the Korat registration policy was changed.

Under show matters there were several interesting items. Julia May reported that due to the large numbers of Birmans being shown in the SLH section the UK Grands would be split Birman and the rest (Turkish Van/Somali/Maine Coon). Balinese and Siamese would also be split, as would the British Tabby from the AOC non-self British. The Oriental Red, having gained Promotion would be in the same group as the Havanas and

Foreign Whites for UK Grands, thus giving the Oriental self section three groups of three.

The Blue Persian Cat Society proposed that judges should not be allowed to judge the same open class more than once in three months. After lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out, amongst other things, that some lists did not have sufficient judges to allow this, that probationers would then only have a chance of four engagements a year for their breed, and also that there was already a recommendation that the same open should not be judged by the same judge in the same geographical area within three months, which most judges attempted to abide by, but which in an emergency had to be waived, the Proposal was lost by a large majority.

The same club then spoke to a proposal that judges should only be allowed to judge Grands if they had been a full judge on the relevant lists for three Years. It was again pointed out that some lists were so small, that any new full judge was a bonus, and that if they had been deemed suitable to be a full judge then they were suitable to judge Grand classes. In addition, some sections were made up of several breeds and it might take for ever to gain promotion and three years as a full judge on sufficient lists to qualify to do Grands. This was also lost by a large majority.

The RCT society proposed that judges wore gloves while examining an exhibits mouth and a demonstration was offered of slipping on a glove to show that it was quick, easy and non-frightening to the cats in terms of noise. There was much discussion on type and cost of gloves, how many gloves should be used per cat, how many pairs should be issued Per judge,

and handling ability whilst wearing them. It was Pointed out that perhaps a better disinfectant that worked against fungi, bacteria and viruses should be looked into and made standard at shows. This too was lost.

Lesley Pring had been asked to attend a conference in Strasbourg on the breeding of pet animals. This was a matter of some concern since in addition to cats with no coats, cats with short legs, cats with short noses and cats without tails, white cats of all breeds were included on the basis that they might be deaf or produce deaf offspring. In the German state of Hesse, the breeding of white cats had already been banned. Clubs catering for white cats were asked to gather information and statistics to show that in this country the problem had been recognised and addressed. Mrs Pring was attending as an observer but it would be useful to be able to demonstrate that the governing body and its constituent members had a responsible attitude and Policies towards the breeding of their animals.

There was a lengthy discussion on the matter of area club shows holding breed club classes. The trend of late had been for many shows to only put on their own club classes or those of neighbouring area clubs. Some show managers felt that they provided sufficient breed miscellaneous classes to compensate for there not being any breed club classes which still allowed probationer judges to handle the adults and neuters of their breed. Some felt that the additional expense of putting on these classes made them prohibitive - the size of the schedule was increased which meant that the cost of printing and of postage went up. Some felt that the entries in the past did not justify the provision now. It was stated by one delegate that in any case

exhibitors only chose the first classes they came across in the schedule that they were eligible for, no matter who the judge was. The opposing view was also expressed - that on the contrary, exhibitors tended to chose very carefully because of the expense of showing and because everyone had their own personal preferences as to which judges should handle their cats, and because they wanted their cats to have the best chance of winning. Also with successful cats the number of classes that they were eligible for decreased and it was often the case that without club classes even the basic four could not be found. When put to the vote there was overwhelming support for breed club classes to be provided at area club shows. The Executive would therefore be recommending that this should be encouraged.

◆ What is TRAG ?

I was asked that question this morning by a Club Member, which made me think it is about time it was mentioned in Tonkinfo again.

TRAG [Tonkinese Regional Advisory Group] formerly the BASC was set up by Diana Waters as the forerunner of the BAC (Breed Advisory Committee) which as a Club not then affiliated to GCCF we were not permitted to form. Now that we are affiliated to GCCF and have our own B.A.C. TRAG - has of necessity to play a different, but no less important role in the Club.

The Regional Advisors which are listed in Tonkinfo (see page ??) have a responsibility to help anyone experiencing problems with cats, albeit health problems with pets or advice concerning certain aspects of breeding, etc.

No question is too small as it may be of

vital importance (when I first joined the Club I was hesitant to ask questions as I thought it would look silly, and no one likes to appear ignorant.)] However, I overcame that and have consequently become much more enlightened!!

The Group also plays a part in rescue and re-homing cats which unfortunately is becoming an increasing problem.

The Kitten Register, of which I am the co-ordinator, aided by Doreen Burke, is also the responsibility of TRAG. It works fairly well, but like all things Members need reminding that it is a service which is available . If you wish your kittens to be placed on the Register, you must fill in a form which can be obtained from either myself, your Regional Advisor, or the Hon. Secretary. The annual fee is £3 to cover the cost of administration and advertising, and is very good value for money.

After your kittens are born you must notify your Regional Advisor, myself or Doreen, giving all the relevant details which will be passed on to myself for inclusion in the Kitten List, which is circulated throughout the United Kingdom bi-monthly.

Advertisements are placed in various magazines to bring the service to the attention of the public, who will hopefully rush to the 'phone to purchase a kitten or kittens before they are all sold.

It is important to inform your Regional Advisor when the kittens are sold in order that we may keep our lists up to date. With Best Wishes your TRAG Co-ordinator Sylvia Clark.



Area 1. South East; Berkshire, Greater London, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, East & West Sussex.

Area 2. South West; Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset, Wiltshire.

Area 3. East: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Suffolk

Area 4. West: Cheshire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Hereford & Worcester, Isle of Man, Merseyside, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warks., Wales (North & South), West Midlands.

Area 5. North: Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Greater Manchester, Humberside, Lancashire, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Yorkshire (North, South & West).

Area 6. Scotland.

Area 7 Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland.

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FLEA SURVEY RESULTS KEEP SCIENTISTS ON THE HOP

Results from the survey of the nation's fleas, conducted by Program Flea Awareness Week in 1994, had the country's top insect experts scratching their heads.

In response to a plea from PROGRAM, over 1,300 people sent in suspected fleas, found on their pets and in their homes, all of which were catalogued by the Medical Entomology Centre at the University of Cambridge.

The organisers of this year's Flea Awareness Week (17th - 23rd July 1995) will be repeating their 'flea plea' in the hopes of finding out even more data about the nature and geographical distribution of fleas in the UK. Information from the fleas received both in 1994 and 1995 will then be used to update the records held by the Biological Records Centre who last produced a British Flea Map in 1974!

One of the big surprises in 1994 was that only three dog fleas were received - and all of them from Glamorgan in Wales! In all, 913 of the specimens were fleas of which 76% were *Ctenocephalides felis* - the cat flea. There was one human flea, *Pulex irritans*, the flea commonly used in flea circuses, which is now so rare in this country that some research laboratories will actually pay for specimens!

Leader of the research team whose scientific results will be published in time for 1995's Flea Awareness Week in July, is Dr John Maunder. He said, "The results are fascinating. We knew that the cat flea was the flea most commonly found on both cats and dogs but we didn't think that there would be so few dog fleas."

"Another interesting finding is that 68% of the cat fleas sent in were female. Female cat fleas lay about 20 eggs a day while they are on the host animal and this high ratio of female to male fleas helps to explain why the flea population explodes as soon as the weather starts to get warmer."

"The only way to get the flea population under control is to use a treatment which will stop fleas breeding. We have seen time and time again that straight-forward insecticides applied to the animal and the environment does not work satisfactorily. Pet owners should visit their vet for advice before the weather gets hotter and the flea problem is exacerbated."

Fleas should be easy to spot but interestingly, among other insects mistaken for fleas last year were several beetles, ticks and lice - and one example of the human crab louse!

Please send any fleas (dead !!) wrapped in clear sticky tape to the address below. For further information on Flea Awareness Week 1995, please contact: PROGRAM, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD.

FLAT CHESTED KITTENS

There is continuing concern in the cat fancy, especially within the Burmese and Foreign sections, of the incidence of flat chested kittens. Mr Kit Sturgess of the Dept. of Veterinary Medicine at Langford is making a continuous and comprehensive study of the problem; he lectures on the subject for the Feline Advisory Bureau and has, in the past, published information on it in the Burmese Cat Club magazine. When I spoke with him recently he said that there have not yet been any positive conclusions drawn as to how this occurs. It may be inherited but the statement that flat chestedness in kittens is a result of a recessive gene carried by both parents is not proven and may be inaccurate. One pattern of behaviour in queens who produce such kittens is presently being looked into - that is the close proximity of pregnant queens to direct heat sources (such as sleeping in radiator hammocks, Lying on top of boilers, hot water bottles or heating pads); the theory being that the extra heat may cause unusually rapid

cell division in developing kittens. Kit is sending me a copy of his latest information which is shortly to be published in the Burmese Cat Club magazine (he has also agreed to let us print the article in the next Tonkinfo). In the meantime if anyone is interested in seeing an advance copy please send me a SAE plus two extra 25p stamps to cover photocopying costs, it will be about 4 weeks before I receive the article. According to the numbers declared approximately 3 - 5% of Burmese kittens are born flat chested (so obviously the percentage is actually higher) and this means that this is likely to be a problem with Tonkinese. As responsible breeders we should really be collating such information on Tonkinese with this problem and I welcome your thoughts or any information on the matter (all of which will be kept strictly confidential) - please write directly to me: Mrs L Vousden, 'Lansdale', 12 Robinhood Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berks RG41 5LX

INBREEDING IN NUMERICALLY SMALL BREEDS

Roy Robinson

Newly emerging breeds, as well as older established breeds which are few in number, have a special problem. This is the problem of coping with inbreeding which more numerous popular breeds do not have to worry about.

The actual numbers of breeding stud cats and queens have an important role in the genetic health of the breed. Their numbers per generation determine the amount of background inbreeding. Common-sense will argue that the smaller the numbers, the greater will be the potential inbreeding. Fortunately, most breeds can tolerate a certain amount of inbreeding, provided there is careful selection of healthy cats. Despite this, it is wise to be aware of the Problem and to an idea of the number of animals for a proposed minimum level of inbreeding.

Since the number of stud cats is usually less than the number of breeding queens, these are the main determiners of background inbreeding. As may be seen from the accompanying table, the smaller the number of studs, the greater the required compensating number of queens.

The figures of the table should be interpreted as follows. If the number of stud cats is known to be less than 12, every effort should be made to increase the number. Having 13 or 14 studs is scarcely a practical proposition because of the large numbers of queens which will be required. The numbers become more manageable for 15 studs or more. For example, with 20 studs, the breed may be regarded as coasting along if the minimum number of queens is 33. If the number is greater than 33, so much the better.

Furthermore, each cat should contribute equally to the next generation. This applies especially to studs. The principle would be violated if say, there are 30 males at stud but five are siring most of the kittens. To obviate this, if the number of registered studs is only a little above the minimum, the breeding of these should be monitored. This should not be difficult if the club is maintaining a genealogical computer database.

The inbreeding may be additionally retarded if the registration of kittens from certain matings are disallowed. However, if something of this nature is adopted, the rules should be flexible because one or more matings might be desirable or unavoidable in certain circumstances.

The following matings should only be permitted in very exceptional cases:

Brother to sister; father to daughter; son to mother.

The following should only be permitted in special cases:

Half brother to sister; uncle to niece; aunt to nephew; single first cousins; double first cousins; various second cousin matings; first and second cousin matings.

The matings are stated in human terms in order that they may be easily visualised. Another way of stating the two levels of relationship is that an ancestor occurring in both the sire's and dam's side of the pedigree should be separated by 3 to 4, and 5 to 6, generations, respectively. The count is done as follows: count forward from the common ancestor behind the sire to the individual and back to the ancestor behind the dam but not counting the ancestor itself. If there is more than one

common ancestor, at least one generation is added for each additional ancestor.

Once the actual number of breeding cats (toms and queens) is a multiple of two or three of the recommended minimum number, some discretion is permissible for relaxing the above recommendations for individual experienced breeders. Considerable flexibility is possible once the number of popular and widely used studs exceed the recommended 25

An emerging breed or a breed which never seems able to increase numerically may have to outcross to either build up the numbers or to minimise the inbreeding. The outcross breed should be chosen with care. The conformation, colour, pattern and coat quality should match or harmonise with the breed as much as possible. The first cross cats may be termed variants. These should only be bred within the breed, either by back crossing or interbreeding among themselves. The second cross variants should not be used for breeding unless this is unavoidable, or they have special virtues, or where circumstances warrant it.

Why be concerned with the recommended number of breeding cats within each generation? There are two reasons for the concern. The first is that excessive inbreeding can lead to a deterioration of the breed. This is a common belief but it is not necessarily inevitable, especially if care is taken to breed only from healthy animals. The second reason is more arcane. Inbreeding reduces the genetic variation within a breed. It may be thought that this is to the good but it is not necessarily so. Loss of variation can hamper improvement of the breed and can even bring it to a halt. It is possible for undesirable traits to be fixed before selection has had time to eliminate them.

To conclude on a technical note, the

number of studs and queens are those cats which leave descendants in the next generation which leave descendants themselves. These constitute what is known as the effective breeding population." This is always smaller than the total number of cats bred in any generation. The effective breeding population is the "gene pool" for the breed since it is the genetic material which is passed on from generation to generation. The gene pool ideally must be large and above a certain size for the long term health of the breed. Minimum number of breeding cats to avoid undue long term inbreeding within a breed for a given number of active studs.

Studs	Queens
13	329
14	117
15	75
16	57
17	47
18	41
19	37
20	33
21	31
22	29
23	27
24	26
25	25



WE'RE JUST MAD WITH OUR TONKS
by Janet Howden

John and I are sure we didn't imagine the knowing smiles on Terry and Pauline's faces, as we drove away with Jacob and Joseph. "Nothing will ever be the same again," they seemed to say.

Almost a year on and we can say without hesitation that they were right. What was it like to sleep without the sound of a faraway pneumatic drill droning in our ears? To sit in a chair without 2 ten pound weights piled up on top? How did we manage to unpack parcels without being poked, and tapped and helped through every layer of paper; not to mention those dreadful accusing looks when we've forgotten the catnip mouse. We can barely remember those carefree days when we went out for an hour or two and came home, without fear of being told off and made to feel a heel.

Our house has acquired a very shabby look. The net curtains are shredded. The three-piece suite has developed holes, and the fringe around the bottom has reached enormous unravelled lengths. Odd pieces of mangled paper seem to appear around the house, along with bottle tops in our shoes.

An air of zany eccentricity has taken over. Radio programmes can produce dramatic changes of mood. The sound of Humphrey Lyttelton (a great cat lover) and his Jazz band, is greeted with barely a twitch of the whisker from our Tonkinese boys. The wail of bagpipes, on the other hand, produces a terrible appearance, as if they have just come face to face with a dead skunk, before they tear from the room. Catfood is given the occasional disdainful sniff but brown rice, soy sauce and bean sprouts are stolen from our plates whilst we are still eating them.

There are smudges on the glass of the front

door, where two noses press eagerly awaiting 4 o'clock. One belongs to Joseph who, on the arrival of Katie home from school, immediately disappears upstairs to assist with homework and play roly poly tickly tumble; and the other to Jacob, to whom 4 o'clock means "football". He can defend the space between the chair and the table from all attacks, and the walls and doors of our house are covered with coloured spongy marks to prove it. Nicholas says "Jacob is the bestest friend a 9 year old boy ever had, though it's a pity he supports Arsenal."

Last evening I was greeted home from the shops by two eager unpackers and the sound of the telephone ringing. As I stood in conversation, a blue polystyrene tray of 4 pork chops came flying past me on its way upstairs, followed shortly afterwards by a single chop coming back down again, and then the tray on which there were now three pork chops.

Pauline and Terry, they are beautiful but is this it? Or is it going to get worse?

MYMYSTIC & LANSDALE CATS
offer congratulations to
Mr Bill Matthews and Tajens Blueburry
Fair
on winning the
LANSDALE FABLE TROPHY
for the most successfully shown blue
Tonkinese, 1994

Aspects of life with Beryl (The Peril??)
She is almost a year old and is a red female Tonkinese. Her meals include any of my best woollen jumpers that I am foolish enough to leave laying around. Her pale hairs cling to everything which is wearable and preferably black. Velvet is very 'attractive' as her hairs seem to sew themselves into the fabric. Old jumpers and 'black' things destined for permanent recycling have no hairs, no holes and are of no interest.

Beryl helps in the kitchen and is particularly fond of watching meat being prepared for the slow cooker. Turn your back to get water to add to the pot and you have lost another battle. With lightening speed a jump, a paw, a claw and a chunk of meat has gone forever.

Postage stamps are a favourite. They must be unused, all joined together so that they can be de-perforated and thoroughly licked and punctured. Photographs are second favourite in the 'lick & puncture' routine.

Television, well, that's another story. The young 'person' unceremoniously howls at the 'box' when I sit down to watch Countdown in the afternoon. When the program was off the air I put the 'Cat Video' on for family viewing, starring birds, fish, mice etc. Beryl has a good memory, this should be her time not mine!

At around 9 o'clock at night when many of us try to watch the News, not Beryl! She leads the family in a disorderly queue outside the dining room door and noisily demands entry. The poncers are kept in there. It is time for family fun. I surrender to her and play. After all I could watch the 10 o'clock News when she is in bed.

Never let be said that you own the cat.....the cat owns you and rules with a paw of steel!

Her father's name is Dennis (Marvellous

Mennis) and it was only in fun she was called Beryl. Who knew then that she would live up to her name? When she puts on a smile, does her nails and goes 'out on the town' to shows she is Wong Mei. No-one would guess she was 'Beryl the Peril'.

Doreen Burke
TONKITU Tonkinese

◆ Coping With Loss

It was spring 1992, we had recently moved to a new house with a very large garden, which was situated in a small Devon village. We had three cats, all beautiful moggies, two of whom were rescued The two eldest cats Tabatha and Whiskey were growing older, and we felt it was now time to add to our much loved family of cats. Jessica the third of our cats was half Burmese, a beautiful blue tabby, We had planned for some time to buy a pedigree cat and proceeded to ring around breeders to find out what kittens were available. We decided on a Burmese, as we had always loved the look and temperament of Jessica On a cold windy afternoon we found ourselves driving six miles across country to see Rosemary Harper, a Burmese breeder, who also bred something called a Tonkinese.

Rosemary had no kittens at that time, but had a chocolate Siamese queen, pregnant by her beautiful blue Burmese Sam. Rosemary explained that the kittens would be Tonkinese, and gave us some information on the breed Although I really wanted a Burmese, my intuition told me, that somehow the Tonkinese was right for us. Six weeks after the kittens were born, Rosemary

called us, we went to see them and my fate was sealed In October of that year, we collected a beautiful brown girl; we called her Charlotte.

Charlotte changed our lives, our other cats accepted her with wonderful grace, and she became a focus of love and wonder for us both.. She was enchanting; weaving a spell around us, as she developed, from a small fluffy muddy-coloured bundle of fun, into a beautiful svelte, elegant velvet brown adult, with eyes the colour of a deep sun-kissed sea My husband would come home every lunchtime, just to be in her delightful company. We joined the Tonkinese breed club, and after her first call, began to look for a suitable stud The strange thing was that she never called again, and as the months passed, we began to wonder if something was wrong Tabatha became ill and our vet told as that her little life was coming to an end, and that she would only be with us for a short time. The Summer of 1993 was to be her last, but for most of those warm months she stayed well with the help of steroids. Charlotte continued to grow delighting us with her intelligence and energy.

It was in November that I knew I had to make a decision about Tabatha, who had grown much weaker, she was very thin and could only eat baby food, when she refused even this , I decided to give her some peace. On a gloomy Sunday morning I took her to the vet, and she died peacefully in my arms. . The previous night I had slept downstairs with her, and Charlotte had joined us in our last evening together As with most people we decided to bury Tabatha in her favourite spot in the garden We lit two candles, and decided to find things that related to her,

photographs of her, the other cats, and us, her comb and some green beads, which suited her lovely ginger coat, we then gently wrapped her in a shroud and buried her under the cherry tree, along with the little talismans we had chosen for her. Just before we buried her Charlotte, came up to my husband and myself in turn and demanded to be noticed we stroked her, acknowledging her communication, and watched her as she went out into the garden. Reflecting back I can now sense a feeling of goodbye, but maybe that's just my fancy!

We buried Tabatha, whilst the candles were still burning and found that Charlotte was still out. After calling and searching in all the usual places we could not find her, It felt like a cold steel band had encased my heart I knew something was wrong We found Charlotte, in the quiet lane which leads to the church at the top of our garden. She had been knocked over by a car, and had been thrown into a hedge. We washed her body, and as the light began to fade, we opened the grave and buried her with Tabatha We were deep in shock, almost in a state of disbelief. I knew I had to bury her before the candles melted. and although there was no time for the rituals we had prepared for Tabatha, I knew that Tabatha ,(a wise old lady) would help her on whatever journey lay ahead

Death had called on us that day and like all living things in this world, we were left with feelings of the deep mystery of death and the sorrow suffering and loss which always follows in its wake. As a therapist I deal with loss and bereavement very often. my clinical experience has also taught me that there are no easy answers to these

This was followed by a demand for every TBC member to be balloted on the subject for it to be democratic (NB: 15 Members constitute a quorum) and that it was unreasonable to expect the members to attend an AGM held in Berkshire. This is in spite of having been informed earlier that 70%- 80% of the membership reside in the south-east of the country. Perhaps she would like an AGM in each county. This would make voting an interesting challenge - maybe we could 'surf' the 'Internet' in a global ballot.

Dr Ponsford further contended that there had been no consultation with the Membership or sufficient time allowed to consider the issue. This conveniently ignores the fact that the Tonkinese BAC had purposely held an Open Meeting with Mrs L. Pring of the GCCF on the 9th April, 1995 for precisely this purpose and that the AGM papers had been distributed in accordance with the TBC constitution. Ten days is surely long enough for even the slowest reader to cope with two sides of A4! Mr Scruton clearly stated that Mrs Pring's advice was taken on tightening up the SOP to enhance our chances in achieving our aim of promotion to Provisional status. Dr Ponsford's assertion that we can proceed with no change to our SOP ignores Mrs Pring's observation at that Open Meeting that this course of action is likely to result in rejection of our application by the GCCF Executive.

The foregoing means that the BAC had only one week in which to formulate amendments based on Mrs Pring's advice and to distribute the paperwork in time for the AGM which is THE DULY CONSTITUTED MEETING FOR VOTING ON SUCH MATTERS!

I for one, am angry that no progress was gained for our breed when this could so easily have been achieved yesterday. The assertion that the SOP forming part of the AGM papers was an imposition of fact rather than a discussion document was blatant nonsense. I am further aggrieved that I should have had to travel for four hours in each direction to attend this farce; on a day which cost me in excess of £45.00 and when I should, in fact have been attending a business conference in Birmingham. In other words, I put my own self-interest in second place on this day in deference to both our Breed and Club; what a great shame Dr Ponsford did not feel she could do the same.

I had travelled back as far as Salisbury before I realised that I had to shoulder as much of the blame for what happened, as anyone else in the Meeting. We all left Mr Scruton to defend the constitutional right and majority view on his own. I for one am now ashamed that I did not stand up to be counted in the defence of our Constitution and for thus I offer my apologies to all of you.

One last item: Mr Scruton proposed Miss Mary Hodgkinson as vice-president to the TBC and this was duly agreed by a majority vote. This turn of events, near the end of the Meeting was apparently a surprise to most of the Members present. I note that TBC Rule 10(a) reads, "The President and VicePresident/s shall be proposed by the Committee .." and that Mr Scruton does not hold a seat on be TBC Committee. I contend that it was at this point and not earlier that the AGM began to be managed in an unconstitutional manner!

Yours sincerely, John Siewruk, Plymouth

1st May, 1995



AWARDS BOARD

TONKINESE BREED CLUB-

The following is a list of recorded merit awards, compiled from the list supplied to the club by the GCCF and then taken from marked catalogues up to and including the Bedford on April 22nd 1995. If there are mistakes/omissions please write and let me know as soon as possible. Members are reminded that they should send me their full results, and if they have won a club class a form plus a sae, since although we do our best, we simply can not go to every show and mark down the results!! nor can we expect just yet to be sent marked catalogues. The results are presented in the following order: alphabetically by cat within colour/pattern. Thank You - Susan Vogt.

	Total		1994		
74 Brown Tonkinese				74b Chocolate- Tonkinese	
Addeish Arrons Nibbs	1			Addeish Kelsey Charles	2
Adhuish Yankee Doodledandy	1			Addeish Kisha Candida	4
Alaking Honkytonk Cowgirl	1		1	Adimsh Su Lian	2
Bonzer Hell Raiser	2			Adouzsh Dandy Dazzler	1
Bonzer Tia Maria	1		1	Adraysh Rickytit	11
Bonzer Something Special	3		1	Azuljo Alpine Sunset	3
Downash Theadorable	1			Bonzer Butterscotch	1
Ishokats Bijan Valentino	4			Caveat Castaspell	3
Keo Arabella	5	Q	5	Chumblin Chocolate Chip	1
Nicsmi Tracle Pudd	2			Ishokats Bianka	8
Tajens Ashira Electra	2			Kataczinka Clarice	1
Tajens Doodledandy	1			Keo Kassinia Satinwood	7
Thaimar Nicsmi Northstar	1			Ishmal/Ishokats + special rosette	7
Tonkabella Benedict Bruno	1			Keoni Kalvin Klein	1
Wilowispa Slavegirl	1			Majic Korra	4
Wrenegade Conkeror Longpod	1			Nicsmi Bucks Fizz	2
	16	1	4	Nicsmi Cherokee	1
				Rohese Dukeofearl	1
74a Blue Tonkinese				Rohese Texesgold	1
Addeish Blueberry Fortune (my my stic)	8	Q	3	Rohese Vodkatini	1
Addeish Folatre Kane	2			Romantica Lancelot	1
Addeish Lansdale Fable (my my stic)	7	Q	3	Samkabar Mila	2
Adouzsh Hypnos	1			Tajens Isabella	1
Adraysh Lazybones Mandalay	2			Tajens Vanity	2
Downash Mia Athene	1			Tajens Viscomax	2
Keoni Kully Kulvinder	4		Q	Tonkabella Amata Aurora	3
Sylvakib Simaron Tay	1			Tonkabella Daffy Dorothea	1
Tajens Blueberry Fair	2		2	Tonkabella Diggory Dai	4
Lansdale	7			Tonkabella Eva Evangeline	1
Tajens Icecall Fary	1			Tonkabella Fingal Fredric	1
Tajens Yamato	1	1		Tonkabell- Frisco Francis	1
Treedancer Midnight Midge	1			Tonkabella Honoria Holly	2
Wilowispa Moondreamer	1		1	Tonkabella Isadora Ianthé	1
Xiting Hulabaloo	1		1	Tonkabella Lemmel	1
	14	3	4		33
				74c Lilac Tonkinese	
				Addeish Caspar Lilacflush	6
				Addeish Clarinath Oberon	11
				Ekahri +Pictures Plus special**	
				Adimsh Spring Monarch	2
				Adouzsh Thatsmyboy	1
				Adraysh Hay Frankie	9
					Q

Adraysh Lilac Freeze	1		
Adraysh Lilac Whisper	3		
Adraysh Soft Lilac	3		
Adraysh Stormbringer	8	Q	
Adraysh Tasmin	1		
Bonzer Brumas	3		
Bowmaly Unforgettable	3		1
Clarínath Mystic Stregona	3		1
Deelando Amadeus	3		3
Episcopuss Epicurus	2		
Ishokats Amber Amethyst	3		
Joyjay Agapeta Hamana	1		
Keo Kittywitch	3		
Learoyd Heidi	2		
Pastiche Ice Angel	1		
Romantica Lilith Venezia	3		
Royandi Syringa	2		
Samkabar Huxley	8	Q	2
Samkabar Novella	5		1
Sylvakib China Toi	4	Q	
Tajens Crystal Snowflake	3		2
Tajens Ianthe	1		
Tajens Irredescent Opel	4	Q	
Tonkabella Hepzibah Hetty	2		2
Treedancer Lilac Korene	3		3
Tonkabella Joshua Jake	1		
	31	7	11
74d Red Tonkinese			
Adimsh Meilai Tu	3		
Adimsh Wong Mei	25	Q	16**
**Wizadora/Ekahi			
Adraysh Oli Tu	5	Q	
Coomakista Aceof Hearts	4		
Carash Queen Ofhearts	3		
Elfenjay Adreamer	1		1
Grimspound Red Majestic	4	Q	3
Keo Pioneer	7	Q	3
Romantica Remus	2		
Romantica Rodrigo Redsun	2		1
Romantica Rousseau	4	Q	2
Tajens Red Hotpoker	4	Q	2
Talofapuss Adonis	2		2
Tonkitu Kabuki	2		2
Tonkitu Kyoko	2		2
Tonkitu Xue Chen	3		3
	16	6	11
74e Tortie Tonkinese			
Adraysh Demeter	1		
Keo Princess Blossom	4	Q	
Keo Twilight	2		
Sylvakib Emily Maye	3		3
Tajens Unesco	1		
	5	1	1
74f Cream Tonkinese			
Adhush Atlas	10	Q	2
Adhush Kreemyteeny	2		
Adhush Mali Creme	7	Q	5
Adimsh Xin Wun	19	Q	12**
**Episcopuss/Ekhati			
Adraysh Bartholomew	10	Q	3
Adraysh Dawn Chorus	17	Q	4
Benzig Majic Keo	2		
Episcopuss Caesar	22	Q	4
Episcopuss Cassandra	4	Q	
Episcopuss Cressida	3		
Episcopuss Fabian	4	Q	1
Episcopuss Fernand	14	Q	8
Oakvil Tempura	9	Q	4
Talofapuss Androcles	6	Q	4

Trimorr Tzar Spaciba	4	Q	
	15	12	10
74h Chocolate Tortie Tonkinese			
Caveat Sweet Enchantress	7		7**
**Grimspound/Ekhati + Ishokats rosette			
Grimspound Caesarlass	2		
Rohese Sugarandspice	2		
	3		1
74j Lilac Tortie Tonkinese			
Adouzsh Tinka Tonk	1		
Allming Jasmin	2		
Allming Yasmin	1		
Episcopuss Europa	11	Q	4
Episcopuss Ianthe	6		1
Grimspound Lucy	1		
	6	1	2
74t Brown Tabby Tonkinese			
Bonzer Glennorange	7	Q	5
Bonzer Duskydawn	3		3
	2	1	2
74at Blue Tabby Tonkinese			
Bonzer Blu Tigre	1		1
Bonzer Moody Blues	3		3
	2		2
74bt Chocolate Tabby Tonkinese			
Bonzer Eldorado	1		
Bonzer Octopussy	8	Q	6**
**Ishokats rosette			
Bonzer Sukie	1		1
	3	1	1
146 cats shown			
38 cats qualified			
516 merits awarded			
192 merits awarded			
April 25th 1995			

** The Pictures Plus Special Award was donated by John Matthews of the Pictures Plus Gallery. It was a beautifully framed set of prints by Linda Jane Smith. And it was awarded to the best Lilac Tonkinese. Thank you to Bill Matthews for twisting his fathers arm, and as a bonus our members have been offered a 10% discount on framing at The Pictures Plus Gallery in Windsor. For details 'phone 01753 833668.

Q = Qualified for breed promotion.

Show Reports

- Our part time roving reporters are out and about bring us news from the shows..... the only problem is there aren't any -yet...this is one of the ideas I would like to put I into practice...when you are out and about visiting shows or stud owners, please take a few minutes to jot down who was around, how they were and how their cats were doing, send me this information along with which show you were attending and I can collate this into some very interesting reports, (I hope) remember no one could attend all the shows, but if everyone sent me just one report every month or so it would make a very clear overall picture of Tonks from all over the country. Please try to send me something. Thank You - Ed.

I had a letter from Chris Richards in Hampshire, her boy Romantica Remus (Jasper to his friends) had a wonderful day at the Essex Show (8/4/95), at the tender age of 10 months he beat Gr. Ch. Shimileeta Sapphire Prince (35) in the Any Variety Foreign Adult Class. Congratulations-this just goes to show how the Tonks are gaining!

Snippets

It's breed review time again and if you want your cats' achievements to be immortalised in print then you need to get busy now! Send your account to Alan Edwards, Craven Lodge, 1 Tolworth Road, Ipswich, IP4 5AU, and don't forget to include as much detail as possible. The TBC will be sending an overview, but it's up to you to send in photos (make sure that the cats' details plus your name and address are written on the back and that you include a sae for their return). Remember too that the best reproductions come from pictures with lighter backgrounds!

We will be taking a page advert in the Supreme catalogue similar to that in the Tonkinese breed feature in CATs. Obviously the price will be determined by how many of you take a breeders card but should in any case be no more than £10. We already have 18 slots booked so if you don't want to miss out contact Sarah NOW.

Included with your agm papers was a plea for donations to the rescue appeal in order that the Club might be in a position to acquire its own holding pen and run.. Sad to say few people made a contribution. No matter how small it all mounts up. Please send donations made out to TBC and marked on the back 'Rescue Appeal' to Mike Vousden.

The next issue of Tonkinfo should appear in August so the deadline for receiving copy will be July 16th. Advertising space is available to members at reasonable rates - £3 for a half page, £2 for a quarter page. Sarah may be able to scan logos and photos of good clear quality. Please remember that adverts may have to be reformulated to fit the pages. Make chques etc out to TBC and send to Sarah.

MYMYSTIC TONKINESE

of LANSDALE CATS (Mrs L Vousden)
are proud to announce the birth of 5 beautiful 1st generation
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FABIOLA BALLADEER (24b)
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PREDATOR MINNIE THEMOCHEER (27) aka. Shadow
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Please contribute to Tonkinfo,

- write letters, articles etc. and send them to me at 14 Hillfield Road London NW6 1PZ.

If possible please send articles and letters on a 3 1/2" disk with a printed version in at least 12 point size. (for the scanner) I promise to return all disks.

If you don't have access to a computer - send your stuff in any how!!!

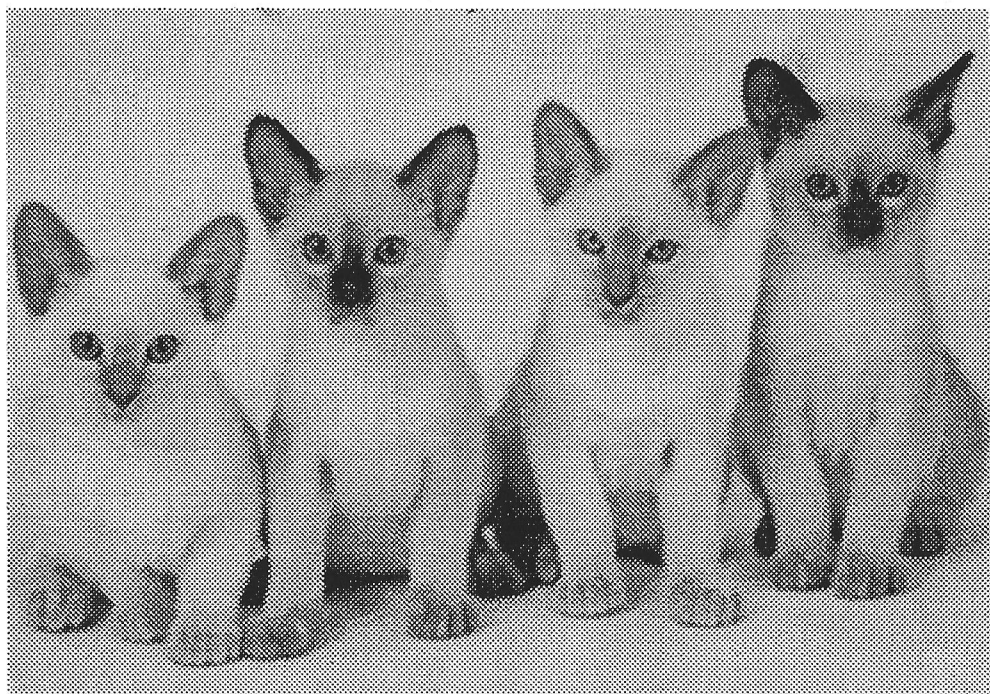
We want contributions!!!

Sarah Inigo Jones

Linda's note:-
(2011)

The many printing errors in
this issue are due to uncorrected
scanner errors.

Scanners were very expensive
& scarce when this issue
was printed. We were
lucky that Sarah had access
to one - see her editorial
notes.



EKHATI KITTENS (PHOTO: MARC HENRIE)

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