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next issue?

**Pr ANTIKPATINA
LOGIBEAR
as a kitten
Owned & bred by
Val Chapple**

Photo L Vousden, 2008

Editor's Notes - Linda Vousden

I'm back again - and I'll continue using the e-delivery method that Paul started. This means that in the e-mail version of Tonkinfo we can include colour photos and hyperlinks etc.

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TONKINESE BREED CLUB – Web Site

There are many facilities available to members via our web site – not least of which is a wealth of information on the breed and the successes of our fellow members and their cats. Other facilities are: -

- Kitten List
- Stud List
- Many downloadable forms and useful documents, Club publications etc.
- A page specifically for breeders to advertise cats for re-homing
- The rescue & welfare page for lost and found Tonkinese.
- Members 'For Sale' page, for any cat-related items you wish to sell (equipment, furniture, artworks, books, magazines, craftwork, cat houses etc.)
- The Tonkinese BAC page
- The Club 'News' page – this is for any member to post information to, not just the Committee!

Visit it today and see what you've been missing – and if you have a link to the TBC site please check that it is correct, see below ☺



Tonkinese Breed Club - Chairman's Report

I hope you're all taking advantage of the lovely weather and haven't been left stranded by the lack of air travel in the UK due to the Icelandic volcano. (I never imagined I would be writing that in a chairman's report!)

A lot has happened since my last report. We have had the AGM and our new committee are keen to do what ever is needed to promote our lovely breed. Thank you to the committee members who have worked so hard for us in the past but have decided to stand down. Don't forget to let any of the committee know if there is anything you would like us to discuss or if you have any good ideas. The latter is always welcome. We are still awaiting news of the recognition of our solid and pointed tonks. Please still keep your fingers, toes and paws crossed.

The GCCF has been working really hard to bring themselves out of their current financial crisis. Things are beginning to look good. The Supreme Cat Show went from a loss making position to a profit (and a very enjoyable and atmospheric show it was – graced by the presence of a good number of lovely Tonkinese cats!) and at the recent Council meeting it was agreed that the GCCF would become incorporated. This last move will definitely help financial security.

On a personal note, I have been continuing to progress through the GCCF judging scheme – I can't believe I started it in 1996! – and have at long last become a probationer judge. I have 4 judging engagements over the next 6 months and am really excited about putting my long training into practice. Here's hoping I will see lots of you and your wonderful cats at a show soon.

Sue Amor

Having worked with the three Committee members who are now standing down, I'd like to add my thanks to Paul Watters and Karen Durden for their work on behalf of the Club & the Tonks; and especially to Ann Cox-Horton whose contributions have been invaluable to the TBC Committee and the BAC since she first joined them in 2002.

[Ed]

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Edge

*From Everyone in the Club -
we wish Liz Case & Steve Edge
all the very best for their
Wedding Day on May 8th,
& everything they wish for
in the future.*

Important Information

REGISTERING YOUR TONKINESE

Unfortunately there continue to be a disturbing number of mis-registered Tonkinese, partly due to GCCF admin errors and partly due to breeders' misunderstanding of the Tonkinese Registration Policy. Equally disappointing - it has been noted that some breeders have deliberately ignored the registration policy and/or failed to inform the Registrar of registration errors when they occur.

The Tonkinese BAC and both Tonkinese Clubs urge you to re-read your registration policy (which can be found on both the TBC & TCC web sites).

Remember:

1. Mating Tonkinese with **any** breed other than Tonkinese is no longer permitted and kittens from such a mating should not be registered as Tonkinese.
2. Mating Burmese with Siamese is **only** permitted if they are both on the Full Register (CS) and have nothing in their pedigree but Full registered Burmese or Siamese (respectively) for 5 preceding generations.
3. It is NOT correct to say that only 3rd generation kittens may be shown – read the registration policy. If there is anything you are unclear about (and lets face it, it is not a simple policy) or you are uncertain about the background of a cat you wish to breed from, please feel free to contact me for help or information. If you think your cat/kitten's registration might be wrong I'll be happy to check it for you.

Linda Vousden

Hon. Secretary, Tonkinese BAC

The Tonkinese Breed Club's 8th Championship Show Bracknell, 30th October 2010

Schedules will be sent to all who exhibited cats at our last show and will be available in a downloadable form from the Club web site (address of which is at the bottom of each page of Tonkinfo) sometime in August/September. There will be some changes at this show that we think you'll like, be there to see them!

Tonkinese AOV Progress

It is frustrating and disappointing to have to report that we have still not heard anything more about our application, which was submitted in May 2009. We are constantly monitoring its 'progress' and will let you know what is happening as soon as we hear anything more.

Tonkinese BAC Breed Seminar

The Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee will participate in the Joint Foreign Breed Seminar on **19th September**. Keep an eye on the TBAC page of the Club web site for information updates (venue, times etc.). Please put this date in your diary and make a point of supporting the Tonkinese.

Back-Yard Breeders

..are on the increase and there is very little we can do about it unless we have evidence that the cats are ill treated. However we can ensure that we put potential kitten owners only on to GCCF registered breeders who are members of the TBC and/or TCC!

Summer Tip No. 1 - If you are showing your cat take along a newspaper to shield the top of the carrier from the sun, especially when you are stuck in those traffic jams.

AGM Awards For The 2009 Show Season

Congratulations to the following members for their cat's achievements in 2009.

Thank you to all members who took the time to send in their results. Remember, to be eligible for an award, you must send your results to the AGM 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 – Pr Antikpatina Logibear (V Chapple)

Most successful adult female – GC Antikpatina Prunella (V Chapple)

Most successful neuter – IGCh&GPr Tonkaholics Istar (C & J Richards)

Most successful kitten – Mimaperks Solitaire (A & C Bernard)

Most successful brown – Mymystic Maiway (L Vousden)

Most successful blue – Tamtonks Gorgy Porgy (C Tamlin)

Most successful chocolate (series) – Pr Antikpatina Logibear (V Chapple)

Most successful lilac – Tarjjika Moonstone (L Case)

Most successful brown/blue/choc./lilac – Pr Antikpatina Logibear (V Chapple)

Most successful caramel or apricot (series) – Mymystic Mandu (L Vousden)

Most successful red adult - *not awarded*

Most successful red adult/kitten/neuter – GPr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)

Most successful cream adult/kitten/neuter - *not awarded*

Most successful tortie - Mimaperks Solitaire (A & C Bernard)

Most successful tabby adult, male - *not awarded*

Most successful tabby adult, female – GCh Antikpatina Prunella (V Chapple)

Most successful tabby neuter – Pr Amorcatz Furrero Rocher (S Amor)

Most successful tabby male kitten - *not awarded*

Most successful tabby female kitten – GCh Antikpatina Prunella (V Chapple)

The Tonkinese most often on Exhibition – Mimaperks Domino (A & C Bernard)

Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within the last 2 years) - *not awarded*

Member who has shown the most Tonkinese during the year - C & J Richards

We also congratulate Jo Hudson and Oscar, a brown pointed male, on becoming the first Tonkinese GCCF Mastercat.

Summer Tip No. 2 - Keep a bottle of cool water and a drinking bowl close at hand in the car, your cat may need a drink.

Summer Tip No. 3 - Avoid letting your cats out into their pens between 12 noon and 3pm when the sun is strongest.

Our Day At The Supreme Show 2009

by Catherine Bernard (Publicity Officer)

Shortly before our Breed Club Show in October 2009, the committee decided it would be a great opportunity to promote our lovely Tonkinese breed at the Supreme show. So Liz Case and I volunteered to organise the Club table and, with only weeks left until the show, we managed to book our place on Club Row. We would like to thank the Tonkinese Cat Club who generously made a donation toward the cost of the table, in order that the 3 Tonkinese coat-patterns could be promoted at the Supreme.

We took 3 cats on exhibition to demonstrate the 3 coat patterns and show that they are all indeed Tonkinese in their own right. Liz took her lovely Cobweb along – a pointed tortie, my stepson Billy took his solid brown boy - Perkins and I took Pebbles – a mink coat pattern (aka Ch Copernicus Cherryblossom).

We had a really successful day out with lots of interest in the cats and membership enquiries. We really have to extend a huge thanks to Linda and Mike Vousden – without whom we would definitely not have got through the day. Linda did a fantastic job throughout the day, and also had a starring spot where she gave a really informative ‘Meet the Breeds’ talk on Tonkinese and the 3 coat patterns.

Cobweb additionally had her turn in the spotlight whilst returning from the talk - she decided to demonstrate one of the largest cat-scratchers I have ever seen and promptly climbed all the way up and popped her head out of the top. She did a fantastic selling job for that trader.

There was also a good turnout of Tonkinese in competition. To finish off what was a long but thoroughly enjoyable Supreme show day, the Tonks in competition had success too – congratulations to GrCh Angisan Xanadoo Shadow who won his 3rd GC and was made up to Grand Champion. Also congratulations to Ch Tarjika Skylark who also won her 2nd GC. Congratulations to Ch Wakanda Goodie Blueshooz who won her 3rd CC and was made up to Champion, and finally congratulations to Pr Amorcatz Furrero Rocher who won her 3rd PC and was made up to Premier. There were kittens too – congratulations to Cwtchycatz Brambling who won her Open Kitten class.

This year the committee is planning to run a table on Club Row again. The Supreme is on Saturday 20th November 2010 at the Birmingham NEC and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the table – it’s not easy manning it for the whole day (as we found out), and to ensure that everyone can enjoy the day out it would mean a lot to us if you could spare an hour to help support your club and our fabulous breed.

Anyone that can do so (the more the merrier) – please contact me at tonks@mimaperks.co.uk or on 01733 270443. If you are coming to the show specifically to work on the table we will refund the price of your entrance ticket - but please arrange this with me first, in case we already have enough helpers.

We do have some super photos of the day but sadly they don’t reproduce well in black & white – if you choose to take Tonkinfo by e-mail in future you’ll see all photos in glorious colour, or if you would like a copy of this issue just e-mail me with your correct e-mail address and I’ll be happy to send it to you.

[Ed.]

~ New Bloodline Information ~

Many breeders will be familiar with the difficult decisions made when attempting to expand their bloodlines by bringing in a new line.

If you buy in a Tonkinese girl that's OK, as you have a Tonkinese, but you'll be restricted to the studs you can go to because of what is already in her pedigree. The only answer sometimes is to start a new line, and although there are breeders actively doing this, a lot of people feel that it is out of their reach because they would have to buy a Burmese or Siamese kitten on the active register (difficult enough when you're maybe not known in these breed worlds), and from that kitten outcross to a Burmese or Siamese to get your first new Tonkinese. That means a wait of at least a year after getting the kitten, then another year before you can breed from her, and at the end of it you have a much-loved extra lodger in the house from whom you may or may not wish to breed again.

So lots of people who might be interested in starting new lines don't do it because of ending up with another breeding girl who is not Tonkinese.

Because of this a group of breeders have approached a reputable Burmese breeder with a line not currently used in the Tonkinese breed, and she has agreed to have one litter of Tonkinese to help our gene pool and provide our community with a litter of kittens from new bloodlines (with our guidance). We have not yet chosen the Siamese boy, but the queen is Brown, so we should have kittens of all four main colours (probably not tortie or tabby). We hope this will enable people who don't want to enlarge their households by two cats in order to get a new bloodline to contribute actively to the gene pool by bringing in an FI Tonkinese kitten.

The mating is planned to take place at the end of 2010.

This should give everyone plenty of time to think about bringing a new girl into their household, and plan ahead for it.

It is our intention that a girl (or boy) from this line could be crossed with ANY existing Tonkinese line without doubling up (though of course most Burmese lines are quite inbred, so there are bound to be some cats who turn up again in pedigrees if you look far enough). In return for helping us in this way, and for agreeing to sell kittens on the active register, I have assured the breeder that we will guarantee that all her kittens can be sold either to good pet homes or to carefully vetted breeders, so that she has no additional worries or work. I hope to keep a boy from the litter if there is a suitable one, but if someone else would be interested in having a new stud then that would save me from having to keep one again (I would quite like a rest from stud work!).

If you would like to express an interest in having a male or female kitten for breeding from this litter, please contact me as soon as possible. We will not expect you to take a kitten that you don't like or is not what you want when you see it (or has anything wrong with it), but we're anxious that this opportunity does not go to waste, so we would like anyone genuinely interested to make a reasonably firm commitment to a kitten so that we know where we stand. If there is no interest at all then we may have to abandon the idea. Please don't assume that someone else will do this for you: we're all facing difficulties in finding bloodlines that don't cross with our own, and if you are not finding that now, you can guarantee that you will in the near future unless we expand our gene pool. **Plan for the future!**

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GCCF STUD BOOKS & TONKINESE ARCHIVES

If, like me, you are interested in the on-going history of the Cat Fancy then you'll know how invaluable the UK Stud Books are.

So imagine my disappointment when I asked at the GCCF stand, Supreme 2009, about the next issue of the Stud Book and was informed that there are no plans to produce another because "there is no call for them". The last Stud Book produced was in 2000.

If this is going to be the case then it is all the more important that we have a Tonkinese pedigree archive, maintained for the future.

Cat books and pedigrees hold particular fascination for me, so imagine my delight when I once found the original pedigree and registration of a Siamese, called Devoran Edwin (1947), used as bookmarks in an old book on the breed. Then, just this month, I was delighted to find a copy of Frances Simpson's 'Book of the Cat' with the incredible discovery of another 'bookmark' - an original letter (circa 1907) from a Siamese breeder, with two small pedigrees of renowned Siamese!

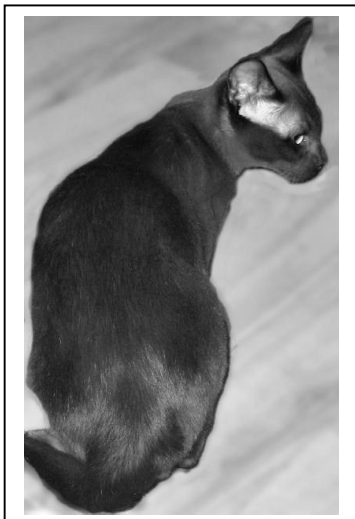
I spent some time looking into the various programmes available to breeders. I originally purchased Tracer but soon switched to Breeders Assistant and since 1991 I've been building a Tonkinese pedigree database, which is now international.

If you're looking for the pedigree of a particular Burmese, Siamese or Tonkinese, just e-mail me stating the cat's name and as much info on the parents as possible. If I have the information I'll be happy to e-mail you a 5 generation pedigree.*

So it would be a great help if you would send me your cat's pedigrees, title results and kitten information to add to this valuable resource for the future.

Linda Vousden

**There are a couple of Tonkinese breeders who don't want information on their cats made available; naturally I'll honour this request*



New Tonkinese Stud Available

I am proud to announce that I have a 3rd generation boy, Amorcatz Bourneville, who is currently producing some lovely kittens.

He descends from an outcross mating with a lovely red Burmese, Kandikat Red Rodderson, so will also bring some new genes into the gene pool. He is a brown solid coat pattern boy, carrying blue and possibly chocolate.

Sue Amor

Summer Tip No. 4 - Always provide some shelter from the sun in the outside pen, with plenty of water and good air circulation. Elderly, very young and overweight cats can't regulate their body temperature well.

Summer Tip No. 5 - Use sun block on the ears and nose of white or very pale cats to prevent sunburn & cancer – a sunscreen containing titanium oxide is best as it is insoluble in water and safe for cats.

Living With Ringworm

Unfortunately this February one of our cats was afflicted – we think we know where it was picked up, but its academic now. We, and our vet, thought she had a hormonal problem but we had the test done to be on the safe side. Thank heavens we did as it didn't have the obvious appearance of ringworm – and I had a number of stewarding engagements booked within the following few weeks.

So we are in voluntary Cat Fancy Quarantine for now. The reason I'm writing this is not to inform you – I've told several people and I know the grape-vine has been busy – but to tell you our experiences in case you should have to face this yourselves at any time, heaven forbid.

It's not that ringworm is dangerous or desperately harmful to the cats but it is infectious.

When we show any of our cats the first thing we do on returning home is to take them straight to the bathroom and wipe them down with a damp cloth in the, albeit limited, effort to mechanically remove any potential problems. Then the bedding is all washed and the baskets are disinfected. We've been showing for 20 years now and have never brought a problem home with us so I'm sure our precautions must have been of some value against the fur floating around a cat show, the money and other items handled there not to mention all the people we brush against. I once read that at any show about 5% of the cats/people carried the spores - if they weren't actually 'suffering' from ringworm. We have even less control over the fur flying around a veterinary practice, so never be embarrassed to have the table wiped down before you put your cat on it.

OK - we had a positive test result, what to do next? First I had to inform 'my judges' that I couldn't steward for them, then the TBC & TBAC committees that we couldn't attend any meetings and then I notified the GCCF.

Most people were very nice and understanding, we had advice from people who'd been through the same experience and we even had two very generous offers to help us disinfect our home.

There were some silver-linings, we'd had the result back before I began stewarding again (my last engagement was in December), Mike has always kept the Club & BAC paperwork at his office the other side of town and, most importantly for us, our cats are all neutered now so there is no risk to visiting queens, pregnant queens or kittens.

When you are a member of the Cat Fancy the word 'ringworm' can strike fear in your heart and hand-bells ring out to cries of "Unclean".

Action Plan: We had our disinfectant handwash, medication (topical and oral), Malaseb shampoo and VirkonS disinfectant as well as plenty of bleach and new vacuum cleaner filters. Trigen is good but cats cannot be in contact with it when it's wet so Virkon is far safer and can be used in the laundry, as an aerosol and as a wipe (it is DEFRA approved).

1. Set-up the process to avoid cross-infection between house cats and cats living in the stud quarters (use of hand washes and special change of clothes, foot wipes etc.)
2. Establish house rules, e.g. cats now strictly limited to just the living room, the hallway/landing and the kitchen (it's hard surfaces are more easily cleaned).
3. Throw away all soft cat toys and disinfect the others – sorry kitties, I'll get you some new toys when this is all over.
4. Dispose of all non-essential cat bedding. Wash and disinfect the rest.
5. Dispose of all non-essential loose rugs; clean, disinfect and remove all others to store in garage.
6. Wash and disinfect all curtains.
7. Dispose of cushions.
8. Arrange for mail to be put into box on porch.
9. Restrict all indoor cats to living room and lock exterior cat-flaps to the cat pen (we'll keep the indoor cats indoors until clear of ringworm).
10. Clean and disinfect the bathroom.
11. Clean/disinfect the kitchen. Now we have the bathing area and the drying-off area ready.
12. Clip claws then bathe each cat.
13. Dry cat thoroughly in bathroom and carry into kitchen to isolate and complete drying.
14. Clean/disinfect bathroom, change clothes/towels.
15. Clothes/towels into washing machine with Virkon, remembering also to spray tumble-dryer and filter with Virkon.
16. Repeat process until all indoor cats bathed and secured in kitchen.
17. Clean/disinfect the bathroom, hallway, landing and living room (not forgetting under, over and behind furniture, both sides of cat-flaps, tops and edges of doors, stairs etc. etc. where the cats rub their heads or scratch).
18. Change clothes again. Clean/disinfect bedrooms, dining room and study.
20. Transfer indoor cats to living room.
21. Re-Clean/disinfect kitchen and repeat bathing for outdoor cats.

22. While outdoor cats drying off in kitchen, clean their pens and bedding before returning them to their chalets.
23. Clean/disinfect cars and porch.
24. Sit down with **large** glass of something suitable and draw up cleaning, medication & bathing schedule for the next umpty-ump weeks.

clean that I didn't even know we had. I'd normally vacuum once or twice a week, so I was astonished at just how much fur is shed daily. Now we maintain a rigorous daily routine of cleaning and disinfecting the house, ourselves and the cats and things do run quite smoothly – except for chasing the cats for bathing and medicating!

Fortunately we have two bag-less vacuum cleaners that can be washed inside and out. The first cat-bathing session took over 4 hours (not to mention the over-time for the washing machine – towels not cats!) I found places in our home to

So ringing our bells for now - Linda & Mike Vousden

PS – Tonkinfo hard-copies have been copied/posted to you by Christine Tamlin

What happened to the leopard that took a bath three times a day?
After a week he was spotless!

5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake
Serves 1 - or 2 if you want to be virtuous!

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 small splash of vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- 1 large coffee mug

METHOD

1. Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well.
2. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.
3. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well.
4. Add the vanilla extract & chocolate chips and mix again.
5. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high).
6. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!
7. Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.
8. EAT, lovely with cream or ice-cream!



For an extra luxurious touch why not add a teaspoon of peanut butter or Nutella to the centre of the mix before cooking?

Now you are only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!

Summer Tip No. 6 - Keep your cat well groomed especially if it has thick or long fur.

Summer Tip No. 7 - Keep your cats' flea and worm treatments up to date.

THE TONKINESE BREED CLUB'S 7TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW October 2009

We are grateful to Show Managers Mrs Gill Cornish and Mrs Kathy Wilkinson for giving us another colourful and enjoyable show jammed packed with goodies for the cats and exhibitors.

Thanks to Kathy's efforts we were privileged to have with us international Judge, Johan Lamprecht (South Africa), who helped with the judging and then selected our Best In Show cats. We also thank our Committee, our Exhibitors and many others who donated more than just their time so generously.

To see more results and photos of the day visit the Show Page on the TBC web site.



Johan Lamprecht & Kathy Wilkinson with Kathy's wonderful banner!

Overall Best In Show, Best In Show Kitten & Best of Breed Whyoo Juanita (74c)

Owners: Suzanne Mooney & Lyn Garrard's, bred by Jean Adams

Best In Show Adult & Best of Breed Tamtonks Orianna (74c)

Owner: Rebecca Hitchings, bred by Christine Tamlin

Best In Show Neuter & Best of Breed GrCh&IGrPr Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (74e)

Owned & bred by Christine & Jo Richards

The other Best of Breed winners were: -

Adult: Coral & Vince Macey's own bred **Ch Fecheldee Daisie May (74p)**

Neuter: Val Chapple's own bred **Pr Antikpatina Logibear (74b)**

Re-Cycling – Where does It End?

These days we recycle our paper, cans, bottles, plastics, clothes etc, and all to the good. We also recycle TV programs ad nauseam - referred to as "giving you a 2nd opportunity to see..."

However, now I think I've seen everything. The April issue of *Your Cat* magazine featured the Tonkinese, quite a good article and some lovely pictures (although I'm bound to say so as some of the cats are mine ☺).

I purchased my copy and, besides the Tonk feature, I read with interest an item on a cat brought up with a fox – with stunning photographs. So imagine my surprise when trawling through some of my old cat magazines I saw the self-same article and photographs in the *Your Cat* magazine – May 2000 issue!

Summer Tip No. 8 - If your cat roams free be aware that lawn fertilisers and insecticides can be fatal if ingested. Avoid garden plants that are harmful to cats (visit www.fabcats.org for a list of plants poisonous to cats). **Warning:** Cocoa mulch is fatal to cats & dogs if ingested. Its strong chocolate smell is very attractive to dogs especially – this hazard has been confirmed by 'Snopes'.

Garlic works on Vampires & Fleas!

Spring Has Sprung – so get ready for the flea season.

No matter how diligent you are you can never be certain that your house is free of fleas. It only takes one person or one animal to walk into the house with flea-eggs on their shoes or fleas in their coat and voila – c'est la flea!

Not a major problem with the range of flea treatments that are available today, but did you know that flea treatments work by killing the flea *after* it has bitten its host? So how do we protect the cats that are allergic to flea bites? Richard Allport, a renowned expert in homeopathy remedies, offered the following solutions, which may be used in conjunction with the routine flea treatments.

The Seven Day Program

Days 1 through 5 inclusive:

Give the cat a little garlic each day – preferably fresh garlic (about ¼ of a clove) or a pinch of garlic powder, or a garlic tablet.

Days 6 and 7:

No garlic but in the morning give the cat one tablet of homeopathic Sulphur 6c

Perhaps you can't get your cat to eat garlic – you could also use a natural flea-repellent on the cat's coat; a plant-oil based spot-on spray such as Xenex or make your own aromatherapy mixture: 1 drop of each of the following essential oils – Lavender, Lemon and Rosemary. Dilute in ¼ pint (150ml) of water and comb through the coat daily. This could be sprayed on bedding too.

When available, sprinkle fresh or dried flea-repellent herbs around the edge of carpets, doorways and passages. The best herbs for this purpose are Pennyroyal, Tansy and, of course, Fleabane. Try growing your own herbs in the garden or a pot.

If none of these measures work, and your cat does get bitten, then the homeopathic remedy Pulex Irritans will help to minimise the allergic reaction. Give Pulex 6c, one tablet twice daily for 10 days. You might not be convinced about homeopathic remedies – but if any of the above helps your cat then isn't it worth trying?

Has ANYONE ever won anything from the Felix cat food prize give-away?

It's a bit like asking if anyone has won the lottery, but surely our odds must be better? We've fed our multi-cat household with Felix almost everyday since 1990 and never won a blinking thing. So really, I'd like to hear from **anyone** who has – because frankly we're getting fed-up with the trite '**Sorry**' that faces us each time we open a new case of cat food.

Summer Tip No. 9 - During the hot weather take extra care not to leave a door or window open through which your cat may escape. Have your cats micro-chipped.

Summer Tip No. 10 - Make suitable arrangements for your cats when you go on holiday. Remember a 'home-alone' situation is not only unsuitable its actually illegal.

DNA TESTING The latest tool for the breeder

In the last two decades the genotype of the cat has been almost entirely mapped so that having a cat DNA tested is not only possible but well within the pocket of the cat breeder.

There are several laboratories available to us in the USA and Australia; the most commonly used is probably that of UC Davis (USA). They test for certain colours, coat-patterns, inherited defects etc. all for the humble fee of \$40 per test. A typical test response looks like the one below. Val Chapple (Antikpatina) recently took advantage of the service.

You know that feeling - is he/she a MINK coat-pattern or not? I decided to get one of my cats tested; after a lot of enquiries I found that this service is not available in the UK but a friend gave me this link: <http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/cat>

On it I found a form to download with very clear instructions to follow for the procedure (which is a simple swab test using two good quality cotton buds) and a choice of when to pay (I paid in advance on-line, it cost \$40). You can track the test, from the time it arrives at the University of California, on-line. Results are emailed and a hard copy posted to you if you wish

The only mistake I made was sending my sample by airmail it took 11 days to get there. I have been told that one of the alternative mail carriers is much faster. Nellie's results came back cb/cs – Mink. **Valerie Chapple**

Interpretation of Result Code:	
<p><u>Agouti (banded hair or solid):</u></p> <p>A/A All offspring will have agouti banded hair.</p> <p>A/a Offspring can be agouti or non-agouti depending on the genetics of the mating.</p> <p>a/a Non-agouti. If bred to a non-agouti, only non-agouti offspring will be produced.</p>	<p><u>Colorpoint Restriction (Burmese and Siamese)</u></p> <p>C/C Full color, cat does not carry Burmese (sepia) or Siamese alleles.</p> <p>C/c^b Carrier of Burmese (sepia) color.</p> <p>C/c^s Carrier of Siamese colorpoint restriction.</p> <p>c^b/c^b Burmese (sepia).</p> <p>c^s/c^s Siamese.</p> <p>c^b/c^s Mink, intermediate color between Burmese and Siamese.</p>
<p><u>Brown (Chocolate and Cinnamon)</u></p> <p>B/B Full color, cat does not carry brown or cinnamon alleles.</p> <p>B/b Full color, carrier of brown.</p> <p>B/bⁱ Full color, carrier of cinnamon.</p> <p>b/b Brown.</p> <p>b/bⁱ Brown, carrier of cinnamon.</p> <p>bⁱ/bⁱ Cinnamon.</p>	<p><u>Dilute</u></p> <p>D/D Full color. Cat does not have the dilute allele.</p> <p>D/d One copy of dilute allele. Cat is a carrier of dilute.</p> <p>d/d Two copies of dilute allele. Coat color is diluted.</p>

An extract from the UC Davis Coat-Colour Test Result – showing some of the DNA tests available

Now wouldn't it be a good idea, with so many breeders taking advantage of the testing these days, for the GCCF to be able to incorporate a code into the registration number – to show that the cat has a DNA test result lodged with them? [Ed]



Snips and Tails

The Post-Partum Booster

1 part evaporated milk

1 part boiled, cooled water

1 fresh egg yolk

Mix all together and give to the queen after birthing –
you might even take a swig yourself if necessary ☺

DID YOU KNOW?

Pope Gregory IX issued a Papal Bull in 1233CE declaring all black cats diabolical. This resulted in a persecution of cats that lasted into the 1800s! The Bull was reinforced by Pope Innocent VII in 1336CE. In 1348CE the Lord Mayor of London decreed that *all* cats should be killed, so removing the city's only effective method of controlling the plague-infested rat population. In 1484CE, Pope Innocent VIII issued a Bull condemning witchcraft, possibly aimed at the cult of Freya, which resulted in the execution of 10% of the female population of Germany alone - along with their feline familiars.

Cats ARE superior to dogs - Reason No. 1,176

The next time you put on your waterproof togs
And venture outside while it rains
cats and dogs, Ask which you'd rather have land on your noodle:
A cute little cat
or a ninety-pound poodle?

ARE YOU A PCC? (Politically Correct Cat)

I'm not aloof - I am hominoidally unimpressed

I don't shed - I develop follicle abdication

I don't scratch - I cause temporary haemoglobin release

I don't purr - I am aurally appreciative

I am not indifferent - I am dispassionately neutral

I'm not small - I am corpus compactus.

I am not fat - I have a distended food storage facility

I am not asleep - I am temporarily inert

I don't chase mice - I am rodent defiant.

I am not fussy - I am a fastidious feline

I'm not fixed - I am romantically inaccessible. My Owners aren't dumb -
they are simply speed bumps on the information superhighway

An excellent cleaning product to help remove cat urine/odours

(do a small colour test first)

- ❖ 3% peroxide,
- ❖ a pinch of bicarbonate of soda
- ❖ a drop of washing up liquid.

A New Book On Tonkinese Help Wanted!

Some of you know that for the last few years I have been researching & working hard on another book.

I'd intended to update my book 'Tonkinese Cats' but I became so engrossed in my findings on the history of the breed that the chapter has taken on a life of its own – so the working title of my new book is: - *TONKINESE CATS – A HISTORY*

I shall include photos from around the world and for the sake of current and future Tonkinese line-chasers all sorts of interesting snippets, pedigrees, significant Tonks and a good list of international Tonkinese cattery/prefix names etc.

So I would be grateful if anyone can give me the name of any of the owners of the following UK prefixes: Balzac, Fawythen, Galago, Kinnersley, Orimese, Paddywack, Pompelil, Porterneeshin, Revoltosa, Seansuki, Skylarks, Suebelle, Thaimar, Tonkermarie and Vestafel

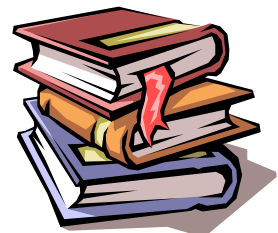
Would You Like to See Your Cat In The Book?

I am also inviting you to submit photos for possible inclusion in the book. As it's a book on the history of the breed I'm particularly interested in our UK Tonkinese foundation cats and cats that have made a significant contribution to the breed through breeding or in competition - but will definitely consider all suitable photos submitted.

On my web site (www.tonkinese.me or www.mymystic.com) the 'Help Wanted' page contains the link to the required downloadable forms, these give you all the information on how to submit your photographs. Please read these carefully because for copyright reasons I will not be able to consider photos without the correctly completed forms.

The deadline for photo submissions is 1st June 2010

If you have any questions please contact me, Linda Vousden, on:
tonkcatshistory@ntlworld.com or mymystic@ntlworld.com



Summer Tip No. 11 - Bee and wasp stings may be very serious in cats. Remove the bee sting with tweezers and neutralise wasp stings with a weak solution of vinegar.

Summer Tip No. 12 - Keep your cat away from woodwork when painting it, at least until the paint is dry. If you still have some creosote remember it is fatal to cats and has been illegal to use since 2003!

Summer Tip No. 13 - Flowers in the house - we all like to see them but check to see whether they are on the FAB dangerous plants list. If you really must have lilies in the house be sure to nip out the centre parts completely to remove all traces of the deadly pollen and sap.

Summer Tip No. 14 - Buckets and spades – if you keep a sand tray in your cat's pen clean it out regularly to avoid fly eggs etc.

Summer Tip No. 15 - Don't leave wet food down and unattended after your cat has had its fill – you really don't want to attract flies.

HOW WELL DO YOU SPEAK TONKINESE?

E-mail your answers to tbc.uk@ntlworld.com before the end of June.

The first correct answer drawn from a hat will win a special prize!

1) Which of these produces a hybrid?

- a. Burmese x Siamese
- b. Tonkinese x Tonkinese
- c. Burmese x Chinchilla
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

2) What was the Tonkinese first known as, by the Cat Fancy?

- a. Golden Siamese
- b. Chocolate Siamese
- c. Tonkanese.

3) Which of these UK cats was a Tonkinese?

- a. Mira DeListinoise (Siamese, 1926)
- b. Sablesilk Minkie Pooh (Burmese, 1956)
- c. Kudos Fantasia (Burmese, 1964)
- d. Kemkats Nefertiti (Burmese, 1972)
- e. All of the above.
- f. None of the above

4) What is a Burmese variant?

- a. A Tonkinese with a solid coat-pattern.
- b. A variation of a Burmese.
- c. An Asian.

5) What is the Tonkinese 'type'?

- a. Its character.
- b. Its shape
- c. Its coat-pattern

6) What is meant by the 'Tonkinese expression'?

- a. The shape, position and colour of the eyes.
- b. The appearance of the coat-pattern.
- c. The expected character and temperament of the cat

7) How many Tonkinese colours are accepted by the GCCF?

- a. 3
- b. 8
- c. 21

8) In a litter of 1st generation Tonkinese kittens what proportion will have Pointed coat-patterns?

- a. 1/3
- b. 1/4
- c. 0

9) What percentage of female kittens will be tortoiseshell if one of the parents is red or cream?

- a. 100%
- b. 50%
- c. 0%

10) Can two Tabby parents have a non-tabby kitten?

- a. Yes
- b. No

11) Can two non-Tabby parents have a tabby kitten?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12) Who first described cats with the Tonkinese coat-pattern?

- a. Dr J Thompson
- b. Harrison Weir
- c. Roy Robinson

13) When were Tonkinese first officially recognised in the UK?

- a. 1986
- b. 1991
- c. 1993

14) Which of the following is FALSE?

- a. Only mink Tonks have aqua eyes.
- b. Tonks with clear blue eyes are unlikely to have a mink pattern.
- c. Tonks with yellowish- green eyes are unlikely to have a mink pattern

Summer Tip No. 16 -If you possibly can, give your indoor cat access to fresh air and a sunny shelf – either by building it a pen in the garden or a shelf by a window safely covered with fly-screen mesh to avoid an escape ☺

Do you have any tips to keep our cats more comfortable during the colder months?

PRIZE PHOTO COMPETITION !

The overall winner of each theme will win a very special treatment of their photo.

- 1) 'Kitten/s'
- 2) 'Cat/s'
- 3) 'Senior Cat/s'

Rules:

1. You must be a current member of the Tonkinese Breed Club.
2. You may submit up to three photos per person, based on the above themes – they may be one from each theme, three from the same theme etc, it's your choice.
3. The photo must include at least one Tonkinese.
4. Photos must be submitted by the photographer with their full name, the cat's full name and the theme of the photo.
5. You may use photo-editing if you wish.
6. Photos should ideally be 300 DPI - but no larger than 6Mb!
7. There is no entry fee but you agree to allow your photograph to be used by the TBC to promote the breed (*we guarantee that photos will not be used in a manner that is in any way detrimental to the photographer or subject*).

Closing date – 1st August 2010 - plenty of time to produce a masterpiece

So that ALL members may enter the competition, photographs will be submitted, without the photographer's name, to a panel of experienced judges.

**So get creative and e-mail your best Tonk photos to
tbc.uk@ntlworld.com**

Winners will be announced in the next issue of Tonkinfo and photos will be displayed on the TBC web site after they have been judged - so look out for them.

Useful Tips:

- ❑ For dark cats, use as much directional light as possible and shoot against a medium-coloured background - think grass, not snow.
- ❑ Use natural light to avoid red eyes. To achieve this effect indoors, turn off your flash and put your cat beside a window.
- ❑ Pictures from "above" are more common, so get down to their eye level.

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

Don't forget to advertise your kittens on the Tonkinese Breed Club web site.

Breeders sell more kittens through Club kitten lists than any other medium, and **it's free**. Just complete the form that you can download from the kitten list page and e-mail it to tbc.uk@ntlworld.com