



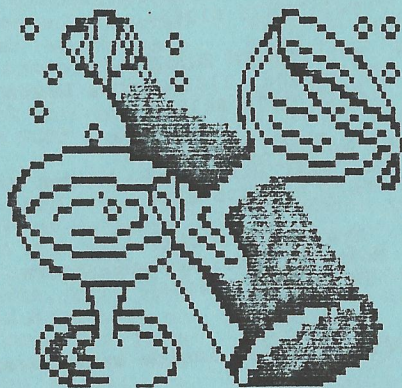
# TONKINFO

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## TONKINESE BREED CLUB

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REGIONAL ADVISORS - see inside back cover

### FIRST WORDS

Dear Folks - yes I'm still the Editor (the best laid plans ..... and all that), I hope you enjoy this Autumn issue, it's packed with articles and information. We intended to have a short profile on the Committee members but at the last minute there were so many articles to include that it will have to wait until next time. Talking of the next Tonkinfo we are interested if someone feels able to take it on - as Club Secretary I don't really have time to keep producing the magazine; - I warn you there is quite a bit of work involved and you will need word processing facilities - I hope to hear from some enthusiastic Club member. Editor - *Linda Vousden*

### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER (*Mrs Pauline Earley*)

HELLO EVERYONE, hope you are all well (that includes our feline friends of course). It has been a very busy time for the Committee since April, with new Club Rules needing to be written. As you know they were approved at the EGM then went up to the GCCF Executive for approval and they were returned needing a few changes which were again approved by the members at the last EGM. The result is a super early Christmas present for the Club - *Affiliation with the GCCF has been approved.*

As you will know by now the October Breed Seminar has had to be cancelled due to lack of support, these events do need to pay for themselves. The January Seminar will now cater for all colours, this is a great shame as it would have been so helpful to have had room for both types of variant as well as the Tonkinese coat patterns in all the colours - and there seems to be such a variation of colours being bred. A TBC Stud Register should be in operation shortly, this is something

which I am sure you will agree we are in need of!  
I wish you and your cats well and hope that any of you attending the Supreme and National shows really enjoy your day/s.

### SEC'S NOTES (*Mrs Linda Vousden*)

From the time of their election at the AGM in April this Committee has had to work exceptionally hard to prepare the correct paperwork, accounts and Club rules to meet the requirements of the GCCF. The Club accounts have had to be prepared in the approved format and re-audited (by the Club's approved auditor Mrs J Plested); and as you know there had to be a completely new set of rules drawn up by an appointed sub-committee, these were then discussed in a mammoth 10 hour Committee meeting before submitting them to the Club for approval. After communication with the GCCF Executive and support from Mrs Lesley Pring (the GCCF Hon. Secretary) our application was finally granted at GCCF Council meeting on October 26th!

Thanks to all who were able to come to the EGM on September 25th. The meeting actually lasted only 20 minutes but could have held the Club back a whole year if it had not been successful! The amendments to the Club Rules are enclosed with this issue, will you please mark-up your copy of the Rules to reflect these amendments and re-date your Rules as 25th September 1994.

Having had to call two additional general meetings of the Club, plus the cost of affiliation fees and paperwork, it has been quite an expensive time for the Club. Sadly we have had very little response to our appeals for fund-raising ideas so please have a think about this, in the meantime thank-you to those of you who have generously made donations to Club or Welfare funds.

Thanks mainly to the efforts of Helen Barnes and John Siewruk we have had a Club stand at a number of cat shows - if you're ever passing one do stop and have a look, buy if you like and even lend a hand for half an hour or so. Look out for Club advertisements in the November issue of Cat World and the National show catalogue. Look out for the Club ad. feature in the December issue of Cat World and in April we will have a rather exciting splash of publicity - but you have to wait until the next issue for details !!!

I have had appreciative feed-back from several members, especially those further afield than the south of England, about the extra info in the Committee Bulletins, I am also delighted to have heard from so many of you recently on all sorts of matters, however a few Tonkinese fallacies appear to be raising their heads and need clarification so :-

**"You can tell a Tonk from a variant because it has a stripe up it's back."**

**WRONG:** The stripe seen on some Tonkinese (and Tonkinese variants) is a result of body heat distribution. A characteristic of the 'pointed' coat pattern is that the colour of the coat deepens in lower temperatures, the skin on the ears, face, paws, tail (and to a lesser degree along the spine) is a few degrees cooler than the body - so here the fur is darker. Cats with more flesh along the spine are less likely to show the stripe than others, it is also more prevalent in some breeding lines than others. Kittens reared in a warm environment are commonly paler than those from a cooler environment; this difference may also be seen between kittens born in Summer and Winter.

**"An adolescent cat's blue eyes could come back to blue/green as they take up to two years to fully develop."**

**NOT NECESSARILY TRUE:** An adolescent cat whose eyes are blue, but with a

hint of another colour, may come back to blue/green as they do have some pigmentation. A cat whose eyes are pure blue, however pale, have no pigmentation and as such cannot revert to blue/green. A Tonkinese may take up to two years to fully develop - equally it may take less!

**"The GCCF only check 3 generations on a registration form - so we have a 3 generation registration policy."**

**WRONG:** The approved Tonkinese registration policy is 5 generations - ie. to be a Tonkinese the cat must have 5 generations behind it of only Siamese, Burmese or Tonkinese. Just because the GCCF only checks 3 generations (as with all cat registration forms) it does not mean that Tonkinese breeders shouldn't breed their Tonks according to the approved policy (this would be rather like saying that because our European partners don't have quarantine regulations we needn't bother - sadly an out-of-date example now).

In March 1994 the GCCF granted retrospective registration to a few Tonkinese with less than 5 correct generations behind them - this was a one-off action to help confirm our registration policy for the future. We are working with the GCCF to clarify any 'grey areas' that might result from this action.

**"If the cat has REF in its registration number it can't be a proper Tonk."**

**WRONG:** There are number of good reasons that a Tonkinese may be on the REFERENCE register:-

1) It may have been born before the GCCF officially recognised the breed (1st May 1991), a Tonk born after that date is placed on the EXPERIMENTAL register unless:-

2) It may have an unregistered cat, but of correct breeding, in its pedigree.

3) It may be a Tonkinese with a variant coat-pattern.

#### THE TONKINESE BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

The Club Committee are now setting-up the BAC. The BAC is not a sub-committee of this Club nor does it represent the Club - it represents the Tonkinese Breed and will deal with all matters specific to the breed eg. SOP, breed programme etc. The BAC will normally be made-up from representatives of all GCCF affiliated Tonkinese clubs - so until there is another such affiliated club it will made-up from the TBC in accordance with the GCCF Rules and our Club Rules.

If anyone has any points to make or changes to propose regarding the SOP they should put them in writing asap to the Club secretary Linda Vousden, to be passed on to the BAC committee in time for the first BAC meeting - expected to take place in February 1995. We have already had some input regarding the SOP.

#### THE 'WORLD OF CATS'

The National Cat Club Show at Olympia on December 10th looks set to beat all records for entertainment value. Besides the usual exhibits, trade stalls and food concessions there will also be an exhibition of Louis Wain's work (with some newly discovered items), more seating space for the weary and the BBC filming the Best in Show arena! In the gallery the 'World of Cats' will allow the public to get a really good look at the breeds (this should give the exhibitors some breathing space downstairs). There will be about 140 cats on exhibitions including 5 Tonks! We will have a little table space to advertise the Club - Breeders, if you would like to place your

business card on our board send it to Linda Vousden with the correct fee of four 25p stamps. We will also have some of the Club photos on display - for more info. contact **Linda Vousden or Carol Poole.**

#### BEST WISHES

We send our very best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Mrs Sylvia Clark who has recently been in hospital; also to Mrs Carol Barnes, a respected Tonkinese judge and a staunch supporter of the breed, who is presently in hospital. We hope to see them both up and active very soon.

#### ..... AND THANKS

To Mrs Anne Imlach, one of our Tonkinese judges who has decided to take a back seat in the cat fancy for a while but wishes us all the best. Mrs Imlach has a number of older cats (including many 'old-fashioned' Siamese), she said that she loves the Tonks and when the time comes it is likely to be a Tonk she chooses next.

*A very special thank-you to our sponsoring club the Rex Coated, Colour-Pointed & AOV Cat Club who have been continually supportive and have given us a great deal of practical assistance while we sought GCCF affiliation.*

#### TONKINESE BREED CLUB SEMINAR

Due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to hold PART I of the TONKINESE BREED CLUB SEMINAR on October 2nd as was originally planned. However we have decided to combine Parts I and II to cover the full range of Tonkinese colours. The new date for our all-colour breed seminar is **SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 1995 at THE CONWAY HALL, RED LION SQUARE, LONDON WC1**

Vetting-in will be at 10am, and the seminar will be open from 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Entry will be by ticket only, Club Members and Judges and non-members will be very welcome but places are being booked fast so don't miss your chance to buy your tickets!

Morning tea/coffee and lunch will be included in the ticket price:-  
 £3.00p to Club Members who are providing cats  
 £6.00p to Club Members and Judges  
 £7.00p to Non-members

All cheques/PO's to be made payable to 'The Tonkinese Breed Club'. Tickets available from:- Mrs D Burke, Cove Cottages, 2 The Strand, Ilfracombe, Devon EX34 9EJ  
**We look forward to seeing you all.**

For further details contact:-  
 Doreen Burke - 0271 863849  
 Sarah Inigo-Jones - 071 4358850  
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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS**

- BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**  
 Mrs TD Hobden, Ma. W Matthews
- CORNWALL**  
 Mrs R Cornish
- DERBYSHIRE**  
 Mrs A Preece, Mrs VA Stephenson,  
 Mr D Threlfall
- DORSET**  
 Miss L Carter, Mr I & Mrs V Fleming
- ESSEX**  
 Ms S Double
- GERMANY**  
 Frau. M Martin (Dusseldorf)
- GLAMORGAN**  
 Mrs B Murphy
- HAMPSHIRE**  
 Mrs M Booth, Ms F Hall
- KENT**  
 Ms J Adams, Mrs E Rowe-Leete,  
 Mr K & Mrs B Scruton,  
 Mrs K Wilkinson
- LINCOLNSHIRE**  
 Mr T & Mrs V Barrett
- W.MIDLANDS**  
 Mrs V Dunn
- MIDDLESEX**  
 Mrs PA Jenkinson, Mrs MA Wilkinson,  
 Ms S Wright

- OXFORDSHIRE**  
 Miss H Collins
- RENFREWSHIRE**  
 Mrs E & Miss G Greer
- SHROPSHIRE**  
 Mrs A Walker
- SURREY**  
 Ms K Baldwin, Miss L Henshall
- SUSSEX**  
 Mrs J Pamment
- WORCESTERSHIRE**  
 Mrs F Walters & Mr C Jolley

**COMPETITION TIME**

WIN A £10 MARKS & SPENCER'S VOUCHER, donated by CLARINATH CATS (Mrs Carol Poole) by completing this brain teaser, fun for you and a little help for the Club funds.

Instructions: Each question contains the initials of the words that will make it correct - find the missing words.

Example - 16 = O in the P  
 Answer - 16 = Ounces in the Pound.

1. 26 = L of the A
2. 7 = D of the W
3. 1001 = A N
4. 54 = C in a D (with J's)
5. 9 = P in the S S
6. 88 = P K
7. 13 = S on the A F
8. 32 = D F at which we F
9. 18 = H on a G C
10. 90 = D in a R A
11. £200 = for P G in M
12. 100 = D C at which W B
13. 3 = B M (S H T R)
14. 24 = H in a D
15. 1 = W on a U
16. 12 = D of C
17. 11 = P in a F T
18. 20 = S around a D B
19. 29 = D in F in a L Y
20. 64 = S on C B
21. 40 = D and N of the G F
22. 76 = T in the B P
23. 12 = S of the Z
24. 4 = Q in a G

The winner will be the first correct entry drawn after the closing date of 1st December 1994.

If there are no correct entries the winner will be drawn from those with the highest number of correct answers - SO HAVE A GO.

Send your answers (and your full name and address!) with your entry fee of: TWO 1ST CLASS STAMPS (to aid Club funds) to:-

Mrs C Poole, 7 Langworthy End, Holyport, nr Maidenhead, Berks.

**THE TONKITU YEAR**

My year will end with the Supreme show in November when my two 'babies' WONG MEI (Beryl) and XIN WUN (Rastus) will have completed a year as adults.

Some of the highlights of my show year have been winning the breeder and foreign classes at the National in large classes (1993). My red queen Wong Mei now having a total of 21 merits and her brother Xin Wun 16 merits. At the South Western Counties CC Oakvil Tempura, the 'mother' of my line was present with five of her offspring. They all gained merits under three different judges. (F, K & N classes).

There have been many exciting times during this show year and many new acquaintances made with other Tonk people as well as those who are owned by other foreign breeds!

Xin Wun was successful in winning 'The Gaylord Trophy' at the Chester CC show which had been presented to the Chester Club some years ago by Miss A. Rickson. He had held the 'Astrakhan Khorona Ch. & Gr.Ch. Trophy' for a year to September '94 which he won at the South Western Counties CC. Wong Mei has won the 'Oakvil Trophy' for best Tonkinese Female, also from the SWCC (1994). There have been so many lovely Tonks on the bench during this past year and being very successful with their

merits and side class wins, beating Champions and Grand Champions of other foreign breeds. This is really quite an achievement for a 'New Breed' and has brought the Tonkinese into the limelight.

To end the year we have now achieved Club affiliation with the GCCF. This makes a perfect 'Grand Finale' to a very successful year for the Tonkinese breed. Champagne corks can be heard popping all over the United Kingdom (& Eire - Maura!).

Don't forget that 1995 begins with our Club seminar on the 15th January. This is the first major seminar for the Tonkinese at which I hope many of you will have a lot to say about our Tonks. It promises to be a very productive event.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Fleming who have won Pet Plan's 'Most Appealing Kitten' for November '94 with their Tonkitu Soubuki (Joshua) and have gained three merits with their Tonkitu Xue Chen 74d (Martha). Also congratulations to Mrs Cornish for gaining merits for her two babies Tonkitu Kabuki (Buki) and Tonkitu Kyoko (Zoey) both 74d.

Beryl's sister Meilai Tu (Ami) is expecting kittens shortly as a result of the first RED/RED Tonkinese mating with Mrs Harper's lovely Romantica Rodrigo Redsun. Seasons Greetings to everyone and best wishes for a successful 1995.

Doreen R. Burke - TONKITU

**MRS MENEZES**

Some of you may have read the sad news of the recent death of Mrs Edith Menezes who was one of our Tonkinese judges. Mrs Menezes was probably most well known to the public as the 'owner' of the Blue Peter cats (Kara and Oke); she was also deeply involved in work with cat charities and will be sadly missed.

## TBC STUD REGISTER

At long last we are in a position to produce a proper Tonkinese Breed Club Stud Register!

Drawing up a Kitten List is relatively simply it just requires a straight forward list of what is available at the time. However anyone who has seen for example either the Burmese or Siamese stud register knows that a properly produced register can be the backbone of a breed's future. The Committee did not feel that a simple list of Tonkinese studs was adequate and has spent a great deal of effort preparing the way for what we hope you will see as a first-class reference book of Tonkinese studs.

An application form has been sent to many Club members who are known to have Tonk studs, if you've not had one and would like to please send a SAE to Mrs S Clark (TRAG Secretary) marked 'TBC Stud Form'. The Stud Register will be available for a small fee as soon as we have compiled the returned forms from stud owners.

## TBC BREEDERS LIST

The Committee are also in the process of producing a booklet listing Club members who are Tonkinese breeders. This will be on sale from our Club stand at cat shows etc. This will be a very useful booklet for anyone seeking Tonkinese breeders, whether they are Tonk lovers or breeders seeking to progress thier breed programs - and the free advertising doesn't hurt does it?

If any member DOES NOT wish to have thier name, town, county and contact number printed in the booklet please inform Ms Sarah Inigo-Jones, in writing, before December 18th 1994.

## TONKINESE REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (Sylvia Clark, Secretary of TRAG)

TRAG used to be known as the Breed Advisory Sub-Committee (BASC), the name was changed to avoid confusion with the Tonkinese BAC which is being set-up now we are affiliated.

TRAG consists of a group of advisors who are responsible to the Committee and are always willing to advise anyone interested in the breed. If we don't know the answers to a particular question we can find out for you. If anyone doesn't know their area advisor just give me a ring, my telephone number is in Tonkinfo, also in the Club Directory in 'CATS' magazine.

The area advisors meet as a group annually to discuss various issues, the remainder of the time we communicate by telephone or post. As part of my duties I also maintain a register of breeders who wish to sell their kittens through a bi-monthly list of kittens for sale throughout the UK. If anyone wishes to have an application for the Kitten List please contact either your area advisor or myself.

If you would like information on any aspect of kittens or the Tonkinese breed in general please contact your area advisors or myself. We are always at the end of a telephone. The list of TRA's may be found on the inside rear cover of this issue.

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Due to Miss MS Hodgkinson's committment to the proposed new Tonkinese club she is no longer a Regional Advisor and Kitten List holder. The Tonkinese pedigree bank will be maintained by the Tonkinese BAC.

## LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Dear Editor,

I feel that congratulations to Dr & Mrs T Bishop and Miss Mary Hodgkinson must be in order for their devotion to Tonkinese clubs; the latest 'club' being the 4th in which they have actively been involved and the 3rd in which they have been 'founder members'.

I note with interest, and some amusement, that in their letter the reasons given for starting yet another club are very similar to those given for starting the Tonkinese Breed Club. As a member of the TBC I ask the question "why yet another club?"; and why and how were non-committee members allowed to use the membership list to canvas members to join another club. If I may be so bold, may I suggest that should it be determined that the membership list had been used, then quite obviously this is a contravention of the Data Protection Act.

As an owner/breeder since 1989 I am surprised that there are enough Tonkinese enthusiasts to warrant another club. I hope that this new club will not distract or confuse existing members of the Tonkinese Breed Club as to the new club's ultimate aims.

**Mrs ME Beynon, BRAMURIS**  
Burmese/Siamese/Tonkinese

[ In response to complaints from both current and lapsed members of this Club concerning the unauthorised use of their addresses the Committee wish it to be known that they are aware that members have received a number of personal mailings and are sorry for any confusion this has caused, we assure you that it was done without our knowledge.

We are also concerned that recent advertisements, to publicise the proposed formation of a new cat club for the Tonkinese, are worded in such a way as to suggest liaison with the Tonkinese Breed Club, whilst of course we have no objections to the former officers (who are still members of this Club) starting another club this Committee were at no time informed of such intentions.

The objects of the Tonkinese Breed Club remain, to further the development of the Tonkinese and to offer support and advice to both breeders and pet owners. We have an active welfare system for any Tonkinese in need, as well as a working Kitten List and (now being compiled) a proper Stud Register. Any Member wishing to comment on the above matter should write to the Hon. Secretary. ]

Dear Club Members,

I live in the North East of England and at present there is no Tonkinese Stud available in the area. However I am quite prepared to rectify this by running a Stud facility myself. Before I do this I do need to know that there will be enough work for him (this being for the benefit of the Stud not mine). To this end I would be grateful if owners of Queens who live in my area, or would be prepared to travel here, and would be interested in using the prospective Stud could contact me at the address below. If there is sufficient interest I would hope to be able to offer this facility by Summer 1995.

Mrs Joan Nesbitt

3 Lansbury Road, Whickham, Tyne & Wear NE16 4RN Tel: 091 4206539

Dear Editor,

I hope this letter might interest Club members, I can assure you that I have no intention of bragging, just sharing my satisfaction. I sold one of my Lilac Tonkinese kittens for showing and as a stud to a breeder in Holland. At his first show at the age of six months Corvin Angel was nominated for Best In Show - understandably I was pleased for the breed, to feel a Tonkinese was competing with other top cats in Holland. As a matter of interest I was also pleased with the way the purchase was conducted, after all of my own required standards and the official standards were met the owner came over to Ramsgate, which is just 35 minutes from us, and stayed overnight. On their return journey the kitten and owner travelled together with only an 8 hour journey ahead of them.

I must admit I was apprehensive when I first had an enquiry from Holland but being so close to the English Channel one forgets that the kitten is nearer to us than if sold "up North". Please correct me if I am wrong but I think he is the first Tonkinese to be sold to Holland as a stud cat!

Mrs Coral Macey, Folkestone

#### THE CHANGELING

What you see is not what you get with us Tonkinese kittens! As young cats we are magical and at certain stages in our development fascinating things happen to us. As a very young kitten, around four to six weeks old, I looked quite round in type but only another few weeks later I began to look quite oriental, developing a long lean body, and for a few months my breeder (Mum) thought I would never fill out; but gasp yet again - as a fully fledged adult I look better than ever. So do not despair, you will get there!

Love & licks,

Ishokats Bijan Valentino



PS. My breeder (Mum) says she cannot wait for the next Lucky Bag to open!

Dear Linda,

I am sending you two pictures of my Tonkanese cat for the library and a photo-copy of her appearance as the first Tonkanese ever in the German-European Breeding Book.

At her first show she made an excellent 1st and Best in Show! To get into the Breeding Book, especially a Tonkanese in Germany, is quite a success as many people here still think that the Tonkanese is not a breed by itself.

Manuela Martin, Düsseldorf

[ Many congratulations Manuela, you deserve to be proud of your lovely natural mink (brown) girl -Tajens Fastforward.]

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I BLAME DIANA BISHOP.....

Yes, I thought that might attract your attention, but it is true, I hold her completely responsible for my addiction to the cat fancy in general, and the Tonkinese breed in particular. My story begins with the sad end of my last (and most favourite) blue Burmese. She had been with me all through art college, boyfriends, the beginning (and end) of one marriage, the meeting of my new husband, his three sons and the birth of my daughter! I felt I could never replace her and would rather not try. However after a few months the children said the place felt empty and I had to agree with them. So when a copy of Cat World waved at me one day from a shelf in W H Smiths I took this as a 'sign' and took it home. The breeder of my original girl had ceased to breed, but I noticed an ad for a Tonkinese, Tonky What? I looked it up and found it was a Burmese /Siamese hybrid, interesting, I phoned the number. This is where the rot set in and I first spoke to Diana. After being thoroughly quizzed as to my circumstances, Diana told me that she did indeed have some kittens available, there were two left, and as I thought two would be a good idea, I agreed to visit Seaford with all haste, the only draw back was the fact that Diana thought that one of the kittens was Show Quality, and would really only sell her to someone who would show her. I didn't really know what Show Quality meant, and in my defence I can only say that I was also heavily pregnant with my second child and at that marvellously glowing stage when anything is possible so I found myself muttering something about Not Minding Having A Go If It Wasn't Too Complicated.

Of course when we saw the kittens it was love at first sight and I babbled my promise to show paid a deposit and waited the long few weeks until it was time to pick up the new babies. When they arrived they took one look at our home, decided it would do, and promptly took over. I then became involved with the immanent arrival of my new baby, and life sort of waddled along for a while. One morning a strange envelope arrived containing something called a schedule, I flicked through this incomprehensible missive, decided I couldn't make head nor tail of it and filed it, fortunately not in the bin as normal, but in a large pile of Things To Do Later.

Then I had the phone call from Diana, "had I received the schedule she had sent me", she sweetly enquired "Err yes", I replied, madly scrabbling through the pile. "but I haven't got the first idea what to do, I can't even find the Tonkinese section, Ah! yes, here it is under Foreign?????" (yes of course, silly me). For the next half an hour I was gently steered through the intricacies of filling in the form, was my kitten a maiden and a novice, a debutante and in assessment?? Off went a cheque. I received an acceptance card and while I waited for the big day my second daughter arrived.

My husband said I was completely mad as I struggled into the National hall with the intricacies of a Show Kit in one hand, the cat basket in the other, a six week old baby strapped to my tummy and a baby bag slung round my shoulders. He couldn't help me into the hall as his asthma precludes large amounts of cat. However, we won a Merit and some other things, and I was hooked. Soon I had a show list, and was sending off for my own schedules, and attending shows (mostly with Granny and the children in tow) Europa was doing very well, and I was writing out large cheques

Yes, you might have guessed, my Europa is a girl, so then I started to think about breeding from her, (and Diana failed to discourage me!). I used quite a lot of petrol, driving up and down the country interviewing handsome stud boys as potential 'husbands' ! I am still talking about cats of course and, as I had the two girls, I couldn't breed just one of them. The other cat, although a 'variant' was a very good 'type' (and in cat speak this does not mean little letters on a page), I applied for a Prefix and sent off a large cheque.

Well the kittens were marvellous, and rearing them was an eye-opener. One thing lead to another and I found myself on the committee of the club helping to forward this beautiful breed. Right now I hear that there is a very nice stud that I haven't interviewed yet, and he doesn't live too far away.....So, dear Diana, thank you for letting me have two such wonderful cats and I THINK I want to thank you for all this muddle you got me into.....However, for some reason, my husband would like to talk to you about our bank account!?!]

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Sarah Inigo Jones

TRAVEL WITH OUR TONKINESE Janet Howden

24th June 1994. The great day had arrived and we collected "our boys" a big chocolate Siamese type whom we called Jacob and, and the smallest of the litter a little blue boy, Joseph. "Do you think they will travel?" I asked Pauline, remembering the last 20 years in which our much loved black moggy had so enjoyed journeys in the car. "I don't see why not" was the reply. The journey home, along the M27 in the rush hour was not a good start with their frantic scratching in the basket and obvious fear at leaving their familiar surroundings.

Within a month came the school holidays and we all agreed, at this very early stage in our relationship, our beautiful boys couldn't be packed off to an unknown cattery. The challenge was on!

Our essential purchase was a kitten pen which we erected in our caravan before hitching up. Then with our two children in the back of the car and both kittens in their travelling basket we headed north. It was a very short time before I turned round to see one kitten on each lap, curled up asleep. We had a couple of stops at motorway service stations, during which time we transferred the boys from car to pen in the van where they had access to their litter tray, food and water. By early evening we had reached the Caravan Club site in Kendal. We stayed there two nights and didn't put up the awning which meant the kittens squashed in with us at night. I had quite forgotten how nocturnal young cats can be. During the day they came with us in the car and enjoyed a picnic on a quiet hillside. While we were in Kendal we met two 14 year old Siamese sisters, who had travelled thousands of miles with their family in a camper van. They wished us much luck and happiness in our travels.

The following day we continued north, finally reaching North Ledaig, about 7 miles from Oban. A breathtaking site on the beach, overlooking the loch and the Isle of Mull. The boys were intrigued. Keeping a wary eye out for dogs, they walked happily on their leads and explored the beach - the sand was fascinating and a lovely place to dig. While on the rocks beside Loch Etive they watched an otter fishing.

We established a routine of keeping the kittens in their pen in the awning at night, they slept in their travel basket with a double sleeping bag draped around three sides of the pen to eliminate draughts. First thing in the morning they woke us and were immediately let in - and proceeded to tear about jumping on each of us, making quite sure we were all ready to face the day. It was during one of these early morning exercise sessions that the only accident occurred. Jacob, who must have been thoroughly exasperated that all FOUR of his new family had failed his numerous attempts to communicate to us, finally relieved himself on the Sunday Telegraph.

We returned home in mid-August, again via Kendal, to organize my Mother's 80th birthday party but by the end of the week we were heading to Cornwall, where we spent 8 days pitched beside a tennis court at St. Martin's near Looe. Here the boys discovered another source of amusement - the children's adventure playground. An exciting place to climb and play hide and seek. They were also fairly impressed with Rame head and the picnic we all had there.

It is now early September. The children are back at school, everyone has returned reluctantly to work but our boys play on. Joseph is quite computer literate and I often return from answering a telephone call to find him sitting on the computer with paws draped nonchalantly over the screen, which displays several lines of his keyboard skills. They are so intelligent, although they haven't quite mastered the complete English language yet, they are oriental and only 24 weeks old. But they are showing deep understanding of such classic phrases as "Noshies for boys" and "Roly poly tickly tumble"... and by-the-way Pauline they DO travel - over 2000 miles by our reckoning.

TONKINESE BREED CLUB - MERITS 1994

Compiled from GCCF lists, 'CATS' magazine and members' reports, these records may not be fully up to date.

BREED CLUB MEMBER	CAT	'94	TOTAL
Waters, D Mrs	ALAKING HONKYTONK COWGIRL	74	1 1
Ponsford, J Dr	BONZER DUSKYDAWN	74	1 1
Ponsford, J Dr	BONZER HELL RAISER	74	2 2
Ponsford, J Dr	BONZER TIA MARIA	74	1 1
Wright, P Mrs	KEO ARABELLA	74	5 5
MacIsaac, L Mrs	ADDEISH BLUEBERRY FORTUNE	74a	2 7
Vousden, Mr & Mrs	ADDEISH LANSDALE FABLE	74a	2 7
Matthews, W Mr	TAJENS BLUEBERRY FAIR	74a	2 2
MacMahon, Mr & Mrs	ADRAYSH RICKYTIX	74b	2 11
Airey, B Mrs	AZULEJO ALPINE SUNSET	74b	3 4
Gates, Mr & Mrs	CAVEAT CASTASPELL	74b	2 2
Bray, PM Mrs	KEO KASSINIA SATINWOOD	74b	6 6
Murphy, B Mrs	SAMKABAR MILA	74b	1 1
Pyne & Van Rose	TAJENS VISCOMAX	74b	1 2
Price, JR Mrs	TONKABELLA DIGGORY DAI	74b	1 4
Sharratt, J Mrs	TONKABELLA HONORIA HOLLY	74b	2 2
Poole, C Mrs	ADDEISH CLARINATH OBERON	74c	3 7
Macey, Mr & Mrs	ADINNSH SPRING MONARCH	74c	1 1
Poole, C Mrs	ADRAYSH STORMBRINGER	74c	2 10
Shacklady, Z Mrs	DEELANDO AMADEUS	74c	3 3
Rawlinson, Mr & Mrs	ROMANTICA LILITH VENEZIA	74c	2 2
Barnes, H Mrs	SAMKABAR HUXLEY	74c	3 8
MacIsaac, L Mrs	TAJENS CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKE	74c	2 3
Sharratt, J Mrs	TONKABELLA HEPHZIBAH HETTY	74c	2 2
Greer, Mrs & Miss	TREEDANCER LILAC KORENE	74c	2 2
Burke, DR Mrs	ADINNSH WONG MEI	74d	15 20
Hodgkinson, M Miss	GRIMSPOUND RED MAJESTIC	74d	2 2
Wright, P Mrs	KEO PIONEER	74d	3 6
Harper, R Mrs	ROMANTICA RODRIGO REDSUN	74d	1 1
Rawlinson, Mr & Mrs	ROMANTICA ROUSSEAU	74d	3 3
Jenkinson, P Mrs	TAJENS RED HOTPOKER	74d	2 4
MacMahon, Mr & Mrs	TALOFAPUSS ADONIS	74d	2 2
Cornish, R Mrs	TONKITU KABUKI	74d	1 1
Cornish, R Mrs	TONKITU KYOKO	74d	1 1
Flemming Mr & Mrs	TONKITU XUE CHEN	74d	2 2
Wilson, M Mrs	SYLVAKIB EMILY MAYE	74e	3 3
Hodgkinson, M Miss	ADHUIISH ATLAS	74f	1 9
Bishop, Dr & Mrs	ADHUIISH MALI CREME	74f	4 6
Burke, DR Mrs	ADINNSH XIN WUN	74f	11 15
Bishop, Dr & Mrs	ADRAYSH DAWN CHORUS	74f	3 16
Bishop, Dr & Mrs	EPISCOPUSS CAESAR	74f	2 17
Aldous, J Mrs	EPISCOPUSS FABIAN	74f	1 3
Martin, J Mrs	EPISCOPUSS FERNAND	74f	6 10
Gates, Mr & Mrs	TALOFAPUSS ANDROCLES	74f	4 6
Gates, Mr & Mrs	CAVEAT SWEET ENCHANTRESS	74h	5 5
Inigo-Jones S Ms	EPISCOPUSS EUROPA	74j	3 11
Threlfall D Mr	BONZER GLENMORANGIE	74t	4 4
Fisher, D Miss	BONZER BLU TIGRE	74at	1 1
Gill, B Mrs	BONZER MOODY BLUES	74at	3 3
Wilkinson, SG Mrs	BONZER OCTOPUSSY	74bt	5 7

## SHOW SUPPORT

Those of you who have so far been diligently completing your show result forms, to return to the Club Show Support Secretary, Miss Susan Vogt, please note that the dates given on the forms should read January 1st to December 31st.

Susan has been busy on behalf of the Club and many show catalogues now carry show support information from the Tonkinese Breed Club. Look out for such in the Supreme Catalogue. Those of you actually showing your cat at the Supreme will also be automatically entered into our 'Best Decorated Tonkinese Pen' competition - for which the winner will receive a special TBC rosette.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :-

NOVEMBER - 19th, GCCF SUPREME CAT SHOW, NEC BIRMINGHAM

DECEMBER - 10th, THE 98th NATIONAL CAT CLUB SHOW, OLYMPIA, LONDON

JANUARY - 15th, TONKINESE BREED CLUB SEMINAR, CONWAY HALL, LONDON

## THE LANSDALE FABLE TROPHY

The Committee have accepted an offer from Mike and Linda Vousden to put up a trophy for the Blue (74a) Tonkinese, to be known as the 'Lansdale Fable' Trophy after their own blue boy. It will be an annual award, presented at the Club's AGM, and will be decided on a points system. Points will be awarded from Champion, Sanction and Exemption show results (1st January to 31st December) as follows :-

Merit or 1st Open Class	4 points
1st in side class	3 points
2nd in side class	2 points
3rd in side class	1 point

So far this year there are 6 blue Tonks who have been shown by Club members.

There is still plenty of scope for anyone wishing to offer a trophy or cup to the Club and offers are welcomed. If you are considering it please put your offer in writing to the Club Secretary outlining exactly what the 'trophy' is to be awarded for and how it should be decided.

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Don't forget that TONKINFO will take your advertisements, rates :-

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## LAST WORDS

As this will be the last you are likely to hear from the Committee before the New Year I would like, on thier behalf to say that we have much appreciated the support that we've had from Club members in this busy year and look forward to serving you well in the coming year, we are always pleased to hear from members so keep those letters coming in - especially if they are for Tonkinfol!

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR CLUB RENEWAL FORMS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS (POSTDATED TO JANUARY 1ST IF YOU WISH)**

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING ISSUE OF TONKINFO IS APRIL 31st 1995 (Send all copy to Linda Vousden)**

*Finally on behalf of the Committee I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a most prosperous and successful New Year!*

*Linda Vousden*

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**TAJENS BLUEBERRY FAIR (74a)**

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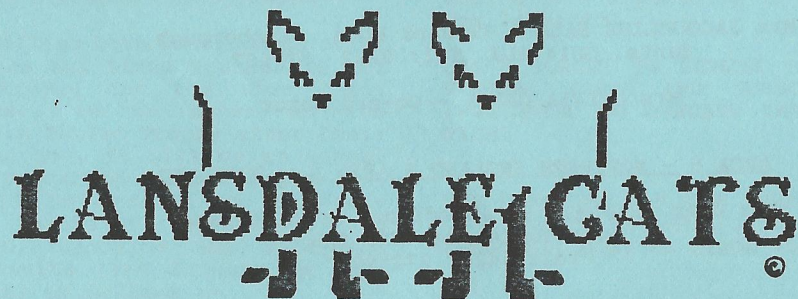
**ADDINBU SARABANE (27c)**

**Tajens Blueberry Fair has gained two merits  
and one first at just two shows.**

**Addinbu Sarabane has yet to make her show  
debut, but will be appearing on the bench  
in 1995.**

**For more information on TIGERBELLE kittens  
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## TONKINESE BREED CLUB RULE AMENDMENTS, APPROVED 25/9/94

### RULE 2

a) Now to read :-

"To promote interest in the  
breeding and exhibiting of Tonkinese  
under Governing Council of the Cat  
Fancy (GCCF) Rules."

c) Delete "Governing Council of the  
Cat Fancy" and delete brackets  
around "GCCF".

d) Delete all after "to the Council"

### RULE 3

e) Delete the words "on a surety  
of £100 which may be returned at the  
discretion of the Committee"

f) The phrase "must apply for re-  
election to the Club Committee" to  
read "must apply to the Club  
Committee for re-election".

### RULE 5

a) Delete "family (Immediate)" and  
replace with "household".

### RULE 7

a) Delete the word "jointly".

b) Delete the phrase "likely to  
prove injurious".

Delete the full stop after "Club"  
and append "; in accordance with  
Rule 3e) any such member has the  
right to appeal."

c) Delete all after "shall on  
request" and append "of the  
Committee, surrender them to the  
Committee."

d) Now to read :-

"If a matter comes before the Club  
Committee that is covered by Article  
12 of the GCCF Constitution, it  
shall be passed immediately to the  
Secretary of the GCCF."

e) Now to read :-

"Complaints not covered by 7d) shall  
be dealt with by the Committee at  
their discretion and as  
appropriate."

### RULE 9

a) After "Honorary Secretary"  
replace the phrase "not less than 6  
weeks before the date of the AGM

and" with "before the 28th of  
February, the agenda".

Replace the last sentence with  
"The Chairman must accept  
amendments to motions on the agenda  
and may at his/her discretion  
permit the discussion of other  
matters."

d) Replace the first sentence with  
"Every member, excepting Junior and  
Honorary members, present at the  
meeting shall have one vote on each  
proposal, motion and amendment."

### RULE 10

a) Replace the word "approved" with  
the word "elected".

b) After "Committee members" insert  
", Delegate/s and substitute  
Delegate".

After "received by the Secretary"  
replace the phrase "at least six  
weeks before the meeting." with  
"before the 28th of February."

Replace the last three sentences  
with :- "In the event of a tie  
there will be a re-vote between the  
two people concerned by the members  
present at the AGM. Ballot results  
will be announced at the AGM and  
all ballot forms will be retained  
for one calendar month after the  
announcement."

d) Delete all and rename RULE 10e)  
as 10d), RULE 10f) as 10e), RULE  
10g) as 10f) and RULE 10h) as 10g).

### RULE 11

b) Now to read :-

"The Delegate/s, and substitute  
Delegate, shall be nominated only  
from members of the serving  
Committee and shall be elected in  
accordance with Rule 10b).  
Delegate/s re-elected to the  
Committee will be eligible for  
nomination the following year  
unless they fail to attend at least  
two thirds of the relevant meetings  
of the GCCF during their term of  
office. Delegate/s not re-elected  
to serve on the Committee shall be  
co-opted as non-voting Committee  
member/s. Delegates will hold  
office during the immediate  
succeeding official year of the  
GCCF."