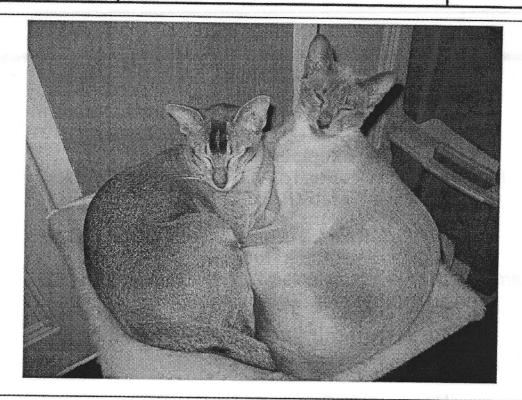
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#### Editor's Notes -

Hi. I'm Sue Amor, a very new tonk owner and soon to be tonk breeder and the new editor of Tonkinfo. I live in Evesham, Worcs and also breed Burmese.

I am a full time schoolteacher but am intending to retire in four years time. Then I can spend far more time in the absorbing hobby of breeding cats (and editing TONKINFO of course!)

The picture above is of my two tonks:- Bonzer The Cats Whiskers, Milly, a choc tabby solid coat pattern neuter and Bonzer Kiss inthedark, Kizzie, a blue pointed queen. Kizzie is my soon to be first mummy tonk.

Sue Amor

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## HON.SECRETARY'S REPORT - Linda Vousden

What kind of cat is Mr Spock (Star Trek)? Not what you'd expect at the start of my report is it—but just keep reading and you'll find out.

This has been another excellent year for our Tonks—not just for our own show (read more later in this issue) but we now have an impressive initial list of Champion and Premier Tonks. Many congratulations to all of their owners and breeders.

We are delighted that Miss Sarah Caney (a past FAB Scholar and a highly respected veterinary surgeon, and lecturer, who has joined us at every Tonkinese show) has accepted our invitation to be Vice-President and an Honorary member of the Club.

Committee - A few changes to Committee (see page 2), we thank Chrissy for the year she was able to serve on the Committee and Miriam Haas for the many years that she has so competently managed the Kitten List for us. Miriam is now giving up the role but the Kitten List is now essentially a part of the new Club web site I've set up and maintain, so I'll be the contact for kitten details. If you have any to advertise through the Club just e-mail or call me with details—likewise for the stud list.

The Club has a new badge, and many members have one already. Check out the Club web site to see how to get yours, or order one directly from me (£2.80p incl p&p). I am still asking for clear and natural photos of your cats and kittens to put on our Club notelets. You can post or e-mail them to me with the pedigree name and colour of the cat.

The Web Site - I'm unable to get rid of the old TBC site yet, but please keep visiting the new one; it will soon surpass the old one in the listings making it easier for people to find— http://www.tonkinese.info If you have a link to the old TBC site please make sure that you update the address (and if you have a link to my own site 'Mymystic' please will you change it to http://www.mymystic.com).

At the AGM I announced my intention of standing down as Club Secretary next year—after serving the Club, and the breed for over a decade, I need a Sabbatical at least! We do need more people willing to serve on the Committee—please think about it.

As Hettie Gray-Baker said in her book, 'Your Siamese Cat' (1953) - "Here's to you and your family—may you live long and prosper!" Which makes Mr Spock a COPY CAT!

- Cheers, Linda

#### Michael Cox-Horton

... our friend and hard working Committee member passed away in December 2003. His generous and gentle support will be much missed. We offer sincere condolences to Anne and to Michael's friends and family.

#### Alison Ashford

... our highly respected President, and constant Club member, passed away in March 2004. Her extensive knowledge of breeding and the international cat fancy will be sorely missed by her many admirers, friends and family.

#### ON WITH THE SHOWS!

If you are not showing a cat yourself why not pop along to offer your support and meet fellow Club members. Here are a few of the 'imminent'

shows (for more show details visit the GCCF web site).

23rd May: Midland Counties CC, Aldersley Leisure Complex, Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton

5th June: Merseyside CC, The Leisure Centre, Kingsway, Widnes, Cheshire
5th June: Somerset CC, The Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, Bristol.
12th June: London CC, The Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Knowle Green, Staines.
3rd July: Wilts & District CC, Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Ave. Swindon

10th July: Lincolnshire CC, Lincolshire Exhibition Centre, Grange De Lings, Lincoln.

17th July: East Sussex CC, Angel leisure Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, Kent.

17th July: Gwynedd CC, Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road, West Queensferry, Flintshire.

31st July: Kensington Kitten & Ntr CC, Bracknell Sports Centre, Bagshot Rd, Bracknell

# 30th October - TONKINESE BREED CLUB 2nd CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW!



# CLUB Items for Sale order from Hon. Secretary

Don't forget that the Club has its own handbook (£2 plus 43p P&P)- useful to all members and an absolute must for Tonkinese breeders. We have Club Pedigrees (pack of 10 for £2 plus 43p P&P) which you are welcome to photocopy for further use; packs of 10 Mating certificates (30p plus SAE) which all breeders not using their own stud

must now send to the GCCF with their kitten registration forms. In addition we supply free to members (on request with SAE)

Forms for registering kittens on full register if they have Tonk variant ancestors.

Explanatory diagram of the Tonkinese Registration Policy.

- Membership Application form to give your kitten owners please encourage Club membership.
- Stud and breeder's lists note that these are limited to the information that is supplied to us by breeders and stud owners.

TBC Badge—Gold and Aqua enamel. (£2.80 incl. post & packing)



#### TONKINESE BAC

#### **Breed Seminar**

The Tonkinese BAC Seminar is again to be part of the Joint Foreign Seminar on May 16th at Kings Sutton.

Tickets incl lunch £7 per person (specify morning or afternoon) or £11 for both sessions

Programme commencing 10am Asian, Bengal, Egyptian Mau, Singapura & Tonkinese Lunch 1pm

commencing 2pm Abyssinian, Cornish & Devon Rex, Korat, La Perm, Russian Blue and Selkirk Rex

Tickets to be booked in advance from Mrs H Dean, 37 Alfred Rd, Burchington-on-Sea, Kent CT7 4NJ

Tonkinese session will focus on eye colour and tabby markings in non-tabby cats

#### PEDIGREE ARCHIVES - Urgent Appeal to you all.

As you know, the Club is still trying to build up a pedigree archive but the number of pedigrees supplied by breeders for this very valuable and unique asset during the past 3 years has numbered less than 10!

We KNOW that there have been more than 10 litters of Tonkinese kittens bred in this period — please, please breeders (and owners if you haven't done so already) send in a copy of your pedigree/s so that we can get our archive up to date. The information we have has already been of use to several breeders trying to correct details on their pedigrees or trace missing links—and even helped one breeder regain part of their lost breeding line. Several owners have used it to fill in gaps in their pedigree backgrounds and on one occasion it has helped us to re-home a Tonkinese.

We know that some people have concerns about passing on registration numbers, if this is what's preventing you from contributing to the archives please feel free to omit the last 3 digits of your registration numbers (we do need to know the letters) —but let us try, as a Club, to have as comprehensive a record as we possibly can. Send a copy of your pedigree/s to the Hon.Secretary (address on page 2), ideally list the names of all kittens in the litter (with their colours and coat-patterns) on the pedigree.

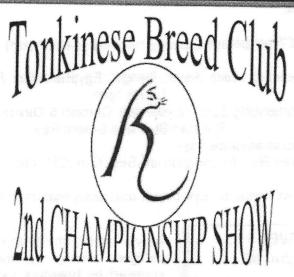
—and thank you for taking the time to do this.

#### TITLED TONKS!

After all these years its wonderful to see our Tonks in the show catalogues with CH, PR GRPR & GRCH before their names!

If your Tonk has earned a title the Club will be delighted to award you a congratulatory certificate to hang on your wall. Just write to the Hon.Secretary (address on page 2) with the details of your cat plus the shows and judges who awarded the three necessary certificates—for your convenience there is a form you can print off the Club web site for this purpose. All titled Tonks are listed on the web site for your information.

# WHERE WILL YOU BE?



Held under GCCF rules.

Saturday, 30th October 2004

The 3M Hall, Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

Show Manager: Mrs HJ Hewitt

The Braes, 160 Hermitage Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 8XH Tel: 01483 474225

Assistant Show Manager: Mrs L Vousden

Lansdale, 12 Robinhood Lane, Winnersh, Berks. RG41 5LX Tel: 0118 9619444

In August, schedules will be sent to all exhibitors at our 2003 show, and free to all members who request one nearer the time. Anyone else who wants a copy of the schedule should send Linda Vousden a C5 sized SAE.

If we are to continue to have open Class Colour splits we must have more entries—so do support the Club, after all we are the only Championship Tonkinese show.

This year we want to involve exhibitors in the safety aspect s of a cat show and will be asking for volunteers to be on-call in the event of an emergency. You will find a leaflet on the subject with the schedule.

Our theme this year will be- HALLOWEEN

and we look forward to maintaining our growing reputation for having a colourful and interesting show. We realise that dress has to be appropriate for a show but anyone who came to our 1st Championship show saw how people dressed to suit the occasion—we hope you will do so this year and perhaps there will be prizes again for the best efforts!



### Chairman's Report

It has been a very mixed year – some very happy moments and some extremely sad ones as in the last few months we have lost 2 very special club members – Alison Ashford and Michael Cox-Horton.

Alison Ashford was our club President and had supported us since the club's inception. She also had a great knowledge of cats that she was happy to share with people – she wrote for Our Cats and gave me a couple of articles for Tonkinfo when I was Editor. I personally will miss her because she gave me a lot of information when I was researching luxating patellae when my Tuppence had this problem, and she also gave my lovely Bruno his first Merit and wrote a lovely note on his pink slip, which was most encouraging to a novice beginner.

Some of you may only have known Michael Cox-Horton by name, but if you belong to the Tonkinese 'chat' group you will know that he was a kind chap who was extremely enthusiastic about our breed and working on the Committee, and would always try to help you with a computer problem too, a 'gentleman' in the true meaning of the word. Our condolences go to Ann.

On a happier note it has been a GREAT year for our wonderful breed – I would therefore like to thank everyone who has taken the time to show their beautiful cats, and also to thank those who travelled to shows to support exhibitors. The result is that we now have quite a few titled cats - champions and premiers, not forgetting a handful of Grand champions and premiers. Congratulations to their proud owners.

We also had a very successful show last November – our thanks to Linda V for all her hard work in the months leading up to it – yes, it does takes MONTHS to get organised. Thank you to everyone who helped out – can we count on you again this year? Should be a fun show – the theme is Halloween, so starting thinking about a suitable costume.

Kathy Wilkinson April 2004

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# Club Awards Presented at the AGM 2004

Congratulations to the following members for their cat's achievements in 2003, it was good to see so many people returning their results.

In order to be eligible for an award, members must send their results to the Cup Secretary (see Committee List) by end of January each year. The TBC web site has a form available throughout the year that you may print off or copy for this purpose.

Most successful adult male -Most successful adult female -Most successful adult neuter -Most successful kitten -

C. Russell K. Wilkinson K. Wilkinson C&J Richards

Angisan Xcalibur Knight Tonkaholics Serendipity Mymystic Goldenshadow Tonkaholics Luvinamist

Most successful brown -Most successful blue -

K. Wilkinson A Cox-Horton Most successful chocolate (series) - A Cox-Horton

Mymystic Goldenshadow Keroon Tegath Frocious Keroon Tamianth Button Angisan Xcalibur Knight

Most successful brown/blue/choc./lilac - C. Russell Most successful Caramel or Apricot (series) - K. Wilkinson Mymystic Mischa

Most successful red adult -

not awarded Most successful red adult/kitten/neuter - C&J Richards Most successful cream adult/kitten/neuter - not awarded

Romantica Remus

Most successful tortie -Most successful tabby adult, male - L. Vousden

K. Wilkinson Most successful tabby adult, female - C&J Richards Most successful tabby neuter - K. Wilkinson

**Tonkaholics Serendipity** Mymystic Pharoah Toshiki Yanna Mymystic Mischa

Most successful male tabby kitten - not awarded Most successful female tabby kitten - G. Rayson

Hushpad Chaem Choi

The Tonk most often on Exhibition :-

Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within the last 2 years) :-C. Russell

Member who has supported the breed by showing the most Tonkinese during the year:- C&J Richards

Subject to confirmation—see website for details.

## WRITE TO THE EDITOR!

If you have any comments to make on the contents of Tonkinfo, any items that may be of interest to other readers, suggestions for items you like featured etc. . Would you like your stud boy to be featured in the next issue?

Just write to the editor (Mrs Sue Amor—see Committee list for address)

Deadline for the next issue of Tonkinfo : 20th September 2004

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#### MERRYDANCER BELLABOOGIE

Her name is Merrydancer Bella Boogie. She is my first Tonk. Why did I chose Tonkinese? 10 years ago I was working as a veterinary assistant. One day the sweetest little girl came in for spaying. She just cried to be held, and so she was. I didn't want to send her home at the end of the day; I was already captivated by her expressive nature.

The real question is — why did I wait 10 years to share my home with one! I began my search on the internet. I read and read and read about this amazing breed. Then a friend of a friend said she knew of a good breeder. Merrydancer Cats. So I emailed Christine. And never looked back. Christine & Derek had a litter of six gorgeous kittens, who unfortunately for me were all booked, so I went on a waiting list. Chris was fantastic. She kept me posted, and answered all my silly questions. Then one day I got a phone call. Someone who had booked a little brown, tonkinese coat pattern, girl — had changed her mind! My heart was beating so fast. My husband and I looked at her pictures and updates on their website. Then called back to say we would love to have her! We visited first off when she was about 6 weeks old. We were smitten. The way her eyes searched my face, it was as if she was trying to soak us up, see if we were good enough for her. It seemed like forever before we could bring her home. Chris & Derek mailed me daily and I them, endless photographs, questions & information passed between us. I had 'Anbini' up on a pedestal before we even brought her home. I wondered if I may be disappointed, I had got myself so excited. I needn't have worried.

Anbini is an amazing cat. A never-ending sense of fun, very intelligent... and just so affectionate. The fact that she is so beautiful is just a great bonus. I never tire of watching her. She is the reason my husband, our son, and myself 'quicken' our pace when coming down the garden path, knowing we are getting the most fantastic greeting when we get through the door. She makes everyone feel wanted, and we are willing slaves. Visitors, of ours who are not all cat lovers, adore her. She also did very well at her first show, receiving a first in her open class, and was awarded Best of Breed kitten. But - the icing on the cake was the day after the show, when she learned to retrieve her favourite ball!!!! I cannot imagine our home without her, and anyone looking for a cat who has time for games, and who loves a cuddle – it has to be a Tonkinese!!! And to my husband – 'When exactly can we adopt another?

'My never ending thanks to Chris & Derek at Merrydancer for allowing us to share our home with this wonderful little girl.

Chris and Derek's website can be found on: www.merrydancercats.btinternet.co.uk .

Leanne Knipe

#### Waiting for my love by Shadow

"Morning Mum"

"That's it, give me fuss"

"More fuss"

Food!!!!

"Oh! Something new, I recognise that smell, you always wash everywhere with that when a new girl is due."

"This one is going to be my one and only love, honestly"

"New litter tray, fresh litter, snuggly blanket, oh yeah, I better make everywhere smell nice to welcome her".

"What are you moaning at mum, funny how you humans never appreciate the wonderful smell of eau de cat pee."

"Where is she, she is taking her time, I'll just call for her yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl!

"Oh! Who's that looking over the fence."?

"I'll let them know I have a girl due too," yowl,yowl,yowl,yowl,yowl,yowl!

"Perhaps if I scent more"

Oh here is mum, sorry mate she cancelled.

"What did mum say, I'll just yell some more that will hurry her up" yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl, yowl!

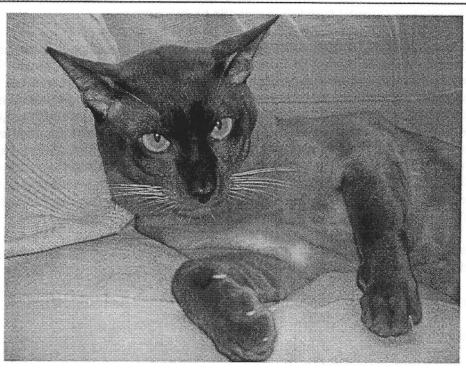


Photo by Karen Mould

#### Angisan Xanadoo Shadow

Bred by Angela Crowther, owned by Nina Short and adored by the whole Mould family.



#### Keeping a stud boy.

To anyone thinking of keeping a stud boy, there are a great number of rewards. Myself and my husband Steve are very lucky to have been given the opportunity to have an incredible boy to live with us, Angisan Xanadoo Shadow. He is owned by our very great friend Nina and is on loan to us. He has the most incredible temperament, which he passes on to all his kittens, which he loves to play with from the minute they are born. All our queens invite him in to be with the kittens, he is always placed on washing and toileting, although some kittens do try and suckle off him much to his amusement but he is unfailingly gentle with them.

I understand that Shadow is fairly unusual in this respect as stud boys don't always mix well with kittens and nursing queens.

He is always gentle with his visiting girls, he really woos them when he calls to them, washes them, kisses them, before he mates them and then offers them his bed to sleep in. Actually I think he is such a softy they turf him out and he doesn't have the heart to say "Hey! You have your own snugly bed".

You should also be aware though that keeping a boy is hard work; it is a really lonely life for them. We spend a lot of time with Shadow to keep him happy and he has a neutered boy as a pal for a period of the day. While he has a girl in we spend hours at a time with him. You have to maintain the right balance of company with a boy and not so he doesn't get use to having someone all the time so he doesn't pine when he hasn't any; or boy would your neighbours get to hear about it. A stud boys call is a cross between a donkey braying and a cockerel crowing and as loud but for ten times as long.

Shadow has soon learnt that disinfecting his queens quarters means a girl, even though I have done it a lot when a girl is not due so as not to let him catch on but he always knows somehow. This is when the yowling starts and continues till she arrives. Thankfully she soon does else the yowling goes on for days. There is nothing worse that an expectant or frustrated boy.

Another thing to consider if you want to keep a boy is it is very expensive to build a stud house. We have built ours from scratch after using a custom shed as a base. We contacted our nearest shed company and they built one for us adapting a design they already had. On top of this, we have had to build a large outdoor caged run for him with plenty of climbing frames to stop the boredom. Then there's lighting, heating and music. This is all cheaper than buying a ready-made stud house but it has still been thousands rather than hundreds so be prepared.

For more information on building a stud house go to our website http://www.tyriustonkinese.co.uk/

We find it is harder work to keep a boy and keep him happy than it is to keep a houseful of queens and kittens but saying that we wouldn't change a thing we all absolutely adore him.

Written by Karen Mould.



#### The Tonkinese Breed Club 1st Championship Show

Held in Bracknell on 8<sup>th</sup> November, this was a highly anticipated event! After reliably working for Tonkinese championship status since the breed's initial recognition by the GCCF, the Tonkinese Breed Club was delighted to stage the *world's first all-Tonkinese Championship show* and the Europe's only Tonkinese Championship show. Almost every colour and pattern of Tonkinese was present - and every cat and kitten was on its best behaviour. We were, as ever, grateful to our Show Manager, Mrs Helen Hewitt (we presented her with a Victorian silver brooch and a pashmina on which to wear it) and to our Assistant Show Manager, Mrs Linda Vousden, who put her heart and soul into making this a special show for the Club.

We were determined to make it as memorable an event as possible and invited all exhibitors to dress for the occasion - *in Aquamarine of course*. Special prizes of collectible blue teddies were given by Linda, to those who most entered into the spirit of the theme. Each exhibitor was given a highlighter to mark up their catalogues, a Club calendar to mark up Club events and one of the new Club badges, designed in time for the show. In addition, special hand-painted glassware was presented for each Best in Show and Best of Breed, and a similar gift was presented to each Judge.

The exhibition pens were all beautifully decorated and thanks to Chris Richards (Tonkaholics) an example of each of the brown Tonkinese and Tonkinese variant coatpatterns was present for those who wished to learn about the differences, they attracted much attention.

We hope our judges enjoyed their day, Joyce Green (who judged at the Club's very first show in 1996), Jean Gamble, Ronnie Brooks, Anne Skilling (from New Zealand, who has been watching and judging Tonks there since the mid 80's) and Doreen Burke (our first 'home grown' Tonkinese judge).

Special thanks go to Nicky Goulter who managed the day's administration flawlessly and made sure that Linda was able to enjoy the day - and even get to see some of the cats; to Anne Cox-Horton who gave the hall a special decorative touch and managed the cuptable so smoothly - not to mention providing us all with ears! Special thanks also go to Kathy Wilkinson who, as usual, ensured that every cat was provided with a treat and that the BIS went home laden with goodies, and for stepping in at the last moment to steward; to Jeanine Grobbelaar who had come all the way from Cape Town (yes, the one in South Africa) to be our official photographer for the day, providing most of the photos for this article; and to Mike Vousden who is always quietly supportive in the fray. Thanks also to Joe, Nikita and Chris our most efficient rosette runners; to Jo Richards, Gillian Wheatley, Jayne Radcliffe, Joanna Pollock and Lesley Meakin who came along specifically to help out on the day - the Tombola sold out by mid afternoon and sales from the Club table were excellent! I am sure that we've missed out some names so please forgive us - the help we had from so many volunteers was truly appreciated. It was a pleasure to welcome Sarah Caney again (from Langford and the FAB), a staunch supporter of Tonks for many years.

Club web site: www.tonkinese.info
Entry form and schedule will also be available from the TBC web site
for our show in October.

#### Now the details you really want to read: -

Overall Best in Show and Best in Show Adult.
Liz Case's lilac female, Fecheldee Chailai Titaya
(bred by Vince and Coral Macey).

Best in Show Kitten:
Justin Robbin's brown-tabby male, Tamtonks Willshakespeare
(bred by Christine Tamlin).

Best in Show Neuter.

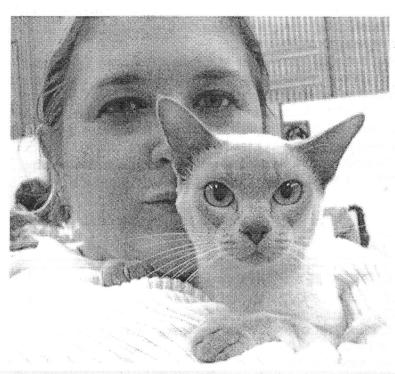
Valerie Chapple's brown male, Mymystic Pagansun
(bred by Linda Vousden)

– the third year running that BIS Neuter has been won by a Mymystic Tonk.

Other Best of Breeds were:
Chris & Jo Richards' Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (74e),
Hilary Goodburn's Toshiki Etheodor Ofhylily (74c)
Lydia Lines' Toshiki Silvara (74pt).

... and the cat voted by the public, as their favourite on exhibition was Linda & Mike Vousden's Addeish Lansdale Fable, a 12 year old blue male neuter who has faithfully represented the breed since 1991.

We all had a good day and hope that you'll join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship show on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 at the Bracknell Leisure Centre.



Overall Best in Show and Best in Show Adult:

Liz Case with her lovely lilac girl Fecheldee Chailai Titaya

(photo: Jeanine Grobbelaar).

Club web site: www.tonkinese.info

## TBC Recommendations For Breeders

In addition to the GCCF Code of Ethics the TBC strongly recommends that the following points are noted by owners of queens and studs. Remember that all GCCF registered breeders are now required to provide a copy of the GCCF Code of Ethics to each new owner of their kittens.

It is inadvisable to use a Tonkinese for breeding if it is on the REFerence register (with the exception of Tonkinese born before 01/05/1991 or Tonkinese variants that comply with the current registration policy).

A stud owner is not obliged to accept a queen to stud

Studs must be on the active register with the GCCF and must have their Certificate of Entirety (COE) lodged with the GCCF prior to the registration of their first litter. Stud owners should be able to show a copy of the COE to the queen's owner.

4 Studs, and visiting queens, should be vaccinated against Feline Enteritis and Cat 'Flu (but not within 14 days before the mating). Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable. Vaccination certificates should be available for inspection.

Studs must be regularly tested for FeLV and FIV, even if they are inoculated 5 against FeLV. It is recommended that they are tested at least once per year and

the documentation should be shown to the owners of visiting queens.

- The stud owner must supply the following for the queen's owner: a). A mating 6 certificate that complies with GCCF Section 1 Rule 3d., b) A full pedigree of the stud showing at least three generations with full registration numbers. c) A receipt for the stud fee.
- The stud owner must make clear any conditions relating to the kittens, or repeat 7 matings, before the queen is left with the stud.
- The stud premises should be available for inspection, by appointment, by the 8 queen's owner prior to the queen being brought to stud.

9 Queens must be on the active register with the GCCF.

It is recommended that queens are tested for FeLV and FIV within 24 hours 10 before visiting the stud, unless from a fully tested household, and the documentation should be shown to the stud's owner.

Unaccompanied queens should not be accepted to stud (ie. sent by train, bus etc.) 11 12

The queen's owner has a responsibility to make arrangements, including the inspection of stud premises, well in advance of taking the queen to stud.

13 The queen's owner should be aware that the stud fee is for the services of the stud and is not based upon results - it should be offered at the time the queen is left with the stud.

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#### **ALL MEMBERS - PLEASE REMEMBER**

- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE AND SHOW WORK
- WE NEED MORE ENTRIES AT OUR SHOW
- KEEP LINDA INFORMED OF YOUR KITTENS FOR SALE, & WHEN THEY HAVE GONE
- SEND IN YOUR ITEMS FOR TONKINFO
- VISIT THE CLUB WEB SITE—www.tonkinese.info