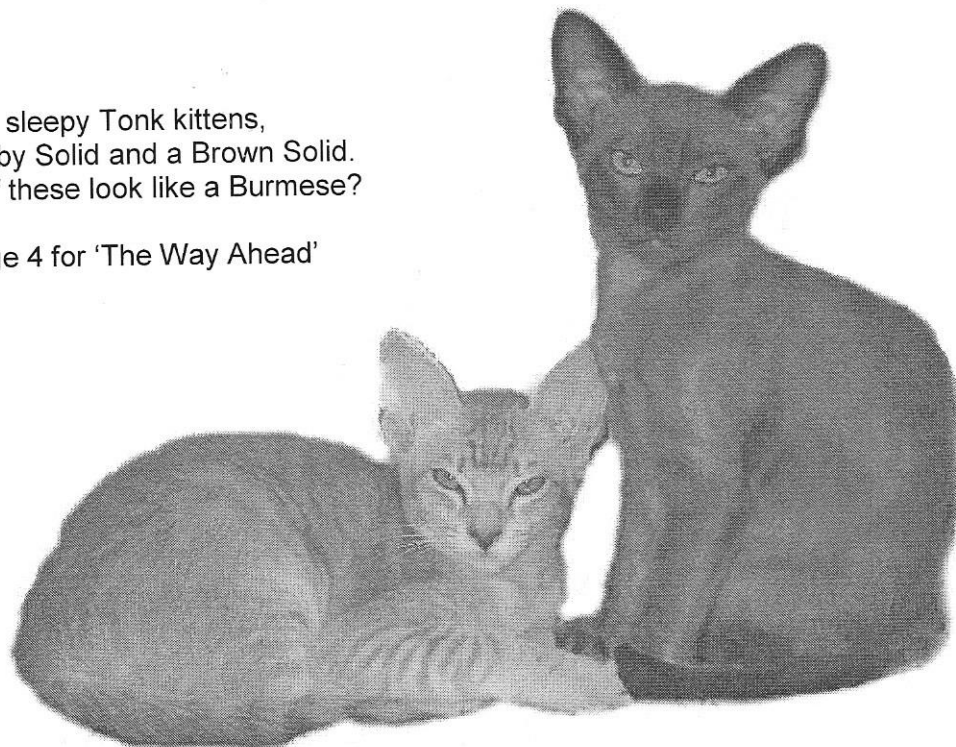


Two sleepy Tonk kittens,  
a Blue Tabby Solid and a Brown Solid.  
Do either of these look like a Burmese?

See page 4 for 'The Way Ahead'



**Editor's Notes - Linda Vousden**

I hope you enjoy this issue. Please note the changes in the Committee and be sure to read the Exhibitors' information and the note of the forthcoming Tonkinese BAC Open Meeting.

Thank you to those of you who sent me items for this issue - shame on those who promised but didn't deliver—you know who you are! Still, you now have time to send me something for the next issue 😊

*While all reasonable discretion will be shown, neither the Editor, Committee nor Club are accountable for opinions expressed by individuals in this magazine*

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**Chairman's Notes—Linda Vousden**

**Saying Farewell**—this year its Anne Cox-Horton's time for a break. While Anne is remaining on the Committee she has handed over the role of Cup and Show Support Secretary to Liz Case (a brave semi-volunteer!). Its not easy to keep track of the numerous awards available for the Club show and the Annual awards presented at the AGM—let alone the occasional stray cups that are handed in to us from other clubs. On behalf of you all I thank Anne for her sterling work in the past and Liz for her future ventures *Thank You Ladies*.

.... **and welcome** to all of our new Committee members (*see Committee list*); and to the many new members who have joined the Club this past year.

For our exhibitors members I have set-up a page on my web site listing the Tonkinese Judges at forthcoming shows; just go to [www.mymystic.com](http://www.mymystic.com) and you'll find the link to the 'Showing' section on my FAQs page.

If anyone has questions about the Club or the breed please feel free to contact me and I'll do my best to answer them—  
*Cheers, Linda*

**Hon. Secretary's Report—Sue Amor**

Hello everyone. I can't believe it's time for me to write my report for Tonkinfo already. It seems like only yesterday that

I wrote the last one. It is very encouraging still to see so many excellent Tonkinese on the show bench. There is a very loyal core of exhibitors who have supported the breed from the beginning but there are also new exhibitors appearing. Well done to all concerned.

One of the most encouraging things I notice when I see Tonkinese at shows is the consistent type that is appearing. The public are learning to recognise Tonkinese too. Even more encouraging is the number of kitten enquiries I get from prospective kitten owners who tell me they have done their research on the web and have decided that tonks are for them!

We have had a busy time since the last Tonkinfo with your committee working hard to ensure that club affairs are running smoothly. The welfare section is very busy ensuring that lonely tonks find their forever home. The Tonkinese BAC are working hard monitoring our judges and encouraging participants in the GCCF judging or stewarding scheme.

Please remember that we can never have too many volunteers. If you have any skills or spare time that you can offer please let myself or Linda Vousden know. Thank you.

**WRITE TO THE EDITOR—see Committee list for address**

If you have any comments to make, any items that may be of interest to other readers, suggestions for items you like featured etc. please write or e-mail to the editor

**Deadline for the next issue of Tonkinfo : 1st August 2007**

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; DATES FOR YOUR DIARY &lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;



**TONKINESE BREED  
SHOW 2007  
CLUB**

Bracknell Leisure Centre, 27th October  
Our theme this year will now be  
*An English Garden*  
So join us in all of your lovely flowered prints  
and help to brighten autumn up.

### Important Tonkinese BAC Open Meeting

St Marys Church Hall, Winnersh, Berkshire.  
Sunday September 2nd, from 1pm

The Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee invites you to attend an open meeting to discuss the way ahead for the Tonkinese—**all three coat-patterns**. The TBAC is seeking your active support for the promotion of the solid and pointed coat-patterned Tonks. The meeting will include an explanation of the promotion process, information on what steps the TBAC have taken so far and an open discussion on the project.

Although the GCCF requires all breed promotion to be managed by the relevant BAC, it is impossible for a BAC to achieve breed advancement without the active support of those involved with the breed. So are you content for two thirds of our Tonkinese to be kept by the wayside—or are you prepared to do something about it?

Any updates concerning this meeting will be posted on the TBAC page of the TBC web site - [www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)

**Tonkinese Archives**

Linda Vousden

Many of you know just how addictive the 'sport' of Line-Chasing can be. Hours may be spent looking for that tiny piece of information to fill a gap. I've been compiling my own Tonkinese databases since I first came into the breed in 1991, they include info on UK and International Tonks. I'm also the official archivist for the Tonkinese BAC and Tonkinese Breed Club—so please remember to send me details of your litters to add to this valuable Tonkinese resource.

At the AGM this year I mentioned that it would be useful to be able to share the information on-line, but it was suggested that some breeders would oppose this—the only reason given for possible opposition was that such an on-line resource might be of interest to the Inland Revenue, however since the IR consider cat breeding to be a hobby, unlike dog breeding which they consider to be a business, this argument isn't sound.

At one time the publication of registration numbers was of concern, but since a GCCF rule was approved (requiring breeders to provide mating certificates when registering their kittens) this is no longer an issue.

There are numerous breed databases on-line now including Burmese, Siamese, La Perm, Bengal, Ocicat etc. I would be very interested to hear from anyone who has a constructive point to make—either for or against the idea of such a Tonkinese resource being more easily available.

While working on the Archives I often come across errors in pedigrees, here are some corrections that you might like to note for your own records:-

Adixabu Lillymylov 24c *should be* Adixibu Lillymylov **27c** (an old chestnut)

Adraysh Zashmin *should be* Adraysh Yasmin

Bonzer Seal Of Approval 74bv *should be* **Bonzer Seal of Approval 74b**

Diabolos Mali (CSEXP 432336) *should be* **Advensh Mali**

Sunsylth Allegro *should be* Sunsyolph Allegro

Tintoretto Alidin Sane *should be* Tintoretto Aladin Sane

Bonzer Blue Poppy's reg. no. is CSREF 331643 *not* 642

Bonzer Merlin's reg.no. is CSEXP 298717 *not* 292

Episcopuss Ianthe's reg.no. is CSEXP 280816 *not* 250

Jasicle Dainty Dinah's reg.no. is CSEXP 287811 *not* 284

Kittycorner Bambam's reg.no. is CSEXP **296817** *not* 223752

Toshiki Quandro's reg no. is CSSR 495**120** *not* 109

Toshiki Olwenna's reg. no. is CSSR 495**117** *not* 115

Romantica Jessica Iris is 74hqv CSREF *not* 74h CSEXP

Tamtonks Apricot Crumble is CSSR *not* CSREF

Tonkabella Benedict Bruno's reg no. is CSEXP *not* CSREF

Adhuibu Speedy Gonzales's breed no. is 27b *not* 27f

Typha Mona Lisa's breed no. is 27a *not* 24a

The Burmese prefix is Artro *not* Astro

If anyone has any queries about their pedigrees I would be happy to answer them if I can, just e-mail me at [mymystic@ntlworld.com](mailto:mymystic@ntlworld.com)

**EXHIBITORS INFO .....**

..... To keep you up to date with Judges and changes to the Tonkinese Standard of Points.

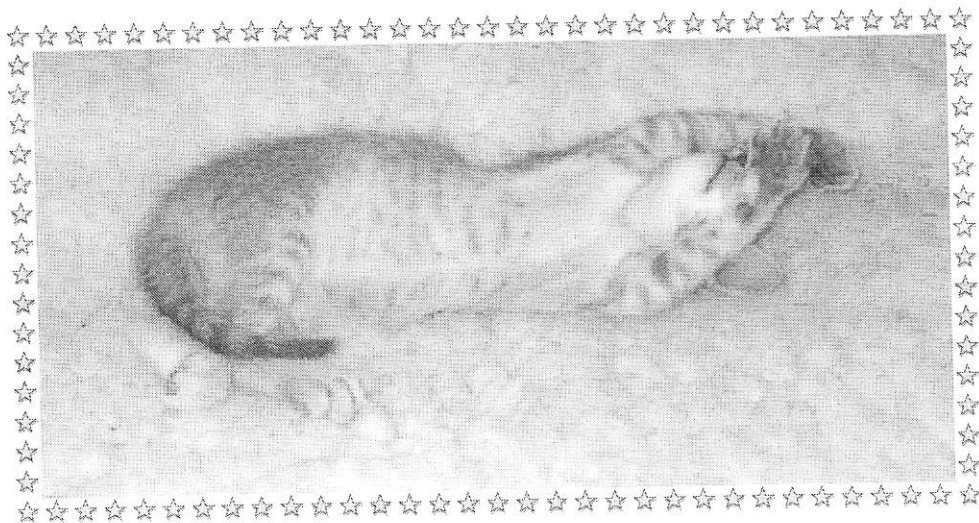
**JUDGES** - The TBAC has approved Probationer Judges', Mrs Sylvia Rose and Mr John Trotter, applications to become Full Judges of Tonkinese, their nominations are to be ratified at the June Council meeting. Currently the Tonkinese Probationer Judges are :- Mr Steve Morris, Mrs Rosemary Alger-Street, Mrs Pamela Read & Mrs Dorothy Stone.

**STANDARD OF POINTS**— The GCCF Executive have approved the following changes proposed by the TBAC, they are now on the agenda of the June Council meeting for ratification.

- a. **The word 'self' is to replace the word 'solid' where it refers to colour in a cat that is neither Tabby-patterned nor Tortoiseshell.** The replacement will occur in: The heading, following the section on withholding certificates etc.; Sentence 3 of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph that is to be headed 'Self Colours'; Sentence 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the Tabby Pattern description; Sentence 5 of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the Tabby Pattern description.
- b. **The last two sentences of the 'Tabby-Pattern, Head Markings' description to be amended to read: "The nose and paw pad leather may be pinkish outlined with colour, or more solid in colour. The nose and paw pad leathers should match in colour tone".**

**EXHIBITORS GUIDE**—TBAC has produced an Exhibitor's Guide, this is an "in-house" supplement to the SOP to help exhibitors select the best cats for showing. It is available as a downloadable (horrible word!) .pdf file from the Tonkinese Breed Club web site, TBAC page. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy just send a SAE to Linda Vousden (see committee list for address).

**WHO IS JUDGING THE TONKS?** - Linda Vousden has set up a page on her web site ([www.mymystic.com](http://www.mymystic.com)) listing the judges at forthcoming GCCF shows, if you don't want to, or can't, show under a particular judge the list it might save you the bother of sending for a schedule!



*How To Relax—For Dummies!*

**LIMPING SYNDROME IN KITTENS**

Have you ever had a kitten develop a limp and/or mouth problems after its vaccinations, and taken it to a vet who

can't find any reason for it? I have, on two occasions with two different vets – yet there is a mass of information available on the link between Calicivirus and limping cats/kittens!

Recently one of our members had just such a harrowing experience. Despite having an otherwise excellent vet she nearly lost her kitten as a result of her veterinary practice's lack of knowledge, or lack of experience, of the limping syndrome - or other side effects of vaccination. When she took the trouble to contact the manufacturers (Intervet) they were very helpful but, surprisingly, had very few reports of the problem – not because there had been so few cases but because there had been so little feedback from vets. So if you should encounter this problem, or any resulting from your kittens vaccinations, please make sure that your vet completes the appropriate 'yellow card' feedback form for the manufacturer—or feedback the information yourself, it will be accepted by the manufacturers!

Here is a little information for you on the syndrome – the Feline Advisory Bureau also has an information sheet on "Limping Syndrome and Feline Calicivirus Infection" and there numerous web sites – to read and even pass on to your vet if you feel so inclined (e.g <http://www.ava.com.au/avj/mar97/209.htm>)

It is well document that Feline Calicivirus (FCV) is associated with chronic gingivitis, lameness, swollen joints and arthritis, and is likely to cause gastrointestinal disorder. It is one of the infections that contributes to feline respiratory disease - this is why we vaccinate our kittens against FCV. The occurrence of severe viral upper respiratory disease is rare in properly vaccinated adult cats.

There are many forms of feline calicivirus. Some induce little more than salivation and ulceration of the mouth or nostrils; others produce pneumonia. Two different strains may produce a short-lived limping syndrome without signs of ulceration or pneumonia. These strains produce a transient fever, alternating leg lameness, and pain when the affected joint is handled. Signs occur most often in 8- to 12-wk-old kittens and usually resolve without treatment. The reason that the syndrome may occur in kittens vaccinated against FCV is because no vaccine protects against both of the strains that produce the limping syndrome.

Limping syndrome has been noted in kittens, and some breeds of dog such as Weimaraners and Akitas, after the use of products containing caliciviral or Chlamydomphila antigens. Kittens less than 6 months old are usually affected for up to 1 week after vaccination.

Neurologic disease has also been a commonly documented post-vaccinal reaction described in cats. Modified live vaccines should not be used in kittens less than 4 to 5 weeks of age, cerebellar degeneration may develop in kittens from virulent MLV vaccine virus infection.

By the way, caliciviruses are host-specific so FCV poses no risk to humans.

*Linda Vousden*

**Tonka The Travelling Tonk**

This is an update on a Tonk called Tonka. Tonka came into rescue about 3 years ago he was brought in by people who had taken him on for some friends, who were going to live abroad. They decided that they could not keep him any longer. Tonka stayed with me for a long time; he was one of those cats that never quite fitted the bill when a new home came up. Quite by chance one day a friend came to sort out my computer, he met Tonka and liked him. On his next visit he asked if he could adopt him, so Tonka duly went home with Andy to St Albans, where he sorted out their other cat and settled in. It wasn't long before Andy rang to say Tonka had gone missing. Andy and his wife did all the usual things to try to find him (Tonka wears a collar and is chipped) they got a phone call from several miles away; he had been staying with an old lady. Having collected him they thought that was it but no his travels became his life always returning to Andy. Andy decided to move abroad leaving Tonka with his wife and children.

That was the end of story for me until I went to a show in Luton in September 2006, we were showing one of our Tonks standing by his pen we were approached by a couple who started talking about this brown cat that they found asleep on their sofa his description sounded very familiar they had been told that it was a Tonk. I asked a few questions and their description of the owner was definitely Andy. I sent an email to Andy via a friend - this is the reply I got.

Hi Val

Well isn't it a small world! Tonka is probably the most travelled cat I know. We had an occasion last year when he went missing for a few days and we leafleted most of St Albans, and the phone did not stop ringing - he had been in a pub (2 miles away), an old ladies bed, the bus, a car and several peoples sofas. Quite recently he has spent most of his time at a man's called David on the parallel street in St Albans - I think he much prefers men! And since I moved abroad we have seen him much less. David was keen to adopt him and so we agreed to transfer ownership (and update his chip), so his official address is still St Albans; however I know of several 'holiday homes' that he continues to visit regularly, including our own!  
Andy

Tonka is a cat with a special place in my heart and in the hearts of a lot of other people, lets all wish him a happy life at least he lives it his way. He gets fat then thins down has lost part of an ear and a bit of his tail or so the story goes.

*Valerie Chapple, Tonkinese Breed Club Welfare*

**PS:** Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, I had a phone call from a French lady who would like to give a home to a Tonk. I started taking her details but before she got to her address she said that they used to have a Tonkinese cat, but he has disappeared and not been seen for over two months she said he was so lovely that although they would like him back though he may have moved on. You got it, it was Tonka! The French lady and her husband were Tonka's new guardians; they also live in St Albans. So, if anyone out there knows where Tonka is - please get in touch with me.



**DO IT YOURSELF GEL PACK**

At some time we all have use for a gel pack, the kind that doesn't freeze solid and is used to put on a bruise, aching head, sore feet at the end of a day at the cat show etc. Here is a very easy 'recipe' from an internet friend for a DIY gel pack:-

- 1 cup rubbing alcohol
- 2 cups water
- 2 drops of food colouring (to make it easy to find in the freezer)

That's all there is to it! Make up the solution, place a ziplock sandwich bag into a cup and pour the mixture into the bag, but don't completely fill it. Seal the bag and put it in the freezer.

After it has been in the freezer a while pop it into another zip-lock bag so that if it leaks it won't leak on you while you are using it.

**A GLIMPSE OF FELINE PHILOSOPHY**

- Insomnia - The inability to get more than twenty hours sleep in a day
- Stress—A condition only observed in other creatures
- Bird—Canned food with wings but no can
- Flea - A tiny vicious dragon
- Dog - A large hairy overgrown flea
- Consciousness -That annoying time between naps
- Food -Something which must be taken at 30 minute intervals
- Love -A feeling one can only truly have for oneself
- Work -An activity carried out by mankind to maintain cat-kind in comfort
- Humility—No known definition

**WHAT'S ON THE TBC WEB SITE?**

If you have access to the Internet and still haven't visited the Club web site then shame on you! Just click on [www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info) for a mass of useful information about the TBC and Tonks including :-

- The Club's primary contacts
- The Rescue & Welfare, Lost and Found Tonks page
- Tonkinese Kitten List and Stud list
- Members' 'For Sale' page
- Report with pictures on the Club's shows
- A list of members who breed Tonks
- Tonkinese BAC news
- All the official GCCF policies etc relating to Tonks and much more.

If you have an idea for the Club web site just let Linda know by e-mailing it to [tbc.uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:tbc.uk@ntlworld.com)

**CLUB  
Items for  
Sale**

We have a selection of Club items including the distinctive Gold & Aqua enamelled Badge (£2.85 incl p&p). Check out the Club web site or Contact Linda Vousden for details.

**From Bald Patch to Grand Champion!***Liz Case*

Back in 2005 my foundation queen Champion Fecheldee

Chailai Titaya developed a yellow-orange patch on her fur between her shoulders. I firstly put it down to some lilies that I had been given. I had locked them away in the spare room so that the cats could not get at them but I assumed that Taya had nipped in and just thanked my lucky stars that she was ok and that she just had a mark on her coat.

I started to question my assumption of what had caused this when the mark was there six months later. During this six months Taya had her first litter of kittens and was ready to get back on the bench. In her first outing she received her first Grand Certificate but that was to be her last for some time as the patch on her neck got darker and more obvious. It was about February 2005 that I first noticed that the hair had started to fall out. I still thought it was the lilies as they can cause all sorts of problems. Judges started to notice and put it down to vaccine reaction, which had me thinking, had my judgement been wrong? What was causing this?

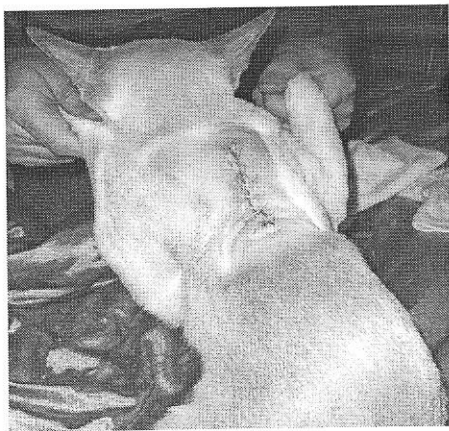
By the end of March the patch was bald and the size of a 1p coin so she missed out on a trip to the Jersey Show and it was time for a visit to the vets where they said that there was a granular feel to the patch and would have to operate. My heart sank, no-one wants their fur-baby to go in for surgery if it can be helped.



I had already planned for Taya to have her second litter of kittens and the vet was happy to wait until she had had the kittens and they were weaned before the surgery was done. So off Taya went to stud and had 5 lovely kittens in July.

Time was ticking by and I had to have her booked in for the op. She went in to the vets on 1 September 2006 and the operation went well. My wonderful vet said that she had tried to be extra neat with the stitches as she knows that I wanted Taya to get back on the show bench! Despite this I was horrified when they brought Taya back to me and saw the size of the scar! It was 3 inches long!!! We were told to put a T-shirt on her to stop her or her kittens getting the stitches. We had to drive past Mothercare on the way home so I popped in to buy baby tops.

I asked where I could find the premature baby clothes and was asked is it for a boy or a girl? I said 'its for my cat!' and explained. The staff were so helpful and I



came away with a baby-grow and a T-shirt from their sale rack! We got Taya home, where we took these photos, still in disbelief of the size of the area that was shaved and the length of the stitches!

We had to take Taya back to the vets for a check up on the 5<sup>th</sup> September where they were pleased with how the wound was healing. She went back again for her stitches out on the 11<sup>th</sup>. By this time we had found Taya's fleece hoodie we bought for a laugh at a show and the vets were so impressed with this Taya had to do a beauty parade to the vet nurses at the practice!

**Now for the scientific bit!** At this visit to the vets the results were back from histology. They concluded that the area removed was a 'mineralising focal Panniculitis', which was explained as calcified lymphoid and connective tissue which was likely to have been caused by previous injections. The vet thought that the most likely cause was the Delvosterone hormone injection she had had in 2004.

The wound healed very well and the fur grew back nicely although it was, as expected, darker than before. Taya's first show back on the bench was at the Tonkinese Breed Club show in October where she did fantastically by getting Best of Breed. The patch on her back was noted by one judge but it did not stop her!

Taya then went on to win the Grand Challenge Certificate at the National Cat Club Show in December and obtained her third on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at the Croydon Cat Club Show to gain her Grand Champion Title! I was over the moon, my baby had achieved the title, the first self to do so!

We now embark on our next mission together, the Imperial title!!

**THE CLUB SHOW - 2006**

"Been there, done that" is one of those clichés that cannot be applied to running a cat show! Each show has its own trials and tribulations – among other things poor Kathy had visions of spending the day before the show making up special cards bearing the legend "I Owe You a Rosette", or at the very least making an imaginative range of pink, blue and yellow tissue paper rosettes – but the rosettes did turn up and were a feast for the eyes as they sparkled and tantalised cat and owner alike. This year, for the first year in many, I was able to attend the Tonkinese Breed Club Show as an exhibitor instead of Show Management and it was a delight. Once again my hat goes off to the seemingly tireless volunteers who take on the awful task of putting a cat show together. Gill Cornish (our new Show Manager) and Kathy Wilkinson (our new Assistant Show Manager) gave us a show that was a credit to them.

It was a pleasure to see so many new exhibitors supporting the breed show with their cherished cats, and that the number of entries for this our 4<sup>th</sup> Championship show had once again increased slightly on the previous year. The colours and patterns was well represented; I even saw my first classic tortie/tabby Tonk – Gill Rayson's sweet natured kitten, Hushpad Pussy Willow.

Kathy has a knack of finding the most generous sponsors for the show - every exhibit was greeted with a pen stuffed with food and we had to book double pens for the BIS winners to store their huge pile of goodies, including a personalised teddy bear from Chris Richards who provided the Club with its new BIS pen drapes. In the past few years wonderful Best of Breed prizes have been donated by different Committee members, hand painted glassware, an exquisite sea-horse glass for our under-sea theme and this year Liz Case and Jo Whittington donated special pewter cat clocks to each BOB winner.

It was a good opportunity to promote the TBC's new CD (not musical but a collection of important documentation and over 30 different Tonkinese notelets). I ran a 'Tonkinese Picture Parade' show on the wall behind the Club table and the CDs sold very well. Besides the CDs there was a stunning 2007 Tonkinese Calendar, produced by Valerie Chapple.

There were many success stories but there is no doubt that the day belonged to Diana and Tommy Bishop. It was thanks to the initial efforts of Diana, Tommy and the late Mary Hodgkinson that the Tonkinese were recognised by the GCCF in 1991. So, their success at our show is well deserved. GrPr Episcopuss Ianthe (74j) was made up to Imperial GrPr; she is our second ImpGrPr Tonkinese (our first was Karen Durden's lilac tortie, Ch & ImpGrPr Shinarha Enola Gay). Then, Ch Episcopuss Quirita (74p) was awarded her second GCC and won Best Of Breed – she went on to win Best In Show Adult and finally Overall Best In Show – *what a triumph!*

The BIS Kitten (and BOB) was Nikita Richards's chocolate-tabby female, Tonkaholic Superstar, bred by Chris & Jo Richards.  
The BIS Neuter (and BOB) was Coral & Vince Macey's cream female, Ch Romantica Carina, bred by Rosemary Harper.

The other three BOB winners were –

Adult - Liz Case's lilac female, Ch Fecheldee Titaya, bred by Coral & Vince Macey.

Kitten - Liz Case's own bred chocolate female, Tarjijika Yemaya.

Neuter - Valerie Chapple's brown male, Pr Mymystic Pagansun, bred by Linda Vousden.

Certificate Winners on the day –

- Imp GrPr certificates – Diana & Tommy Bishops own bred lilac tortie, GrPr Episcopuss lanthe and Chris & Jo Richards's own bred brown tortie, GrCh Tonkaholics Istar.
- GrCh certificates – Linda Vousden's own bred blue-tabby male, GrCh Mymystic Pharoah and Diana & Tommy Bishops own bred caramel tortie, GrPr Episcopuss Quirita.
- GrPr certificates – Ulla Korterman's own bred brown-tabby male, Pr Adfursh White Tiger and Linda Vousden's own bred caramel-tabby female, GrPr Mymystic Zafran.
- Ch certificates – Hilary Goodburn's brown male, Toshiki Quevedo Of Taleh (bred by Lydia Lines); Valerie Chapple's brown female, Kittykus Kathrina (bred by Sue Davison) and Coral & Vince Macey's own bred chocolate tortie, Fecheldee Georgiegirl.
- Pr certificates - Valerie Chapple's brown male, Pr Mymystic Pagansun (bred by Linda Vousden); Phillipa Harris's blue female, Tonkaholics Rockangel (bred by Chris & Jo Richards); Mr & Mrs Bernard's chocolate-tabby male, Archenzo Jack Thelad (bred by Marion Lorenzo) and Coral & Vince Macey's cream female, Ch Romantica Carina (bred by Rosemary Harper).

GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (74at), Ch Romantica Carina (74f) and Archenzo Jack Thelad (74bt) each celebrated a red-card day.

There were some gorgeous cats on exhibition with Tonkinese pointed or solid coat-patterns, whose owners went to great trouble with their pen decorations. Kate Morris won the award for the best decorated pen (housing her blue solid male, Tonkaholics Rockefeller) and Carol Yates's pretty solid blue-tabby female, Chinktonks Talish, won the award for the best example of a Tonkinese with a variant coat-pattern.

On the Club's behalf I thank those who manned the Show Manager's table (Nikki Goulter, Mike Vousden, Jo Richards and Sue Amor), vetting-in (Liz Case & Jo Whittington), the Cup tables (Anne Cox-Horton and Nicki Stevens), the entry gate, the tombola (Hilary & Fred Goodburn, Pauline Mason and Kate Morris managed to beat Gilly Wheatley's very respectable past record for takings, and more prizes than ever were kindly donated!), the Club Rescue table (Valerie Chapple, Chris Steadman and India); as well as our young team of highly efficient rosette runners (Nikita, Phillipa and India).

For many years the TBC shows have had a theme, this year it returned to the Club colour – 'Aquamarine' (the colour of our cats' eyes of course); our members enjoy that extra feeling of togetherness and make an effort to join in. We have chosen our theme for next year, its sure to bring a smile to the eyes and we look forward to seeing you all with us again – keep an eye on the TBC web site for details!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY— OUR 5th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW  
AT BRACKNELL ON SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 2007

*Linda Vousden (Chairman)*

## ***News Bites & Morsels***

### ***The Show Bug!***

My sympathies to anyone bitten by this insidious little bug. You'll find that the main symptom is the making of copious lists -

lists of judges you like,  
 lists of judges you don't like,  
 lists of judges you don't like—but who like your Tonks,  
 lists of judges you like—but who never place your Tonk,  
 lists of shows to attend,  
 lists of classes to enter,  
 lists of competition to watch out for,  
 lists of competition at which to snap fingers,  
 lists of outfits for long journeys,  
 lists of outfits to change into—to compliment Tonks once you get there,  
 lists of curtain colours to compliment Tonks at Supreme show  
 lists of curtain colours to compliment Tonks on exhibition,  
 lists of people to catch up with at shows,  
 lists of results to date,  
 lists of new things to buy,  
 I can't stop - I can't stop - help .... I can't stop!

Prognosis - the jury is still out on this one

Treatment - a higher paid job OR train to become a judge

### ***CLEANING THE WATERBOWL***

If you live in an area of hard water, as I do, and find that your

cats' water-bowls are regularly rimmed with lime-scale, no matter how hard you scrub them, just try this :-

Fill the bowl to the brim with white wine vinegar (not malt) and leave it for 20 minutes,  
 you can use the same vinegar for several bowls in one session. After 20 minutes you'll be able to wash your bowl clean of lime-scale with no effort! Tip the used vinegar down the sink or into the lavatory—to make full use of its cleaning power!

White wine vinegar is very cheap, its much better for the environment than chemical lime-scale removers (which I wouldn't use on my cats' bowls anyway!) and its great for cleaning taps, windows etc. Not to mention that it makes a tasty salad dressing mixed with a little olive oil and lemon jiuice.

**Do You Have Any Useful Home Cleaning Tips or Remedies To Send In?**

**A CAUTIONARY TALE!**

I have a cautionary tale about letting the kitten pick you. Remember that you are seeing the kittens only at a particular moment, while the breeder has lived with and observed the kittens for months, and has a more complete idea of their personality tendencies.

Back in the late 1980's, when we were living near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, we were contacted by a man whom I had met at a cat show near Minneapolis. He wanted a loving, affectionate Tonk, but one that was relatively calm (for the breed). He explained that he had a lot of antique bric-a-brac, and he feared that an active kitten would bounce too many items from their display shelves. Well, when he finally arrived at our home to select a kitten, it was about 2:00 on a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon, and everyone was asleep - except, of course, the most energetic kitten in the house. She looked up from the kitten pile, stretched and ambled over to greet the visitor. She was so calm and polite that our guest instantly "knew" that this kitten was meant for him. Nothing we could say would dissuade him and, in due course, our lively little baby departed for Minneapolis with her new servant.

When we made our customary follow-up call a few days later, we learned that the mutual love had continued and strengthened, but he conceded that we had been correct about her personality - her new name was "Hurricane Marsha"!

*Bruce Nickerson (Spielzeit Tonkinese, USA)*

**If You Are Allergic to Cats Will Your Children Be Too?**

Not necessarily—according to research conducted at the Henry Ford Hospital, in Detroit. Allergy tests were administered to 724 children pre-natally, at birth and at regular intervals until the children were 7 yrs of age. They found that children exposed to cats in their infancy may be at less risk of developing paediatric allergies.

These results are contrary to the traditional recommendations that expectant parents, who have a history of allergies, should avoid having a pet in the home to reduce the risk of allergies for their children. The studies also showed that pet-exposed infants had overall lower antibody levels and fewer positive skin test reactions to dogs, ragweed, grass and dust mites.

**Judging! To be or not to be?**  
**Sue Amor**

I joined the exciting world of cat breeding and showing in anticipation of my retirement from teaching in less than two years time. I needed a hobby that would take up lots of time and prevent me shopping. I'd been an ASA swimming referee for years, and on numerous committees, I decided after 26 years that enough was enough. No more committees for me, just tending to my cats & kittens and attending the occasional show. Why then, am I on three cat committees, the Tonk BAC, TBC delegate to GCCF and have joined the GCCF stewarding scheme? Most people will say it's because I'm a bossy Leo, a teacher and can't help trying to organise. I think they're probably right.

I think the biggest surprise for me is that I am on the GCCF stewarding scheme. I've always been a committee person but the judging in the cat world is so subjective in comparison with swimming that I never imagined it was for me. One of my old friends from the swimming world, her daughter is an Olympian, told me to get stuck in and go for it. Once she had put the seed in my mind it began to grow.

I went on the internet and looked up the stewarding scheme and thought 'I can do that!' I sent off my cheque and received rule books, guide to breed numbers, standards of points and loads of slips to be signed for stewarding and table work. Now, how was I going to get a judge to take me on? I asked advice from some friends who suggested I ask some judges if they'd be willing to work with a very green steward! I had a very swift response from Sue Lorton-Hobbs and Anne Gregory. What brave people they are!

Sue suggested I second steward for her and I accepted her offer gratefully. I was a little apprehensive as she breeds BSH, a breed I knew nothing about. Sue and her steward Gerda were very patient with me, explaining every step of the way. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and even managed to handle some of the cats. I was hooked! Anne, bless her, just took me on inexperience and all. I went off to the Southern Counties full of anticipation and very nervous. Everybody was so patient. Other stewards showed me what to do with the judges book and pointed me towards the coffee and toilets (in that order!). Anne was full of smiles and enthusiasm and off we went into the hall. There I discovered that as Anne was an all breed judge this was to be a baptism of fire! Sue had patiently explained to me the best way to handle Brits. I now had Persians, Somalis, Birmans, Ragdolls, Burmese et al and all had to be handled differently. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and Anne was very patient, putting up with my endless questions and making sure I handled the cats in a way that caused them the least stress. As I relaxed I could feel myself really enjoying the experience and enjoying the chance to cuddle some beautiful cats. I did have to learn not to 'duff up' the Persians otherwise I would spoil their impeccable grooming. I had to hold Birmans so that their gauntlets could be displayed and I had to learn to treat entire males with respect. It was an endless learning curve but one that I really enjoyed.

One of the funniest moments, for me, was when Anne was judging some Siamese. She got one out and showed me how to stretch it out to its full length to show it off to its full advantage. Anne made it look very easy. I picked the next cat out of its cage, stretched it out and it promptly sagged in the middle like a concertina or a sack of potatoes. Once I'd stopped laughing (and everyone else around) I comforted the poor cat whose dignity I'd wounded and practised until I got the hang of it. Easy when you know how!

I was really lucky to get lots of stewarding engagements with other willing, and patient judges, thoroughly enjoying myself. I had one awkward situation while stewarding for Sue. I went to get an entire male out of his pen when, without warning, he bit me. I think he was spooked because I smelt of another male. I duly trotted off to first aid, dripping nicely and was well looked after. I'm allergic to elastoplast so had a rather fetching bandage on the



**ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS**

The following were presented at the AGM for Members' Show Achievements during 2006. Congratulations to all, we look forward to seeing more people showing their

Tonks and claiming awards next year. Remember, your claims for 2007 must be sent to Liz Case by February 2008. Claim forms are available from our web site, or send a SAE to Liz for one.

**AWARD**

- Most successful Adult Male—GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)
- Most successful Adult Female—ImpGrCh Tonkaholics Istar (C&J Richards)
- Most successful Neuter—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)
- Most successful Kitten—Tarjika Mystic Gemini (L Case)
- Most successful Brown.—GrPr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)
- Most successful Blue.—Keroon Tegath Frocius (A Cox-Horton)
- Most successful Chocolate (series) - Tonkaholics Uncle Sam (K Wilkinson)
- Most successful Lilac - GrCh Fecheldee Chailai Titaya (L Case)
- Most successful Brown/Blue/Choc./Lilac—GrPr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)
- Most successful Red Adult.—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)
- Most successful Red A/K/N—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)
- Most successful Cream A/K/N—*Not Awarded This Year*
- Most successful Tortie—ImpGrCh Tonkaholics Istar (C&J Richards)
- Most successful Caramel or Apricot (series) - GrPr Mymystic Zafran & Mymystic Iris (L Vousden)
- Most successful Tabby Adult, Male—GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)
- Most successful Tabby Adult, Female—Ch Tarjika Skylark (L Case)
- Most successful Tabby Neuter.—GrPr Mymystic Nimrod (K Wilkinson)
- Most successful Tabby Kitten Male.—*Not awarded This Year*
- Most successful Tabby Kitten Female.—Tonkaholics Superstar (C&J Richards) & Ch Tarjika Skylark (L Case)
- The Tonk most often on Exhibition—Hushpad Hot toddy (G Rayson)
- Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within last 2 years) - *Not Awarded This Year*
- Member who has shown most Tonks during the year—K Wilkinson & L Vousden

wound; then carried on stewarding with a big smile and loads of sympathy from everybody. I did have to go to casualty when I returned home and have strong antibiotics in case of infection. This was all part of my learning curve. I am still thoroughly enjoying my stewarding engagements. I have discovered that if I talk rubbish to the cats as I get them out of their pens it puts them at ease and makes it a nice experience for everybody. I have learnt loads thanks to the patience of all the wonderful judges who have allowed me to steward for them. I'm enjoying the table work too and have the great honour of doing some household pet judging in the New Year. The most satisfying part of the procedure is being able to cuddle such wonderful cats. Each show there is a special cat that gets under my skin and makes me want to take it home. It is a very rewarding experience.

My next dilemma is - what do I do next? I should hopefully complete the stewarding scheme by the end of next year. Do I stay on the scheme and become a probationer judge? Do I get involved in show management? Or do I put my feet up and enjoy my retirement from teaching? *Watch this space!*

**TBC Recommendations For Breeders***Updated 2005*

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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- ◆ 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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