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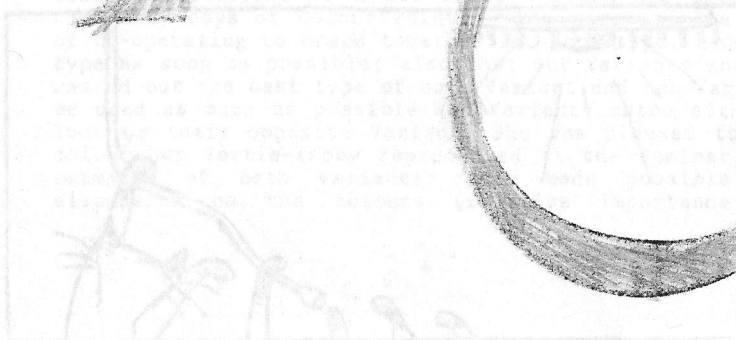
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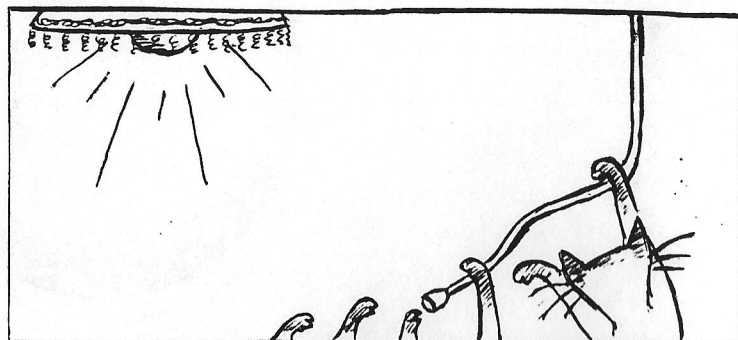
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TONKINESE PROVERBS: MANY PAWS MAKE LIGHT WORK (AND NOT WORK)



CHAIR'S NOTES by MARY HODGKINSON

You will all be glad to know that I am now well recovered from my operation and, like many of us, do not wish to see '92 again! - so Happy 1993 to you and your cats.

During the last few months we have seen a lot of Tonks gaining Merits, including our first competing entry at the Supreme.

There are some changes to the Kitten List organisation - see Secretary's notes and insert for Breeder Members to fill in.

We held the Judges' Seminar; we invited all 36 judges and only 2 came, but the many members who came, and the Committee, had an interesting afternoon - see report elsewhere.

Our next event is the AGM in April, so I look forward to seeing you there - more details in Secretary/Editor's Notes.

Please claim your Club Rosettes with S.A.E from Brenda Gill for 4 Merits won. Have a look at Brenda's list of winners in here - perhaps you may be due for a rosette.

I hope you will read on and think what you can post in as news and stories for next time.

The Judges' Seminar by MARY HODGKINSON

This was held on the 18th October at the Conway Hall in Bloomsbury - a very pleasant venue, near the Tube and easy parking. Our Hall was on the ground floor, with main entrances at both ends, so not too much struggle getting our pens and cats into place. We were disappointed that only 2 of our 36 Judges were able to come - it was unfortunate that the Somalis were also holding a Seminar on the same day which many Judges were obliged to attend, as they were being accepted on the Somali list; also (as if one bit of bad luck were not enough) there was a Committee Meeting for the Supreme Snow, and some of our Judges were involved with that. But about 20 members came, and we had a very interesting and pleasant afternoon.

We were lucky to have Mrs Barbara Scruton as speaker - a well-known Judge and breeder, well placed to sympathise with the early difficulties of a new breed through her experiences in the early days of Colour Points. She stressed the importance of co-operating to breed together for good type, and fixing our type as soon as possible; also that our Variants should not be wasted but the best type of both Variant and non-Variant should be used as much as possible and Variants mated either to full Tonk or their opposite Variant. She was pleased to see every colour but Tortie-Tabby represented at the Seminar, including examples of both Variants: this made possible a lively discussion on the colours (relative importance of dark,

pale, etc) ending in the unanimous agreement that type was most important, should be fixed as soon as possible, and meanwhile Judges should look kindly at colour, especially in Reds and Creams. Eye colour was also discussed and many views aired.

Aileen Bamber and Jill Martin produced the most delicious food; we are very grateful to them and to all those members who supported the Seminar, especially those who brought their cats.

SECRETARY'S NOTES by DIANA BISHOP

As Mary has already said, 1992, while it has been a good year for the cats, and in many ways for the Club (lots of Merits, lots of new members, lots of Tonks registered and public interest in the Breed increasing all the time), it's been an awful year for many of the Committee. Mary had a brave struggle with cancer, which (touching all kinds of wood) she seems to have won triumphantly; I've been haunted by pneumonias; our Treasurer, Pauline Earley, has had several nasty operations on her eyes, with more to come. Many, many thanks to Brenda Gill for stepping in and taking over so efficiently when poor Pauline found she could no longer see! Also to Jill Martin for taking on Membership Secretary, a great help to me. The whole Committee worked very hard to make the Seminar such a pleasant occasion, I was really fed up at having to miss it and at having to leave Mary with such a burden of organisation - many congratulations to her for making such a good job of it.

We have had some problems with misinterpretation (or anyway what we considered to be such!) of the Standard of Points by some judges. We have dealt with it as far as possible, talking and writing to judges and writing to Cats magazine, and the SoP is under review by our new Breed Advisory Sub Committee.

I have been very sad to see some of our best cats' Merits inexplicably withheld (including our own!). Please, everybody, DON'T be discouraged when this happens, but plug on: remember, the public admired your lovely cat even if the Judge didn't, and this sort of inconsistency hits people in every Breed but especially in new ones. It's heartbreaking, especially when cats that don't seem to conform so well to our SoP do get put up, but that's life in the Cat Fancy!

Our Rescue and Welfare service is working well; Pauline, although unable to cope with the Treasurer's paperwork, has been able to work in co-operation with the local Burmese C.C. and Diana Waters to re-home several Tonks. The Committee has voted a sum of £50 from Treasurer's funds to be automatically available for this work - we feel that every Club, however small, should make this a priority. BUT WE ARE SMALL, AND WE DO NEED FUNDS! SO PLEASE FILL IN YOUR RENEWAL SLIP AND POST TODAY! And those of you who haven't repaid the club for money laid out on your behalf (you know who you are!) PLEASE do so

now. How about some car-boot sales or coffee mornings? I know Brenda is seriously worried about our finances.

One possible fund-raiser is being pursued: we hope to be offering some TBC T-shirts with our beautiful new Logo (see new member and Logo-creator Mark Owen's piece in this issue, also front cover). We plan Tonkinese colours, with the design in a darker shade - rather like the Tonkinese coat-pattern.

Diana Waters has done a splendid job as Secretary of the new Breed Advisory Sub-Committee (chaired by Tommy), setting it up with Regional Advisors on the lines of the Burmese Cat Club; this Sub-Committee will gather opinions and disseminate information and report back to the main Committee of the Club for action, if necessary, with GCCF. Regional Kitten Lists will be held, liaising with the central one (held jointly by Mary and Nelia MacMahon) - I understand that there will from now on be a small charge for entry to the List - check with your Regional Advisor: see list and map following.

WILL YOU ALL PLEASE SEND ME ANY NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OR ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE AGM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT AT ANY RATE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST. Tommy and I wish you all (and especially your cats) a very happy and successful 1993. Hope to see you at the AGM, if not before

N.B. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BREEDER MEMBERS - PEGGY SPICER (0566 86584) HAS A LOVELY PROVEN BROWN STUD BOY FOR SALE, DUE TO LACK OF WORK IN DARKEST CORNWALL! REMEMBER, WE SHOULD BE BREEDING TONK TO TONK NOW, AND NEED MORE STUDS.

NOTES ON REGISTRATION AND BREEDING

I expect many of you remember our concern at the number of Tonkinese pedigrees containing other Breeds within 5 generations (e.g. Foreign, Oriental, Havana on the Siamese side, due to a change in the Registration Policy of the Siamese). This went to GCCF Executive and these cats were left on EXP Register. However, members were encouraged to move towards the 5 generation pedigree and 'breed out' by mating their own queens only to 5 generation cats and putting kittens with less than 5 generations Tonk/Siamese/Burmese on the non-active Register.

Now it has emerged that some of our registered Tonkinese have unregistered cats in their background and will therefore contain an 'SR' (Supplementary Register), REF or RE Registration Number within 5 generations in their pedigree. GCCF is dealing with this and everything will be straightened out, meanwhile it underlines the importance of scrutinising pedigrees with the utmost care when buying a kitten, planning your Breeding Programme, choosing a stud. When in doubt, consult Mary, our Recorder, who holds the Pedigree Bank and has checked them all thoroughly. Our Regional Advisers as

organised by the Breed Advisory Sub Committee will also be kept informed and be able to help - see list and map following:

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For Area Numbers see map on inside back cover

'HAWS UP' - THE TORO VIRUS by PAULINE TARRANT

In reply to Alison Asnford's letter - "When Cats and Kittens Have Their 'Haws' Up." Unfortunately, in this case I speak from personal experience and had a pretty unpleasant time with the 'Toro' virus. A stud and two queens were affected, all three being Burmese. At the time the virus was incubating (unknown to me), my two girls were mated. This resulted in a full term pregnancy for the girls, who did not show signs of this as far as diarrhoea was concerned, although their haws were slightly up. My girls produced with great difficulty over a prolonged period of time, needing much love and encouragement; the babies, eleven in all, were dead and looked as if they had been pickled in beetroot juice. Two went to my vet, and as with Alison Asnford, faecal and blood samples were taken. Diarrhoea followed.

'Toro' is a very unpleasant virus to have. Since this happened I have done test matings and my cats are fit as fleas and twice as lively! It was heartbreaking at the time, so, if you have 'Toro', all will be well; it takes time.

LETTER FROM A JUNIOR MEMBER by WILLIAM WALLAGE

Dear Tonkinese Breed Club, I am very happy with my two kittens. I play with them an awful lot. I have a register for them, like our school register, which has stars, reports, timetable, points for catching the towing mouse, music, naughty boys list, and driving licence. Here is a very snort story for Tonkinfo:

One day we heard a boom-bang-crash in the kitchen. In came Henry, our cream Tonkinese, through the cat flap. His tail was huge. I looked out through the flap. I did not see anything.

Boom-bang-crash. In came Richard, our darker Tonkinese. His tail was big too.

Boom-bang-crash. No one came in. When I looked out of the cat flap this time I saw the friendly face of Kitten Wooler, the next-door neighbour's cat. He was standing and banging our cat flap just to tease our kittens. It was too funny to make you cross.

That is just one story. I hopefully will send more in. (Yes, William, please do! Ed.)

THE DAY THAT CHOCOLATE MET THE BUS by MARY HODGKINSON

This is a true story.

One sunny June morning in the 1960's Mum and I set off to Bedford from Leatherhead. After braving the M1 for the first time we arrived in Bedford and, after going round the one-way system and asking, found the Town Hall.

Now, our precious companion Chocolate was a six months old Chocolate Point Siamese who we hoped would end up as a stud. He was vetted in and was penned. Then, while Mum went off to park the car, I went to get his water from the Ladies. On coming back to his pen, Mum said in a puzzled voice: "Is Chocolate still in his basket?" "Of course not!" I said, "He's in his pen - OR IS HE?" We both stared in horror - no kitten! Oh, NO, how could he have got out of a closed door?

Then it was frantic searching and telling the Assistant Show Manager; we were nearly despairing when we heard the Show Manager's voice on the Tannoy: "Who owns this Chocolate Point kitten?" So, overjoyed, we rushed over, saying "We do!" "Well, you're very lucky" said the Show Manager, "I just rescued him from being run over by the local bus!" Was my face red! Because what had really happened was that I had not looked at the roof of his pen and there was a space between the bars for him to push through. He then went all the way under the pens and down the stairs to the main street!

Having been made very secure with the pen wired everywhere he went on to win his Open Class, but he never became a stud as he was much too loving a cat.

MERIT LIST FOR 1992

(cats who have not been shown since 1991 not included)

NAME OF CAT	JAN 92 - DEC 92	TOTAL since 91
Alston's Wilowispa Slave Girl	1	

Bisnop's Episcopuss Caesar	8	11
Bisnop's Adraysn Dawn Chorus	8	9
" Adhuish Mali Creme	1	2
Burke's Adraysn Oli Tu [Shorthair CC 93 included]	2	
Burke's Oakvil Tempura [Shorthair CC 93 included]	3	
Burns' Adraysn Bartholomew	5	6
Bromley's Sylvakib Simaron Tay	1	
Bamber's Adraysh Lilac Whisper	3	
" Adraysh Soft Lilac	3	
Combe's Adraysn Lazybones Mandalay	1	2
Crowther's Isnokats Amber Amethyst	3	
Clarke's Adraysn Demeter	1	
Carter's Addeish Kisha Candida	3	
" Addeish Kesley Charles	2	
Dearden's Grimspound Lucy	1	
Drew's Allming Jasmin	2	
Forsnaw's Isnokats Bianka	5	
" Isnokats Bijan Valentine	4	
Hodgkinson's Adraysh Hey Frankie	4	
" Adhuish Atlas	3	5
Inigo-Jones' Episcopuss Europa	1	
MacManon's Episcopuss Cassandra	3	
" Adraysn Rickytix	6	7
McCarthy's Tajens Vanity	2	
Makepeace's Sylvakib Chinca Toi	1	2
Macey's Episcopuss Cressida	2	3

Macey's Pastiche Ice Angel	1	
O'Rourke's Carash Queen of Hearts	2	
Poole's Addeish Clarinath Oberon	2	
" Adraysh Stormbringer	7	
Sharratt's Tonkabella Amata Aurora	2	3
" Tonkabella Benedict Bruno	1	
Sharratt's Tonkabella Diggory Dai	1	
" Tonkabella Daffy Dorothea	1	
Vousden's Addeish Lansdale Fable	2	
" Addeish Caspar Lilac Flush	2	
Waters' Ronese Sugar and Spice	2	
Wright's Keo Princess Blossom	3	
Willis's Ronese Vodkatini	1	
Young's Nicsmi Treacle Pud	1	2
" Nicsmi Bucks Fizz	1	2

DON'T FORGET, CLAIM YOUR CLUB ROSETTE IF YOU HAVE 4 OR MORE!

HOW OUR CLUB LOGO HAPPENED by new Member MARK OWEN

Reading my friend Joanna's letter released the grief I had suppressed since the death of Boris. He and I had become great friends during the three years I shared their home.

I find it difficult to explain the bond we developed, only that I was not particularly fond of cats before him. I was, I dare say, a dogs man. Boris alone, turned my prejudice on its head. Although, I think it's fair to say, Boris was a dog in cat's clothing!

Tonkinese, 'my little brown dragster': long hind legs and dust-raising speed. The most beautiful animal I have known. A real character was Boris; mysterious, unpredictable, loving, comical....just 'mad and bad'.

Suddenly sad yesterday, tearful on the morning train to work, never likely to forget how honoured I was by him, thin and weak, calling out and then greeting me upon hearing my voice at the door. Or how we sat together like old times - both

purring. Looking back, he was saying goodbye. There will never be another Boris, Joanna.

A few montns ago Joanna alerted me to a competition of sorts being held to design a logo for the Tonkinese Breed Club. Would I like to enter? Should I enter, being a non-Tonk member at the time? Though admittedly it was a dilemma largely fuelled by professional pride i.e. loss of face for a grapnic designer should ne fail (typical artist's insecurity).

It was a sketch of Boris I did about four years ago which eventually provoked a response and provided the necessary inspiration.

Months on, professional pride still intact, I propose to implement the logo on to such items as stationery, membership forms, rosettes and T-shirts. All for love, not money!

I affectionately refer to the logo as 'Boris', immortalised and a symbol of a unique breed, poised and ready for action!

Thanks to Diana Bisnop and breeder Jackie Ball, I now own (pernaps they own me) two Tonkinese 'but not Tonkinese' kittens (due to their Oriental influence). Not for snow but as far as I'm concerned, brown, big-eared, bluey-green-eyed, doggy affectionate, dragster-like Tonks!

(Many thanks from us all, Mark, for your beautiful work. We hope that your new babies have helped to dull the grief of your loss - most of us have experienced the death of a beloved cat and can sympatnise. By the way, remember that they are Tonkinese in everytning but on paper: according to the eminent lady who is General Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Orientals in the pedigree do not make any genetic difference! Editor)

"THROUGH THE CAT DOOR" by ALISON ASHFORD.

Howard HELLIG, President of the British Veterinary Association, has recently announced that, from July 1994, new laws covering the import and export of pedigree dogs and cats, will come into force. From that date, providing tnt the animals have been fully vaccinated against rabies, have been under the care of their breeder since birth, and are over the age of three months, they may be imported to, and exported from, Britain, without undergoing the six month period of quarantine. These new laws only cover the European Community; it will be up to the other cuntries to implement their own laws. The new law also states that the animals must remain in the ownership of their new owner for at least six months AFTER importation or exportation. This will, at least, prevent pet stores from making a quick profit.

This new ruling opens up all kinds of possibilities for cat breeders, but, sadly, does not make it any easier for the family pets which, apparently, will still have to undergo the very long period of quarantine. The matter has not, as yet, been discussed by the GCCF, but, having had a kitten which had to endure the rigours of the six month quarantine, I feel it MUST be an improvement.

From Cambridge University comes the news that former B.S.A.V.A. President Mike Herrtage, who is Head of the Veterinary hospital at Cambridge, will open the Hospital's new Cancer Centre on June 27th. He has been treating feline cancer patients for the past two years, using the Radiotherapy Centre at Addenbrooke's Hospital. This was not an ideal arrangement, so from late June, all treatment, as well as cancer scans, will take place in the Veterinary Hospital.

In an interview with Mike, he said: "We see critical cases of all kinds which have been referred to us by Veterinary Surgeons from all parts of Britain. In fact we have seen some of the worst cases, and, in some of these we have been able to give great relief. Now we will be able to offer facilities which are unavailable in other Universities anywhere in Europe. Our charges are not cheap, but most people are prepared to pay if there is any hope for their pets, which are part of their families".

I have known Mike for several years, and know that he is utterly dedicated to his work, and to the animals he treats. Although cancer treatment may cost up to £500, Pet Plan Insurance has agreed to cover the cost for those animals insured by their firm. Having had radiotherapy myself, I certainly would not hesitate to have my cats treated by Mike, should the occasion arise.

HOW I CAME TO TONKINESE by DIANA MAKEPEACE

I am being "helped" by four nine week old lovable Siamese hooligans. The "old-fashioned" type - bred for temperament rather than looks, as I don't like the present show type Siamese. I have been "owned" by Siamese now for about 32 years, but only started breeding them some three years ago - but that is another story!

It was on one of my visits to Jean Nicol's stud Dixie with my Pucci when I first encountered a Tonkinese. I was entranced by her beautiful looks and temperament. I liked her very much, but didn't want to feel disloyal to my Siamese chums.

In time, encouraged by Jean, Misty and several articles in Cat World on the Tonkinese, I started looking for a Tonkinese of my own. A visit last September to Oxfordshire coincided with a litter of Tonkinese kittens being available at Sylvia Kibble's.

I had spoken to Sylvia a couple of times by telephone and tentatively ordered a female Lilac Tonkinese kitten suitable for breeding. I was looking in England to bring fresh bloodlines into Scotland. Needless to say, I fell in love with the kitten on sight. She was beautiful, and although a little shy to start with, soon snuggled into my arms. And purr - I don't think she knows how to stop!

One week after bringing her home, we took her along to a local "Moggie" show in Buckie. Jean and a local breeder (alas not of Tonkinese) had beautifully decorated a pen for me. My lovely Chinca was much admired both by fellow exhibitors and members of the public. Chinca was the first Lilac Tonkinese to be exhibited in Scotland.

My husband and I were encouraged to enter the Show world and started with the Edinburgh and East of Scotland at Livingston. We thought she might get a 1st in her Open Class as she was the only entrant. We were very disappointed when she got an "M"! We were so new to showing, we had so much to learn and we hadn't heard about "M's". We spoke to the judge (Joyce Green) afterwards. She was so nice and understanding. She spoke to us about Chinca, explaining what nose dips and whisker breaks were. We came away feeling very proud of our clever little girl.

Our next Show was the Scottish Cat Club in Glasgow. Here we met Diana and Tommy and I renewed my acquaintance with Mary. I had boarded my first Siamese with Mary 30 years ago. I thoroughly enjoyed taking a turn at the Club table at lunchtime and showing people the lovely photographs on show. Again there was a lot of interest in the Breed. Diana and Tommy sent quite a few folk over to talk to and admire Chinca. It was here Chinca attained her second Merit award.

A few weeks ago, the Nor'East of Scotland held their 21st Championship Show in Dundee. We spent another nail biting day and were delighted when Chinca won her third Merit. Again there was a lot of interest and we gave out to interested ones, copies of the article "Introducing the Tonkinese". We overheard a couple of comments from stewards about Chinca. One was heard to say: "I could really go for that cat" and another "That is such a beautiful cat and with such a lovely temperament". We were pleased, particularly as there were so many beautiful cats in adjoining pens.

Chinca came into season at the Show and subsequently paid a visit to Jean Nicol's Tonkinese stud Thaimar Nicsemi North Star. She is now patiently awaiting the birth of her first litter of second generation Tonkinese due at the end of July, as we are.

(This article has been in my "Tonkinfo" file and since it was written Chinca has had a lovely litter! Editor).

TAKING YOUR NEW KITTEN HOME by DIANA WATERS

The kitten will need to stay indoors until it is big enough to go outside. Some people don't let their cats "free range" at all but provide them with runs in the garden, or walk them on leads. Cats should never be let out at night.

The things the kitten will need are: a warm bed, a bought one or just a cardboard box lined with a warm blanket or a piece of 'vet bed'. Plastic storage cartons are cheap and easily cleaned, or there are really lovely cat beds you can buy.

In Winter, if there is no heating at night a heated bed or pad are obtainable from pet shops. (This is especially necessary for pedigree kittens).

Keep a litter tray always in the same place, using the kitten's habitual cat litter. Trays should be cleaned regularly and thoroughly washed and disinfected two or three times a week.

Some of the safe disinfectants are Savlon, Shield, Tego, Milton, Domestos, Chlorox and Roccal, properly diluted. SOME HOUSEHOLD DISINFECTANTS ARE EXTREMELY POISONOUS TO CATS.

A kitten should have its own washable dish, a bowl of water should be provided at all times. A carrying basket is needed - it is not safe to carry a cat or kitten loose in a car.

Try to find a vet who is interested in cats.

When you collect your kitten (preferably two if they are to be alone for some part of the day), the breeder should provide you with a diet sheet and feeding times, also when it was last wormed for round worm. With a pedigree kitten you should also get a registration transfer form, a pedigree of at least three generations (five, with all Breed Numbers and Registration Numbers filled in for Tonks! Editor) and its vaccination card.

Try to collect the kitten at a weekend or holiday so that it can settle better. Shut windows and doors and block chimneys! Keep it in one room at first, with bed and litter tray; keep children quiet and other animals away. Let it explore the house when ready and try introducing other pets at meal times, with their own bowls some distance apart.

If the kitten cries at night and you take it to bed with you, this may become permanent - mine have to take turns, or there would be no room for me or my husband!

Any sign of illness should be taken seriously - some loss of appetite or slight diarrhoea may be caused by the stress of change, but if it lasts consult the breeder and, if necessary, the vet. (Members may wish to photocopy this excellent advice



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