

# from the editor



Hi everyone, welcome to the Winter 2002 edition of TonkInfo.

This is my first issue as editor and a daunting task it seems too, I have, however, found that I really enjoyed putting this issue together and I hope you all enjoy reading it.

I first found out about the Tonkinese when Linda invited us to have a stall of our crafts at the Tonk show in 1997. I spent most

of the time walking around the pens totally and utterly smitten with all the cats, my poor partner Nigel was left to mind the stall on his own.

I had a long chat with Helen Barnes who told me a little about the nature of the breed and introduced me to Pauline Earley (everyone kept asking me are you sure you can cope with a naughty cat, they really can be very naughty!) A year later, having been vetted, I took Harry (lilac) home with me. He is just the most adorable cat even when he is being REALLY naughty, which is quite often!

In 2000 I got my second Tonk, Alice (blue), Harry's niece, who is a little sweetheart and a real mummy's girl. She fitted in with us so easily, I had obviously been really concerned about whether Harry would accept her, I needn't have worried though, within a few days they were playing and cuddling up together! They are such good company for each other and very entertaining.

It would be really good to hear all YOUR stories about life with Tonks, this is after all your newsletter, so send them in to me, my contact details are in the committee list on page two.

I look forward to seeing you all at the show.

**Karen Gibbins**

*“I spent most of the time walking around the pens totally and utterly smitten with all the cats”*

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*“ Lets make it a fantastic day, especially as it is a rehearsal for our first championship show next year! ”*

Hello, everyone. Just a few words to let you know how well our cats have done at shows during the summer and to remind you that we have one of the highlights of our show year approaching – our club show! 9th November at Bracknell Leisure Centre.

I look forward to meeting some of you there, visiting and supporting even if you are not actually showing your lovely Tonks. Let's make it a fantastic day, especially as it is a rehearsal for our first championship show next year.

Yes – we got through! I was there with Linda when our application went to Council in June this year. We were both very nervous – Linda more than myself of course, as she was expecting to be called to speak in support of our application. As it happened, though, it went through extremely smoothly.

It was wonderful. The culmination of all the work that Linda and Chris Richards have done in gathering the necessary information to go forward, and it was a lot of information that was required. It took them many many hours. Thank you very much ladies, but also thank you to everyone who has shown their cats over the years to achieve the results that were used.

Please remember that we still have to keep our cats 'on the bench' even though we go to Championship status as from 1st June 2003, so don't leave it to the same few who kept the breed's presence visible last time – their cats are older now and due for retirement.

We do have a club website that provides all sorts of information about the club. This ranges from a list of the various club officers and contact information, kitten list, club publications, club notice board and, soon, our new subscription form. Those of you with access to the internet will probably have looked at the site already, but for those people who cannot access the website, please contact one of the committee and we will try to help you.

Well, I have gone on a lot longer than I had expected, so will finish off now. Let me wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep on showing and promoting our lovely cats, I look forward to seeing you at the shows next year.

**Kathy Wilkinson**

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hello Folks. A very short report from me this issue - in fact at present there is barely anything to tell you but there are a number of 'Thank You's' to be made. On behalf of you all I'd like to welcome Shona Clutterbuck to the Club Committee - Shona is a volunteer, for her sins, so I hope she will enjoy being more involved in the work of the Club (especially the Club Show) in the future. I'd also like to thank Valerie Chapple who has taken on a co-operative role with Pauline Earley in our Club Rescue and Welfare; Pauline and Valerie have been working together most successfully for some time now.

It can't have escaped anyone's notice that we have a new editor - another volunteer - Karen Gibbins. It has been traditional that whoever the editor is, they will inevitably have to do most of the writing for Tonkinfo themselves, but it would be great to see Karen over-whelmed with contributions from our many members. Many thanks to Karen for taking the job on. All being well you should have this issue in time for our Show on November 9th, at the Bracknell Leisure centre - a cunningly wrought link to . . . .

I look forward to seeing not only the exhibitors and their stunning cats but many members coming along on the day to say 'Hello' and support the show. I wish you all a very happy and successful day. Finally, my usual early greetings, I wish you all (and your families, friends and Christmas Furrries) a Very Happy Christmas and a most Prosperous 2003!

**Linda Vousden**

Cats now outnumber dogs in the UK.

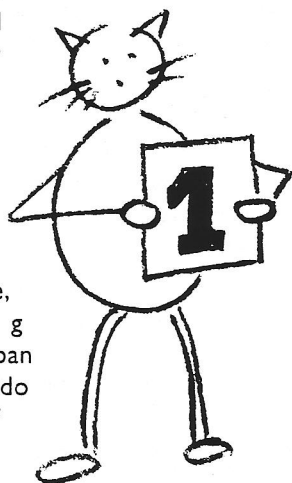
Man's best friend is now his cat, research has suggested - with Britons now owning more cats as pets than dogs.

About 7.5m cats are kept in households throughout the UK, compared with 6.1m dogs, according to the charity Cats Protection League.

This compares with 4.9m feline households in 1979.

In a survey by the charity, nearly 40% of people named cats as their favourite pet - with just 7% preferring dogs.

The charity said that as lifestyles change, becoming increasingly urban and busy, so do people's ideas of a perfect pet.



## Britons 'prefer cats to dogs'

As lifestyles change, so does people's choice of pets.

The research said 57% of people liked cats because they were affectionate, 49% liked them for their independence and 46% preferred them because they were clean.

Nearly a quarter of people kept a cat because they were low maintenance, and 27% said they liked not having to exercise them.

Cats were most popular with the 35-44 age group - with nearly a

third of all people in this group owning one, while dogs were preferred by older people.

### Preferred partners

The survey also threw up several strange statistics.

Nearly two-thirds of cat owners said curling up with their pet was the best way to beat stress - preferring that to speaking to a friend or going for a drink.

Almost half of both men and women said they would rather wake up with their cat than their partner.

And 98% of women said they would rather date someone who liked cats, than someone who did not.

*BBC News web site - 3 May 2002*

## CAT ANTICS - Cats use the family toilet!

**Question:** Hi! How do you train cats to do it? (use the family toilet instead of a litter tray) I've heard this before, but I always thought people were pulling my leg. I have a lovely Maine Coon cat, and he's smart, but I don't know if I could train him to use the toilet.

**Answer:** It takes effort and you have to condition the cat to each step. The age of the cat may not matter. Though young adult cats might adapt better than kittens. Place a toilet seat on top of the litter tray. (In each of the following steps the toilet seat and the other tools are bound together with tape or other means). Let the cat get used to the toilet seat being on the litter tray.

When the cat gets used to this, then move the litter tray nearer the toilet in small stages. As soon as the litter tray is as

close as possible to the toilet, and the cat has accepted this, the litter tray is then placed on a phone book.

**Note:** From here on out, please assume a two week wait between each step. If the cat is willing you can speed up the steps. If the cat is slower to get used to a step then wait longer between each step.

The cat uses the phone book seat for about two weeks, then a 1" hole is placed in the centre of the litter tray and another litter tray is placed six inches under the hole.

Next, place the cat litter in a dishpan instead of a tray and phone book and mount the litter tray with the hole over the dishpan. Every two weeks, add another phone book until the cat toilet seat is level with the seat on the toilet.

Transfer the cat seat to the toilet with the litter tray that has a hole in it over the family toilet. At this point, you are no longer using the dishpan.

Gradually enlarge the hole until the hole is as large as the toilet seat and remove the litter tray.

The cat is now using the family toilet instead of a litter tray. It is interesting to note that the cat will still go through the instinctual motions of covering the excrement by patting the toilet seat in the covering actions.

*Found on the internet by Karen Gibbins*

**FAB CONFERENCE REPORT****FAB Conference, held on Saturday, 12 October 2002 at Basingstoke.**

I attended the FAB Conference as usual this year and am pleased to say that it was of the same high standard. This year the subject was 'Considering Kittens'. Speakers were Tim Gruffydd-Jones, Sarah Caney (who is often in attendance at our Club show), Michael Kraijer, Vicky Halls, Andrew Edney, Bradley Viner and Charlotte Jackson. Again this year there were comprehensive notes available for most speakers so that we could concentrate on what we were hearing rather than scribbling away all the time.

Tim Gruffydd-Jones spoke about 'Fading Kittens' and he emphasised that this is a descriptive term only and gives no indication of the underlying cause and thus can be misleading. As usual he explained his subject in the most understandable of language, and although he referred to a couple of lectures he had given at previous conferences or Langford seminars, if you hadn't been at these lectures, it didn't matter as the listener was not left wondering because Tim still mentioned the salient facts.

Michael Kraijer, a new FAB Resident, gave a case report on a lovely red point Siamese kitten, explaining how they had investigated the reasons for why he wouldn't grow. Thankfully this challenging case has had a happy ending and Spice is doing well.

[What I particularly like about the lectures at the conferences is that we are told what tests are done and what they are for. Quite often our own vet may not have the time - or perhaps think the client is not fully interested - to give a full description of what any tests are for. I know I am, so I really enjoy the talks.]

Sarah Caney's talk on 'Wobbly Kittens' was most interesting. We have all heard of these but perhaps do not know what a wobbly kitten looks like. Sarah had some video clips of the cases she spoke about - I personally found one of these case histories very upsetting as it had a sad ending, but Sarah's talk demonstrated that the problems can be overcome to a degree depending on the cause.

There was a talk on 'Cats in Art' which although interesting, I personally felt was rather out of place. The conference was starting to run late by this time too, so the talk and slides ended up being rather rushed. Andrew Edney, a vet and FAB Trustee, really loves his subject and it was a bit of a shame that we did not have more time to look at the pictures he wanted to bring to our attention.

'Behaviour in the Kitten and Young Cat' was the subject dealt with by Vicky Halls. Some of this was probably old news to a lot of the people attending but she still made it very interesting, again emphasising the importance of socialising kittens to objects, noises and people during the important first few weeks of the kitten's life. She gave some case histories too.

Charlotte Jackson was a new face to a FAB event, she's a new FAB Resident at Bristol. She seems a very pleasant lady and her talk on 'Max - a kitten with a portosystemic shunt' was extremely interesting. She was very factual in her approach, but it still wasn't 'dry' and I expect she will be more relaxed next time.

The last item on the agenda was Bradley Viner talking about 'Preventative Health Care for Kittens'. Again very factual, but still interesting, talking about avoiding virus transmission, prevention of infection, dealing with parasites, neutering and talking about the health care schemes that his own practices promote. His talk had to be curtailed a little as the programme was running late, and indeed quite a few people had to leave before the final question period.

All in all it was a very interesting day - the lunch was good too!! I would recommend people attending if they could. In any case, if anyone would like to borrow, and I emphasise BORROW, my conference notes for a short period I would be happy to lend them.

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**Kathy Wilkinson**

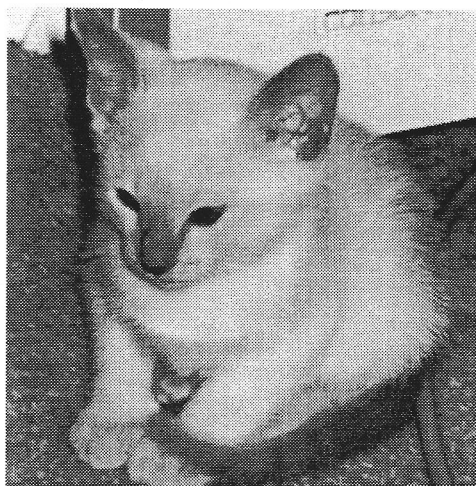
# the gallery

Jane Tyacke started the gallery whilst she was editor and I thought it was such a good idea that I would like to continue with it. So please send in pictures of all your beautiful Tonks. Either post your photos to; Karen Gibbins, 22 Bartlett Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3PS or e-mail them to me at [karen.gibbins@ntlworld.com](mailto:karen.gibbins@ntlworld.com). Please remember to enclose an SAE with your pictures when sending them by post so I can return them to you.



*Ishmal Imperial Ice and a young Samkabar Helen's Girl sharing a moment together.*

Owned by Karen Gibbins  
Bred by Pauline Earley and Helen Barnes



*Ahhh ... Ishmal Imperial Ice at six weeks old.*

Owned by Karen Gibbins  
Bred by Pauline Earley

*Ishmal Petite Fleur. Owned and bred by Pauline Earley*



# Things cats must try to remember!

1. Screaming at the can of food will not make it open itself.
2. I should not assume the patio door is open when I race outside to chase leaves.
3. If I put a live mouse in my food bowl, I should not expect it to stay there until I get hungry.
4. The guinea pig likes to sleep once in a while. I will not watch him constantly.
5. If I bite the cactus, it will bite back.
6. I will not stand on the bathroom counter, stare down the hall, and growl at nothing right after my human has finished watching 'The X-Files'.
7. Television and computer screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.
8. No matter how dangly and attractive they are, my human's earrings are not cat toys.
9. If I play 'dead cat on the stairs' while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, one of these days it will really come true.
10. My human is capable of cooking bacon and eggs without my help.
11. The canned cat food is already dead. I do not need to kill it by swatting bits of it all over the floor.
12. I am a carnivore. Potted plants are not meat.
13. I will never be able to walk on the ceiling, and staring up the wall and screaming at it will not bring it any closer.
14. It is not a good idea to try to lap up the powdered creamer before it all dissolves in the boiling coffee.
15. The goldfish likes living in water and must be allowed to remain in its bowl.
16. If my human wants to share her sandwich with me, she will give me a piece. She will notice if I start eating it from the other end.
17. I cannot leap through closed windows to catch birds outside.
18. The large dog in the back yard has lived there for six years. I will not freak out every time I see it.
19. I am a neutered cat, not a peacock, and prancing around with my tail fluffed up will not make my parts grow back.
20. If I must give a present to my human's overnight guests, my toy mouse is much more socially acceptable than a live cockroach, even if it isn't as tasty.

# CATS & CHRISTMAS

Christmas is rapidly approaching (too rapidly for my liking!) and we will all no doubt be putting up the decorations and arranging get togethers with friends and family, but you should not forget your cats during this time (if they are anything like mine you don't stand a chance of forgetting them!!) I am sure you are all used to working 'around' your cats and Christmas time is no exception.

When you start pulling out all your old decorations, with some assistance no doubt, or are out buying sparkly new ones bear in mind that many of them can pose a threat to playful paws. Glass baubles can fall and shatter, injuring your cat and while twinkling lights look pretty electrical wire is easily chewed. If you are having a real Christmas tree this year, make sure you vacuum up the needles regularly as these could get caught in delicate paws. Festive plants such as holly, poinsettia, ivy and mistletoe are all poisonous to cats, but of course anything new brought into the house has to be thoroughly investigated.

If you are planning a full house over the festive season think about how your cat will cope. If he is fairly easy going finding him a quiet room in the house will probably be sufficient, don't forget to make sure he has water, food, litter tray and toys! If your cat is more nervous it may be better to take him to stay with a trusted friend or to a cattery, remember to book this early!

Although cats love to be a part of family life, they probably won't want to be involved in ALL of the festivities (not even Tonks!) Don't spoil your cat with lots of treats and rich food that he is not used to eating as

this could cause an upset stomach and end up creating a mess, probably in an inappropriate place. A small portion of turkey (without bones) will no doubt go down well as a Christmas dinner offering.

Make sure any toys you buy are cat safe. If you are buying him something edible, always buy the special pet treats. Never feed your cat normal chocolate, as this is toxic to felines. If you are giving him a special edible present on Christmas Day, don't forget to hide it beforehand somewhere safe where he (or the dog) can't sniff it out! (See the list of web sites below for cat toys and treats).

Cats love playing with wrapping paper and will probably enjoy this more than the present inside! If you do allow your cat to have a play (try stopping them) remember to remove any sticky tape which could get stuck in his throat.



It goes without saying that cats and kittens should NOT be given as Christmas presents, even if you know that the person really wants a cat. Christmas is not the time to be introducing a new pet to the household, they need space and time to get used to their new surroundings and to get to know their new owners.

Whatever you are doing this Christmas, don't forget your cats. Give them lots of love and attention and I'm sure you will all have a very happy Christmas.

*Compiled by Karen Gibbins from various articles*

## Useful web site addresses . . .

[petspark.com](http://petspark.com)  
[groovypets.com](http://groovypets.com)  
[heavypetting.co.uk](http://heavypetting.co.uk)  
[petplanet.co.uk](http://petplanet.co.uk)  
[purrsonaltouch.com](http://purrsonaltouch.com)

**and for you . . .**

[catoutofthebag.com](http://catoutofthebag.com)



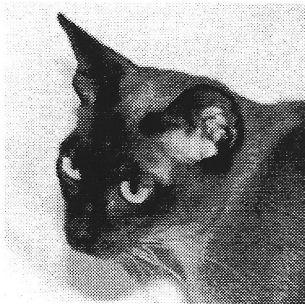
## Tonkinese Rescue web site launch!

Announcing the launch of the Tonkinese Rescue web site which should be up and running by Christmas.

Pauline Earley is currently Rescue and Welfare Officer for the Tonkinese Breed Club, her contact details are in the Committee list on page two. Pauline is working closely with Valerie Chapple and Jenny Ponsford to help any Tonks that need rehoming.

Any donations for the welfare fund would be very welcome, these should be sent to Mike Vousden (contact details in the Committee list on page two).

# tonkinese rescue uk

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Welcome to the Tonkinese Rescue web site.

Pauline Earley is the Rescue officer for the Tonkinese Breed Club. She also works closely with Sylvia Clark of the Tonkinese Cat Club Rescue.

We do our best to help with rehoming Tonkinese cats in need and we are always looking for people who would like to offer a home to a Tonk.

We offer advice, help and support to anyone who requires information or practical assistance in the care of Tonkinese.

For all enquiries please contact Pauline Earley.

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## THE RESCUE NEEDS YOU!

Hello everyone, this is an appeal for your help. The Tonkinese Rescue has had many more cats to home this year and the problem seems to be growing. A network of people is badly needed across the country who would be prepared to do home checks, this is to ensure that the cat needing a new owner will go to the appropriate home.

One or two people in the south have offered to help with this, but we need more people to cover as much of the country as possible. We have no one in the north at all! I shall be very grateful for any help offered. My contact details are in the front of the Tonkinfo.

*Pauline*

## Short Story - Penny Hop A Lot

Jill looked out of the kitchen window at Penny nosing in the long grass at the bottom of the garden head down tail in the air absolutely intent on whatever she had found. They had named her before picking her up from the animal shelter, Jack, the youngest child, had asked "will she cost a lot of pennies mummy?" Hence the name Penny.

Hop A lot came from the fact that she had only three legs. Her front right leg had been so badly mangled in a road accident that it had had to be removed. The rescue centre had not been able to trace her owner which meant her being put up for adoption.

That had been fifteen years ago, at that time her age was thought to two or three years. Apart from the odd foray into the undergrowth at the bottom of the garden she spent most of her time asleep now, her favourite place a wooden bench on the lawn, her beautiful soft brown fur a picture in the sunlight. Jill went to the washing machine and removed the clothes into the laundry basket, took it to the garden and hung the washing out to dry.

Penny had gone from the long grass, she looked to the right, there was Penny curled up in her favourite place. After doing the rest of her chores Jill thought it about time for a coffee break, as she put the kettle on Penny meambled into the kitchen winding herself around the door post as she did so. "Hi Penny" said Jill "come for a coffee break too, want some bikkies?" Penny just looked at her with lovely amber eyes and walked on through into the sitting room. Funny thought Jill there seemed to be something odd about the little cat but couldn't put her finger on it. As Penny went by she turned and went into the garden, but there was Penny still curled up on the garden bench. Jill went over and stroked her but she didn't move, as she picked her up the realisation came to her that what had seemed so strange about the little cat was the fact that she had had all four of her legs.

*Pauline Earley*

## Did you know . . . ?

Towser, a female tortoiseshell cat born in April 1963 and resident rodent control officer at the Glenturret Distillery in Crieff, Scotland, averaged three mice a day and notched up and estimated 28,899 before she died in March 1987!

Persians (more commonly known as Longhairs) are the most popular breed of pedigree cat, closely followed by the Siamese!

Cats may aggravate asthma in humans, but regular bathing of the cat helps to remove the dried saliva that the cat leaves on its coat after grooming. It is a protein in this saliva that tends to trigger an allergic reaction!

A tabby called Dusty that lived in Texas, USA during the 1940's produced 420 kittens during her breeding life!

In 1970 a cross Burmese and Siamese cat (a Tonkinese?) produced a litter of 19 kittens in Kingham, Oxfordshire. Amazingly, 15 of them survived!

All the Cornish Rex cats - a popular breed with a very short, curly coat - have been bred from just one cat born in Cornwall in 1950, called 'Kallibunker'!

There are about 3,000 different species of flea around the world!

In 1950, a 4 month old kitten reached a record altitude of 4,478 metres when it followed climbers to the summit of the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps!

All tortoiseshell cats are females, except in very rare cases where the cat has a disorder of the chromosomes!

*Found on the internet by Karen Gibbins*



**DO YOU FIND THE TONKINESE REGISTRATION POLICY CONFUSING?**

As one of the team that wrote the policy, I offer this flow chart as a step-by-step guide to help you understand it. If your cat is already registered and eligible to be shown, you do not have to re-register it for Championship status. In this diagram 'cat' refers to the kitten or cat to be registered.

**Are any of the following true for your cat?**

1. has a Variant coat-pattern (solid or pointed).
2. has, in the preceding 5 generations, any cat that is not registered or is of unknown parentage.
3. has, in the preceding 5 generations, any cat that is not permitted in the pedigree of Tonkinese cats (this includes Burmese or Siamese that are not on the Full register).
4. was born after 31st December 1996 from a back-cross mating (i.e. a Tonkinese or a Tonkinese-Variant mated with *either* a Burmese or a Siamese).
5. It is the 'child' or 'grandchild' of the cat in point 4.
6. was born after 31st December 1998 from a first-cross mating (i.e. a Burmese mated with a Siamese ).
7. It is the 'child' or 'grandchild' of the cat in point 6.

**YES**

This cat will be registered on the Reference Register. (CSREF...)

**NO**

Does the Tonkinese Breed hold either 'Provisional' or Championship' status?

**YES**

**Are either of the following true for your cat?**

1. has a Tonkinese/Tonkinese-Variant Parent, Grandparent or Great grandparent, born before 1st January 1997 from a back-cross mating. (i.e. a Tonkinese or a Tonkinese-Variant mated with *either* a Burmese on the Full register or a Siamese on the Full register).
2. has a Tonkinese/Tonkinese-Variant Parent, Grandparent or Great grandparent, born before 1st January 1999, from a first-cross mating (i.e. a Burmese on the Full register mated with a Siamese on the Full register).

**YES**

This cat will be registered on the Supplementary Register. (CSSR ...)

**NO**

**Is the following true for your cat?**

It has only Tonkinese Parents, Grandparents & Great Grandparents (on the Full, Supplementary or Experimental registers) *and/or* Tonkinese Variant Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents.

**YES**

This cat will be registered on the Full Register. (CS ... )

**NO**

If you have answered 'NO' to all of the above. I suggest you start again because you have missed a step, or accept that your cat is not a Tonkinese. If neither of these two suggestions is correct then please do let me know!

## THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY'S GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS AND OWNERS

Registered owners of all GCCF registered cats/kittens accept the jurisdiction of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and undertake to abide by this general code of ethics.

1. Owners should think carefully, take advice before getting a kitten, and choose a breed of cat suited to their lifestyle. They should only keep as many cats as they can care for adequately.
2. Cats and kittens must be provided with warm and comfortable housing, with plenty of opportunity for exercise and play. Cats should be kept indoors at night for their own safety. Drinking water must be available at all times and cats must be fed regularly and adequately. Breeders will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing cats in a new home.
3. All cats need some grooming to keep the coat in good condition and to check for parasites, eg fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots and matted areas of fur, which cause considerable discomfort to cats.
4. Veterinary attention must be sought whenever a cat is showing signs of illness.
5. Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at the age recommended by your veterinary surgeon. If cats are registered on the Non-Active register, this means that under no circumstances should the cats be bred from; no progeny from these cats will be registered by the GCCF.
6. Breeders agree only to sell cats where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. An offer should be made at the time of sale to help with the rehoming if at any time circumstances require the cat to be found a new home.
7. Owners should not sell any cat to commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
8. Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cat and must draw the attention of purchasers to the implications of the Non-Active register when selling pet kittens.
9. Breeders selling a kitten on the Active register should offer advice and support to the new owners. Owners should not breed cats in a way that is deleterious to the health of the cat or the breed.
10. Owners should consider carefully the best means of identifying their cat in case it should become lost. This can be done by means of a microchip, which can be painlessly inserted under the cat's skin by your veterinary surgeon and then registering the number of your cat with the RSPCA registration scheme run by the Kennel Club and also by notifying the GCCF of the cat's chip number. The alternative is for the cat to wear some form of identification on a collar. However, there are dangers for cats wearing collars as they may become hooked up and caught by them or more likely the collar will break or come off over the cat's head, so preventing easy identification.
11. Breeders/owners must ensure that all relevant Governing Council of the Cat Fancy documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a cat in accordance with Rule 10 (see below), including a copy of this code.

### RECOMMENDATION

The GCCF strongly recommends that no kitten should be permitted to go to a new home before 13 weeks of age. At least seven days prior to this the kitten should have completed a full course of vaccinations, including a health check, given by a Veterinary Surgeon or by a listed Veterinary Nurse under the direction of a Veterinary Surgeon. The breeder should ensure that kittens are house-trained, inoculated and in good general health.

### N.B. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION - GCCF RULE 10

- 10a. When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten the breeder shall, at the time of sale, provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder, carrying 3 generations at least, showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, also the breeder's name and address.
- 10b. If at the time of sale the cat or kitten is registered, the seller shall provide the purchaser with a transfer form, duly completed and signed by the seller, unless it is jointly agreed in writing by both parties at the time of sale not to do so.