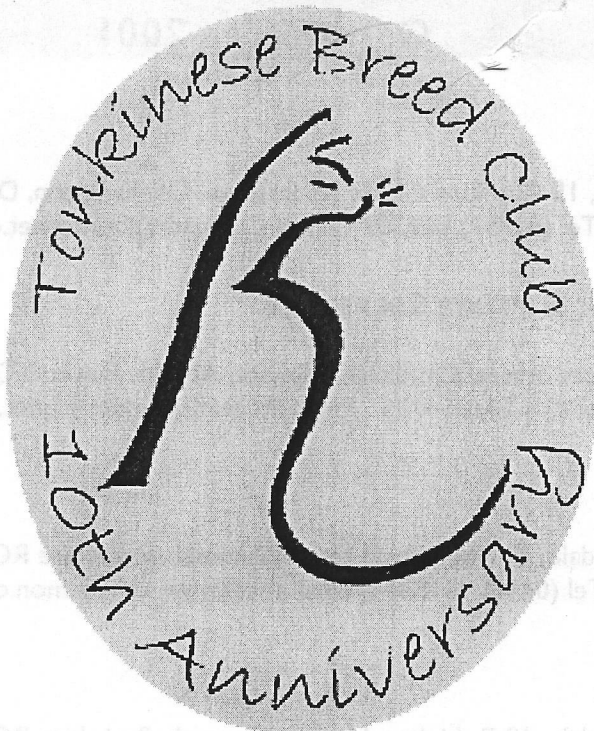


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## Notes from the Editor

Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of Tonkinfo. This is my first edition as editor, and following in Kathy Wilkinson's able footsteps is not an easy task. I think we can all appreciate the amount of effort Kathy has put into producing Tonkinfo completely unaided for the last few years. I have had a great deal of help and assistance in producing this issue from my two sub-editors, Sue Davison and Brenda Rawlinson who have fielded contributions to make my job easier! Thanks to you both.

This is certainly a year for milestones in Tonkinese history. Did you know that the inaugural meeting of the Tonkinese Breed Club was held in April 1991!! This means that our club is now celebrating its tenth anniversary. To celebrate this event, each paid up member will receive a commemorative pen with this edition of Tonkinfo.

I have experimented a little with this edition, trying out a slightly different layout and including some more pictures of our lovely Tonks. I would welcome any feedback on this (constructive criticisms please), and I would be delighted to receive any stories, articles and photographs you would like to see published in the autumn edition of Tonkinfo. My address and contact details are in the committee list overleaf, or you can e-mail contributions to [tonkinfo@tonkinese.co.uk](mailto:tonkinfo@tonkinese.co.uk).

Jane Tyacke

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## Chairman's Report

I hope that everyone has recovered from Christmas now and I'm sure that breeding queens are busy calling their heads off with the Spring. Tonkinese kittens are very popular at the moment and the kitten list is usually very short and they sell like hot 'kittens'!!

The Tonkinese are doing very well on the show bench and Doreen Burke gave the Tonkinese a wonderful boost by winning Best Foreign Cat at the Supreme in November. As most people are aware, the Tonkinese show had to be cancelled due to firstly lack of judges available on the day and then lack of help with the pens, but we are sure this year is going to be a good show.

Don't forget that all Tonkinese owners are important to the club and welcome to telephone any committee member for advice or a general Tonkinese chat.

Carol Poole

## BAC News

The seminar this year is going to be a joint one held with the Ocicats, Singapurans, Asians and Bengals. This will, I'm sure, make it very interesting and will I hope appeal to several Tonkinese owners who used to attend our seminars but feel they are no longer for the average Tonk owner.

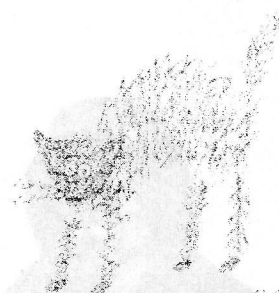
The probable date is 2nd September 2001 and we expect it to be in the Midlands somewhere with good access to the motorways. It is being organised principally by the Ocicat BAC secretary so the choice of venue is not up to us. The Tonkinese will be represented by cats and a short talk by Linda Vousden on our behalf. We hope to see lots of you there.

Carol Poole

## Show Support

MANY THANKS - to all of you who have taken the trouble to send your results in to Chris Richards since June 2000. As you know by now, we are already gathering information for our eventual application for promotion to Championship status. Those of you with a copy of the GCCF Rules will find details of everything that we must collect covered in Rule 50 - as you can see it's quite a task again.

Our new Show Support Secretary is **Brenda Rawlinson** (see Committee list for details) so please continue to send your results in to her. If you have any enquiries about ACM or TBC Show awards, or wish to donate a trophy please write to Brenda. The awards presented at this year's AGM are published here in Tonkinfo - and may also be seen on the new Club web site along with IC winners etc. etc.



*Clarimath Cats*

## Hon. Secretary's Report



Linda Vousden

*"I hope we can rely on those few brave members to help with the 2001 show - perhaps there may be more members willing nearer the time."*

**Hi Folks**, and welcome to a very special year for your favourite Club. It is both the Club's 10th Anniversary and that of the Tonkinese as an official breed recognised by the GCCF. I hope you make good use of the celebratory memento we have enclosed with this issue and look out for the Tonk feature in *Our Cats*.

Before I continue, you may have noticed that we have a new editor. Kathy has handed over this often taken for granted role to brave volunteer, Jane Tyacke. We wish Jane good luck with the work and Kathy a most hearty THANK-YOU for the wonderful issues she has produced for us these past years. Continuing the theme, after several years of very hard work on behalf of the Club (in many roles), Chris Richards has now resigned from the Committee. We wish Chris all the best for the future and, on behalf of the Club, I take this opportunity to thank her.

Sadly we had to cancel our 2000 show, for the reasons explained to you all in the bulletin at the time. Despite appeals for help, offers were not received them in time and we had to take the difficult (not to mention irritating) decision to cancel the show to avoid considerable loss of funds. The few staunch Committee members who set up the show every year were just not able to cope with setting up all the pens etc. However, we did receive offers of help later on and I hope we can rely on those few brave members to help with the 2001 show - perhaps there may be more members willing nearer the time.

The Club website is now an unqualified success. Miriam, (our Kitten List Registrar) reports that most enquiries are coming from the web site, and certainly many of our membership applications result from the site. I am now working on it to make it more dynamic i.e. it has a notice board that will be regularly updated and I have added many features including some that have been suggested by yourselves (such as an on-line subscription renewal form). There are many useful forms and leaflets for you to print off, a running record of Tonkinese with Intermediate Certificates etc. and I would like to hear from you if you have any other ideas. If you are interested in putting your details (text only) on a member's page let me know in writing or by email ([tbc@mymystic.demon.co.uk](mailto:tbc@mymystic.demon.co.uk)). The TBC web site address is now [www.tonkinese.co.uk](http://www.tonkinese.co.uk). Please note, you are welcome to add a link from your own site (and I shall be setting up reciprocal links for members) but the contents of the Club site should not be copied to your own web site without my permission as many of the items are the copyright of the Club or myself.

It's nice to have seen so many more Tonkinese on the bench this past year. So far we have at least 15 cats that have won their qualifying Intermediate Certificates - congratulations to all the owners! Remember, we are still collecting results and cats' details for our future application for promotion to Championship. Breeders, please will you make an extra copy of each litter's pedigree for the Club records and send it to me, there is only one breeder who does this - thank you, Nicki Stevens.

Don't forget to take a look at the AGM award presentations elsewhere in this issue and, more importantly please make a note of the proposals which were passed at the AGM, also elsewhere in this issue. All the best,

**Linda Vousden**





## Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee

Please note that the following change to the Tonkinese Standard of Points (approved by the GCCF February 2001). Append to all descriptions of the Caramel colour, including Tabby and Tortie :

*"The depth of Caramel colour may vary because it may be Blue or Lilac based."*

## Tonkinese Breed Club Annual Accounts - 2000

The audited Club accounts were duly presented to, and approved by, attendants at the AGM, April 8th 2001. If any member would like a copy of these accounts please send a SAE to the Hon. Secretary (see the Committee list for address).

## TBC Pedigree Archive

As you know I'm always asking you to send me a copy of of the pedigree of your latest litter of kittens, for the Club's pedigree archives - mostly to no avail. On several occasions I have let you know that this information resource is available to members to call upon.

So - if you have queries about the ancestors of a cat, the spelling of a name or the correct registration/ breed no. details etc. just give me a call or, better still, write to me with a SAE, or e-mail me (tbc@mymystic.demon.co.uk) to give me time to find the information you need!

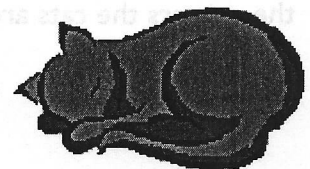
Linda Vousden

## Stop Press.....

It has come to the notice of the TBC Committee that there is a concern that there is a proposal to change the registration policy, we would like to assure you that there is no such proposal.

The Committee has had a number of complaints recently from members who have been unable to get their new kitten's registration documents from the breeder. May we draw your attention to rule 10 of the GCCF General Code of Ethics as printed in this edition of Tonkinfo.

Carol Poole





## AGM News - 8th April 2001

It was a great pleasure to see that so many of you were able to come to the Club's Anniversary AGM. As usual we appreciated the tea that many of you helped to provide, and which we washed down with a sparkling beverage and a toast to the future of the Club!

Thanks to Karen Hood's silver tongue, persuading us all to buy tickets, the raffle raised £48 - which is good going when you consider that those who bought tickets also donated the prizes! Many thanks to those of you who helped to clear up at the end of the day.

**There were two proposals in your AGM papers, both of which were carried by majority.**

- 1) As of 2002, the fee for long-term membership is increased by £10, single long-term will be £50, joint long-term will be £65.
- 2) The rules regarding the election of the Club Delegate/s & substitute Delegate/s have changed and now read as follows:

### 10. NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

- b) Committee members shall be elected by postal ballot. Nominations in writing, proposed, seconded and signed by the nominee must have been received by the Secretary before 28th February. Each member shall have as many votes as there are vacancies. In the event of a tie there will be a re-vote between the two people concerned by the members present at the AGM. Ballot results will be announced at the AGM and all ballot forms will be retained for one calendar month after the announcement.
- e) Officers, Delegate/s and substitute Delegate/s shall be appointed from the Committee by the Committee, at the first meeting following the AGM. Members shall be informed at the soonest possible date thereafter.
- f) All Committee members may serve for a term of 3 years. Not less than 3 and no more than 4 shall retire annually, in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall annually appoint the Officers, Delegate/s and substitute Delegate/s.

### 11. AFFILIATION, DELEGATES AND BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- b) Delegate/s, and substitute Delegate, shall be members of the serving Committee. Delegate/s re-elected to the Committee will be eligible for nomination the following year unless they fail to attend at least two thirds of the relevant meetings of the GCCF during their term of office. Delegate/s will hold office during the immediate succeeding official year of the GCCF.

## Send in Your Results!

A full list of the Club awards handed out at this year's AGM is shown overleaf. There were several other members who showed their cats during 2000, unfortunately unless we receive the results from the owners the cats are not eligible to win a Club award.

*So do send us your results as it is a shame for you to miss out!*

## AGM Awards 2001

<b>EKAHTI CUP (1)</b>	Most successful adult male	<b>Bonzer Red Rum</b> (J Ponsford)
<b>EKAHTI CUP (2)</b>	Most successful adult female	<b>Grimspound Ophelia</b> (S Clark)
<b>EKAHTI CUP (3)</b>	Most successful neuter	<b>Mymystic Goldenshadow</b> (K Wilkinson)
<b>EKAHTI CUP (4)</b>	Most successful kitten	<b>Bonzer Mah Jongg</b> (J Brennan)
<b>MYMYSTIC GOLDENSHADOW CUP</b>	Most successful brown	<b>Mymystic Goldenshadow</b> (K Wilkinson)
<b>LANSDALE FABLE CUP</b>	Most successful blue	<b>Rameses Nemesis</b> (J Craig-McFeely)
<b>ISHOKATS VASE</b>	Most successful chocolate	<b>Addinsh Ricercar</b> (J Craig-McFeely)
<b>ISHMAL CHLOE MEMORIAL CUP</b>	Most successful brown/ blue/ chocolate / lilac	<b>Mymystic Goldenshadow</b> (K Wilkinson)
<b>WIZADORA CUP</b>	Most successful red adult	<b>Grimspound Ophelia</b> (S Clark)
<b>MELUSINE ROMATICA LEONORA TROPHY</b>	Most successful red adult /kitten / neuter	<b>Grimspound Ophelia</b> (S Clark)
<b>EPISCOPUSS TROPHY</b>	Most successful cream adult / kitten / neuter	<b>Muras Charlie Brown</b> (S Ward)
<b>GRIMSPOUND ROSE BOWL</b>	Most successful tortie	<b>Melusine Bellaclova</b> (M Haas)
<b>TONKAHOLICS BEAU REGARDER ROSEBOWL</b>	Most successful Caramel or Apricot (series)	<b>Bonzer Caramel Delight</b> (J Ponsford)
<b>MYMYSTIC PHAROAH AWARD</b>	Most successful tabby adult male	<b>Bonzer Red Rum</b> (J Ponsford)
<b>MYMYSTIC PAGAN SALVER</b>	Most successful tabby adult female	<b>Mymystic Pagan (L Vousden)</b> <b>Bonzer Red Sunset (J Ponsford)</b>
<b>MYMYSTIC NIMROD SALVER</b>	Most successful tabby neuter	<b>Adinnsh Ricercar</b> (J Craig-McFeely)
<b>TONKAHOLICS MALE TABBY KITTEN CUP</b>	Most successful male tabby kitten	<b>Bonzer Mah Jongg</b> (J Brennan)
<b>TONKAHOLICS FEMALE TABBY KITTEN CUP</b>	Most successful female tabby kitten	<b>Tintoretto Misty Stardust</b> (K Plummer)
<b>TONKAHOLICS AMBASSADOR AWARD</b>	The Tonk most often on exhibition	<b>Mymystic Starshadow</b> (K Wilkinson)
<b>TONKAHOLICS SHIELD</b>	Most successful exhibitor ( in club less than 2 years)	<b>Karen Durden</b>
<b>WILKINSON AWARD</b>	Member who has shown the most Tonks in the year	<b>Jenny Ponsford</b>
<b>MELUSINE BREEDER'S SHIELD</b>	Breeder who supports breed in exhibition & with good breeding practices	<b>Carol Poole</b>

## Post-operative Caesarean Survival Guide

**Sue Davison**  
(Kittykus Tonkinese)  
shares her insights  
and experience into  
the care of queen  
and kittens following  
birth by Caesarian  
Section.

*"Your bedroom must  
be the post-natal  
ward—you will need  
to keep a very close  
eye on your family"*



Many cat breeders will have experience of the care of a queen and her kittens after a Caesarean birth - further input on this subject would be welcome. I have been breeding Tonkinese since 1995 and have experience of two Caesarean births. The first Caesar taught me how little I was prepared for the post-operative care. I hope the following article will be of value to those who are new to breeding our lovely Tonkinese.

Your queen is heavily pregnant and a problem occurs necessitating a Caesarean Section to save her life. Several hours of nail biting tension waiting for the phone to ring - the operation was a success and you have several surviving kittens, please collect in 3 hours. The Vet's job is done - Veterinary Surgeons are not cat breeders, very few specialise or have the time to consider animal behaviour/psychology in relation to unnatural birth.

What he may not tell you is that your work is about to begin! Your queen is awake, confused and frightened by the smells and noise. She will be physically uncomfortable and unstable on her feet and still under the effects of the anaesthetic. She has no memory or sense of giving birth to that little huddle of kittens on a heat pad. To add to this; the kittens have also been affected by the anaesthetic; they will be groggy, unresponsive and very vulnerable.

Collect the queen and her kittens as soon as possible - do not assume the surgery will start your work for you. As soon as her condition is stable arrive with a small box full of warm bedding and a hot water bottle for the kittens - do not put them in with your queen whilst transporting them home.

The obvious effects of Anaesthesia can take up to 12 hours to clear from the system; ask your Vet to give intravenous fluids during and after surgery, this greatly enhances the clearing of the system of anaesthetic. It also prevents dehydration and therefore helps with the queen's milk production. If you have no Cimicat at home remember to ask for some before you leave the surgery. You will also need a sterilised pipette (the glass pipettes which come with Rescue Remedy are excellent), otherwise a fine 1ml syringe, and some dextrose powder. I am assuming you have a thermostatically controlled heat pad at home in readiness for a natural birth.

Your bedroom must be the post-natal ward - you will need to keep a very close eye on your family even if the post-operative period goes smoothly. It must be warm. Darken the room by closing the curtains and use a small indirect light so you can see what you are doing. Put your queen in the nesting box prepared for the birth, she will be restless and confused, probably still staggering and unsteady on her feet. Soothe and calm her talking to her all the time.

Now check the kittens very closely, skin temperature, breathing, response to stimuli. They should feel warm to the touch, if they are cold you must warm them with additional heat - turn the central heating up full, new born kittens need a temperature of between 80 - 90 degrees F. If any of the kittens are breathing with difficulty - check the nose and mouth are clear of debris. The kittens will be sedated and quiet - gently rub them in a warm towel until they are moving a little and making small noises.

If the kittens and queen smell very strongly of surgical spirit and other nastiness from the surgery - use gauze and warm water to clean them up, paying special attention to the queens breasts. Now is the time to check for milk. To do this; massage the breasts, which should be large with milk, then gently squeeze the base of the nipples to express the milk - hopefully a few drops should appear from each nipple.

How is the queen! Place the kittens beside her - keeping them in their own cosy bed: be ready to protect them if she should stagger or fall on them, let her smell them. Don't worry if she shows no response.

Put the kittens safely out of her way and take yourself to the kitchen. Make up a small solution of glucose with boiled water and a small solution of Cimicat with boiled water. Sterilise a pipette or syringe thoroughly rinsed, any additional towels or water you need, and don't forget yourself and the queen! Grab what you need.



## Post-operative Caesarean Survival Guide /2

If your queen is producing milk but not yet accepted the kittens, give one drop of glucose to each kitten, wipe around the nose with warm moist gauze and then wipe around the bottom - this is a very important stimulus to get the kitten to urinate or pass faeces. If you cannot express any milk you must be prepared to feed the kittens until the milk comes down. Give each kitten one drop of warm Cimicat every 2 hours, if you are using a syringe be very careful not to flood the mouth, again wipe the nasal area and bottom and keep them warm in the cosy bed. If the weather is cold it is a good idea to cover the nest with a thermal cover to retain the heat. If your queen seems more orientated and recognises you, place the kittens beside her again.

**OK** some queens just naturally slip into the mother role, she doesn't remember giving birth to these strange smelling, wriggling, squeaking little things but the instinct is strong despite the discomfort and confusion. If she is lying down place a kitten between her front legs, gently rub the kittens nose against a nipple; she will sniff the kitten, lick the kitten, nuzzle the kitten - look at you in astonishment: If this is her response - great! If her milk is down - brilliant! Put the rest of the kittens with her and gently guide their noses to the nipples whilst constantly soothing and talking to the queen. Don't leave her for a minute whilst the kittens and her are bonding, watch and encourage, you may still need to help with feeding and top and tailing if the kittens are still groggy and unable latch on to a nipple. You may have to return them to their own nest for a period if the queen is still restless and in danger of stepping on them. But if she is licking and nuzzling them and they are actively seeking a nipple - things are looking very good. Watch over them and assist where needed.

**NOT OK** some queens react with fear. The kitten you have placed between her front legs is an alien - she leaps away from it and hides under the bed, or she picks it up violently and throws it out of the box. Or she grabs it violently in her mouth, ears down, eyes wide and dark and maybe runs around the room with it firmly in her mouth.

I am assuming you and your queen know each other well and there is trust, she is not unpredictable and aggressive or you would not be breeding from her. Stay calm, reassure her, yawn at her - yes I said yawn, in the cat world it means "all's well in the world". The worst thing you could do is go screaming out the door for help or shout at her. If she has run away or kicked the kitten out you must wait and try again later. Try scenting the kittens, if they still smell of the Vet's, rub your hands over the scent glands of your queen, cheeks, base of tail, don't be squeamish - she will have some discharge from her vulva - use it. Fondle the kittens in your hands so they really smell of her scent.

If she has the kitten firmly held and it is crying out slip your finger behind her incisors press down and unwedge the grip and free the kitten - don't grab the kitten away, cup it firmly in your hands and let her smell it. The chances of her doing real harm is very low. Terrifying though this behaviour is - it is a better one than the others, she knows it is her kitten but is fearful and bewildered.

Keep trying between rest and reassurance sessions with her, feed her a little of her favourite food, plus something calcium rich. Take care of the kittens. If the NOT OK behaviour persists, ask your Vet to make a house call with an analgesic injection, this should remove excessive post-operative pain and more important calm her. It may need to be repeated. If your stamina is not up to 2 hourly sessions for 24 hours call a friend who your queen knows and likes to help you over this patch.

Both my experiences involved the terrifying fear and bewilderment reaction, my first queen repeated threw kittens out of the box. Both times I have had to spend the first 36 hours attending to their every need. Many post operative Caesarean's go the OK way.

Both my queens bonded to their kittens and were wonderful mothers. I might have to go through it again one day, (hope not) but the pride and sense of achievement seeing the kittens latched on and suckling and your queen purring loudly looking at you with pride and complete trust makes it totally worthwhile.

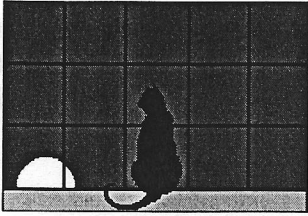
Sue Davison

*"If you cannot express any milk you must be prepared to feed the kittens until the milk comes down.."*

*"Some queens react with fear. The kitten you have placed between her front legs is an alien."*



## The Cat and the Moon



The cat went here and there  
 And the moon spun round like a top,  
 And the nearest kin of the moon,  
 The creeping cat, looked up.  
 Black Minnaloushe stared at the moon,  
 For, wander and wail as he would,  
 The pure cold light in the sky,  
 Troubled his animal blood.  
 Minnaloushe runs in the grass  
 Lifting his delicate feet.  
 Do you dance, Minnaloushe, do you dance?  
 When two close kindred meet,  
 What better than call a dance?  
 Maybe the moon may learn,  
 Tired of that courtly fashion,  
 A new dance turn.  
 Minnaloushe creeps through the grass  
 From moonlit place to place,  
 The sacred moon overhead  
 Has taken a new phase.  
 Does Minnaloushe know that his pupils  
 Will pass from change to change.  
 And that from round to crescent  
 From crescent to round they range?  
 Minnaloushe creeps through the grass  
 Alone, important and wise,  
 And lifts to the changing moon  
 His changing eyes.

**W. B. YEATS.**

This is one of my favourite cat poems, it is so atmospheric, and captures, so beautifully the intuitive nature of the cat, I hope all of you enjoy it too.

**Brenda Rawlinson.**

## Moving House With Your Cats

**Carol Poole**  
(Clarinath Tonkinese)  
explains that moving  
house with your  
trusty Tonkinese is  
not easy as it  
sounds!

*"I think I've solved  
how to get them in  
(record a lawnmower  
and walk around  
looking for them  
playing the tape!!"*

The best solution is to get them all adopted before you move and then there won't be any problems!! However, bearing in mind that that isn't an option to most people with their dearly beloved pets, this includes me, I looked for a cattery which would take my seven cats that was local to our move of 200+ miles and was recommended to Sue Robinson's cattery near Hatherleigh, Devon.

We moved on the Tuesday, so we took them down to her on the previous Sunday. First problem: unearth seven cat carriers from depths of shed and garage and discover that the fixings are missing on four of them!! Obviously I only use the same three for shows! One was past repairing so two cats must share the largest, two others OK with the aid of wire. Catch cats and fight to get ones who never go in baskets into them. Load into car in strict order with a view as to who hates who next to them. Set off an hour later than intended. M4 no bother but shortly down M5 Feste the eldest, the Siamese, emerges from his basket and walks round the car finally settling on my lap, (my husband is driving), alternating flexing his claws in my legs and purring with marching round the car, the cat not my husband!! This effectively prevents us from stopping at a motorway service station for a break.

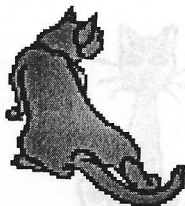
Glorious sunshine all the way following directions we traverse single track country lanes and find Sue's cattery. A warm welcome was extended to all of us and the task of making sure I get the right cats in with each other is achieved. I agree to collect them in five days, which after moving ourselves is extended another three. The cats were all very happy and not stressed and had had lots of fuss and attention from Sue's daughter. I would recommend this cattery to anyone. As we hadn't managed to get any outside runs or houses organized the cats had to come in, but they couldn't come into the main house as they spray so we converted part of the garage which adjoins the kitchen, with heaters, pens, litter trays and beds and of course food.

They were amazingly calm and within two days they were all mixed in together with no need for segregation and coming in the kitchen for fuss and attention. I had bought collars and address tags for them but only managed to persuade three of them to wear them so far. Well, that was four weeks ago and they are all still getting on well together even Boomer and Storm who have always hated each other and fought if possible.. They want to go out, as they always did before, but I am awaiting the arrival of Darren the Builder to put a cat flap in the garage wall. Darren doesn't have an answering phone or indeed anybody in when I phone but I have been assured he is very good. I may have to let one cat out at a time and follow it closely round the garden to start with, the only problem being that two sides of the garden have a fast flowing stream with a twelve feet high bank the other side, jumpable by cats but not by me so I'm not sure about this.

(One week later) Darron (note spelling) is coming tomorrow to put the cat flap in. Meanwhile I have let the cats out, accompanying them and they have all looked at the stream and voted against crossing it. They have visited next door's garden instead out of sheer cussedness but it's amazing how a noisy lawnmower starting up sends them running in a pack straight indoors. I think I've solved how to get them in (record a lawnmower and walk around looking for them playing the tape!!).

Darron arrived and did a really excellent job of putting the cat flap in the garage wall, very neat, looks really good. Cats used it immediately, sigh of relief from me, then.....two get their paws stuck quite badly in the flap, why when they didn't with the old one?? Probably because it was old and battered and broken (due to paws being stuck?) So cats are asking nicely, will I open the door please!!!!!!

**Carol Poole**







## Are You Proud of Your Pedigrees?

As someone with an interest in 'line-chasing' and the holder of the Tonkinese Breed Club pedigree bank, I see an amazing range of pedigree styles and standards. Of course the pedigree you produce for your kittens is entirely a matter of personal style and resources, but the amount, and accuracy, of information provided must meet a minimum standard. A breeder who registers their kitten with the GCCF is required to include at least three generations of the kitten's ancestors - clearly stating both the breed numbers and registration numbers.

I was recently sent a copy of a pedigree certificate, which was beautifully typed and included the kitten's full details including date of birth, breed number and registration number. It was also signed by the breeder as being "accurate to the best of my knowledge" - *Oh Dear!* I counted no less than 14 mistakes in this four generation pedigree that included spelling errors, incorrect registration numbers and even incorrect sex! Obviously some spelling errors are passed down the generations unbeknown to us, but in this case two cats were repeated on the pedigree and spelled differently each time. The breeder even spelled their own prefix incorrectly.

Sadly this is not an isolated example of poor quality pedigree certificates - if a breeder can't be bothered with their paperwork how much effort do they put in to other things, such as raising their kittens properly? I'm not saying that all pedigrees must be a fantastic productions, including photos, fancy typefaces etc. The Tonkinese Breed Club has pedigree packs available for breeders who may not have the resources or inclination to spend time on a computer fiddling with fonts and graphics (£1.80p incl. p&p for a pack of 5 printed blanks, of which you are welcome to take further photocopies). However, we should give our kitten owners a pedigree certificate that they will be proud to show to other people.

As a tidy-up, I have noticed a few consistent mistakes in Tonkinese pedigrees - you might like to correct the error if it is in your own pedigree, errors shown in italics:

*Adixabu* Lilymylov - should read Adixibu.

*Adquean* - should read Adqweam (if born 1985/86) or Adquaam (if born 1995/96)

*Adjouzsh Zachariaah Zeuz* - should read Zachariah Zeus (and his Reg.No. is CSEXP 287... not 387...)

*Adraybil Dreamy Knight* - should read Adraybu Dream

*Alaking Honkeytonk Gid* - should read Honkytonk Cowgirl

*Clannath Night Shadow* - should read Nightshadow

*Eireem* - should read Eirrem

*Silver Breeze* - should read Silverbreeze

*Summer Down ...* - should read Summerdown

*Sylvakib Asemo Swan* - should read Ashemo

*Tajens Yankee Doodle Dandy* - should read Adhuish Yankee Doodledandy (and his Reg. No. is CSREF not CSEXP)

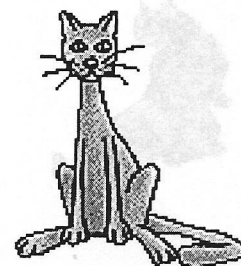
*Typha Silverwinged Explorer* - should read Xplorer

*Willowispa* - should read Wilowispa

*Wilowispa Khama* (or any other variation of this) - should read Kharma Kameo

**and there are more to come in future issues.**

**Linda Vousden**



## Stud List Update

**All stud owners are invited to renew their entries free of charge - and to include new studs free of charge!**

“Inclusion in the Stud List does not imply the endorsement of the Club. Owners of queens and studs are expected to make appropriate arrangements in advance of a queen visiting a stud.”

For inclusion in the next update of the Club Stud List, just send a properly completed pedigree of your stud, along with answers to the following questions, asap to Linda Vousden (see Committee list for address):

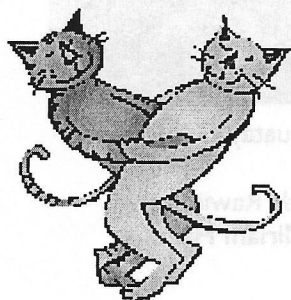
1. What blood tests do you require and how soon before the queen visits the stud?
2. Do you have any special conditions that apply to kittens from the mating?
3. Do you have separate queen's quarters with a safety gate?
4. Are you at 'Limited' stud?
5. Under what conditions do you offer free repeat matings?
6. Do you charge for board during a free repeat mating?
7. What colours does your stud carry?
8. Does he carry the Dm gene, i.e. can he have Caramel or Apricot kittens? (Please indicate Yes/ No /Don't know)

We don't print registration numbers in the stud list but we do require the details for confirmation of our pedigree archives. Also, if you don't want your full address printed in the stud list please let us know. Inclusion in the Stud List does not imply the endorsement of the Club.

All stud fees will be listed as 'by arrangement'. Owners of queens and studs are expected to make appropriate arrangements (viewing, fees, testing etc.) in advance of a queen visiting a stud.

If you have access to the TBC web site you'll find a Stud List form to print off for your convenience (and ours).

**The updated Breeder's Guide & Stud List (£2.50p incl. p&p) and the separate Stud List (£1.30p incl. p&p) will be available, from July 1st, from Linda Vousden.**

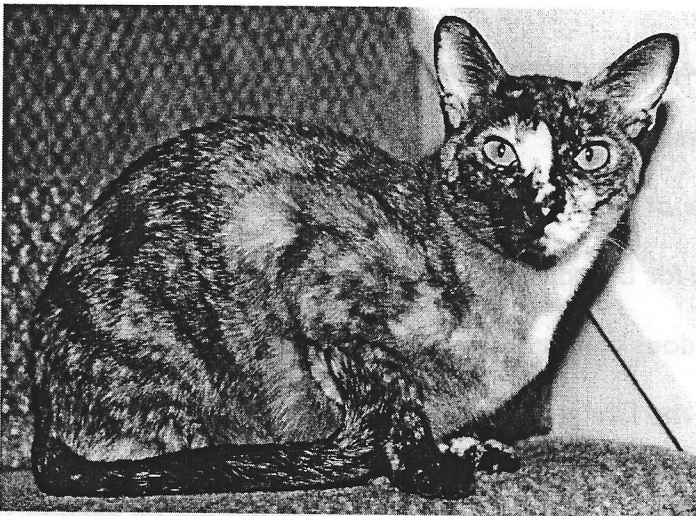


## The Gallery

This is a new feature, specifically designed to give all Club members a chance to show off their beautiful Tonks. This space is not reserved for show cats only, if you know that your Tonk is a shining star, and want the rest of the Club to appreciate him or her, just send in a photo!

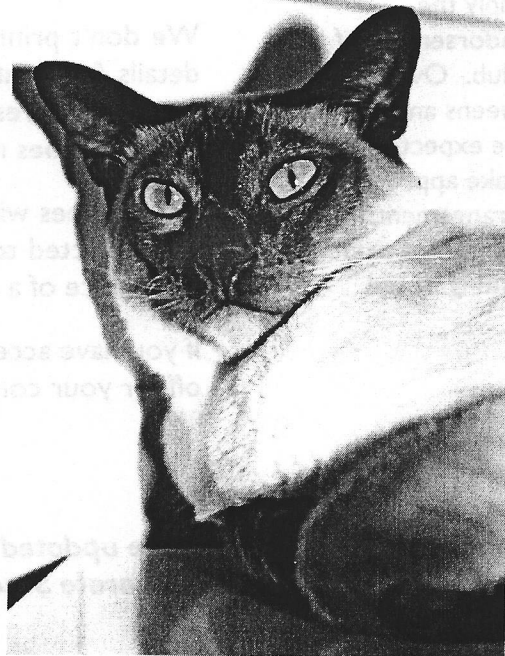
Come on, what are you waiting for! I will return all photos after scanning as long as a SAE is enclosed (for address and e-mail details see committee section).

### Jane Tyacke



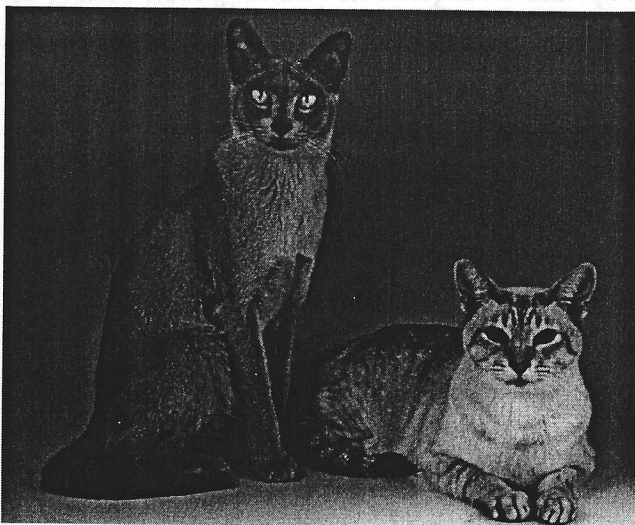
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Owned by Miriam Haas



Melusine Aquatay (74b)

Bred by Brenda Rawlinson  
Owned by Miriam Haas

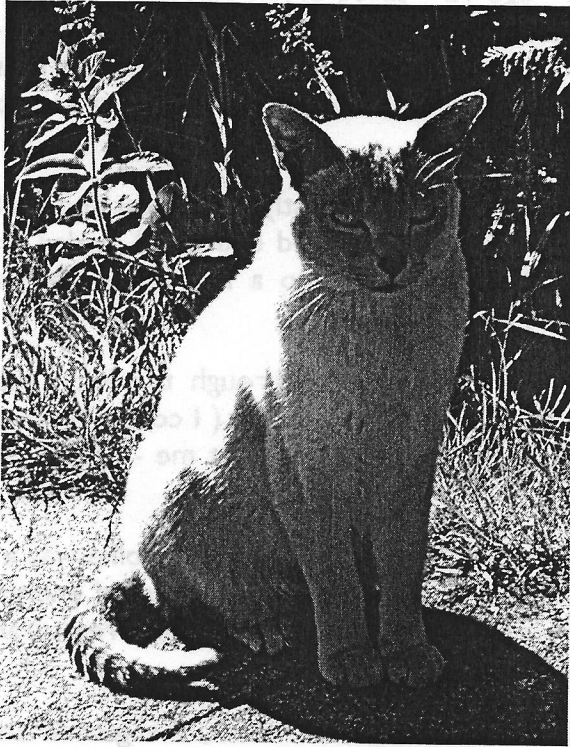


Rameses Nemesis (74a) and Adinnsh Ricercar (74bt)

Owned & Bred by Julia Craig-McFeely

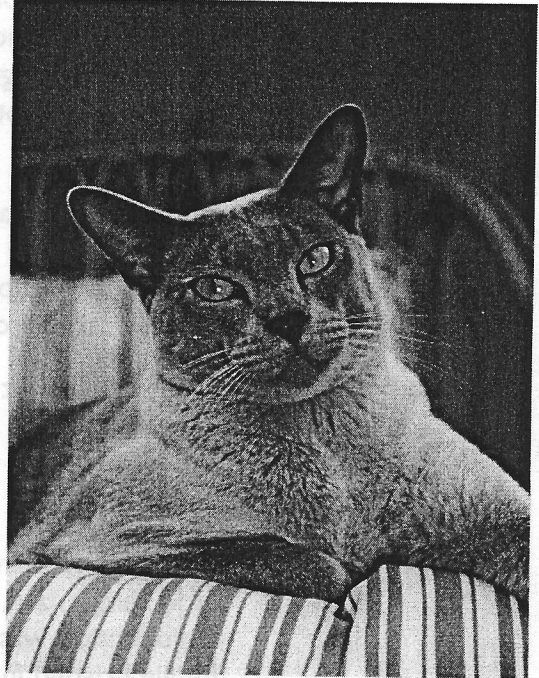


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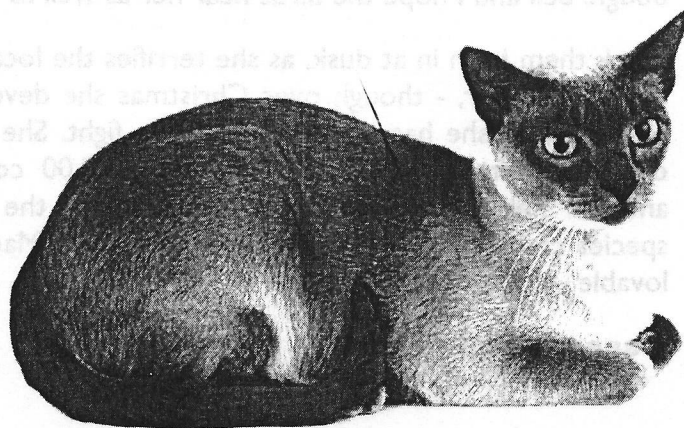
Clarinath Nightshadow (74c)

Owned & Bred by Carol Poole



Adouzh Hypnos (74a)

Owned & Bred by Brenda Rawlinson



Mymystic Lansdale Fable (74a)

Owned & Bred by Linda Vousden



## My Madame Mollie

**Joanna  
Szenderowicz**

*Introduces us to  
Mollie, a "Terror of a  
Tonkinese".*

I have a Seal Point Siamese - age 12 - called Bryan Furry. Before he came into my life, I did not like cats that much and hated fleas even more - then along came Program. Fate took a hand and I bought Bryan from a friend for £75.00. His brother Bruno went to Oxford and sister Jemma stayed with mum Polly.

Bryan and I led a close existence - he was a mostly indoor cat and his forays into the outside world consisted of a 10ft walled courtyard garden and the occasional escape into the street. I moved to a flat with a garden and relative safety from cats and he soon adapted.

One day, about 3 years ago I was browsing through the local paper in Bristol, the Pet Section and the Collectables Section (I collect Siamese Cat figures and old books on cats) and there it flashed at me - "Tonkinese for Sale".

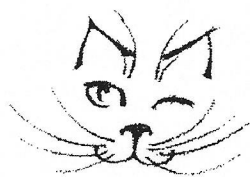
I rang, visited, and was "hooked" or shall I say "clawed". Mollie was a feisty little thing, dark, pale turquoise eyes and a sternum and full of energy. The introduction was not a text book one - Bryan needed lots of reassurance as Mollie bristled in the bathroom.

They eventually settled and Mollie took over the flat, the garden and the surrounding neighbourhood. She brought me presents - a pale yellow dead mouse, a live frog and then came the pigeons, bigger than her and one was even alive! I found this hard and she soon learnt that if she ran under the bed with her prey it would be difficult for me to retrieve it.

She shoots in and out of the cat flap like a bat out of hell and as it has been demolished many times it's now been "cemented" on. She climbs trees and sits patiently under the holly tree observing the birds. She now wears a huge budgie bell and I hope the birds hear her as well as I do.

I lock them both in at dusk, as she terrifies the local cats some of whom are bigger than her, - though over Christmas she developed a huge abscess on her back, so she has obviously lost one fight. She loves to follow the next door two timid kittens through their £60.00 computerised cat flap and another neighbour has reported her eating the leaves off her precious species crocuses. She lives up to her name of Madame - so naughty but so lovable - a True Tonkinese.

**Joanna Szenderowicz**





## A Cat's Guide to Human Beings / I

### Introduction: Why Do We Need Humans?

So you've decided to get yourself a human being. In doing so, you've joined the millions of other cats who have acquired these strange and often frustrating creatures. There will be any number of times, during the course of your association with humans, when you will wonder why you have bothered to grace them with your presence.

What's so great about humans, anyway? Why not just hang around with other cats? Our greatest philosophers have struggled with this question for centuries, but the answer is actually rather simple: THEY HAVE OPPOSABLE THUMBS.

Which makes them the perfect tools for such tasks as opening doors, getting the lids off of cat food cans, changing television stations and other activities that we, despite our other obvious advantages, find difficult to do ourselves. True, chimps, orang-utans and lemurs also have opposable thumbs, but they are nowhere as easy to train.

### How And When to Get Your Human's Attention

Humans often erroneously assume that there are other, more important activities than taking care of your immediate needs, such as conducting business, spending time with their families or even sleeping.

Though this is dreadfully inconvenient, you can make this work to your advantage by pestering your human at the moment it is the busiest. It is usually so flustered that it will do whatever you want it to do, just to get you out of its hair. Not coincidentally, human teenagers follow this same practice. Here are some tried and true methods of getting your human to do what you want:

**Sitting on paper:** An oldie but a goodie. If a human has paper in front of it, chances are good it's something they assume is more important than you. They will often offer you a snack to lure you away. Establish your supremacy over this wood pulp product at every opportunity. This practice also works well with computer keyboards, remote controls, car keys and small children.

**Waking your human at odd hours:** A cat's "golden time" is between 3:30 and 4:30 in the morning. If you paw at your human's sleeping face during this time, you have a better than even chance that it will get up and, in an incoherent haze, do exactly what you want. You may actually have to scratch deep sleepers to get their attention; remember to vary the scratch site to keep the human from getting suspicious.

### Punishing Your Human Being

Sometimes, despite your best training efforts, your human will stubbornly resist bending to your whim. In these extreme circumstances, you may have to punish your human. Obvious punishments, such as scratching furniture or eating household plants, are likely to backfire: the unsophisticated humans are likely to misinterpret the activities and then try to discipline YOU.

*"What's so great about humans, anyway? Why not just hang around with other cats?"*





## A Cat's Guide to Human Beings /2

"Stand over an important piece of electronic equipment and feign a hairball attack."

Instead, we offer these subtle but nonetheless effective alternatives:

- Use the litter tray during an important formal dinner.
- Stare impassively at your human while it is attempting a romantic interlude.
- Stand over an important piece of electronic equipment and feign a hairball attack.
- After your human has watched a particularly disturbing horror film, stand by the hall closet and then slowly back away, hissing and yowling.
- While your human is sleeping, lie on its face.

### Rewarding Your Human: Should Your Gift Still Be Alive?

The cat world is divided over the etiquette of presenting humans with the thoughtful gift of a recently disembowelled animal. Some believe that humans prefer these gifts already dead, while others maintain that humans enjoy a slowly expiring cricket or rodent just as much as we do, given their jumpy playful movements in picking the creatures up after they've been presented.

After much consideration of the human psyche, we recommend the following: cold blooded animals (large insects, frogs, lizards, garden snakes and the occasional earthworm) should be presented dead, while warm blooded animals (birds, rodents, your neighbour's Pomeranian) are better still living. When you see the expression on your human's face, you'll know it's worth it.

### How Long Should You Keep Your Human?

You are only obligated to your human for one of your lives. The other eight are up to you. We recommend mixing and matching, though in the end, most humans (at least the ones that are worth living with) are pretty much the same. But what do you expect? They're humans, after all. Opposable thumbs will only take you so far.

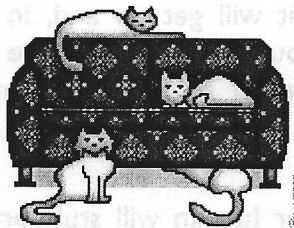
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Submitted by Jane Tyacke

### Cat Quotes

"With the qualities of cleanliness, discretion, affection, dignity, and courage that cats have, how many of us, I ask you, would be capable of being cats?"  
Fernand Mery

"There is no more intrepid explorer than a kitten."  
Jules Champfleury



## Two Cats - A Hot Tin Roof and a Leg of Lamb

### A true story

In the 1970's I lived in an attic flat in a Victorian semi-detached house overlooking south Bristol. The gutters and valleys on the roof were large enough to accommodate small gatherings of friends, very private sun bathing sessions and a massive playground for my 2 moggies.

One hot Bank Holiday week-end I heard strange noises coming from above my head. Noises that you are used to in a house go unnoticed but these were very strange and caught my attention - a sort of grating, then a light thud, then scrabbling - had my cats taken up a new sport?

Looking out of the kitchen window - Nelly's bottom appeared above the party turret wall - her body stretched and straining. Then Cous appeared over the wall and proceeded to paw at whatever was stretching Nelly's body so tight. My immediate thought was that they had caught a herring gull and I went into panic mode - have you seen a herring gull close up! They are BIG. And "was it still alive!"

Thud - it was now in my gully, beside the kitchen window, both cats had firm hold of their prey - uncooked and looking a bit battered - one large leg of lamb!

There was only one place they could have taken it from - he was a very private man, he lived alone and seemed to like it that way. I had to make amends by somehow replacing this joint of meat. Tesco's & the like were not open on Bank Holidays in the 70's - nothing was. I phoned around my friends and finally managed to secure 5 lamb chops between them provided it was my place for dinner that night - leg of lamb was on the menu YUM YUM.

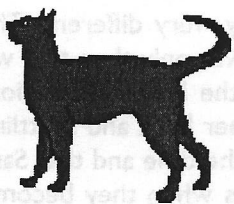
Nervously I went downstairs and rang the bell of the top flat next door. The houses are 4 floors - no answer phone - so I had to wait there thinking what to say to him - how to apologise. He eventually opened the door, he looked blankly at me - no expression of anger - nothing. I blurted out my apology and my promise of 5 lamb chops by the end of the day. He remained expressionless a while longer - then his face lit up and he pronounced himself sane after all and shut the door on me.

That night I delivered 5 lamb chops via the same route as the leg of lamb had come. He had closed his windows just enough to stop my cats getting in but sufficient for me to squeeze the chops through onto his sink unit.

He remained a very private man and never acknowledged delivery of the chops.

**Susan Davison**

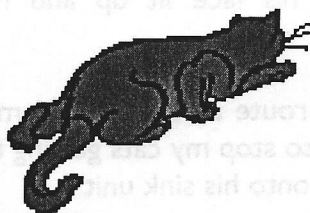
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## Re-Homing Monty, Our Positive Experience / I

**Laura Miller**  
Shares Monty's  
story with us, and  
proves that there is a  
positive side to the  
upsetting experience  
of re-homing a much  
loved pet.

*"We hadn't planned  
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big, naughty Blue  
boy"*



With the sympathetic, gentle and understanding help of Felicity Jolley, the trauma that all of us feel when having to re-home a much loved cat, became a positive and successful experience for us.

Unfortunately bringing in a new Kitten into a multi-cat household is not always a successful venture. We already had Sam and Pip, 7-year-old littermates, Jack a 4-year-old Burmese cross, and the baby of the household, our very first Tonk, a one-year-old tiny girl called Suki. We had bought her from Sue Davison as we also live in Bristol and from there went on to become firm friends with her. Consequently every time kittens arrived one just had to go visit, well it's only the polite thing to do isn't it! We hadn't planned on any more but fell in love at first sight with Monty, a great big, naughty Blue boy. So in due time, money changed hands and off we went to introduce him to our gang. Well, can I even find the words to describe the reaction of Suki; World War 3, nuclear explosion, well you get the picture!! The other 3 were just cautiously curious.

Knowing that it was going to take time and patience having done this before was of no help with the 2 Tonks. I spent many hours in tears on the phone to Sue for some days but eventually a 'kind' of peace truce was reached.

To cut a very long story a bit shorter, Suki, never did accept Monty. She tolerated him but as he began to mature he became very dominant with all the cats except Sam, the eldest male whom he still suckled at 3 years old! The real problem began with the sudden death of Poppy, our 12 year old Black Labrador bitch who he loved with a passion. He seemed to need to take over the 'top dog' position in the household and bullied the girls terribly and when he finally turned on Jack who was his playmate, who if was any more placid he'd fall over backwards! We began the painful talk of re-homing. Our Vet who has come over from America started him on a course of Clonacalm which has been used with cats for some time over there although only just in the licensing stage here. Well, we either had a cat who was doped up and sleeping or manic ready for the next dose. We had certainly lost the warm, loving, vocal and cheeky character that he was. We hummed and aahed for several weeks as this was one of the hardest decision we'd ever had to make. I had long talks with Sue who helped so much but she couldn't make that decision for us. Then suddenly he became very ill, very quickly. He ended up as an in-patient for a week having test after test as he couldn't even keep water down and had constant diarrhoea. We prepared ourselves for the worst as we visited him everyday and he just wasn't getting better. As I sat on the floor of the vets with him in my arms, drip in paw, purring up at me, I berated myself so much for having even thought of re-homing him and that if he got better we just couldn't do that to him.

The strange thing was though life at home had become very, very different. The other cats were relaxed, they played with each other and it was only then that we realised just how much we had all been under stress with the bullying situation, ourselves included. Suki no longer skulked around watching her back and scuttling off at any little noise. Pip, we realised stayed hidden most of the time and that Sam had been so quiet. It's funny how you can't see these things when they become the everyday norm. All our cats had lost their characters and we had become nervous wrecks.



## Re-Homing Monty, Our Positive Experience /2

*"This couple couldn't have been lovelier, retired early they had kept Siamese before but one of the family had taken in a rescue Tonk from Felicity who they had fallen in love with"*

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It turned out that Monty had Inflammatory Bowel Disease, which I'm sure was stress related. He'd had exploratory surgery in the end so came home with his very fetching plastic hat on which kept him quiet for a while but you could feel the tension immediately with the others. As soon as his stitches were out he was worse than ever before and I knew then having experienced the home whilst he was away that the fairest thing for everyone was to re-home him.

Sue put me in touch with Felicity Jolley, (what a wonderful job she does for us) and the search was on. It had to happen didn't it? The day before we flew to Egypt Felicity rang with news of a lovely couple that would be perfect. We either had to do it immediately or wait until we returned 2 weeks later. Knowing that the bullying upset my Mother who was house, cat and teenage daughter sitting we decided it only fair to sort it out before going. So on the day of our flight that night we got up early, packed all his stuff and favourite toys and headed out to Malvern Link, Worcester, (practically on Felicity doorstep)

This couple couldn't have been lovelier, retired early they had kept Siamese before but one of the family had taken in a rescue Tonk from Felicity who they had fallen in love with and had been on her list for an adult male for some time. He was to become an only cat and an outdoor one as apposed to a garden cat proofed cat. He loves it, a massive copse out the back, plenty of friends but doesn't have to share Mum and Dad with anyone once he arrives home after his forays!!

When we arrived and let him out of his carrier it was as if he'd always lived there. He went off exploring and then promptly flopped at Brian's feet for a belly rub. He'd been off his Clonicalm for some time now and suddenly his real character was shining through. Both cat and humans fell completely in love. When Felicity went round the next day to check on him she said she had never seen a cat settle so quickly. It was as if he'd always lived there.

There were an awful lot of tears and reassuring of each other that we'd done the right thing all the way home but I think we were lucky in the fact that we just didn't have time to dwell on it as it was panic stations getting ready to fly off that night. Felicity had very kindly phoned my mum several days later to say that all was going well and that he was as happy as a sand boy so that mum could relay the message to us in Egypt. We talked a lot and cried about him when we had time to stop and think about him and it took me a long time to talk about him afterwards without the tears coming.

We arrived home to a very different home. One that has become more and more relaxed as time has gone on and the other cats have realised that he's not coming back. I can see now that all the cats were depressed with the situation but it's so hard to see it at the time. It's like having 4 new cats here now and Suki has taken her rightful place as the Baby of the household and has become the most fantastic character. It would take me another hour to tell you all the positive changes in all the cats but there have been so many plus we've relaxed too. We didn't realise just how much on the edge of a nervous breakdown WE were!!!!

Monty's new mum and dad have been in touch and he's had no medical problems since and has settled in so well. They've told us that he's filled a great gap in their lives and they hadn't realised that they had stopped communicating themselves and that Monty has brought them even closer together. In that half hour phone call Brian had me laughing and in tears so many times but it was all good stuff and even Monty spoke to me down the phone, which set me off again!!

### Re-Homing Monty, Our Positive Experience /3



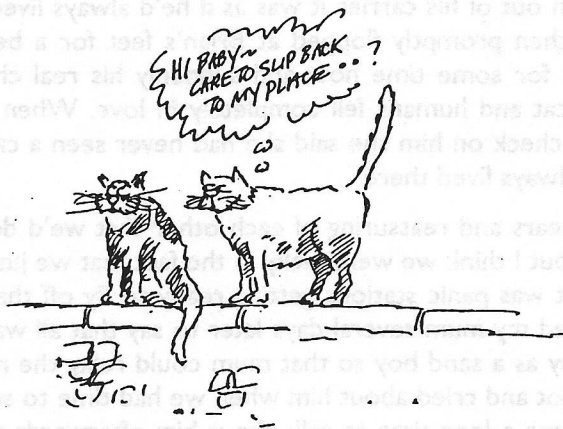
So, that's our positive experience. I still miss him and love him. He's the wallpaper on my computer so I see him everyday but I take heart in the knowledge that we did the best for the cats and for us. I so desperately wanted to keep him and have everything work out but it just wasn't meant to be and it would have been selfish of me to have done that to us all.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Sue Davison for all the support she gave us through this very emotional time and to Felicity for all the tireless work she does on the rescue side of the club and if we can be of any help to her in the future she knows that she need only pick up phone and we'll do what we can for her in the Bristol area.

I hope that if anyone else is in this position that this might have help some. Giving Monty up broke my heart but the other 4 have certainly put it back together again.

Laura Miller

### Comedy Corner



Submitted by Brenda Rawlinson



## Cat Astrology

The over-rational mind imagines astrology to be supersititious, and having little relevance to our technical age. Large numbers of people take astrology very seriously, utilising it to inform their lives. Millions automatically read their daily horoscope. As far as I know, little work has been developed within the area of cat astrology, I would like to attempt to redress this situation here.

### Brenda Rawlinson

Depth Astrology is a complex and ancient psychological way of exploring an individuals psyche and behaviour, it bears little resemblance to the sun-sign astrology, which most of us read in our daily papers and magazines. Learning the art of astrology is a long process and I couldn't attempt to explain its complexities in an article of this length, but I will give a brief outline of how it works.

**THE SIGNS** - There are twelve signs that I am sure most of you are familiar with, they are represented on by symbols or glyphs :-

Aries - ♈ Taurus - ♉ Gemini - ♊  
Cancer - ♋ Leo - ♌ Virgo - ♍  
Libra - ♎ Scorpio - ♏ Sagittarius - ♐  
Capricorn - ♑ Aquarius - ♒ Pisces - ♓

Any good sun-sign book will give you the basic representations of these signs. The signs we could describe as *Psychological Types*.

**THE PLANETS** - There are ten planets. Here are the glyphs & basic keywords for each :-

☉ Sun - Purposeful Activity  
☾ Moon - Adaptive  
☿ Mercury - Communication  
♀ Venus - Evaluation  
♂ Mars - Energy  
♃ Jupiter - Increase  
♄ Saturn - Structure  
♅ Uranus - Deviation  
♆ Neptune - Refinement  
♁ Pluto - Transcendence

The planets we could describe as *Psychological Drives*.

**THE HOUSES** - On the circular chart the planets & signs are contained in "The Houses", there are twelve of these, and they represent :-

1 Persona, Interests, Environment,  
2 Security, Resources  
3 Communication  
4 Home, Family  
5 Creativity, Romance  
6 Service, Health  
7 Relationships  
8 Death, Shared Resources  
9 Intellect, Travel  
10 Status, Career  
11 Relationships to groups  
12 Escapism, Confinement,  
Self-Abrogation.

You will notice in the centre of each of the charts a configuration of lines, joined at different angles. These are called aspects and are very important, they show the relationship between the planets and indicate whether the various psychological drives operate with ease or difficulty. The major aspects are: *trines* and *sextiles* (which manifest with ease) and *squares* and *oppositions* (which are more difficult). The conjunctions, wherein two plants are within six degrees of one another, are the most powerful of all and will operate with both ease and difficulty, depending on other factors within the chart.

If you ever decide to have a personal astrological chart drawn-up for you, the astrologer will need to know the time, date, year and place of your birth. With this information he will be able to calculate your personal chart with aspects, planets, signs and houses, which will be particular to you. No two charts are ever the same; even twins have subtle differences. The exact time of your birth is very important as it gives the position of two of the most important and sensitive areas of the chart - the *Ascendant* and the *Midheaven*.

*Ascendant* (Asc) The Persona, The "Me".  
*Midheaven* (Mc) Them - how you are seen by others in the world - reputation.



## Cat Astrology /2

For the purpose of this article, I will put greater emphasis on the Asc. and Moon. Kittens are often born very close together, so at first glance their charts can appear almost identical; but even 20 minutes can alter the sign ruling the Asc., the moon position, or the aspects made to both. The differences in positions and aspects made to the moon and Asc. can account for the emergence of kittens with contrasting personalities. Remember the Asc. is concerned with the persona (the face we show to the world.) The sign on the Asc. changes every two hours, whilst the moon is the fastest moving planet.

I will be using four charts to illustrate the differences in time and personality of kittens born in the same litters. The first two are Melusine Rhyming Thyme (Buster) born at 14:45pm. and Melusine Pepper Corn (Jeremy) born at 16:05pm on March 27th 1997. Next I will use the Natel charts of Melusine Aqua-Tay (Tay) born 20:20pm and Melusine Bella-Clova (Clova) born 21:16pm on June 1st 1996. *Important Note: A Natel birth chart does not tell your fortune, it is a map of potential!*

I hope you will be able to follow the charts with the help of the glyphs and keywords I have given you.

As you can see the time difference between Buster's and Jeremy's chart is 1hr.20mins. It is easy to see the different patterns the aspects form within the centre circle. An interesting feature here, is that Buster's chart has a clear triangle shape on the right-hand side. This is called a T-square, and is a very powerful energy within the chart. It is constructed of two squares and an opposition, between the Mc, Moon and Jupiter. Remember, I mentioned earlier that squares and oppositions operate with less ease and tend to manifest difficulties and restrictions in a life. On the other hand, they can be used constructively, to develop endurance, an attitude of determination and the ability to face reality. Many people who have this configuration learn much from the experiences that emerge from this pattern. A very basic description of this aspect formation is a tendency toward discontent, anxiety and exhibitionism through carelessness, and being over-generous without due care for self. Because the aspects are joined together it can sometimes make the energies more intense. Little Buster was always the one who would rush first into something with great brio but, unfortunately, also

the one who had the accidents, falling off things and getting into scrapes, whilst the others just watched. He once swallowed some string, which I only discovered because he developed tummy trouble. He caused me some anxiety - always wondering what would happen to him next. He was by far the most loving and friendly kitten in the litter. I became very close to him, and it was very difficult for me to part from this little victim of circumstances.

Jeremy, on the other hand, was a stunning cat, a real "cool charmer". He was the kitten everyone chose, who viewed the litter. He had confidence, self-containment and a critical intelligence, which Buster did not have. It is in the area of the Asc. that we can observe the main differences between the two. Buster has his Asc. in Leo ♌, whilst Jeremy has his in Virgo ♍. Two very different personas! Buster had some of the best qualities of Leo, concentrated perseverance (although a little habit prone) always trying to go forward, generous and gregarious. He was shown once and had the Leo propensity for achieving prominence, gaining two firsts, a second and a really good Merit. He was relaxed and even tempered. Jeremy displayed real Virgo characteristics, he was discriminating, introverted, flexible, and had great discernment, with a critical attitude. He was not emotionally demonstrative until he knew you well.

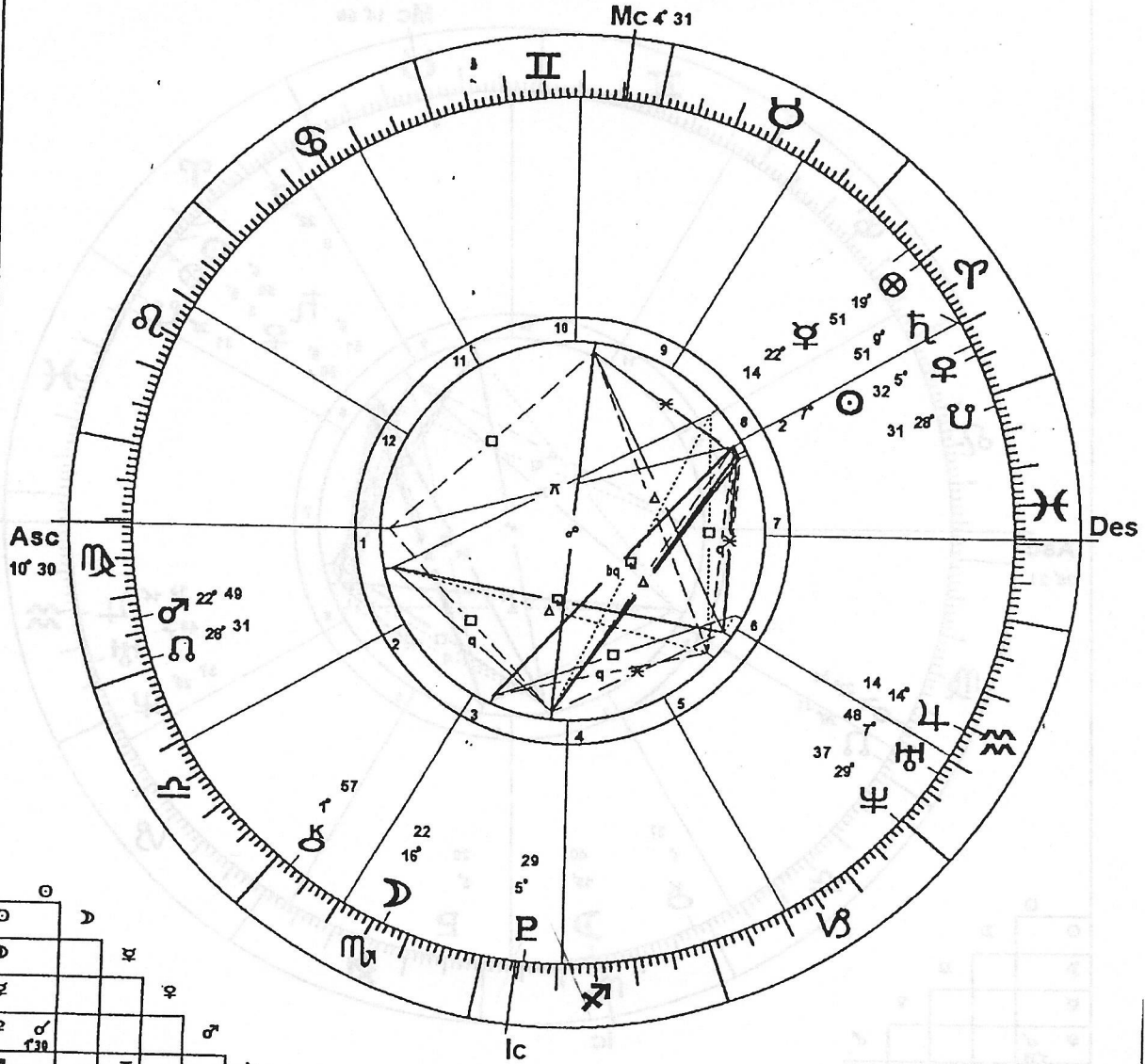
Finally Buster's Moon ♀ makes a square to Uranus this aspect can denote a tendency toward a nervous energy when stressed, but also gives opportunities toward receptivity to sudden change. I have only touched on a little part of these charts, but they do illustrate basic differences in kittens born so close together.

Now I want to look at two more charts of kittens born close together; the time difference is 1hr.16mins. Tay and Clova belong to Miriam Haas, Miriam is a friend and this gave me the opportunity to observe the two cats as they grew and developed their personalities. You will observe, by the aspect patterns, that there are subtle differences between these cats but I would like to concentrate my attention on the potential for cat showing. In order to do this I will explore the Asc. and the planets that make conjunctions with it. You will recall that I mentioned how powerful the conjunction is. You'll notice that both Tay and Clova have a Sagittarian Asc, but in the time between the births the Asc. has moved

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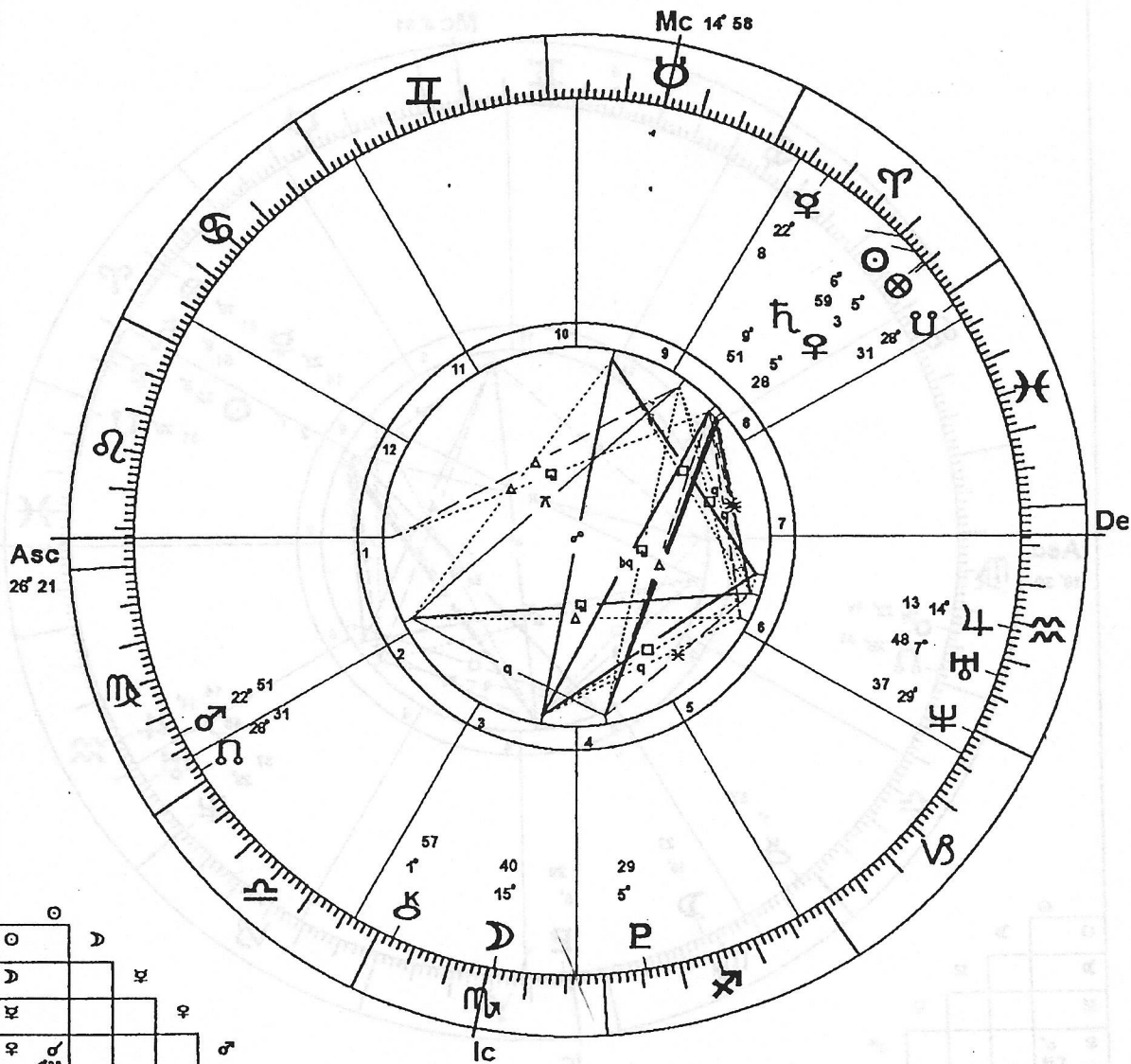
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												Earth	♊	22° 49' 27r"	( 1 )	♍	10° 10' 30.25"	
												Air	♈	14° 13' 56"	( 6 )	♎	10° 10' 30.25"	
												Water	♌	9° 51' 6"	( 7 )	♏	10° 10' 30.25"	
												Sid Time	♎	7° 47' 47"	( 5 )	♐	10° 10' 30.25"	
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## Natal for Buster

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## Cat Astrology /5

about nine degrees. Tay's Asc. makes an almost exact conjunction with Pluto whilst Clova's hits the Moon.

Tay is a beautiful Chocolate Tonk, with a stunning honey-coloured coat, good eye-colour and type. This was confirmed at his 1st show when he had a red card day. A month later he won Best In Show Kitten and Reserve Best In Show at the first Tonkinese Breed Show. We thought great things were possible for him in the future, but this was not to be. At his next show he would not be handled and refused to co-operate with the judges. He was not aggressive, just very unhappy to be handled by people he didn't know. Many of us have had the frustration of showing a promising kitten, who after doing really well at shows, suddenly takes a strong dislike to the whole thing. I sometimes put this down to the affect of the developing ego-sense of the "I". Many of you who are parents will recognise when this happens to your toddler, who begins to make powerful demands about his or her requirement to be the centre of the universe. Without this developmental stage the child would not be able to establish a separate identity from that of his parents. Maybe this happens to cats as they leave kittenhood and become more one-with-themselves. In the case of Tay this was compounded by the very potent and powerful Asc. con. Pluto. Pluto is a planet that operates deep within the unconscious. This aspect indicates critical periods of upheaval and change, so that new beginnings and experiences have to be reshaped out of the destruction of existing life-patterns, this is how and why Pluto transforms. If frustrated the energy will engage with great force, Tay let it be known (vocally) that he was not going to be used in this way. Pluto rules Scorpio, a fixed sign, once the Pluto personality is convinced there is no going back. Great loyalty is expressed in this aspect, Tay's relationship with Miriam is both intense and

close. As a point of interest Miriam's Sun is in Scorpio, this gives them an intuitive understanding of each other; indeed Tay will only be handled by others if Miriam is there. In these circumstances, he is happy to be admired and stroked by anyone. Tay is now put on exhibition and loves every moment, it gives him the opportunity to practice the Pluto trend of observing people - but at a distance.

Clova is a brown tortie and, on the whole, very happy at shows and has done very well over the last two years. Clova has her Asc. con. Moon - remember, the keyword for the moon, is "Adaptive". This aspect develops a responsive and feeling attitude, with easy adaptation to new circumstances. There is an ebb and flow of experience, which helps prevent a bad experience becoming fixed, enabling a new response at every show. Clova also has a beautiful sextile between the Moon and Mc., which Tay does not have. This aspects increases the emotional and sensitive contact moving-out toward others.

When I took Clova and Tay's litter for their first injection, my vet picked out Clova, saying that she was very different and stood-out from the rest as being very beautiful. This came from a man who usually makes remarks about the darker torties looking like moggies. Miriam and I have observed this working often, with people commenting on her sparkle and that indefinable quality, which draws people; rather as the moon does the sea. There is, of course much more to observe within these charts, but my objective has been to illustrate how even kittens born so close together can be very different in their personalities and in their adaptation to life experiences.

*Whatever is born or done this moment of time, has the qualities of this moment in time.*

*Carl Jung*

**Franz Lebowitz** - No animal should ever jump upon the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.

**Colette** - Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.

**Robert Byrne** - To err is human, to purr is feline.

**Leonardo da Vinci** - The smallest feline is a masterpiece

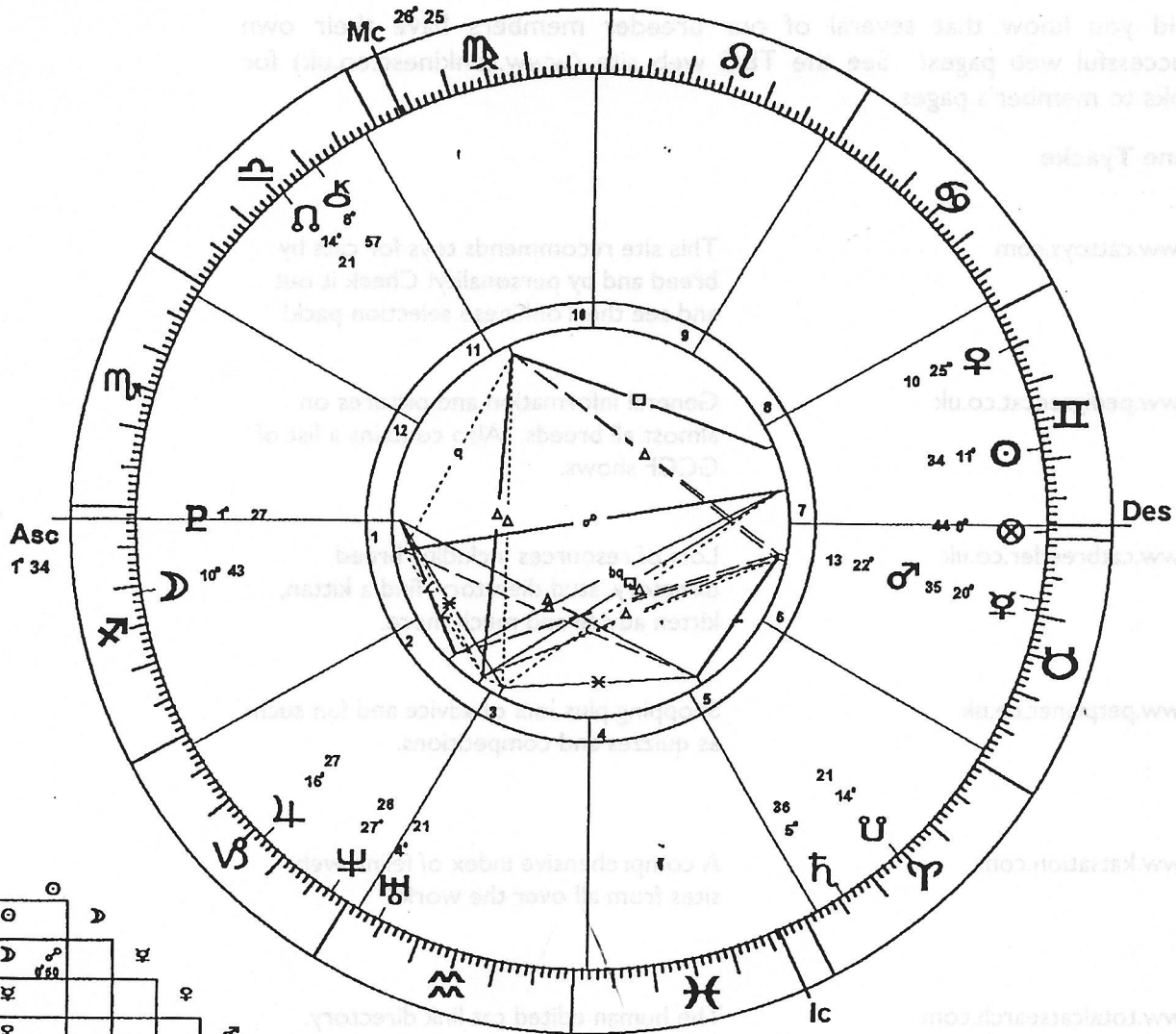
**Anonymous** - No, Heaven will not ever Heaven be, unless my cats are there to welcome me.



## Cat Astrology 17

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## Paw Links

Here's a list of some of my favourite cat-related web sites. Believe it or not, there are **hundreds** of websites devoted cats! Information on all kinds of topics is freely available, but do make sure that you check the validity of facts on display, particularly in relation to any medical or veterinary information.

*Don't forget to visit the TBC website at [www.tonkinese.co.uk](http://www.tonkinese.co.uk)*

Did you know that several of our breeder members have their own successful web pages? See the TBC web site ([www.tonkinese.co.uk](http://www.tonkinese.co.uk)) for links to member's pages.

### Jane Tyacke

[www.cattoys.com](http://www.cattoys.com)

This site recommends toys for cats by breed and by personality! Check it out and see the Tonkinese selection pack!

[www.pedigreecat.co.uk](http://www.pedigreecat.co.uk)

General information and pictures on almost all breeds. Also contains a list of GCCF shows.

[www.catbreeder.co.uk](http://www.catbreeder.co.uk)

Lots of resources including breed directory, stud directory, find a kitten, kitten advice and much more.

[www.petplanet.co.uk](http://www.petplanet.co.uk)

Shopping plus lots of advice and fun such as quizzes and competitions.

[www.katsation.com](http://www.katsation.com)

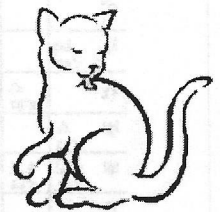
A comprehensive index of feline web sites from all over the world!

[www.totalcatsearch.com](http://www.totalcatsearch.com)

The human edited cat link directory.

[www.catsincharge.co.uk](http://www.catsincharge.co.uk)

Oscar the cat's view of the UK cat scene.



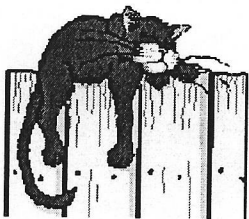
[www.palantir.co.uk](http://www.palantir.co.uk)

Julia May's comprehensive site with much information and many links to other cat related sites.

## You Know You're A Cat Person if.....

A few simple tests to see if you really are as mad about your Tonks as you think!.....

- ... you refer to going to the bathroom as "using the litter tray."
- ... you do not consider an outfit complete without some cat hair.
- ... you consider cat hair in your food as extra fibre.
- ... you apologise when you step on a soggy cat toy in the dark.
- ... you snap your fingers and pat the sofa beside you to invite your guests to sit down.
- ... you sleep on one edge of the bed because the cat is sleeping in the middle looking sooooo comfy!
- ... you accidentally put your child's dinner plate on the floor.
- ... you spend more money on toys for your cats than on the kids or grandkids.
- ... you decorate your Christmas tree with dangly cat toys.
- ... your neighbours refer to you as "the crazy one with all the cats."
- ... you have more pictures of your cats than your kids in your wallet.
- ... your parents wind up with a four-footed, furry "grandchild."
- ... you plan your holidays around the cat show schedule.
- ... you accidentally call your spouse by your cat's name!
- ... you set a place at the dinner table for your cat.
- ... you call home and leave a message on the answering machine for your cat.
- ... you have the cat meow on the outgoing message of the answering machine.
- ... your spouse says, "Me or the cat!," and there's no hesitation.
- ... you never go to the door unless it's to let a cat out.
- ... you chose a house to buy based on it having a good location for the litter tray.
- ... you think cat fur makes a wonderful garnish to any meal.
- ... you own 17 varieties of kitty-nail-clippers.
- ... you are lost for conversation with non-cat people.
- ... you meow so well, you confuse the cats.
- ... you bore the neighbours with discussions on the exact nutritional differences between Felix and lams... at length.



## Is it Wise to Breed After a Caesarean Section?

Our breeding queen Sheba had been a very successful mother, to two very healthy litters. After giving her a rest of eighteen months we took her to stud again. The mating went well and she became pregnant again. During the first two weeks of her term she caught a really nasty cold virus, I believe the cause was likely to be the stress of going to stud, as the rest of the cat family remained healthy. Sheba was content and happy, although I did notice that she was not putting on as much weight as usual, when pregnant. I prepared myself for a small litter. As she came to full-term, I was somewhat concerned, as her weight appeared to diminish. Early in the morning of her due date, I observed some blood spots, and rushed her to the vet. The vet scanned her and it was clear that something was very wrong. He performed a caesarean section.

The result was, one tiny baby, very small and weak, with little movement and difficulty breathing. When we arrived to pick them up, mother and baby were in an incubator. Our vet then explained what he had found. There were four dead and half reabsorbed kittens, at various stages of development. He showed us a perfectly formed placenta, to it, was attached a tiny foetus, at a very early stage of life. I mention this only because, despite the horror of the whole event, this tiny image was so perfect and beautiful, something I had never seen before, it reminded me of a tiny mirror image of a sun. The vet suspected that the virus had passed through the placentas, and killed the growing kittens. Tests confirmed his diagnosis, although he did mention that this was an unusual event, as the mothers immune system usually protects the growing foetus. The surviving kitten had to be hand fed every two hours, as it was too weak to suckle. Despite my best efforts the kitten died. The vet believed it had the virus.

We were then left to consider the position regarding Sheba and her potential to have another litter. I talked to other breeders, who offered conflicting advice. Our vet, felt that due to the circumstances, i.e., no problems specific to Sheba's reproductive system, associated hormonal problems, or her ability to give birth, we could try again. We did, and she gave birth to three kittens. Unfortunately one died, due to the cord becoming entangled around the neck during the journey down the birth canal and cutting off the air supply. Sheba herself had no problems and the remaining two kittens were fine. Although smaller than we were used to.

We mated Sheba one more time, she did have a slight cold at the beginning, but this was treated and all appeared to be going well. Once again she did not appear to be putting on much weight, but otherwise was healthy. The vet felt that it was likely that she had a very small litter. On her due date I noticed blood spots and she was very restless. Once again she had a caesarean, this time there was one kitten and a placenta, one kitten had been re-absorbed. This kitten, was much stronger and bigger, he grew into one of the biggest and most healthy kittens, we had ever bred.

**Brenda Rawlinson**  
(Melusine Tonkinese)  
recounts the story of  
Sheba's Caesarean  
Section, her recovery  
and subsequent  
litters.

*"Early in the morning  
of her due date, I  
observed some blood  
spots, and rushed  
her to the vet. "*





## Is it Wise to Breed After a Caesarean Section? /2

It would appear that the biggest problem that emerges from breeding with a queen who has had a caesarean is the scarring left from the operation, which alters the size and environment of the womb preventing the secure attachment of placenta and kitten. On balance I would not breed again from a queen who had been through this operation.

Sheba is well and happy, content to be an auntie to any toy or kitten that pass her way. I did keep one of the kittens who survived the first birth after the operation, and discovered, when she was eighteen months old, that her chest cavity was a little too small, although this does not affect her quality of life, she is quite small, but I must add perfectly formed and a real little darling, who has a wonderful relationship with her mother, Sheba.

**Brenda Rawlinson**

## What is a Breeder?

A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment. A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favour of turning that all important Show into this years "vacation".

The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding programme or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry. The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due, or the babies have to be fed at eight. She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeders lap is a marvellous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed. A Breeders hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a kits wet nose.

A Breeders back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice kitten to a Grand Championship. A Breeders shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations. A Breeders arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of kittens, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeders ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick kitten. A Breeders eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own cats faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitions faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen. A Breeders brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bones, fine ears, and perfect heads.... and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out. The Breeders heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place!

Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then , there are BREEDERS!!!

ANON

Submitted by Chris Richards



## Feline Laws of Physics

### Law of Cat Inertia

A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest unless acted upon by some outside force such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

### Law of Cat Motion

A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

### Law of Cat Magnetism

All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

### Law of Cat Sleeping

All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for the people involved as is possible for the cat.

### Law of Cat Acceleration

A cat will accelerate at a constant speed, until he gets good and ready to stop.

### Law of Rug Configuration

No rug may remain in its naturally flat state for very long.

### Law of Obedience Resistance

A cat's resistance varies in inverse proportion to a humans desire for her to do something.

### Law of Refrigerator Observation

If a cat watches a refrigerator long enough, someone will come along and take out something good to eat.

### Law of Cat Embarrassment

A cat's irritation rises in direct proportion to her embarrassment, times the amount of human laughter.

### Law of Furniture Replacement

A cats desire to scratch furniture is directly proportional to the cost of the furniture.

### Law of Pill Rejection

Any pill given to a cat has the potential energy to reach escape velocity.

### Law of Cat Disinterest

A cats interest level will vary in inverse proportion to the amount of effort a human expends in trying to interest him.

### Law of Selective Listening

Although a cat can hear a can of tuna being opened a mile away, she can't hear a simple command three feet away.

### Law of Cat Probability (Uncertainty Principle)

It is not possible to predict where a cat actually is, only the probability of where she "might" be.

### Law of Cat Obedience

As yet undiscovered

*Some of the "Cat Laws" that we humans have only come to understand after much patient study.*





## Tonkinese Registration Policy

### BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREE OF TONKINESE CATS

#### BREED NUMBER 74

1. **Tonkinese:** Tonkinese with the typical coat pattern expressed in any of the following colours - Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Caramel, these colours in the tortie and tortie tabby, Red, Cream, Apricot and all eight colours in Tabby.
2. **Tonkinese Variant:** A cat from the mating of a Tonkinese to - a Tonkinese, a Tonkinese Variant, a Burmese or a Siamese but whose coat pattern is either Burmese or Siamese in appearance in any of the colours and/or patterns in 1. above.
3. **Burmese and Siamese:** On their respective Full Registers but only in accordance with the requirements of the Tonkinese registration policy given below.

**Note:** All offspring of Tonkinese Variants mated to the similar breed of origin, i.e. Tonkinese Variants with burmese coat pattern x Burmese. or Tonkinese Variant with siamese coat pattern x Siamese, will be registered as the appropriate coat pattern Tonkinese Variants.

#### REGISTRATION POLICY

##### FULL REGISTER

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status which have only Tonkinese in their pedigree within three (3) generations.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status which have in their pedigree, within three (3) generations, only Tonkinese on the Full, Supplementary or Experimental Registers, or Tonkinese Variants *and*

- I. The progeny of Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants mated with either Burmese or Siamese (on their respective Full Registers) born on or before 31st December 1996.
- II. The progeny of Burmese on the Full Register mated to a Siamese on the Full Register born on or before 31st December 1998.

##### EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Tonkinese with Preliminary Recognition which have in their pedigree, within three (3) generations, only Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants *and*

- I. The progeny of Tonkinese, or Tonkinese Variants, mated with either Burmese or Siamese (on their respective Full Register) born on or before 31st December 1996.
- II. The progeny of Burmese on the Full Register mated with Siamese on the Full Register, born on or before 31st December 1998.

##### REFERENCE REGISTER

All Tonkinese Variants *plus*

Tonkinese that have in their pedigree, within five (5) generations, any breeds other than those permitted in the Tonkinese Pedigree. This includes Burmese or Siamese not on the Full Register, cats with unknown background and those that have not been registered Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants from the mating of a Tonkinese, or Tonkinese Variant, to a Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register, born on or after 1st January 1997; or the progeny from these cats, that have within their pedigree, within three (3) generations, Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register.

Tonkinese from the mating of a Burmese on the Full Register to a Siamese on the Full Register, born on or after 1st January 1999, or the progeny from these cats that have in their pedigree, within three (3) generations, Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register.

The 'Three Generation' requirement for the Full Register to be increased to Five (5) generations as soon as is practicable.

**Nose:** All Red, Cream and Apricot Tonkinese with one or more Tabby parents must be registered as Red, Cream or Apricot Tabbies until otherwise proven.

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## GCCF Code of Ethics

### THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY'S

#### GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS AND OWNERS

Registered owners of all GCCF registered cats/kittens accept the jurisdiction of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and undertake to abide by this general code of ethics.

1. Owners should think carefully and take advice before getting a kitten and choose a breed of cat suited to their lifestyle. They should only keep as many cats as they can care for adequately.
2. Cats and kittens must be provided with warm and comfortable housing, with plenty of opportunity for exercise and play. Cats should be kept indoors at night for their own safety. Drinking water must be available at all times and cats must be fed regularly and adequately. Breeders will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing cats in a new home.
3. All cats need some grooming to keep the coat in good condition and to check for parasites, eg fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots and matted areas of fur, which cause considerable discomfort to cats.
4. Veterinary attention must be sought whenever a cat is showing signs of illness.
5. Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at the age recommended by your veterinary surgeon. If cats are registered on the Non-Active register, this means that under no circumstances should the cats be bred from; no progeny from these cats will be registered by the GCCF.
6. Breeders agree only to sell cats where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. An offer should be made at the time of sale to help with the rehoming if at any time circumstances require the cat to be found a new home.
7. Owners should not sell any cat to commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
8. Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cat and must draw the attention of purchasers to the implications of the Non-Active register when selling pet kittens.
9. Breeders selling a kitten on the Active register should offer advice and support to the new owners. Owners should not breed cats in a way that is deleterious to the health of the cat or the breed.
10. Owners should consider carefully the best means of identifying their cat in case it should become lost. This can be done by means of a microchip, which can be painlessly inserted under the cat's skin by your veterinary surgeon and then registering the number of your cat with the RSPCA registration scheme run by the Kennel Club and also by notifying the GCCF of the cat's chip number. The alternative is for the cat to wear some form of identification on a collar. However, there are dangers for cats wearing collars as they may become hooked up and caught by them or more likely the collar will break or come off over the cat's head, so preventing easy identification.
11. Breeders/owners must ensure that all relevant Governing Council of the Cat Fancy documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a cat in accordance with Rule 10 (see below), *including* a copy of this code.

#### **N.B. Transfer of Registration - GCCF Rule 10**

- 10a. When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten the breeder shall, at the time of sale, provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder, carrying 3 generations at least, showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, also the breeder's name and address.
- 10b. If, at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser with a transfer form, duly completed and signed by the seller, unless it is jointly agreed in writing by both parties at the time of sale not to do so.