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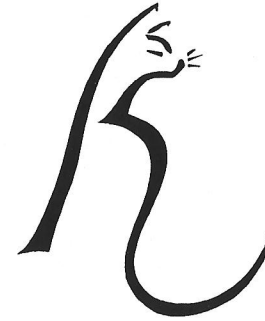
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Editorial

Hello,

and a very Happy Festive Season to everyone. Due to a slight technical hitch this will be arriving on your doorstep slightly later than planned, and by now I am sure the chill north winds will be whistling round the country, and my stone floor will resemble an ice rink in the morning! The best hot water bottle of all is still a huddle of 'Tonkinese' confirming my views that they truly are a 'cat for all seasons' although as the 'slight technical hitch' involved peeing Tonks and the computer, my husband does not agree with me!!! I have been awash with articles from you all, Thank You, Thank You, and have run out of space before I ran out of things to publish, so if your article is missing, please be patient. Can I please stress that articles printed here are the opinions of the people who write them, if I was to ignore all the articles that are sent to me that do not fit in with my own personal ethos, then I would be a dictator rather than an editor, I have great trust in all our members intelligence, and if some views do not concur with their own that they will make their own judgement. As a 'novice cat person' it is difficult to get a grasp of the basics to start with, however if you read at least three of the many current books available, and speak to as many 'seasoned' breeders as possible, I am sure you will end up with a balanced point of view. I hope your cats enjoy your turkey as much as you do (mine get nut loaf!!)



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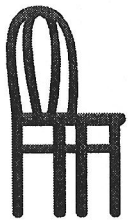
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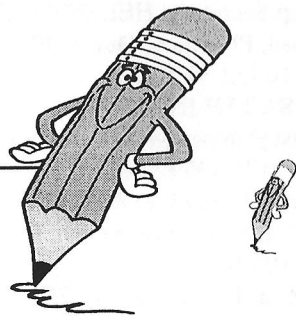
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

This edition of Tonkinfo gives me the opportunity to wish you and your cats a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you have had a (paw) hand to decorate the Christmas tree - are baubles there for human or cat enjoyment?

Whilst it is admittedly disappointing that the Tonkinese did not attain Provisional status for 1996, this shouldn't be taken too much to heart as it is rare for any application put before the G.C.C.F. to succeed the first time. Meanwhile, this breathing space gives breeders an opportunity to prove that the Tonkinese is indeed a breed in its own right by following the G.C.C.F. guidelines as will be reflected in the new registration policy. This document was discussed at the recent Open meeting held in London and the Breed Advisory Committee will no doubt inform us when the refined version meets with G.C.C.F. approval. Many people have mentioned to me that they have noticed improved uniformity of type on the show bench - this is great to see as it surely proves that we are striving towards a common aim - keep up the good work
Helen Barnes.



SECRETARY'S NOTES

(Mrs Linda Vousden)

I can hardly believe that we are already so close to Christmas and, more importantly, the National show at Olympia (December 9th). Once again the Tonkinese Breed Club will be well represented in the National's 'World of Cats' with four cats coloured from brown to lilac-tortie - so do come and see us. Thank-you to all those Club members who came along to visit us at our Club Row stand at the Supreme, there was an excellent turn-out of Tonks both in competition and on exhibition.

The next Tonk gathering is the Tonkinese BAC Seminar in January (more detail elsewhere in this issue). Those of you who were unable to attend the BAC discussion on October 22nd will be pleased to know that it was a most useful meeting and demonstrated that we are generally of the same mind regarding the Tonkinese breeding programme - that we should be looking to a gradual phasing-out of the use of Burmese and Siamese, allowing ourselves time to establish a healthy gene-pool. For more detail read Keith Scruton's article, the BAC will naturally advise/consult with us on any proposals at the appropriate time so don't go rushing off to change your current breeding plans, just bear in mind that the future of the Tonkinese lies in the eventual balanced breeding of Tonkinese to Tonkinese.

Not only are we coming up to Christmas but we are also coming up to *Subscription Renewal Time!* Don't forget to renew your subs on January 1st - send them to Mr M.J. Vousden (see address on committee list), cheques to be made out to the Tonkinese Breed Club please. Finally remember that I am always happy to hear from a Club member for a cat-chat on Tonks or other matters so don't hesitate to contact me. I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS!



TONKINESE BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEMINAR 1996

THE OFFICIAL TONKINESE BREED SEMINAR
will be held by the Tonkinese BAC on Sunday 7th January 1996,
at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1
from 10.30 until 4.30pm

The theme for this year's seminar is 'The Tonkinese Type'.

Judges, constituent club members (Tonkinese Breed Club) and non-members will be very welcome - entry will be limited and by ticket only so
book your tickets soon.

- ★ £3.00p to those persons providing cats
- ★ £6.00p to Judges and Tonkinese Breed Club members
- ★ £7.00p to non-members

Morning tea/coffee will be available, lunch will be included in the ticket price. All cheques/PO's to be made payable to the 'Tonkinese BAC'. Tickets will be available from Mrs L Vousden, Lansdale, 12 Robin Hood Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berks RG41 SLX

PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE



Oops! Sorry I seemed to have lost Mary & Doreen in the last issue. I blame the rift in the space time continuum. Mary was displaced by our logo and here is the end of Doreen's article "future nesting sites." Doreen Burke - Tonkitu Tribe

My regrets to both - Sarah



Report from the Breed Advisory Committee

Promotion of the Tonkinese

I expect you were as disappointed as the BAC when our application for promotion was rejected by the Executive Committee of the GCCF.

While 'tonkinese' have been recognised for many years wherever the burmese and the siamese genes come together, the continued use of Burmese and Siamese cats in the breeding of The Tonkinese has not allowed the breed to establish a fairly consistent, recognisable type. No other breed is allowed to continually make matings involving other breeds in the way in which we are doing at the present. To continually mate Siamese to Burmese because the progeny will all be 'tonkinese' does not constitute a breed. Equally every mating of a tonkinese back to a Siamese or Burmese is likely to produce a litter of kittens whose type ranges across a wide spectrum but more closely resemble that of the non-Tonkinese parent.

The Executive Committee is in effect saying that, in order to establish the Tonkinese Breed, matings need to be restricted to those between Tonkinese and Tonkinese to Tonkinese Variants, where the cats involved are of the best Tonkinese type available. Only in this way will you establish a stable breed where there is a limited range of type recognisable as Tonkinese and different from that of any other breed of cat.

Members who were present at the very well attended Open Meeting of the BAC held on 22 October considered correspondence from the GCCF and discussed ways of progressing the breed. It was agreed that the use of Burmese and Siamese cats in the breeding programmes for Tonkinese should be gradually phased out. To this end it was agreed to propose to the Executive Committee that the Registration Policy be amended as follows:

Kittens born on or after 1 January 1997 from the mating of a Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variant to a Burmese or Siamese shall be registered on the Reference Register.

Kittens born on or after 1 January 1999 from the mating of a Siamese to a Burmese shall be registered on the Reference Register.

It was felt that this timescale gave breeders an opportunity to reconsider current breeding programmes and make further initial crosses where they were deemed essential to provide sufficient unrelated lines for future breeding.

It is hoped to submit revised Breeding and Registration policies to the January 1996 meeting of the Executive Committee for approval by Council in February 1996.

Standard of Points

The Executive Committee has asked for clarification and amplification of several parts of our revised SOP. This work is now under way and the rewritten SOP will be circulated to members and be discussed at the 1996 Tonkinese Breed Club AGM prior to resubmission to Executive.

Keith Scruton
Chairman

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EXPECTATIONS FOR MATINGS BETWEEN BLACK, BLUE, CHOCOLATE
AND LILAC VARIETIES OF TONKINESE

Roy Robinson

The four basic colours of cats are black, blue, chocolate and lilac. The colours recur in many breeds and the Tonkinese is no exception. They are brought into being by two pairs of genes: blue dilution (d) and brown (b).

In heredity, black is the dominant colour and, consequently, the other three colours behave as recessive to it. Therefore, it is possible for black to carry any of these. These blacks are indicated in the above key by the letters d and b after the slash sign. For example black\d indicates that the cat is a black carrying blue

Blue and chocolate cannot carry black but either can carry lilac since both colours are dominant to lilac. These cats are indicated as blue\l and choc\l, respectively. Finally, lilac cannot carry any of the other colours hence it will breed true if mated to another lilac.

The expectations for the colours are shown as ratios among the kittens. Several litters from the same mating would be required for these to be approximated in practical breeding. The single figure 1 for a few matings means that all the kittens will be of the colour (or 100%).

Apart from giving the expectations when the breeding type of parent is known; the colours of kittens can be a guide to the type of parent if it is unknown. For example, suppose that a black mated to blue has given black and blue kittens, hence the black is clearly not pure black but a carrier. That is, either black\d (probably) or even black\l. The black is a carrier of blue or perhaps lilac.

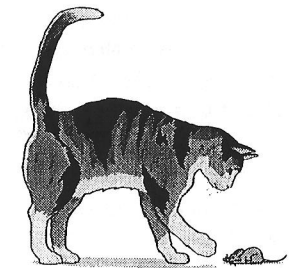
The expectations apply to within the self or tabby series of varieties. If matings are made between the cats of the series, remember that tabby is dominant to self. Hence, tabby can be pure breeding or carry self. Tabby carrier mated to tabby carrier will produce tabby and self kittens in an expected 3:1 ratio. Tabby carrier mated to self will produce tabby and self kittens in an expected 1:1 ratio. Self mated to self will only breed self kittens.

Tabby and self patterns are inherited independently of colour. Consequently, with a little ingenuity the expectations in terms of tabby versus self in relation to the inheritance of colour can easily be worked out. It only requires application and a little knowledge of Mendelian heredity.

Expectations for matings between the colour varieties of Tonkinese

Mating		Black	Blue	Choc	Lilac
Black	Black	1			
Black	Black\d	1			
Black	Black\b	1			
Black	Black\l	1			
Black	Blue	1			
Black	Blue\l	1			
Black	Choc	1			
Black	Choc\l	1			
Black	Lilac	1			
Black\d	Black\d	3	1		
Black\d	Black\b	1			
Black\d	Black\l	3	1		
Black\d	Blue	1	1		
Black\d	Blue\l	1			
Black\d	Choc	1			
Black\d	Choc\l	3	1		
Black\d	Lilac	1	1		
Black\b	Black\d	1			
Black\b	Black\l	3		1	
Black\b	Blue	1			
Black\b	Blue\l	1		1	
Black\b	Choc	1		1	
Black\b	Choc\l	1		1	
Black\b	Lilac	1		1	
Black\l	Black\l	9	3	3	1
Black\l	Blue	1	1		
Black\l	Blue\l	3	3	1	1
Black\l	Choc	1		1	
Black\l	Choc\l	3	1	3	1
Black\l	Lilac	1	1	1	1
Blue	Blue		1		
Blue	Blue\l		1		
Blue	Choc	1			
Blue	Choc\l	1			
Blue	Lilac		1		
Blue\l	Blue\l		3		1
Blue\l	Choc	1		1	
Blue\l	Choc\l	1	1	1	1
Blue\l	Lilac		1		1
Choc	Choc			1	
Choc	Choc\l			1	
Choc	Lilac			1	
Choc\l	Choc\l			3	1
Choc\l	Lilac			1	1
Lilac	Lilac				1

Key:
 Black Pure Black
 Black\d Black carrying blue
 Black\b Black carrying chocolate
 Black\l Black carrying lilac
 Blue Pure Blue
 Blue\l Blue carrying lilac
 Choc Pure chocolate
 Choc\l Chocolate carrying lilac
 Lilac Pure Lilac



FLAT CHESTEDNESS IN KITTENS

The following is a report on the results of an investigation into flat chestedness in Burmese kittens carried out at the Feline Centre, Langford with particular reference to the role of taurine in the condition.

INTRODUCTION

Flat chested kittens (FCKs) have been reported in most breeds of cats including domestic short hairs (DSHs), however, they are seen significantly more frequently in Burmese kittens. More recently, prompting this article, a number of litters of FCKs in Burmese related breeds, notably Tonkinese and Bombays, have been brought to my attention. A similar condition is also reported in Bengal cats, though its aetiology and prognosis may be different. Two thoracic deformities are commonly encountered in kittens - pectus excavatum (funnel chest) and flat chest. On occasions both conditions are seen in the same kitten.

Pectus Excavatum occurs in many species including man where it can occur as an autosomal dominant. In man there is a strong bias toward males (4:5:1). Fourteen cases of pectus excavatum are reported in the veterinary literature, eight of which were in DSHs and interestingly seven of the eight were male kittens. In cats pectus excavatum is sporadic and there is no evidence of a familial inheritance.

Flat Chest probably represents a distinct group unrelated to funnel chest. FCKs have a generally flat, not S-shaped sternum, the rib deformities beginning more cranially (toward the head) creating a sharp angular deformity at the costochondral junction. A marked dip in the spine over the shoulder blades (thoracic kyphosis) is seen in about 30% of cases. The defect is not always present at birth and may develop during the first week or two of life. If the kitten survives, the deformities usually become less noticeable beyond 3-4 months of age, although the kyphosis may remain. Several but rarely all kittens in a litter may be affected.

Mode of Inheritance - Several studies have been undertaken by the Burmese Cat Club (BCC) over the

past 15 years to try to establish the cause of flat chests. If flat chestedness is an inherited condition with a genetic basis then it would be related to the stud used, with a proportion of kittens in a litter affected. The conclusions of the studies strongly suggest that there is a genetic basis but the mode of inheritance is likely to be complex, possibly involving more than one gene, the expression of which may depend on other external factors. The studies showed that 7.7% of all Burmese litters have one or more FCKs. Overall this represents about 2-3% of all Burmese kittens born. The studies also suggested that a stud would have to have sired many FCK-free litters before it would be reasonable to conclude that he would be unlikely to carry FCK factor(s). Similarly a queen would have to have several FCK-free litters to different studs before she could be similarly classified. The data also suggests that FCK factor(s) is widely spread in Burmese cats perhaps being carried by 2/3rd of all cats. All the conclusions from these studies depend on the accuracy of the answers given by the individual breeders. In our work we have seen a great variety in the degree of deformity seen in different kittens, two of the FCK were only identified on close examination of the litter. This would tend to give the impression of a lower incidence of flat chests than actually occurs and may have placed some queens/studs in the wrong group in the BCC studies. The variability in the degree of deformities again supports the argument that there are multiple factors governing the expression of flat chestedness. Despite these concerns there is good evidence provided by these studies for the genetic basis of flat chests and that both stud and queen owners need to take responsibility for this condition.

There have been some suggestions of a correlation between flat chestedness and a number of other factors such as body type or the use of calcium supplements. However these links are tenuous, based on quite small groups and may in fact represent the result of attempts to prevent flat chests

e.g. by supplementing the queen during subsequent pregnancies.

PRESENT STUDY

In order to try to look more closely at the possible mechanisms involved in the development of flat chestedness a study was designed by the Feline Centre at Langford in collaboration with the WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition to look at the possible role of taurine in the development of the condition. Low taurine intake has been associated with the development of heart disease (dilated cardiomyopathy) and blindness (central retinal degeneration) in cats. Taurine has been shown to play a vital role in the normal function of excitable tissue such as muscles and nerves. In more recent studies investigations have shown that feeding pregnant queens low levels of taurine in their diet can affect their reproductive performance resulting in spontaneous resorption, abortion and stillbirths. Surviving kittens tend to have lower body weights and poorer weight gain. A number of congenital deformities have been described in kittens born to queens fed on low taurine diets including an abnormal hind limb gait, poor muscle bulk and hydrocephalus. More significantly, from the point of view of FCKs, kittens may exhibit ventral curvature of the thoracic spine and dorsoventral flattening of the thoracic cavity. This deformity improved with time and was not apparent as adults. This description is remarkably similar to the description of FCKs and made us wonder whether taurine was involved in the aetiology of FCK. Taurine has previously been implicated in a number of other breed related problems in Burmese cats such as cardiomyopathy.

Study Design - Whole blood samples were obtained from both Burmese kittens and queens. The samples were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen to prevent alteration of the taurine levels and sent to the WALTHAM Centre for analysis. Whole frozen blood was used as it better represents whole body taurine status than measurements of plasma taurine levels. A questionnaire was designed to obtain information about queens' diet and previous reproductive history with particular reference to FCKs. Each kitten sampled was closely examined and the type and severity of deformity described. A number of questionnaires were also completed from households where it was not possible to obtain blood samples from the kittens and their dam. A few non-Burmese kittens were also sampled to provide an age matched comparison as little data is available on whole blood taurine levels in young kittens (table 1).

TABLE 1

	SURVEY INFORMATION	BLOOD SAMPLED
Burmese stud cats	36	0
Burmese queens	28	14
Non-Burmese queens	N/A	4
Burmese litters	53	14
Burmese kittens	283	59
Non-Burmese kittens	N/A	10
FCKs	63	17

STUDY RESULTS

The questionnaire was primarily designed to obtain information of the queens and kittens, particularly FCKs. As such it does not represent a general survey of Burmese cast in the UK.

Stud cats - Information on stud cats was provided only in relation to a particular queen's litter. 36

stud cats were used siring 53 litters. Of these, 7 studs (9 litters) had sired no FCKs. Litter size averaged 5.3 kittens (± 1.3), normal for the breed.

Queens - 25 of the 28 queens in the survey had had one or more FCKs, the remaining 3 queens were all primiparous and could not therefore be classified as non-FCK breeders. For this reason all data from Burmese queens are considered as a single group. The average age of the queens was 40 months (± 25). Diets fed to the queens and kittens were very variable and are illustrated in table 2 (by household rather than individual queen).

TABLE 2	MAJOR COMPONENT	EXCLUSIVELY
	FED AT ALL	MAJOR COMPONENT
Dry food	95%	25%
Wet food	75%	5%
Water	100%	55%
Raw meat/eggs	30%	5%
Fresh, cooked meat/eggs	75%	10%
Scraps	30%	0%
Milk/evaporated milk	30%	0%
Gravy	15%	0%

The diet fed did not have a significant effect on the whole body taurine levels of the queens (fig. 2). The use of various supplements was widespread, nearly 70% of queens being given some form of supplementation during pregnancy/lactation (table 3) despite being fed a complete diet.

TABLE 3	No supplement	Calcium	Vitamin/mineral	Calcium & vitamin/mineral
% of queens (28)	32	21	32	14

Kittens - Of the 24 litters with FCKs 11 queens had had previous litters with FCKs, 4 had had no previous FCKs and for 9 queens it was their first litter. Of the 46 FCKs where some history was available the most consistent feature (other than the chest deformity) was poor weight gain - seen in 75% of cases. Reduced activity was noted in about a 1/3rd of kittens. A quarter of kittens had spinal deformities, 4 of 46 also had pectus excavatum. Other defects noted were swollen abdomen (2/46), heart defect (2/46) and splayed limbs (3/46). 26% of kittens in FCK litters were flat chested, the survival rate of all kittens in these litters was 76%.

Flattening of the chest is rarely present at birth, the average age at which the kittens were recorded as flat chested was 9.5 days (± 5.3) (fig.3). Of the 17 FCKs blood sampled the majority (12) had mild to moderate thoracic deformities, 3 had transient changes and 2 were severely affected. The coat colour of most kittens sampled was recorded, it is interesting to note that no FCKs had lilac coats (a double recessive colour) (fig.4).

WHOLE BLOOD TAURINE RESULTS

The normal range for whole blood taurine (WBT) is considered to be between 200 and 600 umol/litre, whether this is also applicable to kittens is unclear as data for a normal range in this group is not available. The majority of Burmese queens (11/14) and all non-Burmese queens (4/4) had WBT levels within this range compared to only 12/59 (20%) of Burmese kittens and 6/10 (60%) of non-Burmese kittens. Burmese kittens have significantly higher WBT levels than Burmese queens. The average WBT level in FCKs is higher than that in non-FCKs, 789 umol/litre vs. 702 umol/litre (Fig.5). WBT levels were not affected by the sex of the kitten or whether the kittens had been weaned. A trend toward the gradual decline in taurine levels with age was noted, but this was not significant. When blood taurine levels in the kittens were compared to that of their dam less than 10% (6/61) had taurine levels lower than the queen. Taurine levels were more closely related to the queen's blood level when the kittens were still suckling.

The results from the WBT studies were contrary to initial expectations of reduced blood levels as occurred in kittens fed on low taurine diets in studies into the development of cardiomyopathy. In order to assess whether these elevated taurine levels also occurred in the body tissue (particularly muscle) kittens which had died or were euthanased, by the referring veterinary surgeons, due to the severity of their flat chests were post-mortemed and tissue samples obtained. Tissue samples from kittens which died of other causes were used for comparison (table 4). Heart muscle levels were remarkably consistent and lower than non-Burmese kittens, skeletal muscle levels were less consistent but higher than non-Burmese. Liver and kidney levels were similar to the quoted normal range.

TABLE 4 Tissue taurine results(umol/g net weight) - mean \pm standard deviation

	Heart	Muscle	Liver	Kidney	Brain
FCK	8.37 \pm 0.58	11.43 \pm 2.18	7.57 \pm 2.7	7.03 \pm 1.38	9.57 \pm 1.59
ALL Burmese	8.41 \pm 0.54	11.1 \pm 2.82	7.91 \pm 2.25	7.2 \pm 1.62	9.83 \pm 1.6
Non Burmese	10.29 \pm 4.56	10.31	4.52 \pm 1.65	5.27 \pm 1.9	7.03 \pm 2.9
Normal	12.9 \pm 4.7	9.36 \pm 3.46	9.37 \pm 3.95	6.58 \pm 1.97	3.88 \pm 11.7*

* range depending on site of sample

'Normal' refers to previously reported tissue taurine levels in new born kittens, notably by Sturman, J.A Physiological Reviews (1993); 73: 119-147.

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

- i) The majority of queens' WBT levels were within the reference range.
- ii) The majority of Burmese kittens had WBT levels above the reference range. This may in part be an age effect.
- iii) Taurine levels are not significantly affected by age of kitten or weaning.
- iv) The poor weight gain seen in FCK is primarily due to inadequate nutritional intake. Significant

- heart disease is also present in some kittens.
- v) From the analysis of diet and supplements no strong pattern seems to have emerged regarding food type or the feeding of supplements.
- vi) Flat chests appear less commonly in lilac kittens.
- vii) Results from tissue taurine analysis suggest lower heart muscle and higher skeletal muscle taurine levels than expected.

Burmese kittens appear to have abnormal whole blood and tissue taurine levels, however, the significance of this in relationship to the development of flat chest is unclear, though a number of studies have reported abnormally elevated taurine level associated with muscular dystrophies in man, hamsters and chickens. The clinical appearance of FCKs, time of development and its very transient nature (hours in some kittens) strongly implicates a defect in excitable tissue which could be consistent with abnormalities in taurine metabolism or transportation. Unfortunately in living kittens this is a dynamic situation as taurine moves in and out of muscle cells during muscular contraction and is affected by other factors, potassium for example making investigation difficult.

The genetics of inheritance of flat chest is not known, however, the possible variations in incidence with coat colour may provide an interesting in sight. Further investigation is clearly required but a number of potential problems do exist.

What advice can we give to breeders for future litters?

- i) Flat chestedness has a significant inherited component, our feeling is that there are management or environmental factors that influence the expression of the FCK gene(s), accounting for the irregular occurrence in some queens.
- ii) Both studs and queens contribute to the flat chested syndrome.
- iii) It would be unwise to breed from known FCK.
- iv) It would be impractical to advise not breeding from studs or queens that have had FCKs as this would limit the gene pool too much and risk swapping one inherited problem for another!
- v) Where possible known FCK producing queens should not be bred with known FCK producing studs.
- vi) It is very tempting after having FCK in a litter to make changes to the queen's diet, supplementation or environment etc. before the next litter. There is no evidence that this will be of any benefit and this could make the situation worse.
- vii) Regular weighing of kittens in litters that may be at risk will often allow early detection of flat chests (and other problems) leading to a more rapid treatment (Fig.6).

What should I do with a FCK?

Nutritional support for moderately to severely affected FCK is important and should begin early. However it is difficult to achieve adequate amounts of food intake unless a stomach tube is used. No treatments, such as calcium supplements or vitamins, have been shown to be effective in FCK. If the kitten is severely affected and distressed the majority will eventually die, in which case euthanasia may be the best option. If they survive, most FCK have a normal life expectancy and are happy cats - some have even been placed at shows!

What does this mean for the Tonkinese?

Clearly FCKs are a major problem in the Burmese breed and, as mentioned in the introduction, cases are occurring in the Tonkinese. As always it is up to the individual breed society to make decisions on potentially heritable problems. I hope this article serves to highlight the problem, explain some of the on-going work in the area and stimulate discussion within the society. The Feline Centre at Langford is always happy to assist in the investigation of cases or to act as a confidential source for data collection to allow the degree of the problem to be assessed.

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Kit Sturgess, Feline Centre, Langford

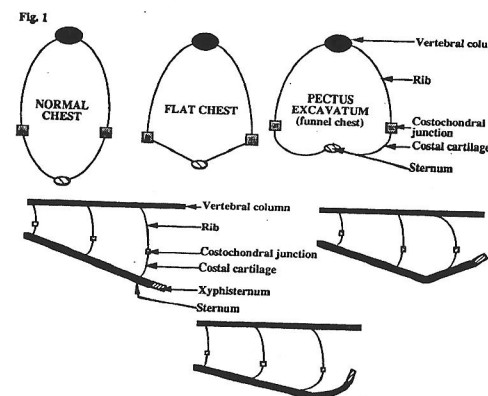
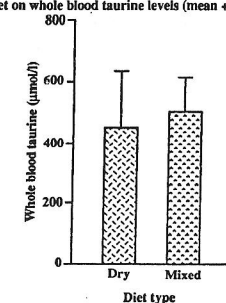


Fig. 1

Fig. 2 Effect of diet on whole blood taurine levels (mean + standard deviation)



Age at which kitten recorded as flat chested

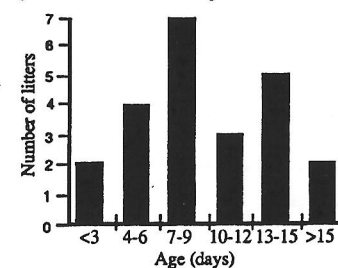


Fig. 4

Association between coat colour and flat chestedness

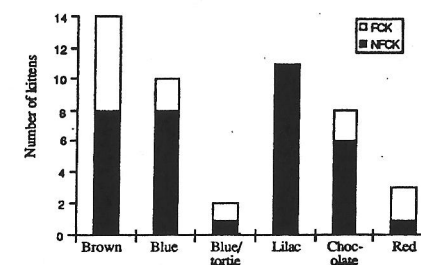
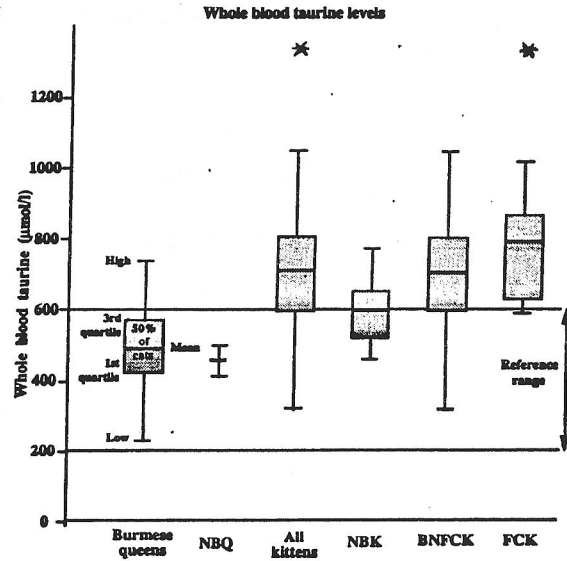
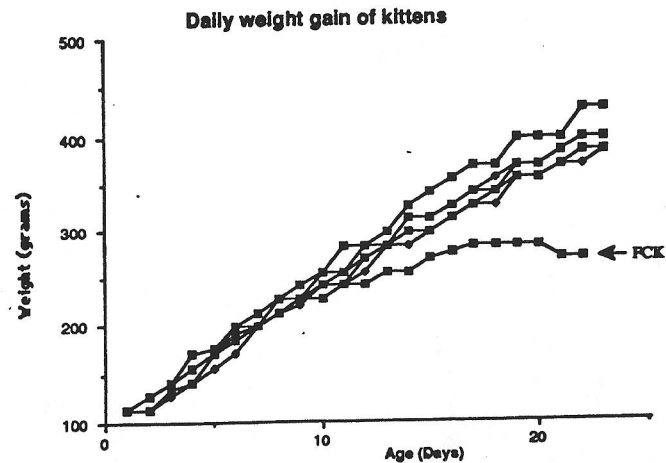


Fig. 5



NBQ = non-Burmese queens
 NBK = non-Burmese kittens
 BNFCK = Burmese, non-flat chested kittens
 * = single outlying value

Fig. 6



THE *tonkinese* BREED CLUB

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THE FIRST TONKINESE BREED CLUB SHOW - 2.11.1996

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I am honoured to be voted "Show Manager" by the show committee. (The straws were of different length, mine was the shortest!!!)

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) have granted the Tonkinese Breed Club a show licence enabling us to hold our first Exemption show on the 2nd November 1996. The venue, Lincombe Folk Barn, Downend, Bristol, will be popular with many of you because of its easy access to the M4 & M5 motorway, (just 5 minutes to the M4)

Please make a note in your diary for the 2nd November 1996! If you are owned by a Tonkinese and have never shown before there is lots of help and advice available to you from within our Committee on how to 'go about it'.

It is quite ambitious for a new breed to hold their own show but we do have the advantage of knowing that since 1991 a tremendous number of Tonkinese have been shown throughout the country, turning out in 'armies' to some shows.

This Exemption show is the first rung on the ladder which leads eventually to our own Championship show. (2002? Imshalla!) It is the perfect accolade for a cat to do well at its own breed show and to be judged against other cats of the breed. There will be a good selection of classes and judges from which to choose. Lots of beautiful Rosettes to be won and Show Trophies to earn and 'clean for a year!'

Schedules will be available from early August and will be sent out upon receipt of a large S.A.E. You don't have to be member of any club to enter this show. Competitive classes will be for the Tonkinese and for Household Pets. There will be an exhibition of other breeds and a 'Best Decorated Pen' competition and 'Best in Show' exhibits from both the Tonkinese and the Non-Pedigree sections. If your Tonkinese has either a Siamese or Burmese (variant) coat pattern I hope that you will bring him (or her) along as we have a golden opportunity to 'show off' the Tonks who are not generally seen at shows.

I am very pleased to have Sarah Inigo-Jones as my assistant. I am assured by the Committee of their support and help.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions (polite ones!) or would like to offer their services or talents, or perhaps donate a trophy please do not hesitate to contact either Sarah or me. Our telephone numbers and addresses are at the front of the magazine.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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INTRODUCING ALESSI

The words "I think we ought to send in an article to Tonkinfo" cut through the air like a hot knife through butter. I tried to ignore it, pretending I was deaf but I couldn't cope. I looked up and contact was made. "Yes dear, we must" said I trying to sound as non committal as possible, but it was no good she who must be obeyed had made a decision and that was that, so here goes! ! !

Well we've been breeding cats for a while now (we're just starting our sixth year) we being Jenny and Dave, I'm the latter, you know Dave, just in case you weren't sure..Ahem! ! I'll carry on. Initially it was just Siamese, over a period of time we obtained several queens and eventually our Stud boy "Mouse" (Rocheros Emperor), we'd heard about Tonks and we were gradually edging towards maybe breeding some, when a short 3 day visit to our Stud boy Mouse by young Helen Barne's lovely brown girl Tana kind of clinched it, I think it was the eyes that did it, that gorgeous aquamarine colour catches and holds your attention quickly and easily, well we decided to invest in some Burmese girls and off we went.

Our first litter of Tonks gave us three lovely kittens, 2 blue boys who just grew and grew, and a lovely brown girl who was almost flawless, we decided to keep the girl to show and eventually breed from, but it wasn't to be because a mix up in a kitten booking resulted in us letting her go to a lady in Birmingham (but that's another story) and that's the way it seems to have gone on. We would breed a litter of Tonks pick out the one we wanted and then soft heartedly let it go as a pet to the nice couple who always seem to turn up and touch our heart strings at the right moment for them, but the wrong moment for us. That is until

Alessi turned up, he was a litter of one which didn't phase him or his mom Cassie (a gorgeous chocolate tortie Burmese), he grew up in my daughter Kelly's room and was obviously spoilt. With no competition at feeding times he grew and grew into a handsome chocolate Tonk, this was the one we were going to finally keep and nothing and no one was going to get him from us.

He was entered into the South Western Counties Cat Show in Torquay in September and gained his merit, didn't disgrace himself the side classes and had a good write up. He wasn't upset and in Typical Tonk fashion simply enjoyed the occasion.

Alessi is now 9 months old and a big strapping boy, he is to us (of course) perfect with excellent eye colour, superb temperament and a lovely shade of chocolate to boot.

We are now hard at work planning his future, a couple of shows early next year, the Kernow and then on to the Somerset. We will then be introducing him to the job all stud boys enjoy, entertaining the ladies. He will eventually be placed on the club stud list and will be available for work late next year.

Alessi is above all a lovely cat affectionate and athletic and is as far as our Tonk breeding programme is concerned the way forward!



Even More 'Aspects of Life with Beryl' (The Peril!)

At the tender age of 2 Beryl surrendered herself to a handsome young man by the name of Murphy. (Coomakista Ace of Hearts) having spurned the advances of previous suitors and ceased to be a 'Maiden'.

In view of Beryl's rather 'individual' personality a normal pregnancy was not to be expected. She had spent many happy times rooting and reading the piles of 'cat' literature lying around her human's office and had learned much! Her attitude was such that no other cat had produced kittens before and she was about to create history. She therefore deemed herself to be 'top cat' much to the great annoyance of the senior members of the household. They, of course, expressed their feelings in no uncertain manner. Challenges, outright invitations to battle ensued. Beryl was learning fast that it took more than an aggressive stance to be 'top cat' and received the usual wounds. The first abscess developed after a one minute bout with Grandma. (The unquestioned head of the family.) She accepted, very reluctantly her place was to be at least second. The next wound came when she fought her way into Murphy's domain and thanked him for putting her in this 'state'. He, gentle soul, only sniffed and said how about it? That was enough, the poor chap had to defend himself from her onslaught. Abscess number two!

How about some morning sickness? That should excite my human a little. It did. She then received a diet of gently cooked chicken breast, salmon, (not tuna!) and anything else humans were eating that the dear soul fancied. The human realised this was another ploy when she was discovered happily munching biscuits and stealing her sisters food.

Time passed and the day was in sight. Time to select a nest site. It has to be at least human standard so how about the bed? It was 2 am when the dear soul woke her human by nudging and gently washing her face. There are some things you cannot ignore and Beryl's advances is one of them. Paw was duly held for six hours without much sign of progress. By 9am a tail appeared. Problems! Charge to veterinary surgery and after a little operation three beautiful kittens were born. (That was one more than was expected)

Perhaps it is not so bad being a mum after all. They are mine, absolutely no-one may come and visit. After 72 hours the young mother had removed all but one of the stitches. Out comes the Vet to visit. (huge expense of course) The decision was made to leave well alone and apply a little cream. Beryl didn't like the cream! Her babies may not like the flavour! So, off with cream and out with the last stitch.

Three weeks on and weaning is about to begin. Will Beryl have her own ideas on weaning? Horror of horrors, two of the babies are girls and look very much like their Mother. Will they have her personality and temperament?

Beryl is Tonkitu's Wong Mei, a Red Tonkinese lady who has become quite well known, one way or the other....

Doreen Burke
Tonkitu Tonkinese

THREE AT ONCE MEANS

At a show in July I received friendly warnings about the trouble I was letting myself in for by taking on three Foreign kittens. I was told they were much naughtier than moggy kittens could ever be. Well, what I want to know is: when does all this special naughtiness start? I had four of my present 'Moggy Mob' from 3 months of age, and the antics that Henry and Teddy got up to made me get grey hairs then, this was 4 years ago now - just a couple of examples of their antics: they chewed through the wire of a Dustbuster when it was charging the battery (we didn't think they could get on top of the wardrobe where the machine had been placed, supposedly for safety); Henry running round and the round the room, gathering enough speed to eventually run up the walls and over the windows like a Wall of Death Rider, stopping on the back of the settee, panting like mad, and then starting again. I had never had boys as kittens before, only girls, and thought this was why they were so naughty. The other dangers of having 4 kittens rushing about like a tidal wave were just part of life at the time. THEN, when I got a little tortie moggie and she started doing things - egged on, of course, by Henry who loved her from first sight - like climbing up my net curtains and going across the top - just like you see in Jeremy Beadle's video programme, I just put this down to the fact that she is a 'naughty tortie'. I have had kittens thieving cold meat cuts from my shopping bag already, so Bruno and Buster doing this is nothing unusual, I should know to put cold meat in the 'fridge before putting cat tins away. So ..., as I was told that Foreign kittens are worse than ordinary kittens, what ARE they going to get up to? When can I start relaxing and stop worrying because I haven't been under

the tension I expected since the 'Glorious Twelfth' of August when I brought them home from Linda's? Why aren't I a nervous wreck, instead of just waiting for them to be extremely naughty? Mind you, I must admit that there have been a couple of occasions when I have felt like packing one of them at least back to Linda. I was woken one night by noises from the kitchen. I found the 3 kittens belting round the worktops, with Bruno holding a teaspoon in his mouth. He was dropping this on a glass chopping board, pushing it round, picking it up and dropping it again and so on. Made a LOVELY noise, he said. I took the spoon away and put it in a drawer - I KNOW it's not hygienic but if I'd put it in the washing-up bowl he would just have retrieved it, wouldn't he? The look I got - that was MY toy, not yours. He jumped down and proceeded to anchor himself round my leg. THEN I couldn't get back to sleep again. As I have been revising for an exam and need all the sleep I can get I was not very pleased with young Bruno. Perhaps he will get better when he is neutered - my husband says we can live in hope! Bruno is the naughtiest, but speaks nicely - usually saying he's hungry not that he's sorry!! Buster is so affectionate, and Bunty is just unique as everyone who has met her absolutely agrees - well, one bat of those gorgeous eyelashes and people are putty in her paws. Bob, our vet, nearly drools over her. She just takes all this admiration as part of her 'Charter of What Bunty is Allowed To Do' - this being whatever Bunty wants to do at the time. AND she gets away with it - no-one can tell her off without feeling a real rotter. Am I just lucky that I have the only three Tonkinese kittens ever known that are relatively well-behaved, or is that I had some exceptionally naughty moggies and am already past being shocked by Tonkinese behaviour? OR could it be that Linda's glorious Fable had trained these babies to behave?! SO, all in all, I think I am very lucky to have been given the chance to have these 3 lovely kittens. I cannot thank Linda and Mike enough for letting

us have them, but I do wish Linda wouldn't laugh so much when I tell her what they've been up to! I certainly don't agree that Foreign kittens are naughtier than moggies, but perhaps they are sometimes just a little more inventive. I am proud to be owned by 5 moggies and 3 tonks.

Kathy Wilkinson

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LETTERS - NEWS & VIEWS



Dear Ed,

I have put together a few of my thoughts and ideas on the Tonkinese. Some of which are in response to articles in Tonkinfo and some from my own repertoire of experience. I would be very interested to hear other views on some of the topics. Colour changes.. I have noticed that the difference in the way in which the Tonkinese coat pattern emerges in kittens varies in different breed line, as I expect others of you have too.. Some matings I can tell when the colours start to develop that they will be, i.e. Tonk pattern or variant. But with some they can develop a dark coat as in a Burmese pattern and then gradually lighten in the body to a good Tonk pattern. Another mating produces very light coats that darken very late (12 to 20 weeks) into the Tonk pattern. I have found on the whole, that the former produces a better brown or chocolate and the latter better blues and lilac. I have had some really good blues with a light blue body and proper contrasting points. Some on the show bench do not have the correct contrast, being hard to tell between a Burmese pattern.

It is very important now to only breed from the best of the litter and discourage indiscriminate breeding just for the sake of producing lots of Tonkinese. We must aim high or the breed will never be accepted in it's own right. A good breeder only sells a very small percentage for breeding, and should be fully aware of the breed lines that are to be used when that kitten is eventually bred from. For such a wide gene pool it's a shame the breed has a multitude of the same cat line appearing again and again. This is so wrong, for when moving up the generations there will be no where to go. They will all be related some where. I was very annoyed and astounded some one had bought a male kitten from a client of mine that had visited one of my studs. This kitten is now at stud with not so much as a courtesy phone call let alone consultation with me. (even though this is requested in the Stud agreements of all my boys.) No wonder GCCF thinks we are not ready for further progression of the breed! We don't seem able to consult on even the minor point of a breed programme. I had better come off the boil a bit and as if any one has noticed that a Siamese pattern variant shows a red eye when held to the day light, (with care of course) from a very early age. I read with interest Linda Vousdens comment that the only difference between a Tonkinese and a Tonkinese variant is the coat pattern and eye colour and beg to differ on that assumption . The books may say this is so but 12 years of breeding Tonkinese has taught me that the variant can relate to the breed it mimic in both character and type. I have seen both variant patterns that unless you knew other wise, you would swear they were of the 'founder' breeds. That is why both Burmese and Siamese breeders may show some animosity to the breed and are concerned that great care is taken to ensure they are only bred from in the right hands and not used 'falsely'. I have views on the breeding from variants but won't bore you with that now! (If you're not already nodding off.)

Whilst on the breeding aspect I would like to reply to Chris Richards views on inbreeding and just say that, without inbreeding there would be no pedigree cats as we know the or all the various colours. But I think we know what she means in respect of the Tonkinese. (As pointed out previously.) A little light hearted thought on the human inbreeding though, what about all the Royal pedigrees and indiscretion's. Hmmm!!!

Now more seriously, Trisha Jenkins article on kitten tips was a little alarming, it is to much to the point and does not give enough explanation leaving the novice breeder in fear of their next kitting.

There is so much on kitting it is perhaps a little dangerous to generalise, but I would like to enlarge a little in response to some worried phone calls. Once a kittens limbs or limb appears it is most unusual for the queen not to expel the kitten herself even if taking a little while to do so. Breach births are quite normal with up to 40% being born breach. They can take longer as all the movements from the kitten are the wrong way round! I had two litters of all breach births earlier this year with only one needing a little assistance with a stuck head. (The kittens often use little front feet to prise the head out themselves.) Be very careful when removing fluid from a kittens lungs. Shaking is not recommended, but a gentle firm grip around the kitten supporting the head and a swift but careful downward swing should do the trick, this can be done several times if necessary, this will help get air into the lungs as well as remove fluid. Make sure there is nothing in the way to impede this movement! If a kitten appears lifeless but looks as if everything is all right otherwise, don't give up. massage with a towel, blow gently into the mouth and massage the heart I did this for 12 minutes once to no avail, I put kit on to a hot water bottle and covered him up to return to mum for the next kitten. 5 minutes later I noticed the cover moving, he'd made it. (I am not suggesting there was no life there, but if there was it was too slight to see and had the kitten been taken away as dead it would have indeed been so shortly after!)

You should always arrange things so as to be there at kitting, I think that goes without saying. In over 500 kittens I have only missed one birth and that was covered by my daughter.

The point about afterbirths is important, just remembering that twins are not too uncommon and can share the same afterbirth.

Now a touchy subject, should we sever the kittens cords and dip in the old rooting powder or not!! no seriously, this topic has been a subject of discussion for many years I can assure you. From Tricia's article its suggested the queen was the cause of the infected cords and although this can be so, it can also be just as likely to have come from other sources, i.e. bedding, hands, airborne. Even when seeming to be thoroughly clean.

If proved by testing to have come from the Queen she can be treated with antibiotics to clear the bacteria and shouldn't have more kittens until clear. kittens can also be treated if spotted right away with good results.

Having discussed this with one of my vets she agreed with me on these points and that unless the queen doesn't want to know, is too enthusiastic in her cleaning, or gets very tired, it is best left to her to detach the cords. It is not a job for the novice anyway and needs supervision if not done before. If it does need to be done have a pair of blunt ended sterile scissors handy and use a sawing action rather than a straight cut, as this is similar to the queens chewing action and will help the healing process. Most experienced breeders use their WELL scrubbed disinfected finger nails to good effect. Iodine based sterilise is still often used as a germ killer, or antibiotic powder, if the need is felt to dab something on to the cord end. Savlon doesn't kill all germs and can also

impair the healing process.(Its excellent for use around the home though, I'm not knocking it.) But the most important advice is to avoid interference if possible, but be there to comfort and rub the tummy, available if you are needed and don't panic! happy kitting.
This is Diana Waters signing off. (At last).

Dear Editor

With reference to the Summer 1995 Tonkinfo, I feel very strongly about the item titled 'Cord Infection and Kitting Tips' submitted by Tricia Jenkinson,. I was appalled by the sentence in the second paragraph I ALWAYS TRY TO BE WITH MY QUEENS WHEN THEY GIVE BIRTH; BUT OF COURSE THIS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE. One must always be with the queen when she gives birth. I have only been breeding Siamese for the last five years, but I taken time off work, three days either side of the given date, and if I do have to go out, i.e. shopping, I make sure she is OK and I leave for no more than an hour even if I come back to check and then go out again. I would never dream of not being there, there are so many horror stories of queens having kittens in different parts of the house etc. One would lose all the kittens and possibly the queen herself.

This item could seriously mislead a novice breeder and it is only thanks to my 'oracle' Diana Waters that I have been able to do things the correct way and that includes being present for kitting, amongst all the other things she has helped me with. In fact I don't think I would have been able to continue with breeding if it had not been for Diana's constant help and advice. So I do hope there will be another item in the next magazine stressing how imperative it is for the owners of their queens to be with them.

I must say I am very happy to be a member of the Tonkinese Breed Club and hope to be having some more Tonk babies next year.

Yours sincerely

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South Western Counties Cat Club -Show Report

My name is Romantica Rousseau, I'm a Red Tonkinese and I live with five other cats; two of whom are of the human variety. These rather large felines do tend to 'rule the roost', enjoying rather odd pursuits, one of which is cat shows. Cat Shows are rather strange events wherein cats of various types get together to well if the truth be known I'm not sure what they are about, accept to boost, or deflate the ever demanding needs of the human cats egos. At this point I would like to say that, I'm an old-hand at this, and tend to go along with it, purely on the grounds, that if you have got a nice comfortable nest and good food; why make waves!. So I tolerate this rather undignified activity with a certain amount of ambivalence. on Saturday 23rd, September, The South Western Cat Club, held their annual show;- this is my report.

I always know when something is brewing, because the usual morning routine is disrupted. Now I'm the first cat to admit that I enjoy a break in the daily grind; being a Virgo a solid stable base to my life is very important but, when the large she-cat gets up extra early, madly changing and cleaning dirt trays, but not providing the usual morning goodies; I know it's a dreaded show day and that challenges even my spirit of adventure. The next clue is the carpet bag full of white objects and the travelling baskets carefully hidden in the hall; (or that's what she thinks,) will these humans ever learn just how intelligent we Tonks are. I of course, am always the first to realise what's going on, but that is not really surprising as I'm the brightest of the cats in our household. The large male cat is still asleep at this point in time, he is usually woken up about an hour before we leave. This is my chance to dash into the large sleeping room and position myself under the bed right in the centre were no one can reach me. I will be persuaded to come out, if given the appropriate incentive,-ham turkey, salmon,- something of that quality will convince me that the sacrifice is worth making. I hope you are beginning to appreciate the superior intelligence of our breed. Anyway back to the day in question, everything is packed into that roaring monster (that they call a car) he explaining that we will be far too early, and her convinced that we are far too late already. I think it's the car journey that I hate most, fortunately this was a short journey and we all arrived in one piece. YUK!....Vetting in....least said the better I think. Having past that hurdle, it's now time to be plonked into a wire cage, surrounded by whiteness (not the best background for my particular shade of red) this offers an opportunity to reorganise my environment to suit my mood. The large she cat, created a kind of tent arrangement, which I was most grateful for; giving me the choice of either digging under the blanket, or keeping an air of feline mystery intact, by poking my head out of the tent, at regular intervals and making contact with the public, when I choose. This ploy, if utilised with impunity, can appear very charming. It creates an impression of a shy and sweet disposition, whilst the onlooker is feeling quite honoured at being given the opportunity to see a first-class cat, in the prime of life. A tip to all cats, I find this works well on the cat judges, especially if accompanied by a small, but sweet sound. "Shy and sweet" is something you will often read on my assessment slips.

I will now introduce you to the other Tonks who were participating in the show. On my left was my son, Adouzsh Hypnos, (Tamlin). Hypnos is the bringer of dreams, I feel this name suits him,

as he spends much of his time asleep. He has also been known (when being judged) to roll over on his back and have his tummy tickled, not the most dignified behaviour, as I'm sure you will agree. On my right, another classy tonk from the Romantica Clan, Marcus Macoy, or the "real macoy" as he is sometimes known. This is the Tonkinese who walked away with nearly all the red cards at the Midland Show. He is a beautiful shade of brown, although I have to say us lighter cats have a much understated beauty. If you think that sounds catty, you ought to listen to some of the conversations between the two legged cat varieties. Next to Marcus- a real professional Adinnsh Xin Wun. Better known as Rastus. A lovely cat, with more merits than I would wish to comment on. This is a cat who understands the requirement for decorum with a dignified and superior manner, which is almost instinctive, to us lighter- hued cats. Next, Adouzsh, Blue Odin, another of my blue sons, known in the family as Wellington. A laid-back Tonk, with a little more reserve than his brother, this is only his second show, but he displays the right attitude, calm but with just enough performance skills to make an impression. Next to him Tonkito Koto. Another promising cream, sired by my brother. Koto has done really well, I've been told that he shows lovely type (whatever that means.) Then there were the kittens, Chumblin Alessi, a chocolate, and Kittycorner Spangle, a brown tortie, I apologise for not having any information on these two, as I've not met them before, but like most Tonk youngsters they were delightful to behold. Well! That's the line- up, that made eight Tonks all together. At about 10.00a.m, the human cats leave and the judge cats arrive. I get the strong impression that these felines are regarded as superior beings, who carry a lot of projections about how they should behave, from the larger cats who look after us.

I like this part of the day there is very little noise, and the atmosphere is peaceful. The only complaint I have is that we Tonks always seem to be judged last in the open classes, usually when the public have been let in. This is also the case with all the other classes, sometimes it is past 4.00p.m., before the results go on the board. Us cats of course are not always at our best at that time, infact most of us are really fed-up with the whole thing, and can't wait to go home. I've heard this complaint voiced many times by the large human cats, I know someone has to be last, but why is it always us. !

Once the general public come into the venue, all hell breaks loose, but at least we get some food and a little attention from our owners. Mind you they are usually more interested in the results and spend the afternoon rushing back and forth to the results board and collecting cards and strange looking ribbon flower things which they fix onto the outside of the pen. The colour and the number of these objects would appear to be really important and sought after, creating mood swings which alternate through from various stages of complete joy to dejected despair. This is the time when friends of the human cat people might appear, to admire our beauty and see how well we are doing. A particular favourite of mine is Miriam. As you will have observed by now, I am very particular who I allow to touch my person, but this is someone who I will let tickle my tummy, and give me the odd tasty morsel, this does relieve the boredom a little. The afternoon progresses in this mode until it's time to go home. It always amazes me how all the things that are so carefully packed and ordered in the morning, are, (in a few moments,) crammed into bags and boxes, in no particular order, whilst all the prized objects we have won are squashed amongst litter trays, food bowls and soggy sandwiches left over from lunch. We cats are hoisted back into our travelling boxes at break-neck speed and it's back to the roaring monster and home. I think that it is now time to give you the results, it was a good day for the Tonks. We won between us:

7 Merits , 8x 1st places, 6x 2nd places & 8x 3rd places

On the way home I overheard talk of something called the National. I pricked my ears and listened, I couldn't believe it, how many cats? how many miles? I was just about to fall into a big depressive pit, when I heard, "We wont be taking Solomon, (that's my more familiar name) as we have decided to give him a well earned rest until the Kernow," I suddenly had visions of long winter evenings in front of the fire with good company and food Suddenly life feels very good, it's over to you Tamlin at the National and the best of luck. Goodbye to you all

ROMANTICA ROUSSEAU.

			'95	Total
BARNES, H MRS	ADKRISH SITTANA	74	3	3
BARRETT, A MR	BONZER SOMETHING SPECIAL	74	2	3
EARLEY, MR & MRS	ISHMAL PETITE FLEUR	74	1	1
EARLEY, MR & MRS	ISHMAL SUMMER MAGIC	74	1	1
WILKINSON, K MRS	MYMYSTIC GOLDENSHADOW	74	1	1
DAVISON, S MRS	ROMANTICA MARCUS MACOY	74	1	1
MACISAAC, L MRS	ADDEISH BLUEBERRY FORTUNE	74a	1	9
VOUSDEN, L MRS	ADDEISH LANSDALE FABLE	74a	2	9
YELLIN, S MRS	ADHIRSH TWOFLOWER	74a	1	1
LEVER, MR & MRS	ADOUZSH BLUE ODIN	74a	2	2
RAWLINSON, MR & MRS	ADOUZSH HYPNOS	74a	7	7
ARNOLD, S MRS	BONZER QUEENOFTHEMAY	74a	3	3
TOTH, R MISS	DEELANDO BLUEBELL	74a	3	3
SMITH, M MRS	ADOUZSH DANDY DAZZLER	74b	1	1
TOTH, R MISS	DEELANDO RACHELS ANGEL	74b	1	1
INIGO-JONES, S MS	EKAHTI DIAMOND	74b	2	2
RITCHIE, L MRS	ISHOKATS FANTASQUE FALINE	74b	1	1
JOLLEY & WALTERS	MAJIK KORMA	74b	6	6
CHAMBERLAIN, VA MRS	ROMANTICA LANCELOT	74b	2	3
RAWLINSON, MR & MRS	ROMANTICA SHEBA NOELLE	74b	1	1
RICHARDS, MRS&MISS	ROMANTICA TIRAMISU	74b	3	3
JENKINSON, P MRS	SCHEZADE CHASEYOUFORIT	74b	1	1
SHARRATT, J MRS	TONKABELLA HONORIA HOLLY	74b	1	3
SHARRATT, J MRS	TONKABELLA LEMUEL LEON	74b	1	2
POOLE, C MRS	ADDEISH CLARINATH OBERON	74c	6	14
HODGKINSON, M MISS	ADRAYSH HEY FRANKIE	74c	1	9
PONSFORD, J DR	BONZER BRUMAS	74c	7	7
MACEY, MR & MRS	BONZER MERLIN	74c	1	1
WILSON, M MRS	BOWMALY UNFORGETABLE	74c	3	4
POOLE, C MRS	CLARINATH MYSTIC STREGONA	74c	1	3
POOLE, C MRS	CLARINATH NIGHTSHADOW	74c	2	2
SHACKLADY, Z MRS	DEELANDO CANDIDA	74c	1	1
WRIGHT, P MRS	KEO KITTYWITCH	74c	1	4
RAWLINSON, MR & MRS	ROMANTICA LILITH VENEZIA	74c	1	3
BARNES, H MS	SAMKABAR HUXLEY	74c	2	9
BARNES, H MS	SAMKABAR NOVELLA	74c	5	6
SHARRATT, J MRS	TONKABELLA HEPHZIBAH HETTY	74c	1	3
GREER, MRS & MISS	TREDANCER LILAC KORENE	74c	2	
BURKE, D MRS	ADINNSH WONG MEI	74d	2	28
BURKE, D MRS	COOMAKISTA ACEOF HEARTS	74d	6	6

INIGO-JONES, S MS	EKAHTI DUNE	74d	2	2
HODGKINSON, M MISS	GRIMSPOUND RED MAJESTIC	74d	1	4
WRIGHT, P MRS	KEO PIONEER	74d	1	7
RICHARDS, MRS&MISS	ROMANTICA REMUS	74d	2	2
RAWLINSON, MR & MRS	ROMANTICA ROUSSEAU	74d	7	9
CORNISH, R MRS	TONKITU KABUKI	74d	1	2
CORNISH, R MRS	TONKITU KYOKO	74d	1	2
BURKE, D MRS	TONKITU XUE CHEN	74d	1	4
FORSHAW, H MRS	ISHOKATS GEISHA GIRL	74e	2	2
HODGKINSON, M MISS	KEO TWILIGHT	74e	3	3
COOPER, MR & MRS	KITTYCORNER SPANGLE	74e	1	1
BISHOP, DR & MRS	ADHUIH MALI CREME	74f	2	9
BURKE, D MRS	ADINNSH XIN WUN	74f	7	25
WRIGHT, P MRS	BENZIG MAGIC KEO	74f	4	4
BISHOP, DR & MRS	EPISCOPUSS ACLE JETHRO	74f	1	1
BISHOP, DR & MRS	EPISCOPUSS CAESAR	74f	7	26
MARTIN, J MRS	EPISCOPUSS FERNAND	74f	3	15
BISHOP, DR & MRS	EPISCOPUSS JULIA	74f	1	1
BURKE, D MRS	TONKITU KOTO	74f	2	2
BISHOP, DR & MRS	EPISCOPUSS IANTHE	74j	8	9
MARTIN, J MRS	EPISCOPUSS KALLISTO	74j	2	2
THRELFALL, D MR	BONZER GLENMORANGIE	74t	4	9
GILL, B MRS	BONZER MOODY BLUES	74a	1	4
PONSFORD, J DR	BONZER PAPER TIGER	74a	3	3
WILKINSON, SG MRS	BONZER OCTOPUSSY	74b	1	9
ARNOLD, S MRS	BONZER SUKIE	74b	7	7

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RESCUE FUND UPDATE

Re: NEW HOUSE.

Dear member.

I would like to thank everybody who attended my get - together at the beginning of September. It was A wonderful day and we raised £100.00. Thank you for the donations from those who couldn't come, for the wonderful cakes, which we sold at Harrods prices, the participants generous raffle contribution; and the friendly atmosphere which made the day really enjoyable despite the pouring rain. Fifteen people a@ we ate lots of food,. had really good cat chat, shared beautiful photographs, and discussed difficult Tonkinese breed issues in a very co-operative way, it proved, to me (once more) that we are potentially a very cohesive club, with members ideas and enthusiasm being, very evident. It made me realise, how important it is to listen carefully to members views and to tap into the wonderful enthusiasm which is so apparent within our organisation. A special thank you Bob Chamberlin who makes cat houses and runs; for his kind offer to construct our new house free of charge, also for the offer (when we have enough funds for another house to situate it on some of his land in the west country. I will of course mention this at our next committee and repeat my thanks to him and his wife Val. If anyone would like to run a similar event in other parts of the country, it would be wonderful, increasing the aim

of building our first house next year.

I'm now after your money again, I am planning to run a photograph competition at the latter end of this year. The application form is included in this issue of Tonkinfo. Marc Henrie, has very kindly offered to judge the photographs and there are lovely prizes donated by some of our members. The money raised will all be put toward the cat house fund, and the judging will take place after Christmas. Please! Please set every one enter at least one photograph , you may enter as many as you wish, but, they must not be taken by a professional photographer. There will be a special class for children, under 11, although they can enter any of the other classes if they wish The entry fee will be 50p. per photograph for adults, and 25p. for children If you would not mind your photographs being exhibited at the Tonkinese Seminar m January please indicate, by writing an S on the back of you photograph. I would like to make a presentation of some of them, so that the participants can have an opportunity to view a wide variety of cats from all around the country. Please enclose a S.A.E., so that I can return them, also please write your name and address on the back of the photographs and the number of the class you are entering I promise to take great care of your snaps. If any of you have any ideas for raising money please let me know, I'm very open to new ideas. Goodbye for now in anticipation of a huge entry. Yours as ever.

Brenda Rawlinson (Melusine Tonkinese)

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