



Photo above by Alan Robinson

**Kathy Wilkinson's
GrPr Mymystic Goldenshadow
was 16 years old on 22nd April.**

With 44 Merits, 5 ICs and a GrPr title Bruno has an important place in the history of the UK Tonkinese, he's one of the few that continued to promote the breed through Assessment to Championship. He is also on the cover of the new Tonkinese book. His glamorous chestnut coat, lovely aqua eyes and most gentle nature has endeared him to many judges and show visitors over his long and commendable career - a credit to Kathy & Richards' love and care.



EDITOR'S NOTES - Linda Vousden

Hi Folks, Happy Spring –

Unfortunately due to technical problems I've dropped the 'interactive' version of Tonkinfo – but I hope you enjoy this issue, and that you'll find some time to send me something for the next one.

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TONKINESE BREED CLUB WEB SITE - There is much available to members via our web site and a wealth of information on the breed and the successes of our fellow members and their cats: -

- 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!

If you link to the TBC site please check the address, there are several with the wrong address.
The TBC web site is www.tonkinese.info



Tonkinese Breed Club - Chairman's Report

I hope you're all taking advantage of the lovely weather and relaxing over the Easter weekend. I am really looking forward to the Royal Wedding and will be watching it all day with my tonks for company.

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. We had a postal ballot this year because we had more people who wanted to be on the committee than there were places. What an excellent place to be in. Most clubs are struggling to get enough committee members. 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 progressing well. 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!) There are some exciting changes afoot. A long awaited review of the Judging and Stewarding scheme and new class structure at shows. We are going to be at the London Pet Show with some Tonkinese cats on May 7th. I hope we might see some of you there

Sue Amor

Hon.Secretary's Report –

Hello there members.

First may I take this opportunity to thank you for voting me back on to the committee, thus allowing me to be Hon Sec for another year.

It is quite hard work occasionally, for example pre this year AGM was of course particularly hard work due to the Postal ballot, thank you again for making the effort to vote.

2010/2011 was exciting in that we purchased our banners for exhibition at shows & most importantly the Supreme cat show 2010 where we exhibited our banners for the first time, object of the exercise so we would get noticed and folks could come to one or other of the committee members there on the Tonk table to ask about our wonderful breed. We will be at the London Pet Show on the 7th May love to see you there, come and ask about anything you might be interested in about Tonks amazing things they get up in your home, how intelligent are, right up to genetics of breeding, hints about diet, anything at all we will try to help.

We had several new members 2010/2011 always a good sign.

Our breed profile was lodged with the GCCF, thanks to Jenny Walker Tonkinese Cat Club committee member & TBC member; take a look on the GCCF Web-site.

That just leaves me to say thank you again for all your votes. Take Care till next time

Christine Tamlin Hon Sec Tonkinese Breed Club

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TONKINESE ? - There have been occasions of queens, accepted to Tonkinese studs, which have been incorrectly registered as Tonkinese by the GCCF. The Tonkinese BAC urges you to re-read your registration policy (which can be found on both the TBC & TCC web sites). When accepting a queen to stud please check both the registration document **and** the pedigree carefully.

TONKINESE AOV PROGRESS - No progress with the GCCF since May 2009. We continue to monitor this and will let you know what is happening as soon as we hear anything more.

ACTIONS FROM THE TBC AGM

1. In addition to the 1, 2 and 10 year subscriptions to the Club there is now a 5 year membership for your convenience. A single 5-year subscription will be £28, joint will be £38. The updated membership application forms will be available from the TBC web site very soon.
2. The proposal to amend Club Rule 5d was agreed.
3. The Committee has been tasked with reviewing the Club Rules and drafting amendments for the approval of the Club in due course.
4. It was agreed that the TBC pledge a loan to support the upgrade of the GCCF computer system. It was further agreed that the sum should be 10% of the Club reserves (excluding funds currently held for Welfare).

GCCF STUD BOOKS - A while ago I wrote that the GCCF had no plans to produce a new stud book (the last one was produced in 2000). Well it appears that there may finally be one planned. I'll let you know when there is any more information on this.

GCCF INCORPORATION - This may not be of interest to you individually but the recent incorporation of the GCCF is good news for its affiliated clubs because it means that should the GCCF fall into dire financial straits each affiliated club will only be liable for the sum of £1 – instead of all of its reserves and assets. It has been suggested that the 124 affiliated clubs hold collective reserves of around £1,000,000 but this must be an optimistic estimate, as it would mean an average of over £8,000 per club, we certainly don't have such reserves. There appear to be some strong feelings about the state of the Cat Fancy under the GCCF umbrella, but if we want a Cat Fancy of any standing in the UK we should support the GCCF for the future – the Tonkinese cannot go to FIFe, and many prefer the more ordered shows and registration policies of GCCF over TICA.

With its new computer system the GCCF should be able to accept on-line registrations, ownership transfers etc.; such as the CFA in North America has been successfully managing for several years. One way individuals can help is by showing/exhibiting their cats, this supports both the clubs and the GCCF. With our help our Cat Fancy could see brighter days and a new lease of life.
[OK, a bit schmaltzy – but true, Ed]

AGM AWARDS FOR THE 2010 SHOW SEASON

Thank you to all members who sent in their results.

- Most successful adult male – GrCh Romantica Arabian Knight (C & J Richards)
Most successful adult female – GrCh Copernicus Cherry Blossom (A & C Bernard)
Most successful neuter – GrMC Mimaperks Champagne Charlie (J Bernard)
Most successful kitten – Cwtchycatz Rogue (R Hitchings)
Most successful brown – *Not Claimed*
Most successful blue – *Not Claimed*
Most successful chocolate (series) – GrCh Romantica Arabian Knight (C & J Richards)
Most successful lilac – Cwtchycatz Rogue (R Hitchings)
Most successful brown/blue/choc/lilac – GrCh Romantica Arabian Knight (C & J Richards)
Most successful caramel or apricot (series) – *Not Claimed*
Most successful red adult - *Not Claimed*
Most successful red adult/kitten/neuter – GrMC Mimaperks Champagne Charlie (J Bernard)
Most successful cream adult/kitten/neuter - *Not Claimed*
Most successful tortie - GrCh & IGrPr Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (C & J Richards)
Most successful tabby adult, male - *Not Claimed*
Most successful tabby adult, female – Ch Antikpatina Prunella (V Chapple)
Most successful tabby neuter – GrPr Chinktonks Chiku (M Haas)
Most successful tabby male kitten - *Not Claimed*
Most successful tabby female kitten – *Not Claimed*
Most successful brown tabby adult/kitten/neuter – *Not Claimed*
The Tonkinese most often on Exhibition – Mimaperks Domino (A & C Bernard)
Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within the last 2 years) – Rebecca Hitchings
Member who has shown the most Tonkinese during the year - C & J Richards
- There were so many of you at the TBC & TCC shows this year – it would have been nice to see more claims. Just send your results to Catherine, see *Committee List*, by end of January each year. Our web site has a handy form that you can print off or copy for this purpose.

NEW OPEN TONKINESE STUD

Kamkai Just a Gigalo, blue, 74a.

Owner & breeder: Jane Verlander, Tel: 01495 248483 (Gwent, South Wales)

1st generation, carries chocolate, DOB: 18.October.2010.

Sire: GrCh Roysterer Snowdragon 24c

Dam: Gwdihw Rosamunda 27

If you have a stud to go on the TBC list e-mail the details to bbc.uk@ntlworld.com. **Please note** that the new Tonkinese Breeding Policy strongly recommends that stud owners include their studs' inbreeding co-efficient on mating certificates – if you'd like help to work it out contact Linda Vousden, TBAC Secretary.

TONKINESE – AND WHY THEY ARE PART OF OUR LIVES

by Catherine Bernard – Mimaperks Tonkinese

Some years ago we were introduced to the Tonkinese, purely by chance. We ended up with the last baby of a litter who turned out to be the most stunning, affectionate, clever, naughty, loving, caring and intelligent cat I have ever known. Perkins – or Mr Poo as he was affectionately known, lived with us for 8 years before his life was cut short by kidney failure – I will never forget the feeling of grief we both felt as he was taken from us so suddenly.

Of course he can never be replaced, and as I write this I still feel the sadness at his not being around. 5 years on and our lives are now ruled by 8 Tonkinese of varying ages, colours and patterns. They all live happily with our dogs and tend to be in charge of them too!

In the last few years I have been to a few cat shows and have well and truly got the show bug – some of you will know me already, and you will know that above all, I enjoy taking my cats to shows whilst they enjoy the day too, whether they win or not, and I really love to help in any way I can in promoting our lovely breed.

I have also been really lucky to be in a position in the last few years to have kittens with some of my girls. This of course can have its ups and downs, and is never plain sailing. There is a great sense of responsibility that comes with helping to bring such tiny lives into the world, and I have lost count of the times that I have got up in the morning to find a kitten “missing” because mum has decided to move them, or the worry if one becomes unwell. But when the new families come to pick up their new baby then I know that we have done the very best for them we can, and you can see the joy on their faces when they see their 13-week-old bundle of naughtiness.

It doesn't stop there either. I am very grateful to a lot of the new families staying in touch – it is such a pleasure to see an email pop up in my inbox with an attachment or two, which you know are going to be pictures. These are exactly one of the many reasons why I do this – it is so wonderful to hear news – such as this excerpt taken from an email from Silvia & Phil – proud owners of Baby Gem and Mima last year:



“I thought I would give you a little update on Gem and Mima. They are both doing really well. We think we have noticed a real change in Mima, physically. She is looking much older and is getting quite big. Gem is an absolute softy and is all over Phil - such a daddy's girl! She is always jumping up his leg and into his arms for cuddles! Phil turns into such goo! Mima has a softer spot for mummy and it makes Phil a bit jealous! They were both a bit annoyed that mummy left them for the day yesterday so didn't come to greet me as soon as I

arrived but after a few minutes Mima was all over me! She is so affectionate when she is in the mood, she looks up at me really intently with such a loving face, and it makes my stomach jump!

We had our first visitors over yesterday and oh my goodness; Gem is just such a flirt!! She was all over them too - it's almost insulting in a way!! I thought Mima would run a

mile but she was also very sociable and although slightly more reserved than Gem (is that really very hard?!) she was enjoying showing off with Gem their jumping and chasing skills. They had our neighbours in stitches and they are now keen on getting a Tonkinese! “

And then a few weeks later I received this email.....: (note Gem is the name of their mother too)

“Mima absolutely loves playing hide and seek and when we say "peek-a-boo" to her, she speaks with her little Mima squeak - it's hilarious and guaranteed every time! Last night did she something amazing - we were having a look at your webpage and Mima was on my lap in front of the laptop watching what was on the screen and when we put the picture of Gem (mother) up there, she was obsessed with it... She went right up close to it and started putting her paw on the photo - we were amazed and almost a bit sad! When we put another photo up, she didn't have the same reaction. Phil did it again today and she did the same thing... Isn't that just amazing!?!?!? We both maintain that Mima is somewhat "special" and "knows" a lot more than we think!! We don't know exactly what she knows, but she just knows! Our little saying is that "Mima just knowsbut Gem hasn't got a blooming clue!!!" Gem is just Gem and is still a daddy's girl! I wish I had Gem's way of life, carefree Gem who just lives life in the moment!

I can't think of anything more rewarding to know that we have helped to make other people's lives happy with our Tonkinese babies.

I have to end on this email that I received recently. I know that Liz won't mind me including this, as it is such a special email. Button is the younger sister of Ellie by a year from my lovely girl – Splodge and they have the same daddy – the lovely Nokki (Chinktonks Nocturne) Liz came to me a couple of years ago and had one female kitten – a little mini version of mummy Splodge – and named her Ellie. After lots of thought, they decided that Ellie would probably like a friend, and although they had a bit of concern that maybe Ellie may take offence at having to share her home with a new arrival, they needn't have worried, and I believe they made a really good decision. Ellie took the new kitten – Button, under her wing straight away, almost like she knew that she was her baby sister. And this was the email I received a few days later.....



“Hello old mummy, Button here. I just wanted to write and tell you that everything is okay and I am really, really happy in my new home. My two new mummies are ever so nice and they have the biggest house in the whole wide world and I am allowed to go anywhere I like except outside and they have another cat and she looks just like my real mummy and she told me she is my sister and she licks me and

washes me just like my mum did and she plays with me too and she chases me up the stairs and along the corridor and I trick her by hiding and then I jump on her when she is not looking and then she chases me again and sometimes we just lay together on the beds of the two new mummies and also we have lots of beds of our own. (Breathe) And

we have a little playroom that is all our own room with a radiator and a big cushion right next to it and a play ground thingy with a tunnel and climbing frame and balls and things hanging off it and, and, and, oh yeah, we have two cat litter trays and our own food dishes but my new sister, oh Ellie her name is, well, she lets me eat off her dish too, and she plays with lots mice and she gets them and drops them at the mummies feet but I don't, I just flick them up in the air which I think is much more fun. Oh and anyway, it is really really good here and I like it so please tell my real mummy she is not to worry and please also send my love to her and also to my aunties and my other sisters, thank you.

Lots of love from Button x”

THE SCIENCE OF CAT LADIES?

According to the new research, published in the journal *Behavioural Processes*, cats attach to humans and particularly women, as social partners, not just for the sake of obtaining food.

The study is the first to show in detail that the dynamics underlying cat-human relationships are nearly identical to human-only bonds, with cats sometimes even becoming a furry "child" in nurturing homes. "Food is often used as a token of affection, and the ways that cats and humans relate to food are similar in nature to the interactions seen between the human caregiver and the pre-verbal infant," co-author Jon Day, a Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition researcher, told *Discovery News*. "Both cat and human infant are, at least in part, in control of when and what they are fed!"

For the study, led by Kurt Kotrschal of the Konrad Lorenz Research Station and the University of Vienna, the researchers videotaped and later analyzed interactions between 41 cats and their owners over lengthy four-part periods. Each and every behaviour of both the cat and owner was noted. The researchers determined that cats and their owners strongly influenced each other, such that they were each often controlling the other's behaviours. Extroverted women with young, active cats enjoyed the greatest synchronicity, with cats in these relationships only having to use subtle cues, such as a single upright tail move, to signal desire for friendly contact.

While cats have plenty of male admirers, and vice versa, this study and others reveal that women tend to interact with their cats — be they male or female felines — more than men do. "In response, the cats approach female owners more frequently, and initiate contact more frequently (such as jumping on laps) than they do with male owners," co-author Manuela Wedl of the University of Vienna told *Discovery News*, adding that "female owners have more intense relationships with their cats than do male owners."

Cats also seem to remember kindness and return the favours later. If owners comply with their feline's wishes to interact, then the cat will often comply with the owner's wishes at other times. The cat may also "have an edge in this negotiation," since owners are usually already motivated to establish social contact. Although there are isolated instances of non-human animals, such as gorillas, bonding with other species, it seems to be mostly unique for humans to engage in social relationships with other animals. In this case with cats, it's for very good reason. Cats could very well be man's — and woman's — best friend. "A relationship between a cat and a human can involve mutual attraction, personality compatibility, ease of interaction, play, affection and social support," co-author Dorothy Gracey of the University of Vienna explained. "A human and a cat can mutually develop complex ritualized interactions that show substantial mutual understanding of each other's inclinations and preferences."

Dennis Turner, a University of Zurich-Irchel animal behaviourist, told Discovery News the he's "very impressed with this study on human-cat interactions, in that it has taken our earlier findings a step higher, using more modern analytical techniques to get at the interplay between cat and human personalities." Turner, who is also senior editor of *The Domestic Cat: The Biology of Its Behaviour* (Cambridge University Press), added that he and his colleagues "now have a new dimension to help us understand how these relationships function."

Kotrschal's team is presently involved in a long-term study of man's other well-known animal best friend: dogs.

THE NEW TONKINESE BREEDING POLICY

A breeder who registers Tonkinese with the GCCF is obliged to adhere to the Tonkinese Registration and Breeding Policies. In 2010 the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee approved the new Tonkinese Breeding Policy (TBP). The new TBP is considerably enhanced and along with the Registration Policy it provides a complete blueprint for breeders who want to breed Tonkinese properly. It's now available to download from the Useful Publications & TBAC pages of www.tonkinese.info. If you don't have internet access please send a large SAE, with correct postage, to Linda Vousden (see *Committee list for details*). To give you an idea of the policy's scope here is the contents list:

SECTION I

TONKINESE GENETICS

1. The Tonkinese Type
2. The Tonkinese Coat (including Colour, Pattern and Expression)
3. Tonkinese Coat – Genetic Codes
4. Tonkinese Eye-Colour

SECTION II

TONKINESE BREEDING POLICY

1. Prohibited Breed Matings
2. Permitted Breed Matings
3. Tonkinese Registration
4. Breeding For The Health Of The Breed
 - 4.1. Breeding With Different Generations
 - 4.2. Inbreeding/Line-Breeding
 - 4.3. Selecting Suitable Cats For Breeding
 - 4.4. Selecting Breed Mates
 - 4.5. Breeding/Matings Detrimental To The Tonkinese Breed
 - 4.6. Breeding/Matings Detrimental To The Health And Welfare Of The Breed And Cats.
 - 4.7. Inherent Breed Problems
 - 4.8. DNA Testing
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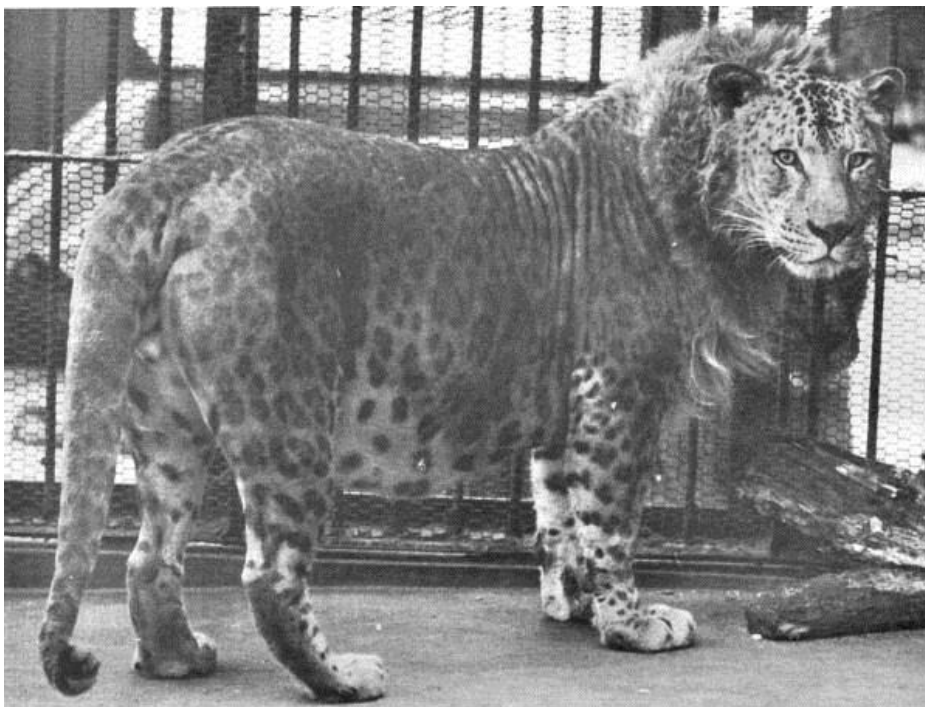
THE TONKINESE IS A HYBRID – ON WHICH PLANET?

There's such tosh written about Tonks being hybrids – anyone with the brains to look the word up will easily see that they are not. If you want a real hybrid then check out these beauties.



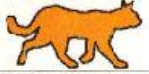



























The most common big cat hybrids are the ligers (male lion x female tiger) and tigons (male tiger x female lion, see above). There have also been leopard and jaguar matings. Such hybrids are inevitably sterile.

These hybrid cats are the result of zoo-controlled breeding with animals that are sufficiently 'docile' to permit alien matings. The cat shown below is a leopon (male leopard x female lion), this male is from one of the two litters of leopons bred in the early 1960s by Dr Hiroyuki Doi in Japan. Although why they are ever bred still begs an answer.















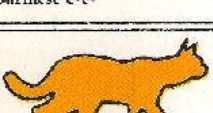


HANDY GUIDES TO COLOUR BREEDING

When browsing through some of my old cat magazines I came across these charts in 'The Complete Cat' (published 1972).

CROSS		EXPECTED KITTENS	
Sire	Dam	Male	Female
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	x 	= 	
	x 	=  	 
	x 	=  	 
	x 	= 	
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Breeding with the Orange gene.

Red, Cream and Apricot are all represented by the orange cat in the table.

Dominant	Recessive	Result
 Tabby AA	x  Non-tabby aa	=  Tabby Aa
 Black BB	x  Chocolate bb	=  Black Bb
 Dense DD	x  Dilute dd	=  Dense Dd
 Burmese c ^{ch} c ^h	x  Siamese c ^{ch} c ^{ch}	=  Burmese c ^{ch} c ^{ch}
 Orange Oo	x  Non-orange oo	=  Orange Oo

This is the chart I particularly like - bear in mind when it was produced.

Look at the predicted dominance results for a mating between Burmese and Siamese!

I left this in for your amusement, but the other dominance results are still correct.



Pet Health Tip – Feline CPR

(Dr Jon, Cat Crazy Newsletter, May 2010)

What would you do if your cat suddenly collapses, stops breathing and has no heartbeat?

A cat that goes without breathing for longer than 3 to 5 minutes can suffer permanent brain damage. After 10 minutes there is essentially no hope of survival. This is what you do -

Find out if your cat is in cardiopulmonary arrest. (It is dangerous to apply CPR if the cat is breathing normally or has a pulse.) To determine if the heart is still beating, place your hand on the left side of the chest and check for a pulse. Watch for the cat's chest to rise and fall to determine if he is breathing, or put a mirror in front of your cat's nose and watch for condensation. If there are no breaths for 10 seconds, stay calm and begin CPR.

The ABCs of CPR:

- **Airway** - First, check your pet's mouth and throat to make sure the airway is open and clean. Lay the cat on his side, extend the head, open the mouth, pull out his tongue and check for obstructions. If you are uncertain, you may need to perform a finger sweep, running your index finger around the cat's mouth, along the cheek and across the back of the throat. If necessary, perform the Heimlich manoeuvre. Grab the cat around the waist so that the rear is nearest you (similar to a bear hug). Place your fist just behind the ribs and compress the abdomen 3 to 5 times with quick pushes to remove the foreign object. If this works, your cat may regain consciousness, or you may still need to perform CPR.
- **Breathing** - Once the airway is clear, if your cat is breathing allow him to assume the most comfortable position for him. If he is not breathing, begin artificial respirations. Make sure the neck is straight then close the mouth and lips by placing your hand around the lips and holding the muzzle closed. Place your mouth over the cat's mouth and nose and your mouth will form a seal. Exhale forcefully. Give 4 or 5 quick breaths. Check to see if breathing has resumed. If your cat is still not breathing, or shows only shallow breathing, begin rescue breathing again. Give 20 to 30 breaths a minute then check for a heartbeat. If your cat has no heartbeat, begin cardiac compressions with rescue breathing.
- **Circulation** - Place the cat on his side on a hard surface. Place your palm or fingertips over the ribs at the point where the raised elbow meets the chest. Kneel down next to your cat with his chest near you. Compress the chest about 1 inch at a rate of twice a second. Begin 5 compressions for each breath. After one minute, stop and check for a heartbeat. If the heart has not resumed beating, continue performing CPR until you reach a veterinary hospital.

Now you know what to do in case you are faced with this type of emergency. It may never happen to you, but if it does you will be prepared. Remember, in this situation, quick response is crucial.

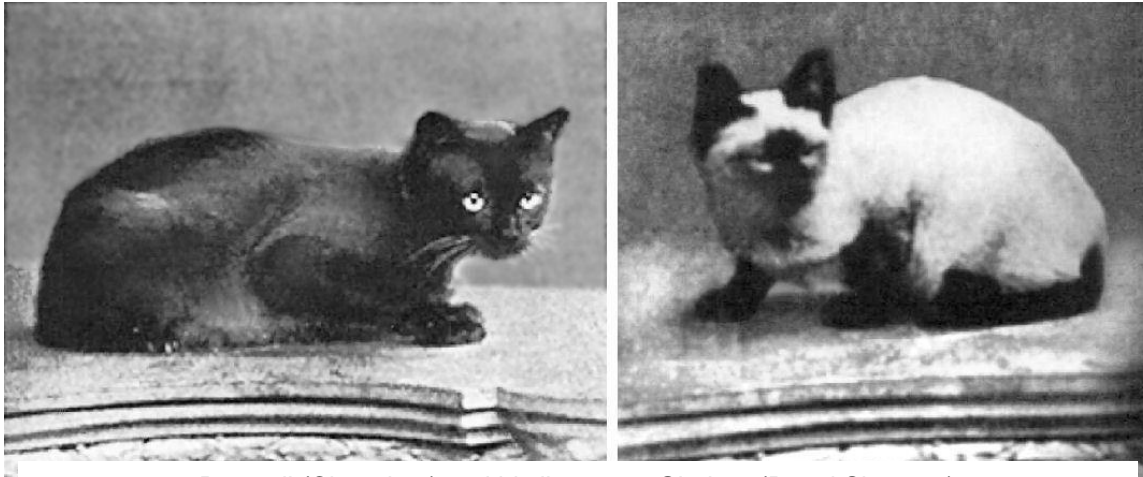
Tonkinese Cats – A History

copyright Linda Vousden

Here are a few excerpts from the latest book on the Tonkinese.

From Chapter 3

Louis Wain, renowned today for his anthropomorphic drawing of cats, was the Secretary of the Ladies Kennel Association. The association began to hold classes for cats within their dog shows and from 1896 they devoted space to the cat fancy in their journal. They published photographs of notable cats and their owners, and reports on who was breeding and exhibiting these rare creatures. It was written of the Siamese “All these cats follow two types, the more common being dun or ashen fawn with black points, the rarer being the ‘seal’ or chocolate with darker face, ears and tail, the legs shading downwards into almost black feet.” In November 1896 *The Ladies Kennel Journal* reported that Miss Sidney Cunninghame had purchased Puppy II from Mrs K.O. Chapman, photos of Puppy II and his littermate, Gindura, were published with the article. They were described as “one beautifully representative of the lighter variety, the other of the chocolate Puppy is a very rich chocolate colour, with almost black points.” The journal reported that the Siamese were becoming so numerous it was proposed to provide classes “for the chocolates as well as the duns”.



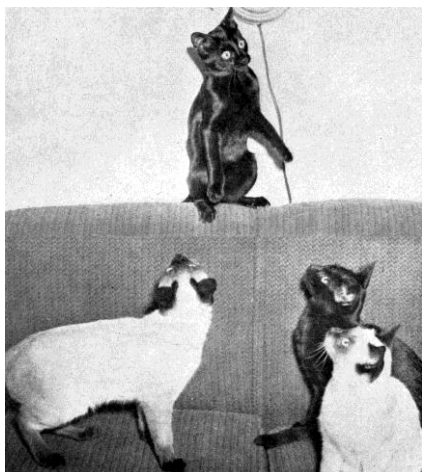
Puppy II (Chocolate) and his littermate Gindura (Royal Siamese)

By 1899 the showing and breeding of pedigree cats had become so popular that Mrs Herbert Ransome published the first journal dedicated to cats, *Our Cats*. It was on her suggestion that Miss J. Derby Hyde (owner of the Chocolate female, Missis) brought together Siamese breeders to discuss the confusion that existed in the judging and breeding of the two varieties of Siamese - Chocolates and Royals. On 16th January 1901 the inaugural meeting of the Siamese Cat Club was held in the offices of *Our Cats* with the first object being “To encourage the breeding of pure Siamese cats, both Royals and Chocolates”.

In 1902 on behalf of the Siamese Cat Club, Harrison Weir wrote the first Siamese Breed Standard, which included, “The points of the ‘Chocolate’ Siamese are the same as above, with the exception of the body colour”. The Siamese Cat Club’s committee members (Mrs A. Forestier-Walker, Mrs Jean A. Spencer, Mrs Mary Robinson, Mrs L. Parker-Brough, Mrs S.E. Beckhouse and Mrs Constance Carew Cox) jointly signed a letter that is particularly interesting to today’s Tonkinese devotee; it was published in the British cat fancy journal, *Fur and Feather*, and read:

“The Committee of the Siamese Cat Club wish to draw attention to the unfortunate diversity of opinion concerning Siamese Cats expressed in articles which appear from time to time in some of the papers which devote a portion of their issue to cat news. One great object of the Siamese Club is to encourage the distinct breeding of the royal cat of Siam and the chocolate cat of Siam – both beautiful in their own way, but recognised as distinct breeds.”

From Chapter 4



A litter of dark and pointed kittens,
from 'Siamese Cats,' by
Sydney W. France

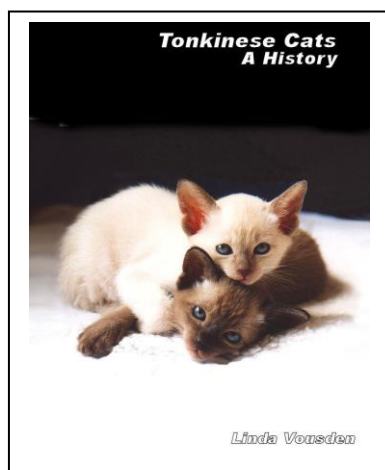
In the UK interest in the Burmese rapidly increased. Tonkinese were imported along with Burmese from North America and from Southeast Asia. ~~~

~~~ Burmese breeders did acknowledge the existence of Tonkinese in the Burmese pedigrees, for example in December 1958 *Our Cats* magazine carried an illustrated article about a brown stud, Ch Autumn Haze, which excitedly confirmed him as being 'pure' Burmese despite his hybrid dam, Sablesilk Minki Pooh.

Following World War II the number of European pedigree breeding cats was notably reduced. In order to rejuvenate the fancy there was much experimental crossbreeding, resulting in new breeds and also new colours and coat-patterns in several established breeds. With the depleted breeding lines the fact that some imported 'Burmese' produced the occasional pointed coat-pattern would have been a boon to the Siamese breeders. The CFA Siamese and Burmese breed standards, included in *Short Haired Cats* (1963) by Harriet Wolfgang, confirm the continuing presence of Tonkinese. In the section 'Undesirable For All Siamese' it reads "grey or yellowish tinge to the eyes"; the Burmese standard reads "Undesirable: Pale eye color; green or odd eyes... Winners to be withheld from cats with ... blue eyes". ~~~

~~~ The registration of UK Tonkinese from the 1950s was even less accurate than that of the American registries, and because most of the cats were registered as either Burmese or Siamese it's impossible to properly trace their history in the UK. I've found no documentation on UK Tonkinese breeding programs between the 1950s and mid-1980s. Nevertheless, Burmese and Siamese breeders were producing Tonkinese, sometimes registering them as their own breeds, occasionally registering them correctly with the GCCF and sometimes not registering them at all - just selecting kittens with the dark or pointed patterned for registration. You'll read more of this in Chapter 6. The first UK Burmese/Siamese cross to be correctly registered by the GCCF was Chira Tan Tockseng, imported from the USA in 1958 by Mrs R.J. Grove-White (Ngo and Pya), as her Burmese foundation queen.

Then in the 1960s North American breeders began to work together to develop the Tonkinese as a 'new' breed. Nearly 80 years after they were first seen in the West, the Chocolate was to be re-established as a distinct breed.



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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!
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Voting will take place throughout July

(Club members will be reminded to vote nearer the time ☺)

Winners will be announced on the web site at the end of July

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
- 15 Ensure that the mated cats comply with the requirements of the Tonkinese registration policy – **check registration documents and pedigrees.**

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

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