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YOUR SHOW NEEDS YOU!

**Have you sent in
your entry yet?**

There is still time!

***Closing date
19th September***

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If you don't read anything else in this issue, read pages 4 & 5

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Hon. Secretary's Report

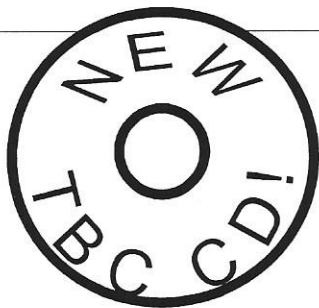
I can't believe its time for me to write another report! It must be a sign of my age that time is just running away with me. We have been handling the mundane, everyday aspects of running the club since the last Tonkinfo. We have agreed to support other clubs within the foreign section to try and persuade the GCCF to split the foreign section. I also attended my first GCCF council meeting as the Tonkinese Breed Club delegate. It was very interesting to see the democratic process at work and to hear the healthy debate from some of the delegates. I look forward to the time when I can help with a debate on tonkinese issues. There is a lot of hard work going on preparing for our annual show in October. I hope you can persuade your new kitten owners to enter kittens if they are show quality. I am really lucky that a recent litter of kittens went to 2 homes where the new owners are going to show them. We do need more tonks out on the show bench!

We have our Tonk BAC seminar on October 8th. I hope you can all come and attend and see how the Tonk changes through their different stages of maturity. No wonder it is so difficult to identify colour and coat pattern in young kittens. I know I change my mind lots of times when a new litter is born, especially with regard to coat pattern.

Please remember that we always need willing volunteers to help us run our club. Could you write a short article for Tonkinfo? Could you help out at the annual show? Would you like to join us on the committee? All offers of help will be gratefully received.

I hope to see lots of you at the shows in the forthcoming months. Please come and say hello. I promise I won't keep you chatting too long!

Sue Amor



Almost everyone has a PC these days, so I've gathered together our important and interesting Club and Breed related items onto a handy CD.

Items on the CD will include:

SOP: Registration Policy: Guide to the Registration Policy: TBC blank pedigree forms: Mating Certificates: GCCF Code of Ethics: Exhibitors' & Judges' Guide (*available for the first time*) - and much more that is useful to lovers of Tonkinese.

It will also contain a series of our very popular notelets, to print off whenever you want to, featuring some new friends and some old favourites, taken from Club Show photos and some photos of their Tonks that members have sent to me in the past.

Are you interested? The CD will be available for the first time at the TBC Show on 28th October at the one-time-only special show price of £3.75p.

If you would like to reserve a copy to be collected at the show, just send me an e-mail (tbc.uk@ntlworld.com) and you can pay when you collect it from me at the Club table.

After the show the TBC CD will be available by post for £4.50p plus £1.00p p&p.

Linda Vousden (Chairman)

Tonkinese Breed Club



4th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday, 28th October 2006 at the Bracknell Leisure Centre

Your Show Needs You!

Have you sent in your entry yet? There is still time,
Closing date 19th September

**It is so important for the future of the breed
that we have a good entry at our own Club shows.**

If you don't show your lovely Tonk at any other show, at least show it
at your own Club show. This is still the world's only all Tonkinese
Championship show, come and join us in a piece of history
and have a good day out!

Schedules have already been sent to previous exhibitors.
If you can't find your copy, or don't have one yet, you can either

send a C5 sized SAE to
Assist. Show Manager. Mrs K Wilkinson
5 Beltana Drive, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 4BT
Tel: (01474) 352711

or

print one off the Show Page of the Club web site—
www.tonkinese.info

We look forward to seeing you and especially your cats.

Important—Tonkinese BAC Seminar 2006

FINAL REMINDER

It IS important for Tonkinese breeders/exhibitors to attend these seminars. Attendance at our own Seminars and Shows reflects our commitment to the breed, and will affect future plans for it..

Are we genuinely interested in the continuation of the breed —
or are we just producing kittens to sell?

"Development of Tonkinese from 14 Weeks to Adulthood"

Date - The afternoon of Sunday October 8th, 2006

Venue - St Mary's Church Hall in Winnersh, Berkshire.

Tickets - £5 per person, to include light refreshments.

The seminar will focus primarily on the development of colour, coat-pattern & eye-colour.

Requests for tickets with payment (cheques payable to 'Tonkinese BAC') to be sent to

Mrs L Vousden, Lansdale, 12 Robinhood Lane, Winnersh, Berks. RG41 5LX.

Further details and a map will be provided on the ticket and posted to you.

'Our Cats' Journal—Feature on the Tonkinese

In the last issue of Tonkinfo it was mentioned that we have accepted an invitation from *Our Cats* magazine to include a feature on the Tonkinese and **we asked for your input**— details of your cat/s, cattery, show successes etc. for the feature. Unfortunately no-one has sent anything in.

So this is your last chance— please send your details to me (Linda Vousden) as soon as possible. We are able to include a limited number of photographs, if you have a good quality picture (*your own copyright*) you can send it to me for scanning & return (please enclose a SAE), or e-mail your details & high resolution photo to me at tbc.uk@ntlworld.com. Please remember to clearly label your photo with your name, the cat's name and its breed details. This will obviously be an ideal opportunity to advertise your cats alongside the breed feature. Our Cats special advertising rates include one photo and VAT, contact Anne Lawrence for more details (Tel: 0870 731 6506 E-mail: anne@ourcats.co.uk)

The Ups and Downs of the TBC Rescue & Welfare
*Val Chapple***DOING THE RIGHT THING ?**

I had a call from a lady saying that she had found a brown cat near the main road close to her home in Peterborough. Not recognising the cat as local to her area she took it to her vet who scanned it and found that it was micro-chipped with details of the cat's name and address—which was a long way from where she had found the cat. He also told her that it was a Tonkinese. The vet said he would keep the cat for seven days and try to contact the owner. The lady then rang me for advice on what to do should the owner not be found, as seven days is not long to find a n owner who may be away on holiday. I agreed to take the cat and do what was necessary. By this time the lady was feeling that she had done a good job, which indeed she had. Things got even better when, an hour later, the vet rang to say that he had contacted the owner. Some twenty minutes later she answered a knock on her door to find a man standing on her step shouting and asking her what she thought she was doing by interfering with his cat! How dare she take it to the vet. The lady explained that she was worried that the cat might get run over. The owner then said "We might have had to go home without him, we are only visiting for the day so we let him out for a walk".

Very shaken, the lady rang to tell me this story, she had done everything in her power to responsibly help that cat, which is more than can be said for the owner.

**NEVER GIVE UP HOPE**

In 2004 I took in a brown male Tonk, he was about 9 years old and he was called Tonka. He stayed with us for a long time and as no suitable new owner came forward he was listed for adoption on the TBC web site Rescue page. Murphy's law was applied when at that time a friend of mine decided to give Tonka a nice home and they've been happy together since.

However, two weeks later I had a call from a lady (Eunice) who'd seen Tonka on the web site and wondered if it might be her cat called Ivor, who went missing over a year before. I knew that Tonka wasn't her cat as I'd picked him up from his previous home of some two years. I made a note of the Eunice's contact details.

A couple of weeks later I had a call from Jo at the Heathrow airport animal reception centre. A stray cat had been seen around the airport for months but he could not be caught, he was patrolling the buildings and the runways. Staff discovered that he was getting into the animal food area at night to eat. One morning he forgot to get up and staff found him asleep on a pile of animal beds, but he was up and away before they could catch him—in doing so he showed them his way in. He was caught on his next visit and put into a warm pen with plenty of food and lots of loving from Jo. She spent a lot of time with him and e-mailed me some photos. He was clearly a Tonk, a lovely big boy with a very fluffy coat, grown to cope with living outside.

The call came for me collect him and on a Sunday afternoon my partner and I brought him home from the airport. I decided to ring Eunice with his details. On Monday she asked for photos to be e-mailed to her. A few minutes later her husband rang and we discussed the cat, I was happy with his answers and he decided to come and see the cat. After a drive of more than 5 hours from Lancashire he arrived at our home at 10pm. He spent an hour with the cat and decided that Eunice must see him, then drove back home. Eunice, her mother and sister arrived at our home the next morning. They were here for about two hours, Eunice spending a long time on her own with the cat.

Eventually she came out of the pen with a huge smile on her face and with no doubts left that he was *indeed* her beloved Tonk who had disappeared into thin air over 14 months ago in Lancashire.

TBC Web Site—Updates

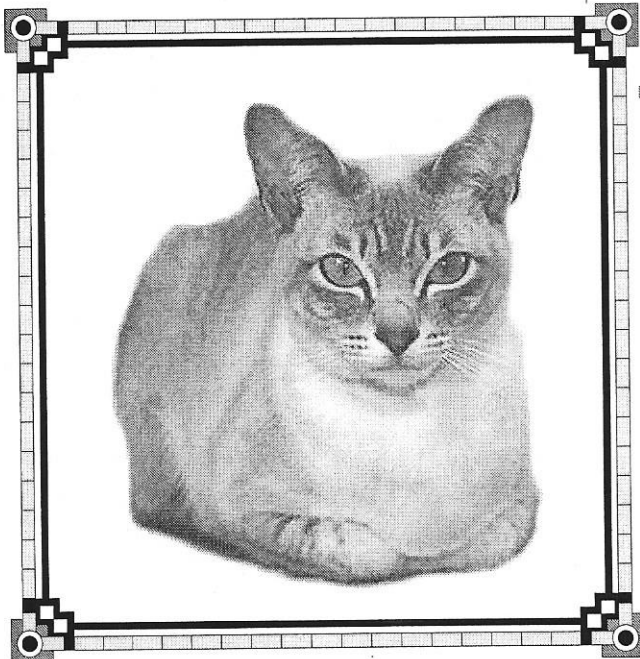
The Club web site is constantly evolving, there are two new pages for the benefit of Club Members—

- 1) The 'Club Publications and Items For Sale' page now includes a section for members to post relevant items for private sale.
- 2) The new Breeder Member's 'Re-homing' page. For the use of breeders who may need to re-home their cats, this has been set-up as it is felt that this is a separate activity from rescue and Welfare.

CONGRATULATIONS— To Our First Imperial Tonkinese

Although there aren't many Tonks shown at present, they are doing extremely well and several have now won their Grand Champion and/or Grand Premier titles against other Foreign breeds — congratulations to each titled Tonk and owner (for a list see the TBC web site).

It is even more exciting to be able to offer congratulations, on behalf of you all, to Karen Durden on her Lilac Tortie Tonkinese, Shinarha Enola Gay, becoming the very first Tonkinese Imperial Grand Premier.



In The Frame

Suki, a lovely Blue Tabby girl.
Owned by Mr Paul Watters
Bred by Jenny & Ralph Stenning
(Jensten)

*If you'd like to see your cat in the frame in the next issue of Tonkinfo just e-mail a clear picture, with details, to the editor
tbc.uk@ntlworld.com*

HAVE YOU A LURKING CARAMEL OR SNEAKY APRICOT IN YOUR LINE?

Linda Vousden

There is still confusion about these 'colours', and I expect there will be for some time; especially when you consider that the Caramel colour was identified back in 1974. This means that the cause, the Dilute modifier gene (Dm), was obviously around before then—yet its presence is still not officially accepted in many carrying breeds today.

At a show I attended this year there was a row of 4 beautiful 'Cream' Burmese. I took several people to look at these cats and we all agreed that only one of them was actually Cream, rather than Apricot, and this was the one that was placed 4th. At a previous show many Tonk folk admired a stunning example of a Caramel Burmese, shown as Lilac. I assure you that I am not 'Burmese-bashing', but it does worry me that when so many breeds are now recognising the influence of the Dm gene, one of the most established and beloved breeds is steadily being affected without control. This does, of course, affect the Tonkinese and any other breed with out-crosses to the Burmese.

I'm presently waiting for cries of "I told you so" because, after careful study of her progeny, I have re-registered my 10 year old Lilac-Tabby (GrPr Mymystic Pagan) as a Caramel-Tabby. It may seem strange to bother re-registering at her age, and since she has been neutered for so long—but I feel that it's important to have our breeds' details recorded correctly. At least no-one could suggest I took the easy route, in showing her as a Lilac-Tabby rather than a Caramel-Tabby, in order to gain her title ☺

The Apricots are usually distinct from the Creams, but it isn't always easy to tell the Caramels from the Blues or Lilacs just by looking at them (especially in the tabbies), so we do need to study our pedigrees.

The Dm is a dominant gene; it only needs to be inherited from one parent to express itself in a dilute colour. So when you come to register your dilute colours remember :

1. Blue & Lilac cannot just *carry* the Dm gene — if they inherit it then they **must be** either a Blue-based or a Lilac-based Caramel.
2. Cream (Blue-based or Lilac-based) cannot just *carry* the Dm gene - if they inherit it then they **must be** an Apricot.
3. So it follows that you cannot have a Caramel or an Apricot from *two dilute parents* (Blue, Lilac, Cream) - at least one of the dilute parents **must be** a Caramel or an Apricot.

I realise that this probably doesn't help much in clearing up the confusion, but it might make you look twice at the colours in your pedigrees—and your kittens when you register them.

**CLUB
Items for
Sale**

We have a selection of Club items including the distinctive Gold & Aqua enamelled Badge (£2.85 incl p&p). Contact Linda Vousden for details or visit the Club table at the TBC Show on 28th October 2006.

Club web site—www.tonkinese.info

Excerpts from "A Cat's Guide to Human Beings"

1. 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.

2. 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 a couple of tried and true methods of getting your human to do what you want:

1. *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.
2. *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.

3. 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. Instead, we offer these subtle but nonetheless effective alternatives:

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

4. 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 and 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.

5. 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 and, after all, *opposable thumbs will only take you so far*.

OVERSEAS NEWS !

Our hearty congratulations go to Jeanine Grobbelaar (Loeloeraai Tonkinese), our long standing member from Cape Town, South Africa. Some of you will remember Jeanine from her visit to our Club show in 2004 and the fabulous photos she took of the show for us.

The South African Cat Council offers only 5 awards at their Cat of The Year Show :— Breeder of the Year, Runner-up Breeder of the Year, Stud of the Year, Brood Queen of the Year, and the Chairman's Award (normally someone who has worked for many years for SACC). This August, Jeanine and her Tonkinese won the hat trick :

Stud of the Year (*SpCh Zion Tequila Sunrise of Loeloeraai*)
Brood Queen of the Year (*Loeloeraai Starstrutter Liberty Bleu Madiana DM*)
&
SACC Runner-Up Breeder of the Year 2006

Jeanine said "I am still floating, cannot believe it. When I went up the second time, and realised the Tonks were creaming it, I apparently hit the air with my fist - I was really thinking 'Yes, Yes, Yes, Go Tonks - we DID it'. Honestly - it was wonderful, and I think the best night of my life. So many people there showed their support; the roof nearly lifted, they applauded the Tonks so much, and when the 3rd award was announced, people started banging the tables!! I even danced that night ☺ My mom is clearing a shelf in the lounge, she wants me to put the trophies and certificates there, and my ABC club has asked me to bring Tequila & Madsy to put them and their awards on display at our next show."

Here's wishing Jeanine and her Tonks go on from strength to strength!

Snippets

Tonkatsu - Asian-style Breaded Pork Chops

Thinly sliced boneless pork chops are coated with Panko, Japanese bread crumbs that are light and airy. They're then pan-fried until browned and crispy.

Makes: 4 servings

- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- salt to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup vegetable oil for frying
- 8 thin cut boneless pork chops
- 1 1/2 cups panko crumbs

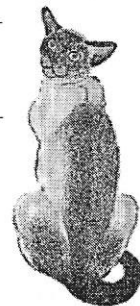
1. In a medium bowl, mix together the eggs, milk, garlic, salt and pepper.
2. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat.
3. Place the panko crumbs in a shallow bowl.
4. Rinse pork chops with water, blot dry then dip into the egg mixture.
5. Coat with panko crumbs, dip into the egg mixture again and coat with another layer of panko crumbs.
6. Lay coated chops on a plate until the rest are finished. Let them set for about 10 mins. *If you wish to freeze them, now is the time to do so.*
7. When the oil is very hot, place pork chops into the pan, and fry for about 5 mins on each side, until golden brown.

The Creation of Cats

Day one, God created cat.
 Day two, God created man to serve cat.
 Day three, God created all the animals of the earth as potential food for cat.
 Day four, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of cat.
 Day five, God created the sparkle ball so that cat might play with it, or not.
 Day six, God created veterinary science to keep cat healthy and man broke.
 On the seventh day God tried to rest, but he had to clean out the litter trays.

Politically Correct Terms for Cat Owners

My cat does not puke hairballs, he is a floor/rug re-decorator.
 My cat does not break things, she is a gravity-assistance engineer,
 My cat does not fear dogs, they are merely her 'sprint practice' tools.
 My cat does not gobble, she eats with appreciative alacrity.
 My cat does not scratch, he is a furniture/rug/skin ventilator.
 My cat does not shed fur, she is a hair relocation stylist.
 My cat is not gobby, she is communications guru.
 My cat is not a dope addict, she is catnip appreciative.
 My cat is not a ruthless hunter, she is a wildlife control expert.
 My cat is not evil, she is wicked enhanced.
 My cat is not fat, he is mass enhanced.
 My cat is not underfoot, she is shepherding me to my next destination (which should always be the food dish).



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.

- 1 If breeding from a Tonkinese on the REFERENCE register, ensure that it complies with the current Tonkinese Registration Policy - some cats are on the REFERENCE register because they have ancestors that are not permitted in the Tonkinese breed programme (eg. Orientals or cats of unregistered or unknown parentage).
- 2 A stud owner is not obliged to accept a queen to stud
- 3 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.
- 5 Studs must be regularly tested for FeLV and FIV, even if they are inoculated 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.
- 6 The stud owner **must** supply the following for the queen's owner : a). A mating 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.
- 7 The stud owner must make clear any conditions relating to the kittens, or repeat matings, before the queen is left with the stud.
- 8 The stud premises should be available for inspection, by appointment, by the queen's owner prior to the queen being brought to stud.
- 9 Queens must be on the active register with the GCCF.
- 10 It is recommended that queens are tested for FeLV and FIV within 24 hours before visiting the stud, unless from a fully tested household, and the documentation should be shown to the stud's owner.
- 11 Unaccompanied queens should not be accepted to stud (ie. sent by train, bus etc.)
- 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.
- 14 The breeder **must supply** each kitten owner with a copy of the GCCF code of ethics; a valid vaccination certificate showing that the full course has been completed for Enteritis and cat 'flu; a properly completed pedigree certificate that includes at least three generations with full registration numbers and the pink registration certificate duly signed by the breeder for transfer of ownership

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ALL MEMBERS

- ◆ 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
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