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### Editor's Notes - Linda Vousden

I hope you enjoy this issue, it's a little more packed than usual so there should be something for everyone.

Please note the changes in the Committee and be sure to read the information on the Registration Policy changes and the forthcoming Tonkinese Breed Seminar.

You'll not find a report on this year's AGM, because once again there were too few attendants to form a quorum, although it was better than last year ☺

Thank you to those of you who sent me items for this issue, and shame on those who promised but didn't deliver—you know who you are! Still, you now have time to send me something for the next issue ☺

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**Chairman's Notes—Linda Vousden**

have served on the TBC and TBAC Committees for over 25 years. The poor girls have been trying to stand down for the past 3 years but we keep calling them back. On behalf of you all I wish them a very well earned retirement from the Committee, but I know we'll still see them supporting the Tonks at shows (indeed Kathy is our new Assistant Show Manager!) *Thank You Ladies.*

.... and welcome to all of our new Committee members (*see Committee list*).

Over the past 2 years I have been contacted by several new owners who have not received all of the required paperwork (from different Tonkinese breeders). It would be a shame to think that the reputation of Tonkinese breeders in general is marred by the carelessness of a few people. When was the last time that you read the back page of Tonkinfo? In each issue we print the TBC recommendations for breeders; these include the GCCF requirements regarding the paperwork that **must** be provided for new kittens owners - part of the conditions that breeders agree to when registering their kittens. Perhaps its time that we all re-read the back page.

*Look out for important Registration Policy and TBAC Seminar news in this issue*

**Hon.Secretary's Report—Sue Amor**

Hello everyone. I can't believe that I have been hon. sec. of the Tonkinese Breed Club for a whole year now! It's been a steep learning curve for me but I have enjoyed it, most of the time, and am getting more confident. It has been interesting being on the TBC and Tonkinese Breed Advisory committees. I didn't realise what hard work goes on behind the scenes to enable us all to show and breed our Tonks with pride. I have been especially pleased this year to find so many Tonks being shown in the Midlands area. I have often been the only Tonk owner at local shows so it is lovely to see other people too.

On a personal note, I have joined the GCCF stewarding scheme this year and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far. It is an excellent way to learn about different cats, especially how to handle them. Each breed has to be handled differently and I have to remind myself before attempting to get them out of the pen. My funniest experience was when I was handling Siamese for the first time. My very patient judge, Anne Gregory, showed me how to get the cat out and stretch it so that you could see it in all its glory. Unfortunately, the first cat I took out looked more like a concertina than an elegant Siamese. I eventually got the hang of it and felt a real sense of achievement when I presented a beautiful cat to the judge in a way that showed it to its full advantage. I look forward to continuing with this worthwhile hobby and would recommend it to any of you with a few hours to spare.

Please remember that we always need volunteers to help with Club activities. Could you write a short article for Tonkinfo? Could you help out at the annual show? Would you like to join us on the Committee? All offers of help will be gratefully received. I hope to see lots of you at the shows in the forthcoming months. Please come and say hello. I promise I won't keep you chatting too long!

**WRITE TO THE EDITOR—see Committee list for address**

If you have any comments to make, any items that may be of interest to other readers, suggestions for items you like featured etc. please write or e-mail to the editor

**Deadline for the next issue of Tonkinfo : 1st August 2006**

**Tonkinese Registration Policy—Update**

The GCCF has approved the following change to the Tonkinese Registration Policy—

Kittens born on or after 1st January 2007 from Tonkinese (of any coat-pattern) back-crossed with any other breed (including Burmese and Siamese) shall be registered as 'No Recognised breed'.

You will find a full copy of the Registration Policy opposite and on the TBAC page of the TBC web site ([www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)). I have also written a guide to understanding the Registration Policy, which is used by the GCCF, you may print it from my web site - [www.mymystic.com](http://www.mymystic.com).

**Once again please note that -**

- ◆ The TBAC has NOT expressed an intention to set a deadline for 1st generation Tonkinese matings (ie. Burmese x Siamese).
- ◆ The TBAC has NOT expressed an intention to change the current '3 generation' requirement to 5 generations.
- ◆ The TBAC does NOT discourage first-cross matings that are planned by breeders to introduce new genetics lines into the Tonkinese breed.

**Important—Tonkinese BAC Seminar 2006****"Development of Tonkinese Kittens from 14 Weeks to Adulthood"**

**Date** - The afternoon of Sunday October 8th, 2006

**Venue** - St Mary's Church Hall in Winnersh, Berkshire.

**Tickets** - £5 per person, to include light refreshments.

The main topic will focus primarily on the development of colour, coat-pattern and eye-colour. We also invite you to submit questions for discussion at the seminar - these should be sent to Mrs L Vousden (address below) before 23rd July.

Understandably space is limited so tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Further details will be printed on the tickets. Requests for tickets with payment (cheques payable to 'Tonkinese BAC') to be sent to Mrs L Vousden, Lansdale, 12 Robinhood Lane, Winnersh, Berks. RG41 5LX.

***Please note** that it IS important for Tonkinese breeders/exhibitors to attend these seminars—not just judges. Like it or not our attendance at such events as our own Seminars and Shows is seen as a reflection of our commitment to the breed—and may affect decisions on any future plans for the breed.*

**CLUB  
Items for  
Sale**

We have a selection of Club items including the distinctive Gold & Aqua enamelled Badge (£2.85 incl p&p). Contact Linda Vousden for details.

## TONKINESE REGISTRATION POLICY

### BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREE OF TONKINESE CATS

#### BREED NUMBER 74

1. **Tonkinese:** Tonkinese with the typical coat pattern expressed in any of the following colours - Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Caramel, these colours in the tortie and tortie tabby, Red, Cream, Apricot and all eight colours in Tabby.
2. **Tonkinese Variant:** A cat from the mating of a Tonkinese with a Tonkinese, a Tonkinese Variant, a Burmese or a Siamese but whose coat pattern is either Burmese or Siamese in appearance in any of the colours and/or patterns in 1. above.
3. **Burmese and Siamese:** On their respective Full Registers but only in accordance with the requirements of the Tonkinese registration policy given below.

**Note:** All offspring of Tonkinese Variants mated with the similar breed of origin, (i.e. Tonkinese Variants with Burmese coat-pattern x Burmese or Tonkinese Variant with Siamese coat-pattern x Siamese), will be registered as the appropriate coat-pattern Tonkinese Variants.

### REGISTRATION POLICY

#### FULL REGISTER

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status, which have only Tonkinese and/or Tonkinese Variants in their pedigree within three (3) preceding generations. Any application to register the progeny of Tonkinese Variants on the full Register must be accompanied by a letter requesting this.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status which have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, only Tonkinese on the Full, Supplementary or Experimental Registers, or Tonkinese Variants *and*

1. The progeny of Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants mated with either Burmese or Siamese (on their respective Full Registers) born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1996.
2. The progeny of Burmese on the Full Register mated to a Siamese on the Full Register born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998.

#### EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Tonkinese with Preliminary Recognition which have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, only Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants *and*

1. The progeny of Tonkinese, or Tonkinese Variants, mated with either Burmese or Siamese (on their respective Full Register) born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1996.
2. The progeny of Burmese on the Full Register mated with Siamese on the Full Register, born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998.

#### REFERENCE REGISTER

All Tonkinese Variants *plus*

1. Tonkinese or Tonkinese Variants from the mating of a Tonkinese, or Tonkinese Variant, with a Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register, born on or between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006; or progeny from these cats that have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register.
2. Tonkinese from the mating of a Burmese on the Full Register with a Siamese on the Full Register, born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999, or the progeny from these cats that have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, Burmese or Siamese on the Full Register.

**Note 1:** Any progeny, born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, from the mating of a Tonkinese, or Tonkinese Variant, with any other breed (including Burmese and Siamese) will be registered as 'No Recognised Breed'

**Note 2:** All Red, Cream and Apricot Tonkinese with one or more Tabby parents must be registered as Red-, Cream- or Apricot-Tabbies until proved otherwise.

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## News Bites & Morsels

### Are You Sitting Comfortably?

Beware the cat  
With eyes that light  
At the sight of a person.

It takes no time  
'Til on your lap he's climbed  
And you don't see him  
coming.

Whiskers then tickle  
As they ripple  
Against your cheeks.

What you thought were  
soft paws  
Then start to claw  
As they knead your chest.

You hear a whirr  
With a long low purr  
That rumbles from his tum.

Now he's finally got  
you pinned  
He rubs a dribbling mouth  
Against your chin  
And you're as sappy  
as he is.

*Ann Cox-Horton*

**A** New Zealand dock cat wandered onto a tanker just before it embarked for South Korea. Dock workers were so upset at the loss of their cat that one of them flew to Korea in order to retrieve the stowaway after its unplanned three week voyage!

### The Invisible Tail

I thought I saw your tail last night  
Sticking out under the bed,  
But it belonged to another cat  
That goes by the name of Fred.

I thought I saw your tail last night  
The one that was taken away,  
It was sadly removed by my local vet,  
Who's name is Mr Day.

He said it would never stand up again,  
It was damaged beyond repair,  
He said he would have to amputate  
Your silky chocolate hair.

Your tail was almost perfect;  
It gained points at every show.  
Now it's gone, its invisible  
And I don't think you even know.

So your showing days are over, No more 'Vetting-In',  
No more rushing to the 'Board' hoping we might win.

But your eyes are still aquamarine,  
And your whiskers and ears are fine,  
But how I miss your chocolate tail  
When it stood up in a line.

*Barbara Murphy (a tribute to Mika's Tail)*

## 'CAT FANCY' DEFINITIONS

Noted Judge .....He put up our cat  
Respected Judge .....He put up our cat twice  
Esteemed Judge .....He puts up anything that crawls  
Specialist Judge ..... Puts up anything that looks like his own breeding  
Show Hall with good facilities .....Plenty of heating in the Summer.  
Lovely Rosettes .....Only a bit crushed after 3 years of re-cycling.  
Well supported by the Club .....Few entries, but all the members thought about it  
Shown Sparingly .....Only when we had it in the bag  
Has potential . ..... He has 4 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 tail  
GrCh in 6 shows .....Plus the 89 in which she failed to win a certificate  
He has good points.....His head is shaped like a 50p piece

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**BIRD FLU !**  
***Should We Cull Our Cats?***

Incredibly this has actually been discussed by some members of the UK Cat Fancy and, according to the Times newspaper—French cat owners have already been dumping their pets over bird flu fears.

So before we start running around like headless chickens lets do some research!

Unfortunately some newspaper reports on Avian 'flu have had an alarmist effect, that's how they sell papers! The Times newspaper report included— "Research at the Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam has shown that the cats catch bird flu reasonably easily, either by close contact with infected birds or by eating them, and that they can transmit the virus to other cats. This could give the H5N1 virus new opportunities to adapt to mammals, including humans, making the emergence of a pandemic strain that spreads easily from person to person more likely, the scientists said in the journal *Nature*. Dr Albert Osterhaus, who led the work, said that the findings make it important for cats to be confined indoors in areas where the disease is endemic, to limit their contact with infected wild birds or poultry. Affected regions of Germany and France have already ordered that cats be kept indoors, but the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has not yet said whether it would make similar provisions should bird flu reach Britain. Dr Osterhaus said that while none of the 191 human cases of bird flu has been contracted from a cat, it is impossible to rule out such transmission. Though infected cats shed much less of the virus than do birds, the very close contact that many owners have with their pets could potentially put them at risk."

However Dr. James Richards, Director of the Cornell Feline Health Centre is more constructive in his report on their web site report (March 3, 2006):

"Several studies have investigated cats. Studies showed that domestic cats, can be infected if fed uncooked meat from H5N1-infected chickens and were capable of spreading infection directly to other cats, most likely through faeces, urine, and secretions from the respiratory tract. There is currently no evidence that influenza-infected cats can in turn infect humans. Safeguards can reduce the risk of feline infection. First, don't feed uncooked poultry to cats. Since the H5N1 virus is destroyed at 70° C, the high temperatures required to manufacture commercial cat foods eliminates the risk of infection in cats exclusively fed these foods. Second, keep cats indoors to prevent them from eating infected birds; because cat-to-cat infection is possible, this measure has the added advantage of preventing exposure to potentially infected outdoor cats."

- ◆ To read the full Cornell report see: <http://www.goodnewsforpets.com/articles.asp?ID=659>
- ◆ The BBC News web site ( <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4887208.stm#cats>) has some interesting questions and answers on Avian 'flu.
- ◆ For continuously updated Internet information on avian influenza, see: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian> and <http://www.fabcats.org>

**I NEVER KNEW I COULD FEEL LIKE THIS*****Nicki Stevens (Quelazure)***

Yesterday I was responsible for the death of Pi. I know she was ill. I know she wasn't happy. I know it was the right thing to do. So why do I feel like this? I feel as if I'd murdered her. I keep wondering if she might have rallied if I had given her more time. I'll never know now. Maybe that's why I feel so awful. Well, that and knowing I shall never see her again.

She was just 24 hours old the first time I held her, a squawking bundle of fur. As she grew, she developed the Siamese voice and traits of her mother and the black and white coat markings of her father! Born the wrong side of the blanket was my Pi! So here we are nearly twenty years later and she's gone. Where did all that time go?

*A while later.....*

They say the first three days are the worst and those three days seemed like a lifetime stretching ahead of me.

Fortunately time does pass and I must agree that by the time day four arrived, I was beginning to think that I *might just* get through this.

That was January. By November I was really feeling that it was time to fill that gap. This time I wanted a "posh" cat, but which breed? I have always loved the Siamese coat pattern and those blue, blue eyes just make you melt, but these days they are breeding them a bit too typey – a bit long in the face for my liking. However, a cat is for life and I wanted to be sure that I was going to have the right one for me.

I bought the cat magazines and saw the National Cat Show advertised. This seemed the ideal opportunity to have a good look at every possible breed. I don't think it's any good just looking at kittens, there's no such thing as an ugly one! You have to see the adults so that you know what they are going to look like when they grow up. So I dragged Jan & Mel, my sister and her husband and both cat lovers, up to London to the show. We had a ball! Wall to wall cats. We thought we'd died and gone to heaven! Every time I saw a cat that I really liked, I got the details and Mel took a photo for me. (With the owners consent, naturally!)

The Siamese was still top of my list for all the reasons already given, but look – a colour point Persian. Really gorgeous but all that grooming and just what speed was it travelling at when it hit the wall? And here's a colour-point British shorthair - so lovely but a bit stocky for my liking. I knew I was in trouble when I saw a lilac Burmese, then a Burmilla and an Asian smoke – and those little Devon Rexes have the sweetest little faces I ever did see! And what about these Tonkinese! They are really something! Like I said, I'm in trouble! I came out of there with piles of info and photos. Far too much really!

Over the next couple of months I sifted through the photos, bought more cat books and magazines and generally read all about the different characteristics of each breed. March found me down at the Wessex cat show in Poole. That day I made up my mind! And I did – about ten times actually. I walked round and round again seeing every cat - and in every cage was the one I wanted! This is no good! Back to the beginning. I took a structured approach this time, eliminating a breed for whatever reason. By the time I'd gone round a third time, I had decided the Tonkinese was the one for me. The



personality and looks were exactly what I was looking for. This was a definite decision. All I had to do now was find one – well two actually, because I'm out at work and it wouldn't be fair to have just the one. And I wanted girls and they had to be sisters! I tell you, I knew what I wanted and I was going to love them to bits.

Over the next few weeks, all my spare time was spent on the phone or travelling round the South of England visiting people who bred Tonkinese! Very few people had litters at that time, but were quite happy for me to come and see their cats and have a cat-chat. *Everyone was so nice.* Eventually, I met a lady who had two Tonkinese sisters left but was a bit concerned as they were a bit on the small side. This didn't worry me as long as they were healthy – they'd soon grow!

As I counted the days to collection day, I bought all the right food, toys, bedding – you name it, I had it. My girls were going to have everything. I'd arranged a week off work and collected them on the first day of my holiday. The little chocolate girl, Sam-shu, was very good in the car but that lilac one, Cassi, was a nightmare! Still, I thought, she'll get used to it. Wrong! She never got used to it!

Anyway, we arrived home and I set the carry-case down in the kitchen. Very carefully, they both slithered out of it and went behind the kitchen door and sat on the pedal bin and stared at me. They looked so sad! I showed them where all the facilities were, including the restaurant and the wash-room – especially the wash-room! After much nudging, each one seeming to dare the other to move first, they started to investigate, but sticking together like glue! I suppose it took all of one day to settle down! In no time they were having a ball, chasing each other upstairs, downstairs, back up again, round the back of the bed, over the bed and off downstairs again. And not quietly either! It sounded as if I had a herd of elephants stampeding around trashing the joint! All I could do was to press myself against the wall and let them pass. After a while, they would jump into their radiator cradle and after giving each other a thorough wash, they'd wrap themselves into one ball and go to sleep.

It was heaven to watch them and I'd spend ages doing just that. I'd sit on the floor in front of the cradle and gently stroke them. Immediately, without moving, they'd start purring so loudly. It was fantastic.

***I never knew I could feel like this.***

**Many of us know how it feels at the crack of dawn, stuffing ourselves into clothes, stuffing litter trays and blankets into bags and cats into travel baskets, then arriving at a show sleepy-eyed, desperate for the loo, dying for a hot strong coffee/tea and some breakfast.**

Well here's a great recipe that you might find useful. Its easily prepared in advance and since all of the ingredients are cooked separately they can be easily stored. It takes just 2 minutes to heat a portion in the microwave or can be enjoyed cold as a salad.

Proportions are according to individual taste, just cook it all up then mix it all together :-

- ◆ Cooked chopped sausages,
- ◆ Cooked chopped bacon,
- ◆ Cooked chopped mushrooms,
- ◆ Boiled chopped eggs,
- ◆ Boiled chopped potatoes,
- ◆ Finely chopped raw red onion,
- ◆ Sprinkle with tiny tomatoes & chopped parsley then enjoy!

**FCoV —ARE YOU 'HEAD IN THE SAND', PARANOID or CAREFUL?**

"Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is an unusual, but often fatal, consequence of Feline Coronavirus (FCoV) infection of the cat." This article offers is some basic information on how we can limit the risk of FCoV in our homes —however many cats we have. It draws heavily on the information provided by respected expert, Dr Diane Addie, on her web site, which I recommend you read in full if you have internet access. (<http://www.dr-addie.com>)

**How do cats and kittens catch FCoV?** - FCoV is highly contagious. The major source of cross-infection is faeces—from litter trays, particles carried on people's shoes, hands, clothing, litter scoops, carpets, food bowls, bedding etc. The infected material is unintentionally swallowed during grooming and feeding. It may also be transmitted in the early stages by saliva or in droplets spread by sneezing/coughing. There is no evidence that FCoV is present in the tears or urine and it almost never crosses the placenta to the unborn kitten. Most kittens, which become infected, do so when they are 5-7 weeks old, after weaning.

**How long does Coronavirus survive in the environment?** - Where cats defecate outside, and bury their faeces, the virus lasts hours to days (it survives slightly longer in freezing conditions). However, in litter trays FCoV may survive for days and even up to 7 weeks in the dried up faeces among cat litter particles.

**What can we do?** - Ideally let your cat out to defecate—failing that a strict regime of litter tray hygiene is crucial. The aim is to prevent the spread of any fecal material. Good quality clumping & non-tracking (or at least low-tracking) litters are better than litters that easily break down into loose and/or dusty material, such as wood pellet or newspaper litters, because it is easier to remove and dispose of fecal matter.

- ◆ If you have several cats have several litter trays.
- ◆ Make sure that you have enough litter trays to have 1 in use and a cleaned one ready to use.
- ◆ Each tray should have its own scoop (if necessary number/code them with nail varnish or such)
- ◆ Site the trays well away from the feeding areas.
- ◆ Remove faeces from every tray at least once per day— preferably twice or more times per day (especially if you have several cats).
- ◆ Once or twice a week, scrub your litter tray with domestic bleach (sodium hypochlorite) and rinse thoroughly with scalding water. *NOTE: phenol/pine based disinfectants are toxic to cats.*
- ◆ Vacuum & dust as often as possible to reduce the number of contaminated cat litter particles.
- ◆ Wash bedding, food bowls and grooming equipment regularly.
- ◆ Clean surfaces such kitchen counters, window ledges, tables, door handles etc regularly. Milton Sterilising solution is effective, economical and safe.
- ◆ Avoid wearing your outdoor shoes indoors.
- ◆ Wash and dry your hands thoroughly, especially after cleaning out litter trays.

**Prevention of FCoV transmission at cat shows—important for exhibitors and officials to note.** - In the UK, 84% of cats at shows have antibodies to FCoV. Since, on average, one in three cats with antibodies to FCoV sheds virus, it would be likely that 28% of cats at shows is shedding FCoV at any one time. FCoV is mainly shed in the faeces, so cats at shows should not share a litter tray or litter scoop with cats from other households. Judges, stewards and veterinary surgeons should disinfect and wipe their hands and the table between handling of each cat (just spraying a bit of disinfectant on the hands is not sufficient, it must be wiped off carefully otherwise faecal matter is merely dampened not removed). Remember that some cats in early infection shed FCoV briefly in their saliva.

**Prevention of FCoV transmission at stud** - Stud owners have a huge responsibility to care not only for their own cat but those who are visiting. Ideally it is wisest to mate only cats with an antibody titre of zero to other FCoV free cats, and to mate cats with antibodies to other cats with antibodies, hence the FCoV tested stud register that Dr Addie is compiling to help breeders to find each other. Unless mating two zero titre cats it is best to do a controlled mating, where the queen and stud do not live together and so do not share a litter tray. They are only put together for the duration of the actual mating, in order to do this the queen must have completely separate quarters from the stud—and all of the previously mentioned precautions must be scrupulously observed. Both the stud house and the queen's quarters should have their own litter trays, food and water bowls, cleaning equipment, bedding etc. It is easy enough to ensure that they remain separate by simply colour coding.

### **Feline Coronavirus (FCoV)** ***Not all cats with FCoV will develop FIP***

A common infection of cats, especially in multi-cat environments. Coronaviruses are a large and widely distributed group of viruses. Different strains of FCoV possess different virulences (disease-causing ability). Some strains that have been isolated and grown in a laboratory are of low virulence (commonly known as feline enteric coronavirus or FECV), FECV strains typically produce disturbances of the digestive tract that affect only a minority of infected cats-usually very young kittens.

Research has shown that about 13% of cats exposed to FCoV become lifelong carriers and continually shed the virus in their faeces. Most other cats are only transiently infected and after a period of months, they eliminate infection and stop shedding the virus. A small number of cats appear to be resistant and never become infected.

Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) is an important and complex disease of cats caused by a virus belonging to the Coronavirus family. An estimated 5-10% of FCoV-infected cats develop the lethal, immune-mediated FIP.

**The Tonkinese Pedigree Database Project (TPDP)**[www.tonkinese.ch](http://www.tonkinese.ch)

**A little about myself**— My name is Monika Wernli, a Tonk breeder living in Switzerland. My first Tonk came to live with me quite by chance. I was looking for a companion for my Russian Blue girl and found Halina, a Lilac Tonkinese. She was registered as a Lilac Solid, but after some months, after I had learnt more about Tonks and had studied many pictures I realised that she was a Mink (intermediate pattern). I decided to show her and she has been quite successful the three times I have shown her. From there it was a small step to breeding of this exceptionally lovely breed. That is how my passion for Tonks started.

**The idea for the database** —Like many cat enthusiasts I love studying the pedigrees of my cats. While chasing Halina's lines I came across Ger Versluis' Burmese pedigree database which I liked a lot for its user friendly interface and the extra functions (like calculating the Inbreeding Coefficient of your cat or getting the pedigree for a planned mating). Unfortunately nothing similar existed for Tonkinese. I started looking around for a pedigree program which I could use for the database, but I could not find anything that did what I wanted. Ger agreed to modify and install his scripts for us. The IG Tonkanesen und Tibeter (Interest Group Tonkinese and Tibetan, Germany) kindly agreed to host the database.

**Aim**—The aim is to collect as many Tonkinese pedigrees as possible to charter the development of the breed. As more pedigrees are entered, it will be a tool for breeders to plan matings or to select a new queen/stud that will compliment their existing cats' bloodlines. The database is public, so everybody interested can consult it.

**GCCF Registration Numbers**—Some people have expressed concern about their cats' registration numbers appearing, they fear it makes it easier to produce fake pedigrees. I respect the breeder's/owner's wishes. So cat's data can be submitted without the registration number. I have also contacted the GCCF with regard to this and the office manager, Miss Jackie Beeson has assured me that the GCCF sees no problem with the number appearing in the database as long as the owner of the cat has no objection. As a compromise I have started to leave out the last three digits of the registration number of cats whose pedigree I did not receive from the owner.

**How it works**—Everyone who owns a Tonkinese (or a Tibetan, the semi-longhaired variant of the Tonkinese) can submit their cat's data. In order not to exceed the limits of the database, for 1st generation Tonkinese (Siamese x Burmese) only the parents will be entered, but no further generations except where the parent of the 1st generation Tonk is Tonkinese.

**What to submit**—

**Name and title** (the title can be changed at a later date)

**Sex, Breed and Colour, Registration No., Country** (where it was bred)

**Parents** (name of **sire** and **dam**), **DoB**

**Photo** (ideally a portrait photo of 120 x 120px)

**How to submit data**—You can either use the **submit form** in the pedigree database, or send it directly in an e-mail, or e-mail a pedigree in jpg or pdf format to (database administrator) [monziponzi@datacomm.ch](mailto:monziponzi@datacomm.ch). Or you can post a copy of your pedigrees (please send *photocopies only*, as I won't be able to return them) to : Monika Wernli, Aarauerstrasse 26, 5033 Buchs, Switzerland

To date (April 2006) the database contains 750 international entries, but that's still a very small percentage of all existing Tonks. Please help to fill the database, all submission are very welcome. If you'd like to help me enter data, please write me a short email, so that I can create an administrator login for you (with writing rights).

### Publicity for the Tonkinese

We have accepted an invitation from *Our Cats* magazine to include a feature on the Tonkinese later this year (date to be confirmed). Space is limited but If you would like to submit details of your cat/s, cattery, show successes etc. for consideration in the feature please send them to Linda Vousden as soon as possible. We are able to include a limited number of photographs, if you have a good quality picture (*your own copyright*) you can send it to me for scanning & return (please enclose a SAE), or e-mail your details & high resolution photo to me at [tbc.uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:tbc.uk@ntlworld.com). Please remember to clearly label your photo with your name, the cat's name and its breed details. This will obviously be an ideal opportunity to advertise your cats alongside the breed feature. Our Cats special advertising rates include one photo and VAT, contact Anne Lawrence for more details (Tel: 0870 731 6506 E-mail: [anne@ourcats.co.uk](mailto:anne@ourcats.co.uk))

Also look out for the Tonkinese feature in 'Your Cats' magazine this coming July!

#### *Previous publications featuring our Tonks :-*

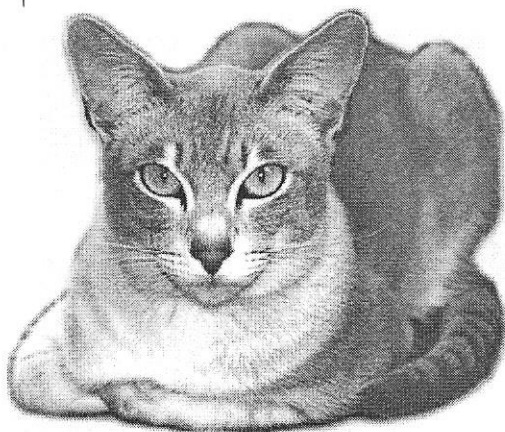
##### **~ Books ~**

August 13th 1998 - Award winning 'Tonkinese Cats' by Linda Vousden  
April 19th 2001 - 'The Guide to Owning a Tonkinese Cat' by Lorraine Shelton

##### **~ Articles ~**

July 96 - Tonkinese feature in 'Your Cats' magazine.  
November 98 - Tonkinese feature in 'Your Cats' magazine.  
May/June 99 - Tonkinese feature in 'All About Cats' magazine  
September 99 - Tonkinese feature in 'Cat World' magazine  
Dec/Jan 2000/2001 - Tonkinese feature in 'Cats Today' magazine  
April 13th 2001 - Tonkinese feature in 'Our Cats', the GCCF journal  
June 2001 - Tonkinese feature in 'Your Cats' Magazine  
July 2002 - Tonkinese feature in 'Cat World' magazine  
2004 - 'Our Cats' Annual - breed profile.  
January 2004 - Tonkinese - Breed profile in 'Your Cats' Magazine  
December 2004 - Tonkinese feature in 'Cat World' magazine  
► July 2006— Tonkinese feature in 'Your Cats' magazine.

### GrCh Mymystic Pharoah will be retiring ...



from stud work in 2007. He is one of few remaining 1st generation Tonkinese studs whose kittens may be shown. He has been working since 1998 and has earned his retirement with some truly beautiful kittens to his credit. It is hoped that he will produce a kitten to continue his work by the end of the year (although it will not be run on by me). I am also prepared to permit one or two more to be bred from a visiting queen. If you are seriously interested in running your own bred stud from Pharoah then contact me to discuss it; please note that I do not accept queens from a household that is known to have had feline infectious difficulties in the past.

*Linda Vousden (Mymystic)*

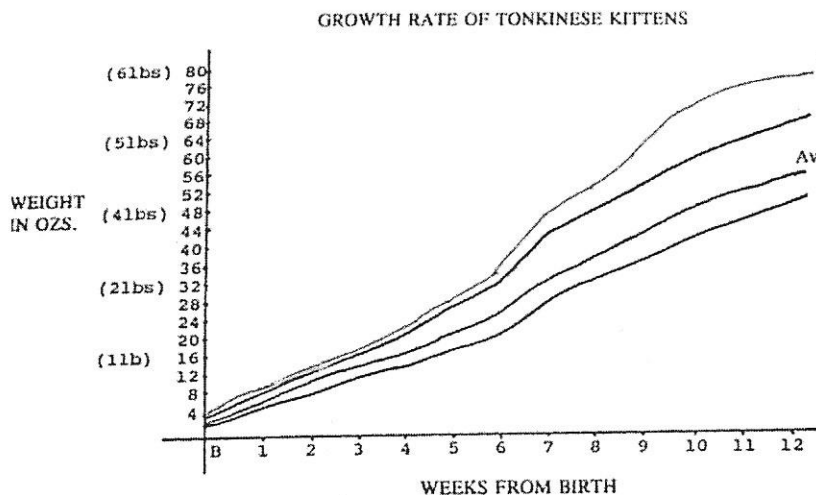
## Tonkinese Stud Feature: **TONKAHOLICS ARABIAN KNIGHT (74b)**

You may wonder why this beautiful Chocolate boy was called Pud or Puddie and you'd be totally wrong. It wasn't because he was an over-weight cat. His pet name was chosen, because he came from our Chocolate Queen, Romantica Tiramisu, a chocolate pudding .

His mother Katy, was a real character, she'd been to stud the winter of 1995/1996 and believe me when I tell you that this girl really let us know it. She yelled at me accusingly all the way home, but not content with this, she glared at me the whole nine weeks. I can only compare to those nine weeks as being like one of these women that hide away when pregnant, instead of blooming. Well this was our Katy. What had we done and more importantly what effect was this going to have on her kittens - would she reject them?

We did not have to worry, the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, arrived , and Katy woke in a totally different mood. She insisted that I and my daughter Jo sit on the bed, with her taking it in turns to sit her on each of our laps and that is were she had five beautiful boys. Four Chocolates and one Lilac. On our laps whilst we held her paw. The lilac boy was a stunner, but alas we wanted a chocolate boy. At the age of seven weeks I picked this boy up and said it is such a shame, if only you had been chocolate, we would keep you. Well as god is my witness, the next day I awoke to find that this Lilac boy's coat was a very warm shade of chocolate.

It was about this time that Linda was writing her book and breeders were sending her the weights of their kittens. Well you may wonder why Linda made a mistake on the weight chart— blame Puddie. She had left the 3lb mark out to show me Puddie's weight. The 4lb mark should read 3lbs, the 5lb mark should read 4lbs, then we should have 2 more pounds



from heaviest kitten to Pud. I had a message from her with this chart, "Sorry Chris I can't use Puddie's stats as he makes a mockery of the average kitten weight". As you can see at 12 weeks Pud was already 6 lbs. He continued to grow, so his name was even more apt. [I forgot to put the 3lb mark back on the chart before it went to the publisher! - Linda].

He was a great ambassador for the breed, when he was shown as a young male, he loved nothing better than to have people cuddle him and tickle his tummy, this is still one of his favorite past times. We are lucky in the fact that any one can do any thing with this boy. Unfortunately we do not show him now, his size tends to make people, who do not know him, nervous.

To his harem of wives, he is the most patient gentle soul you could wish for, no 'wham bam thank you m'am; from this boy, but a gentle day of cooing at them and letting them come to

him. He's marvelous with the very nervous first time princesses, but by the time they go home his Queens cry when they leave him. It used to be embarrassing to watch the girls run away and hide from their owners in the hope that they would be allowed to stay a little longer.

He became a Daddy at 8 months of age, after shaking in a corner when he first saw the girl. His temperament is so laid back and un-stud like we were beginning to wonder if this giant boy was effeminate.

He passes this wonderful temperament on to his kittens, of which some are very well known: GrCh Tonkaholics Istar, GrPr Mymystic Zafran, Mymystic Phoenix, Tonkaholics Dream Catcher, Tonkaholics Yokota Lily, Tonkaholics Sundance (sire of GrCh Tonkitu Flynn), Tonkaholics Picka Peppa, Tonkaholics Zengsong, Tonkaholics Toshiki Aishai, Tonkaholics Starlight, Tonkaholics Ziggy Stardust, Tonkaholics Rockerfeller, Tonkaholics Kaiya Kohana and Tonkaholics Bojangles are but a few.

Puddie, is a wonderful stud, we very rarely hear him calling. If he does it's usually first thing in the morning, when he is let out or around 4pm. Maybe he is just trying to keep the younger boys on their toes. He is quite content to watch every thing that goes on in the garden. He will be 10 this year, it does not seem possible, but we hope he will be around for many more years to come. We cannot imagine what it would be like, with out dear old Pud.

*Owners & Breeders: Mrs Christine & Miss Jo Richards*



*Puddie, August 2003, aged 7 1/2*

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

**THE CLUB SHOW 2005***Sue Amor*

The Tonkinese Breed Club show is a small and friendly show that shares a venue with the Ocicat & Bengal CC show. It is a treat for Tonk lovers because it is one of the few places that you can see so many Tonks under one roof. The theme for this year was 'Under The Sea' and the decorations were stunning. A real effort was made and there were some very interesting jelly fish & mermaids floating around, and some stunning exhibitions pens! There were some big classes, especially amongst the kittens and competition was tough. It was lovely to see rows of alert young kittens eager to enjoy their first show. Everybody appeared to be laid back and in typical Tonk fashion wanted to be part of the action. I don't envy judges when there are so many beautiful cats to choose from. It was lovely to see first-time shower, Paul Watters thoroughly enjoying his day with his lovely girl Jensten Sunstone Suki (74at), she was totally unphased by the experience. It was also lovely to see seasoned showers equally thrilled with their cats' successes. There were also some lovely variants on exhibition and Gilly Wheatley was overwhelmed when her boy Orlando (Mymystic Nestor) won the trophy for best variant.

Amongst the many successes were GrCh Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (74e), GrPr Mymystic Mischa (74nt) and GrPr Tonkaholics Serendipity (74e) who each were awarded Imperial Certificates. Grand Certificates were awarded to Ch Feheldee Chilai Titaya (74c) & Pr Adfursh White Tiger (74t). Best of Breeds included *Adult* Ch Toshiki Etheodor Ofhylily (74c), *Neuter* Pr Mymystic Goldenshadow (74) and *Kitten* Amorcatz Turkish-Van Delight (74bt). Then the tension mounted as, at the end of the show, Keith Scruton announced the Best In Show awards :-

Overall BIS, BIS Kitten & BOB —Shinarha Elija (74c),  
owner/breeder Karen Durden  
BIS Adult & BOB—GrCh Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (74e),  
owner/breeder Chris & Jo Richards  
BIS Neuter & BOB—GrPr Mymystic Mischa (74nt),  
owner Kathy Wilkinson, breeder Linda Vousden

It was a lovely show and thanks should go to the Committee and many other volunteers who contributed to the smooth running of the show. Linda Vousden said "When my dear friend Carol Pool passed away in 2001 I took on her work as Assistant Show Manager; I'd not intended to continue as such. Nevertheless, under the sure guidance of Helen Hewitt, to whom I am most grateful, I learned to process and prepare all aspects of a GCCF show. For this our 3rd Championship Show I had the honour of being a Show Manager. However this was also my last time in the role and there are so many people to thank for making it such an enjoyable and colourful show—so typical of the Tonkinese Breed Club. I look forward to helping with our next 'creation' and perhaps even showing one of my own Mymystic Tonks!

Linda will be sorely missed for her organisational skills but it will be lovely to see her as an exhibitor again.

**THE CLUB SHOW 2006**

On your behalf I warmly thank Helen Hewitt for managing our show since 1997, and I welcome Gill Cornish as our new Show Manager and Kathy Wilkinson as our Assistant Show Manager. I hope you will all support our 4th Championship show this year at :

**The Bracknell Leisure Centre on 28th October 2006.**  
**Our Theme—'Aquamarine' !**



**ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS**

The following were presented at the AGM for Members' Show Achievements during 2005. Congratulations to all, we look forward to seeing even more names here next year. Remember, your claims for 2006 must be sent to Ann Cox-Horton by February 2007. Claim forms are available from our web site, or send a SAE to Ann for one.

**AWARD**

Most successful Adult Male—GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)  
 Most successful Adult Female—GrCh Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (C&J Richards)  
 Most successful Neuter—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)  
 Most successful Kitten—Antikpatina Angeldelight (V Chapple)  
 Most successful Brown.—Pr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)  
 Most successful Blue.—*Not Awarded This Year*  
 Most successful Chocolate (series) - GrPr Mymystic Nimrod (K Wilkinson)  
 Most successful Brown/Blue/Choc./Lilac—Pr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)  
 Most successful Red Adult.—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)  
 Most successful Red A/K/N—Pr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)  
 Most successful Cream A/K/N—*Not Awarded This Year*  
 Most successful Tortie—GrCh Tonkaholics Isla Tanika (C&J Richards)  
 Most successful Caramel or Apricot (series) - GrPr Mymystic Zafran (L Vousden)  
 Most successful Tabby Adult, Male—GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)  
 Most successful Tabby Adult, Female—Ch Tonkaholics Starnstripes (C&J Richards)  
 Most successful Tabby Neuter.—GrPr Mymystic Nimrod (K Wilkinson)  
 Most successful Tabby Kitten Male.—*Not awarded This Year*  
 Most successful Tabby Kitten Female.—Ch Tonkaholics Starsnstripes (C&J Richards)  
 The Tonk most often on Exhibition—Mymystic Nestor (G Wheatley)  
 Most successful exhibitor (who has joined the Club within last 2 years) - Jo Whittington  
 Member who has shown most Tonks in the year—Christine & Jo Richards

**MORE 'CAT FANCY' DEFINITIONS**

Won in heavy competition.....The others were revoltingly overweight  
 Quiet gentle natured .....After 4 valiums  
 Neat feet ..... Owner remembered to clip the claws.  
 Personality Plus.....Wakes up if you put catnip up his nose  
 Large boned..... Looks like a Clydesdale  
 Good bite .....Missed the judge, but still got the steward  
 Lovely head..... 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 mouth, 1 nose.  
 Gorgeous glossy coat.....If the lacquer lasts until the class finishes  
 Lovely clear coat ..... A Sphynx  
 Good expression ..... Purrs with feeling  
 A bit grumbly today ..... And every time it's shown — so stop showing it!  
 Looks better out of pen ..... I hope it hasn't run off too far!  
 At stud to "approved" queens.....Owners pay cash up front  
 Line-bred from champions..... Ch Whoozitz appears twice in the 6th generation  
 Terrific breeding queen.....Conformation lousy, but throws big litters  
 Great stud cat .....Mounts anything that can fog a mirror  
 Loves children.....For breakfast, lunch and dinner  
 Reserve Best In Show ..... The Judge must be blind.  
 Wins another Best In Show .....His second under the same judge, our uncle.  
 Another Good Show .....Heaven be praised, its over for another year!

**TBC Recommendations For Breeders***Updated 2005*

In addition to the GCCF Code of Ethics the TBC strongly recommends that the following points are noted by owners of queens and studs.

- 1 If breeding from a Tonkinese on the REFERENCE register, ensure that it complies with the current Tonkinese Registration Policy - some cats are on the REFERENCE register because they have ancestors that are not permitted in the Tonkinese breed programme (eg. Orientals or cats of unregistered or unknown parentage).
- 2 A stud owner is not obliged to accept a queen to stud
- 3 Studs must be on the active register with the GCCF and must have their Certificate of Entirety (COE) lodged with the GCCF prior to the registration of their first litter. Stud owners should be able to show a copy of the COE to the queen's owner.
- 4 Studs, and visiting queens, should be vaccinated against Feline Enteritis and Cat 'Flu (but not within 14 days before the mating). Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable. Vaccination certificates should be available for inspection.
- 5 Studs must be regularly tested for FeLV and FIV, even if they are inoculated against FeLV. It is recommended that they are tested at least once per year and the documentation should be shown to the owners of visiting queens.
- 6 The stud owner **must** supply the following for the queen's owner : a) A mating certificate that complies with GCCF Section 1 Rule 3d.. b) A full pedigree of the stud showing at least three generations with full registration numbers. c) A receipt for the stud fee.
- 7 The stud owner must make clear any conditions relating to the kittens, or repeat matings, before the queen is left with the stud.
- 8 The stud premises should be available for inspection, by appointment, by the queen's owner prior to the queen being brought to stud.
- 9 Queens must be on the active register with the GCCF.
- 10 It is recommended that queens are tested for FeLV and FIV within 24 hours before visiting the stud, unless from a fully tested household, and the documentation should be shown to the stud's owner.
- 11 Unaccompanied queens should not be accepted to stud (ie. sent by train, bus etc.)
- 12 The queen's owner has a responsibility to make arrangements, including the inspection of stud premises, well in advance of taking the queen to stud.
- 13 The queen's owner should be aware that the stud fee is for the services of the stud and is not based upon results - it should be offered at the time the queen is left with the stud.
- 14 The breeder **must supply** each kitten owner with a copy of the GCCF code of ethics; a valid vaccination certificate showing that the full course has been completed for Enteritis and cat 'flu; a properly completed pedigree certificate that includes at least three generations with full registration numbers and the pink registration certificate duly signed by the breeder for transfer of ownership

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**ALL MEMBERS**

- ◆ 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)