

**Editor's Notes -**

Hi all

This will be my last edition as editor of Tonkinfo. If you look at the list of committee members on page 2 you will see that we have all swapped jobs. Linda V will be editor of the next edition. Thank you very much to all the people who have contributed articles for me to publish. It has made my life much easier. I even have some articles I can give to Linda as there wasn't room to publish this time.

I hope you like the photos of the 2 cats on the cover. They are owned by Diane and Rodney Hobbis who are long term members of the club.

**Sue Amor**

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**HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Linda Vousden**

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hello Everyone, have you noticed anything different? Take a look at the Committee list, there are quite a few changes that you should make a note of. At the last AGM I announced that 2004 would be my last year as Club Secretary. I am pleased to say that Sue Amor has taken over from me with the full support of the Committee. In turn Kathy, who has served us so well, has chosen to pass the role of Chairman on to me. At this point I'd like to welcome Nicki Stevens to the Committee, Nicki has bred and shown her Tonks for many years under her 'Quelazure' prefix and has always supported the Club. The attendance at the recent AGM was a considerable disappointment for the Committee, who really do put in **many** hours of their time on your behalf. Only one member bothered to come along, so this means that any proposals we had will now have to wait until next year or be sent out as a ballot (which is expensive for the Club). Even so we still managed to raise a good sum in the raffle between us! I would like to remind you all of the **Open Meeting called by the Tonkinese BAC for May 15<sup>th</sup>**. A full description of the meeting was included with your AGM papers, I hope that the breeders in particular read the paper and will attend the meeting – it is VERY important for the Tonkinese as a breed. Is the Committee doing its job too well? Are things running so smoothly that you don't feel the need to come to meetings or help out? If so, then that's great, but it doesn't mean that we couldn't do with your help and certainly this year it is imperative that many more of you show your cats at our show- more of which, later in this issue.

*For now I wish you success and happiness this coming year – Cheers, Linda*

**TONKINESE BREED CLUB SHOW 2005 - Bracknell**

**HELP!** – our show could be in trouble.

Not a nice way to start the item but it's sadly true. The TBC show is very special – it's the **only** Tonkinese Championship show and must be supported or lost. Last year our entries were low again, so low that it will have an affect on the number of Open class splits we can have in 2006.

**Please put October 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 in your diaries and make sure that you show your Tonks.**

As ever we aim to make it enjoyable and make sure that no-one will go away empty-handed. This year our theme is *Under the Sea* and already we have some very beautiful prizes donated for the Best of Breeds. In August the Schedules will be available from the web site ([www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)) and will be automatically sent to all of the 2004 exhibitors. If you were unable to come last year then come this year, e-mail Linda Vousden ([tbc.uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:tbc.uk@ntlworld.com)) or write for a schedule.

**ON WITH THE SHOWS !**

If you are not showing a cat yourself why not pop along to offer your support and meet fellow Club members. Here are a few of the 'imminent'

shows (for more show details visit the GCCF web site).

**22nd May:** Midland Counties CC, Aldersley Leisure Complex, Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton

**28th May:** Tonkinese CC, Bracknell leisure centre, Bracknell

**4th June:** Merseyside CC, The Leisure Centre, Kingsway, Widnes, Cheshire

**4th June:** Somerset CC, The Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, Bristol.

**11th June:** London CC, The Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Knowle Green, Staines.

**2nd July:** Wilts & District CC, Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Ave. Swindon

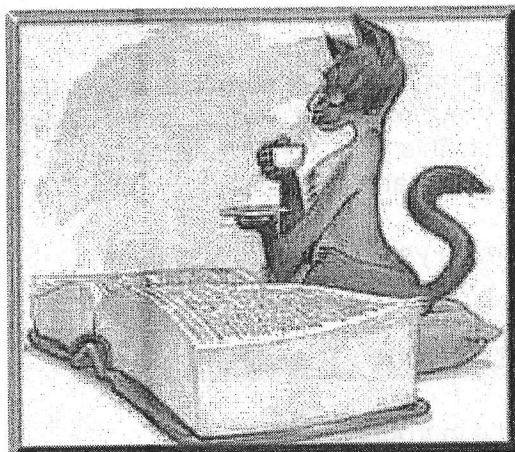
**9th July:** Lincolnshire CC, Lincolnshire Exhibition Centre, Grange De Lings, Lincoln.

**16th July:** East Sussex CC, Angel leisure Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, Kent.

**16th July:** Gwynedd CC, Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road, West Queensferry, Flintshire.

**30th July:** Kensington Kitten & Ntr CC, Bracknell Sports Centre, Bagshot Rd, Bracknell

**29th October - TONKINESE BREED CLUB 3rd CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW!**



**CLUB Items for Sale  
Order from Chris Richards**

Don't forget that the Club has its own handbook (£2 plus 43p P&P)- useful to all members and an absolute must for Tonkinese breeders. We have Club Pedigrees (pack of 10 for £2 plus 43p P&P) which you are welcome to photocopy for further use; packs of 10 Mating certificates (30p plus SAE) which *all* breeders not using their own stud

*must* now send to the GCCF with their kitten registration forms. In addition we supply free to members (on request with SAE)

- Forms for registering kittens on full register if they have Tonk variant ancestors.
- Explanatory diagram of the Tonkinese Registration Policy.
- Membership Application form to give your kitten owners - *please encourage Club membership.*
- Stud and breeder's lists - *note that these are limited to the information that is supplied to us by breeders and stud owners.*

**TBC Badge—Gold and Aqua enamel. (£2.80 incl. post & packing)**

**Tonkinese kittens - how much is that pussy in the window?**

We had an interesting discussion at our last committee meeting about the prices we all charged for our kittens. There was a consensus of opinion among the breeders present that £350 seemed to be a fair figure. This was based on stud fees, cost of food and litter, vaccinations etc. We would be really interested to hear of this is the price that other breeders are charging. Do you think it is a good idea for us to have a common price among ourselves or do you think it might change depending on whereabouts in the country you live?

**PEDIGREE ARCHIVES -  
Urgent Appeal to you all.**

As you know, the Club is still trying to build up a pedigree archive but the number of pedigrees supplied by breeders for this very valuable and unique asset during the past 3 years has numbered less than 10!

We KNOW that there have been more than 10 litters of Tonkinese kittens bred in this period — please, please breeders (and owners if you haven't done so already) send in a copy of your pedigree/s so that we can get our archive up to date. The information we have has already been of use to several breeders trying to correct details on their pedigrees or trace missing links—and even helped one breeder regain part of their lost breeding line. Several owners have used it to fill in gaps in their pedigree backgrounds and on one occasion it has helped us to re-home a Tonkinese.

We know that some people have concerns about passing on registration numbers, if this is what's preventing you from contributing to the archives please feel free to omit the last 3 digits of your registration numbers (we do need to know the letters) —but let us try, as a Club, to have as comprehensive a record as we possibly can. Send a copy of your pedigree/s to the Hon.Secretary (address on page 2), ideally list the names of all kittens in the litter (with their colours and coat-patterns) on the pedigree.

*—and thank you for taking the time to do this.*

**TITLED TONKS!**

After all these years its wonderful to see our Tonks in the show catalogues with CH, PR GRPR & GRCH before their names!

If your Tonk has earned a title the Club will be delighted to award you a congratulatory certificate to hang on your wall. Just write to the Hon.Secretary (address on page 2) with the details of your cat plus the shows and judges who awarded the three necessary certificates—for your convenience there is a form you can print off the Club web site for this purpose. All titled Tonks are listed on the web site for your information.

### Chairman's Report

It hardly seems possible that it was a year since our last AGM but yesterday was the 2005 one. Unfortunately it was very poorly attended which was a shame as it is an enjoyable event in spite of the 'business' side of it, as there is the opportunity to talk to other members. Anyway, those present enjoyed themselves, had a lovely tea and everyone went home with several raffle prizes!

We talked about many things, including how many more titled cats there are since last year – check on the club website or on Christine Richards's website – she has a comprehensive list of cats that have gone through Merit, IC and now Championship/Premier stages, with photos of a lot of these cats. We also talked about the new title – the Imperial Grand – that is coming into effect from 1 June 2005. [Details follow later in this magazine.]

I would like to thank our Honorary Secretary, Linda Vousden, for her tremendous efforts over the years dealing with the paperwork associated with the position, all the enquiries etc, and just the hard work that the position involves. Sue Amor has volunteered to take over the position and is going to be shown the ropes by Linda. Linda is now taking over the role of Chairperson, wishing to take on just a slightly less busy position as she has other interests that she wishes to pursue.

Our 2004 show was a great success – the Halloween theme was a great hit with lots of people dressing up and entering into the spirit of the day. Arrangements for this year's show are well underway in Linda's capable hands, and the theme this year is 'Under the Sea'.

We look forward to seeing you and your cats at the show which is on 29 October 2005 at the Bracknell Leisure Centre. Be there or be square!! ☺

Kathy Wilkinson

There will be an **Open Meeting called by the Tonkinese BAC for May 15<sup>th</sup>**.  
At St Mary's Church Hall, Winnersh, 12.30pm

~~This is an important meeting to discuss a deadline for the cessation of backcross breeding. It is a requirement of the GCCF that this deadline is in place before we can move forward with the Tonkinese Registration policy.~~

### **Lost and found**

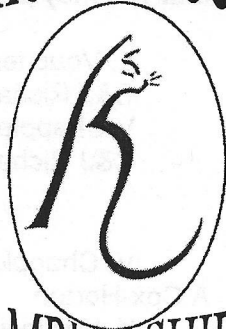
A blue tortie Burmese/ tonkinese approximately 2 - 4 years old.

She was found wandering in the Beaconsfield area.

If you know anything about this cat please contact our rescue officer Val Chapple ( See details on page 2)

# WHERE WILL YOU BE?

## Tonkinese Breed Club



## 3rd CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Held under GCCF rules.

**Saturday, 29th October 2005**

The 3M Hall, Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

**Show Managers: Mrs L Vousden, Lansdale, 12 Robinhood Lane,  
Winnersh, Berks RG41 5LX**

**& MRS HELEN HEWITT.**  
**Assistant Show Managers: Mrs K. Wilkinson and Mrs A Cox-Horton**

In August, schedules will be sent to all exhibitors at our 2004 show, and free to all members who request one nearer the time. Anyone else who wants a copy of the schedule should send Linda Vousden a C5 sized SAE.

If we are to continue to have open Class Colour splits we must have more entries—so do support the Club, after all we are the only Championship Tonkinese show.

This year we want to involve exhibitors in the safety aspects of a cat show and will be asking for volunteers to be on-call in the event of an emergency. You will find a leaflet on the subject with the schedule.

**Our theme this year will be— UNDER THE SEA**

and we look forward to maintaining our growing reputation for having a colourful and interesting show. We realise that dress has to be appropriate for a show but anyone who came to our 1st and 2nd Championship shows saw how people dressed to suit the occasion—we hope you will do so this year and perhaps there will be prizes again for the best efforts!

Club web site: [www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)

### Club Awards Presented at the AGM 2005

Congratulations to the following members for their cat's achievements in 2005, it was good to see so many people returning their results.

*In order to be eligible for an award, members must send their results to the Cup Secretary (see Committee List) by end of January each year. The TBC web site has a form available throughout the year that you may print off or copy for this purpose.*

Most successful adult male -	L. Vousden	Mymystic Pharoah
Most successful adult female -	C&J Richards	Tonkaholics Istar
Most successful adult neuter -	V Chapple	Mymystic Pagansun
Most successful kitten -	C&J Richards	Tonkaholics King
Louis		
Most successful brown -	V. Chapple	Mymystic Pagansun
Most successful blue -	A Cox-Horton	Keroon Tegath Frocius
Most successful chocolate (series) -	K. Wilkinsin	Mymystic Nimrod
Most successful brown/blue/choc./lilac -	V. Chapple	Mymystic Pagansun
Most successful Caramel or Apricot (series) -	K. Wilkinson	Mymystic Mischa
Most successful red adult -	C&J Richards	Romantica Remus
Most successful red adult/kitten/neuter -	C&J Richards	Romantica Remus
Most successful cream adult/kitten/neuter -	not awarded	
Most successful tortie -	C&J Richards	Tonkaholics Ishtar
Most successful tabby adult, male -	L. Vousden	Mymystic Pharoah
Most successful tabby adult, female -	G. Rayson	Hushpad Chaen Choi
Most successful tabby neuter -	K. Wilkinson	Mymystic Mischa
Most successful male tabby kitten -	not awarded	
Most successful female tabby kitten -	C&J Richards	Tonkaholics
Starsnstripes		
The Tonk most often on Exhibition :-	C&J Richards	Tonkaholics
Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within the last 2 years) :-		
S. Amor		
Member who has supported the breed by showing the most Tonkinese during the year:-	C&J Richards	

### WRITE TO THE EDITOR !

If you have any comments to make on the contents of Tonkinfo, any items that may be of interest to other readers, suggestions for items you like featured etc. . Would you like your stud boy to be featured in the next issue?

Just write to the editor (Mrs Sue Amor) — see Committee list for address)

**Deadline for the next issue of Tonkinfo : 20th September 2005**



## My Very Special holiday - Kathy Wilkinson

**Background:** A few years ago I got on to the internet research a problem we had with the cats. I then joined the Tonkinese group and 'met' a lot of interesting and helpful people and seemed to 'click' well with one lady named Jeanine Grobbelaar and she lives in Cape Town, South Africa. We were, and still are of course, very good friends with another lady, Christine Richards, also on the group and who also shows a lot in the UK. We all 3 emailed lots and lots privately and gradually starting phoning South Africa.

At the beginning of 2002 we'd been talking about the Supreme show and the National show, and Christine and Jeanine would talk about breeding, and as you do, we would talk/email about what we would do if we met up, what we would do and show each other. Then one day Jeanine DID it. Yes, she booked to come and stay with Christine and myself and attend both these shows. More importantly she would take back a kitten to South Africa when she returned and that kitten, Tatiana, is the first British bred Tonkinese to have achieved a title. She has also given Jeanine some beautiful kittens.

So Jeanine had her holiday over here – tremendous fun for all of us, trying to show her as much of England as we could – and remember this was in November and December so the weather wasn't too good. Mind you, Jeanine would have been over the moon if we'd had snow while she was here! Then the following year she came to our First Championship show as Official Photographer.

THEN last year I went to visit her.

I cannot find the right words to describe the holiday I had. It was unbelievable to meet up with her lovely human and feline family who I knew so much about from our emails and talks, but to meet them in the flesh and fur was fantastic. Tatiana has matured into a lovely cat and was looking after a litter of kittens while I was there. I was made to feel so very welcome and nothing was too much trouble – the plans that had been made!!

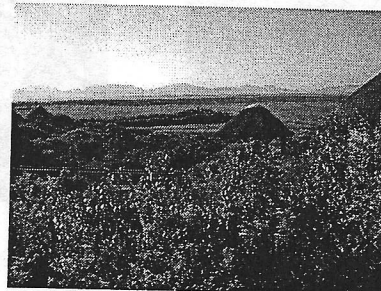
I do not have the space to tell you more than a little about my holiday, and so am going to tell you about part of the trip away from Cape Town. This was kept as a complete surprise – my hostess and her family would slip into Afrikaans to talk about things so that I wouldn't know what plans they were hatching!!

We left early on Monday morning, had breakfast at Hermanus and were fortunate to see some whales – early in the breeding season - but we couldn't linger as we had a distance to go and other places to visit en route to our destination – which was being kept a secret from me. The scenery was terrific and so changeable – I could spend pages trying to tell you about the scenery – the pictures I took on holiday filled 5 cds!

It was mid-afternoon when we turned off the road and arrived at a Game Lodge – I couldn't believe we were going to stay in such a lovely place. It was fantastic – here is a picture of Tania walking down to the rondavels. It was very atmospheric – but I was a bit worried about finding certain 'things' in there and so Jeanine inspected it first. There was a mosquito net over each bed too, so of course I had to sleep under that – Jeanine has since told me that she found a 'thing' on the net and removed it before I found out. I am SO grateful that she did this. The first morning was rather misty and so Tania and Jeanine said that we should visit the Cango Caves and the ostrich farm that day and perhaps fit 'something else' in if time allowed. This was said with grins on their faces and chattering in Afrikaans – little did I know what was in store!



Pic 1



Pic 1a

We saw ostriches in fields as we went up to the Cango Caves and actually had to stop while a flock of them were moved down and across the road. Jeanine and Tania had told me how beautiful the caves are and they were absolutely right. Jeanine stayed outside as she was feeling a little asthmatic, so Tania and I went in with a group. Words cannot describe their beauty and how insignificant we felt. Here is a picture of Tania and I with the guide after the tour had finished.

*Picture 2*

Then on the way back we went into an Ostrich farm. Even though there were just 3 of us we were made to feel very welcome, offered a cup of coffee and then shown around. Baby ostriches are so sweet. Here is picture of me holding one – I was worried that it might have an accident down me and I think that shows! Their feet are really odd.

*Picture 3*

We were taken out and shown other ostriches of various ages, including a couple that were sitting on eggs – they take it in turns, VERY modern and New Age Man-type of thing. Seriously, the male ostrich takes a big part in rearing the babies. However, although invited to do so, none of us had been willing to ride an ostrich! That certainly would have been a photo to show people though wouldn't it? Such attractive birds but they have tiny brains – the guide told us that their eye is actually larger than their brain. The eggs are very strong – they can bear a person's weight, even mine!

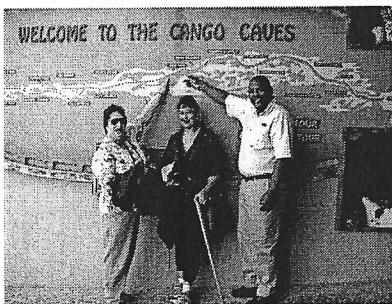
*Picture 4*

After looking at the birds we looked around the showroom where there were the most beautiful products – beautiful etched or painted ostrich eggs, lamps made from egg shells, all sorts of leather products available (ostrich leather is the most expensive in the world), boas and feather dusters too. Amazing, every part is used. Ostrich meat is delicious – I'd tried that for lunch at the Caves!! Then we got back in the car and drove away and not that far away we turned into a place called Cango Wildlife Park. I thought to myself that we were going to see some more animals that we probably wouldn't be able to see easily in the wild – Jeanine and I had been to a small private zoo in Cape Town and seen some African Wild Cats, yes, the ancestors of our own felines (quite like 'ordinary' tabbies!).

At this point I had no idea of what was to come.

We waited for the tour to begin – all 3 of us getting worried in the meantime about a beautiful peacock that was in a crocodile enclosure, but apparently it does this all the time and obviously hadn't ended up on the menu yet. The crocodiles were enormous and I have some close-up pictures of them – their skin is remarkable. The guide was very knowledgeable and very friendly.

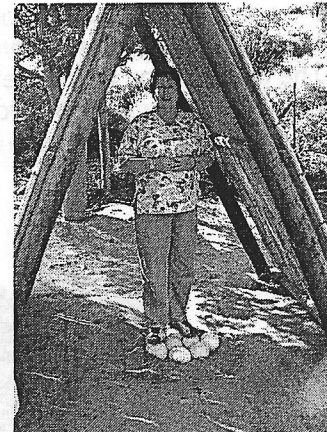
First of all there were meerkats, a snake house (didn't go in there!), pot bellied pigs, and then we came to a couple of young cheetah cubs in an enclosure!! Wow, I thought, my favourite big cat and I actually managed to stroke some fur sticking through the wire. Naughty I thought, but I did it anyway. On we went, and then we came to a special part where the guide explained that we would be seeing their big cats, and that they had some white tiger cubs – my heart started beating faster here and Jeanine and Tania were smiling at my reaction, but I wasn't really listening properly at this point, I just wanted to go see the cats! But then it got through to me that he was saying that there would be an opportunity to go in with the tiger cubs or cheetah cubs at the end of the tour. Right I thought, we're on for that.



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4

So we went up on to a boardwalk at the top of the enclosures. The white tiger cubs were beautiful and larger ones were next door. Then there was a mountain lion, then a jaguar, a 'regular' tiger and some lions, and then some cheetah cubs! At that point the guide said that if anyone was interested in going in with any of the cubs that we would be able to do this at the end of the tour – which was nearly over. That was it, I didn't wait to see the Fennec foxes but was off to see what was involved in getting the 3 of us in to see the cheetahs. Tania and Jeanine told me afterwards that they were amazed at the speed I took off at 'on a mission'.

Well, we each had to complete a form and agree to do exactly as we were told when we were in the enclosure – keep very quiet, keep together, only touch head and shoulders. We decided that we would go in with both the sets of cheetah cubs and not the tigers – it was a lot more expensive to go in with the tigers and we couldn't manage all 3 experiences.

Words cannot express how I felt whilst we were in with the cheetah cubs – we went in with the older ones first. I just felt as though I had a stupid grin on my face the whole time – actually the photos show that I DID have a stupid grin on my face all the time. I thought I was going to burst with happiness, I could have cried.

Here is a picture of me with a larger cub, It was amazing to feel this beautiful creature purring. The fur was coarse but silky at the same time, especially the little bit of kitten fur that it still had.

*Picture 5*

Here is a picture of the 3 of us with the older cubs just before we had to go to see the younger ones.

*Picture 6*

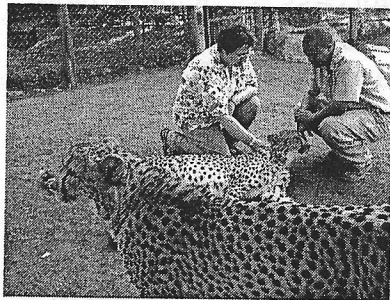
The younger ones had ordinary cat toys in with them, but we weren't allowed to try and play with them with these. Again the difference in the longer 'baby' fur and the other fur was amazing.

*Picture 7*

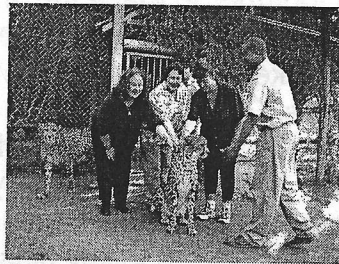
As the staff were waiting to shut the park for the night we then had to leave and go back to the Game Lodge for a lovely meal – oh I could write another article just on the food I ate whilst on holiday!

**Conclusion:** I have read back through this description of a particular day of my trip and have to apologise to you. I feel as though I have just been making skimpy notes of what happened.

There is no way that I can explain the excitement of doing the things that we did, experiencing the colours and textures of everything. I met some wonderful people on my trip and did some fantastic things – including seeing African Wild Cats, penguins, standing at the farthest point of the African continent, paddling in the Indian Ocean (COLD!), going to the top of Table Mountain, judging at a cat show, being present at the birth of some kittens (only my second time), and so very much more. Words cannot express my gratitude to Jeanine and her family for letting me stay with them and taking the time to plan such wonderful experiences for me.



Pic 5



Pic 6



Pic 7

## Tonkinese Breed Club 2nd Championship Show 30th October 2004

I travelled along to Bracknell for the Tonkinese Breed Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship show on my broomstick thinking that I wouldn't have to dress up much to look like a witch. As a breeder of Tonkinese myself I was really looking forward to the show as a chance for me to see lots of top quality Tonkinese cats. I was lucky enough to handle loads of cats as I helped the vet Sarah Craney with vetting-in. It was a chance for me to have a sneaky cuddle with them.

When I went into the hall I was so impressed with the décor. Everybody had made such an effort and the exhibition pens were suitably festive. Cat owners and stall holders alike had entered into the spirit of things and had dressed up. Some people had travelled a long distance and still found time to enter into the spirit of things.

I was spoilt for choice with the number of beautiful cats to photograph and it didn't take long to take the necessary quota. I made time to talk to first time exhibitor Jo Connelly. She had an exciting day and although her beautiful kitten Mymystic Chenille was nervous to start with it was lovely to see her relax as the day progressed. Everyone was so friendly at the show and always willing to talk about their cats and the breed in general.

It was encouraging to see Chris Tamlin's beautiful boy Bonzer Stromboli made up to Champion on the day and also Mymystic Mischa who achieved Grand Premier on the day. Proud owner, Kathy Wilkinson, said that this was probably going to be Mischa's last outing so was an excellent note to end a show career on.

The proud owners of the BIS winners were so pleased with their successes and doubly pleased as they were all cats of their own breeding. A satisfying moment for all three of them.

The asst show manager Linda Vousden said

'I would like to thank all of the Committee and volunteer table workers for working so hard and so well together to make the show a success; all of the exhibitors, some of whom travelled a long way to support the Club. Once again, so many people helped to make this an enjoyable show and it is much appreciated. I would also like to thank Val Chapple and Chris Richards who went to extra lengths to decorate the hall, Kathy Wilkinson who ensured that all exhibits went home with gifts and Anne on the cup table. Gilly Wheatley did an excellent job in making sure that the Tombola sold out. We must also thank Helen Hewitt, our Show Manager, to whom we gave a lovely glass bowl.'

It was a lovely show, enjoyed by exhibitors and visitors alike. I look forward to next years show and wonder what the theme might be?

*Club web site: [www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)*

Entry form and schedule will also be available from the TBC web site  
for our show in October.

Now the details you really want to read: -

**Overall Best In Show (BIS) -**

Marion Lorenzo's own bred ADFURSH FESTIVE CHEER, female, chocolate-tabby.

**BIS Adult** - as above.

BIS Kitten - Angela Crowther's own bred ANGISAN VYENA BLUEBERRIEPIE, female, blue.

BIS Neuter - Ulla Korterman's own bred ADFURSH WHITE TIGER, male brown-tabby.

The Best of Breed's were:-

Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac or Caramel Adult - Hilary Goodburn's TOSHIKI ETHEODOR OFHYLILY, bred by Lydia Lines, male lilac.

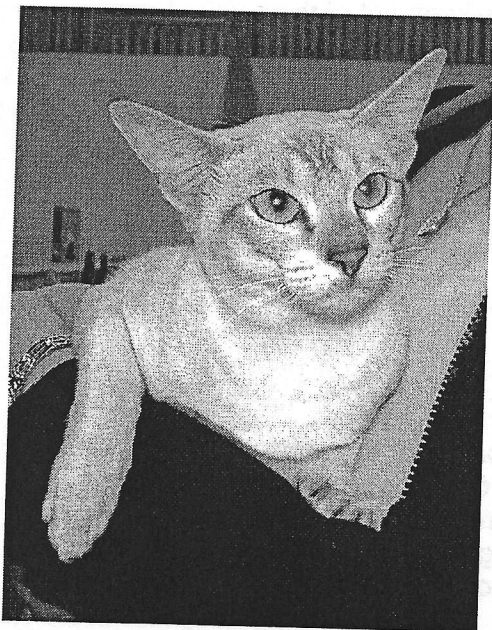
Red, Cream, Apricot, Tortie or Tabby Adult - Marion Lorenzo's own bred ADFURSH FESTIVE CHEER, female, chocolate-tabby.

Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac or Caramel Kitten - Angela Crowther's own bred ANGISAN VYENA BLUEBERRIEPIE, female, blue.

Red, Cream, Apricot, Tortie or Tabby Kitten - Chris Richards own bred TONKAHOLICS ZIGGY STARDUST female brown tortie.

Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac or Caramel Neuter - Val Chapple's Pr MYMYSTIC PAGANSUN, bred by Linda Vousden, male brown

Red, Cream, Apricot, Tortie or Tabby Neuter - Ulla Korterman's own bred ADFURSH WHITE TIGER, male brown-tabby



*Overall Best in Show and Best  
in Show Adult:*

Marion Lorenzo's  
BIS Adult  
Adfursh Festive Cheer

(photo: Linda Vousden).

Article written for 'Our Cats'  
magazine by Sue Amor

Diary of Schnapps

## Schnapps goes home

Schnapps is a beautiful Apricot boy, who hopefully will continue to share his life with you.

8<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Hi Foster Mum

We finally arrived back here and it looks quite interesting.

There are four other cats and one, a tortie, seems to quite like me though I snarl at her if she gets too familiar with me.

I've had some cuddles, not managed to eat anything yet, and now I am snuggled in my nice bed that smells of my real mummy having a snooze before thinking about another little explore.

And I should have mentioned there is a lovely dog here - he arrived about 2 hours after me and because I liked the look of him I marched straight up to him to have a sniff. He has a cheek though because he tried to sniff me back so I whopped him one right on the nose. Now he knows his place I think he and I will get on just fine.

Lots of purrs

schnapps

9<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Hi Foster Mum

I'm sunning myself on the window sill at the moment. I had a good nights sleep, crawled into the bed and my silly new mum didnt have the heart to remove me I looked so sweet.

I have had breakfast and something to drink.

I have also been in quite serious trouble :-( I was sitting on mum's lap when the big dog walked by so I jumped on his back. He didnt seem to mind but I got told off so I will have to try and remember not to do that again. I

later spent about an hour curled up asleep with him on the settee so I reckon im ok there.

I have almost made friends with the tortie tonk but the others don't seem to like me too much at the moment so I am trying to keep out of their way. I am a little nervous of the smaller dog but I think the big one is more frightened of me than I am of him.

Its been quite a busy day and there is a lot to learn here. I had some lovely stuff which I licked off Dad's teacake when he wasnt looking, Mum said it was loganberry jam and not something that cats should eat but it tasted good to me.

Im going for another sleep now. Hope the show went well.

Schnapps

10<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Hi Foster Mum

Im asleep on the settee at the moment back to back with my latest friend, Henry the blue burmese. Mum said I should be careful because he is old and apparently he can be a bit cranky but he and I are getting on just fine now.

I have had a very tiring day exploring and playing with my new friends on a cat charmer and with some other toys. At one point I had to share Dad's lap with Henry and with Fern the tortie tonk.

I have been eating well. I had some chicken for dinner and I really liked that.  
I have also been eating my biscuits before those greedy girls get to them.  
Mum says she is tired so is going to bed early. She has to charge the camera but she has taken some photos of me with some of the others.

Love  
schnapps

11th April 2005  
Hi Foster Mum

Today Mum and Dad went to work for the first time today and left me with the other cats.

I got the impression Mum didn't want to go so I curled up on the settee and looked especially sweet to delay her a bit longer.

When they came back I thought about ignoring them but I was pleased to see them so I went running up to them with the other cats to say hi. All the other cats but the brown burmese Poly that is, she was asleep upstairs in a big china pot and didn't come straight down. Mum says she is lazy but I reckon she thought I would nick her place if she got out of it, I looked and there are socks and things in there so its nice and warm and comfy.

Dad had a ribena drink, it looked interesting so I thought I would try some but to be honest I prefer water or the cat milk I had yesterday.

Henry and I have decided the girls in this house are disreputable, they were pounding up and down the stairs together while he and I had a snooze.

Whatever else you may say about them they aren't light on their feet.

I have made friends with the smaller dog as well now although as he doesnt sleep on the settee I don't tend to curl up with him, the floor simply isn't comfortable in my opinion.

I did get a little telling off tonight. I had a chew at a book cover, it was a big book and it seemed to be all about statistics so I couldn't see that anyone would mind. Mum had left me a cardboard box but I got distracted by this book on the way. I think I might have to be more careful about books even if they do look boring.

Love schnapps

## The winner of the limerick competition

A blue known as Fabulous Fable  
Earned himself the 'mischievous' lable  
A favourite of nations  
He loved his carnations  
And ate them where ere he was able!

This ditty was penned by Fable's owner  
Linda Vousden

## TBC Recommendations For Breeders

In addition to the GCCF Code of Ethics the TBC strongly recommends that the following points are noted by owners of queens and studs. Remember that all GCCF registered breeders are now required to provide a copy of the GCCF Code of Ethics to each new owner of their kittens.

- 1 It is inadvisable to use a Tonkinese for breeding if it is on the REFerence register (with the exception of Tonkinese born before 01/05/1991 or Tonkinese variants that comply with the current registration policy).
- 2 A stud owner is not obliged to accept a queen to stud
- 3 Studs must be on the active register with the GCCF and must have their Certificate of Entirety (COE) lodged with the GCCF prior to the registration of their first litter. Stud owners should be able to show a copy of the COE to the queen's owner.
- 4 Studs, and visiting queens, should be vaccinated against Feline Enteritis and Cat 'Flu (but not within 14 days before the mating). Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable. Vaccination certificates should be available for inspection.
- 5 Studs must be regularly tested for FeLV and FIV, even if they are inoculated against FeLV. It is recommended that they are tested at least once per year and the documentation should be shown to the owners of visiting queens.
- 6 The stud owner **must** supply the following for the queen's owner : a). A mating certificate that complies with GCCF Section 1 Rule 3d.. b) A full pedigree of the stud showing at least three generations with full registration numbers. c) A receipt for the stud fee.
- 7 The stud owner must make clear any conditions relating to the kittens, or repeat matings, before the queen is left with the stud.
- 8 The stud premises should be available for inspection, by appointment, by the queen's owner prior to the queen being brought to stud.
- 9 Queens must be on the active register with the GCCF.
- 10 It is recommended that queens are tested for FeLV and FIV within 24 hours before visiting the stud, unless from a fully tested household, and the documentation should be shown to the stud's owner.
- 11 Unaccompanied queens should not be accepted to stud (ie. sent by train, bus etc.)
- 12 The queen's owner has a responsibility to make arrangements, including the inspection of stud premises, well in advance of taking the queen to stud.
- 13 The queen's owner should be aware that the stud fee is for the services of the stud and is not based upon results - it should be offered at the time the queen is left with the stud.

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### ALL MEMBERS - PLEASE REMEMBER

- ◆ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE AND SHOW WORK
- ◆ WE NEED MORE ENTRIES AT OUR SHOW
- ◆ KEEP LINDA INFORMED OF YOUR KITTENS FOR SALE, & WHEN THEY HAVE GONE
- ◆ SEND IN YOUR ITEMS FOR TONKINFO
- ◆ VISIT THE CLUB WEB SITE—[www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)