

Welcome to this edition of Tonkinfo, the official magazine of the Tonkinese Breed Club.



Tonkinese cats – a pencil drawing by Julia Craig McFeely

### **Editor's Notes** – *Paul Watters*

Warm greetings to you all. I present the latest edition of Tonkinfo which I hope you will enjoy. As editor, I am always looking for pieces of interest so PLEASE do consider writing an article for future editions of the magazine. It doesn't have to be long and I am always available by phone or email if you want to chat over any ideas you might have.

We love to hear stories of your tonkinese so any tonk tales will be gratefully received. Similarly it may be helpful if grieving for a much loved but departed companion to let others know just how special they were to you by writing a short piece about them.

With best wishes to all TBC members – Paul Watters

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An introduction to two new  
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to play in widening the gene  
pool;  
The cat version of the hamster  
wheel – you have to see it to  
believe it;  
And so much more!***

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**Chairman's report**

Hello to everyone out in Tonkland. It has been a really busy year this year. There have been a lot of changes on the committee with people standing down after a long spell, changing roles within the current committee and some fresh blood joining us too. Exciting times! Your committee always work really hard on your behalf and on behalf of our wonderful tonks. We would love to see some of you coming to join us.

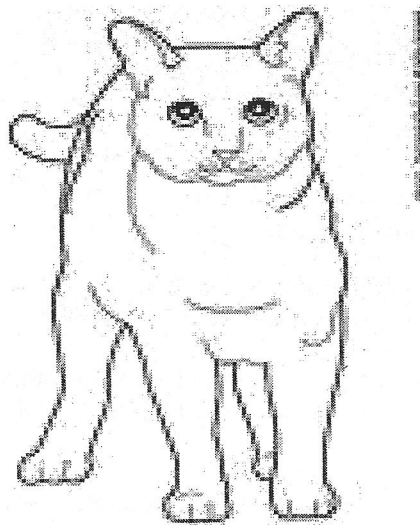
We have seen a lot of show successes and some beautiful Tonks appearing all over the country. Thank you to everybody who has taken the time to try and promote our lovely breed. We had an excellent show in 2008. Thank you Gill and Kathy and the show team for all their hard work. There were some stunning cats there and it made me very proud to be part of the Tonk community.

The BAC has been working tirelessly on our behalf. They organised a very well attended seminar in May where Linda presented a very convincing argument in favour of the recognition of the solid and pointed coat patterns. A new standard of points has been written and we have an application ready for the executive to discuss at their next meeting in early May. You never know, we might be able to put on assessment classes at our next show!

Stop Press! Unfortunately our application was carried forward to the next executive meeting so we will have to be patient.

I look forward to more successes as the year progresses and look forward to seeing you at the many shows I pop up in over the year.

Sue Amor - Chairman



Colour me in!

**Extracts from the AGM****Tonkinese Breed Club Show.**

Kathy Wilkinson had exciting news for the 2009 show. A well known and respected South African Tonkinese Judge, Dr J Lamprecht, who judges all over the world, might be available and willing to judge at the Tonkinese Breed Club show.

The less exciting news is that in the current economic climate sponsorship and 'extras' for the competitors are difficult to get. If you know of any firms or organisations that might be willing to donate something, however small, please let Kathy Wilkinson know.

The show will be held at Bracknell Leisure Centre on 31 October 2009. *Don't forget to put it in your diary!* The theme is witches and wizards, but please don't scare the cats.

**News from the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee**

A Tonkinese registration policy has been drafted to wipe out the 'stigma' of 'variant Tonkinese'. The revised policy accepts solid and pointed coat pattern Tonks as Tonkinese. A standard of points has been drafted to include solids and pointed. At their last meeting the BAC decided to submit the application to the GCCF for recognition of solids and pointed. Linda Vousden has worked like a Trojan to complete the application and it has been submitted to the GCCF. *Keep your fingers crossed folks!*

**News from the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy**

"Our Cats" magazine dominated much of the year. Now that the magazine is no longer being published the GCCF are putting Judges' Reports on their website. Have a look at [www.gccfcats.org](http://www.gccfcats.org). (I went there whilst writing this. Sadly I saw that "The Tonkinese Cat Club" apparently had a show on the 25 October 2008. I followed the link anyway only to find an error report. Well it was appropriate!)

The GCCF allows show classes for pedigree pets from 1 June 2009. Household Pets are split into Pedigree and Non-Pedigree Pets. Cats can compete for Master Cat, Grand Master Cat and Imperial Grand Master Cat titles.

One of the members said that she was having problems with getting her kittens correctly registered with the GCCF. (see "Correct registration of Tonkinese" item at the end of this article)

**Rule changes passed**

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*Committee proposal to remove them from office is approved by a simple majority at an AGM or they have contravened GCCF or the Club Rules."*

The updated Rules will be on the TBC website very soon.

#### **Other items**

Please support the Tonkinese Cat Club's first championship show to be held on 30 May 2009 at Bracknell Leisure Centre.

Many are concerned about the low numbers of studs available for mating queens and Julia Craig-McFeely is constantly working to increase the Tonkinese bloodlines. There are new studs available with no links to existing lines. Have a look at her article "New Tonkinese bloodlines" for more information.

#### **Date and venue of next AGM.**

11 April 2010, time to be advised, at St Mary's Church Hall, Robinhood Lane, Winnersh. *Don't forget to put it in your diary!*

#### **Committee 2009**

Page 1 gives details of the committee for 2009 and who to contact about membership and the TBC website. As you know, from your AGM papers, Nicki Stevens resigned from the committee. The good news is that she has agreed to carry on as Membership Secretary.

Additional useful information:-

BAC reps:- Mike Vousden, Liz Case, Karen Durden, Ann Cox-Horton, Sue Amor.

GCCF rep: Sue Amor.

#### **Apart from the AGM, what else would I like to tell you?**

**Have a look at the TBC website.** There is all sorts of wonderful information, news, pictures I followed a link to 9 January 2009 edition of Our Cats to see the report of the 2008 TBC show. Absolutely Brilliant!

**Correct registration of Tonkinese** can be a problem so make sure you know the registration policy inside out and back to front. The policy is on the website as is Linda's guide to understanding the policy. If still in doubt ask another Tonkinese breeder. There are many existing breeders who will help. If you have problems getting the correct registration first speak to the GCCF. If there are still problems speak to one of the BAC reps or write to the TBAC Secretary, Linda Vousden, with a copy of the kitten's pedigree and registration documents (enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply). I found this information on the website too.

**Know anyone who wants kittens or do you get phone calls asking for kittens and you don't have any?** Direct them to the website. It's what I always do when I get enquiries and don't have any kittens. There is a kitten list there.

**Next committee meeting** will be on the 14 June. So let one of the committee know if there is something you want raised or something you want us to do.

**Our Cats magazine.** If you have paid out money for subscriptions to get a paper copy that you are not receiving, because they are not printing it any more, write to Our Cats c/o Axis Cook Media Ltd, Orion House, 14, Barn Hill, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 2AE requesting a proportion of your money back equivalent to the number of copies that you haven't received. I have put in a claim this way because the club paid to go in their club directory and they have not produced the goods. I'll let you know if anything happens.

- Challenge Certificates – Hilary Goodburn's Hylily Yasmine Yashoda (74c) and Marion Lorenzo's Archenzo Milly Molly (74et).
- Premier Certificates – Anne Cox-Horton's Keroon Tegath Frocious (74a), Pauline Crossley's Diabolos Myleah (74) and Linda Vousden's Mymystic Mandu (74nt).

The breeder awards went to: Linda Vousden for GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (adult male), Hilary Goodburn for Hylily Yasmine Yashoda (adult female), Cara White for Elpidos Tabby Tiger (kitten) and Hilary Goodburn for Hylily Kalakar Kemedi (neuter male).

There were also a number of Red Card Day winners, a result that is always satisfying for the owners and breeders: Amanda Lachlan's Jablook Yokota-Issabella (74c), Cara White's Elpidos Artemis Adored (74t) and Elpidos Tabby Tiger (74nt) and Linda Vousden's GrCh Mymystic Pharoah (74at).

On a personal note, it was Mymystic Pharoah's last adult show. He was neutered after the show following over 10 years of devoted stud service to the breed, so it was agreeable to see him leave 'adulthood' with a red card day. Thank you to all those who have wished him well.

The show was a good opportunity for judges to see the three Tonkinese coat-patterns, mink, solid and pointed, together. There were some gorgeous cats on exhibition, including several with Tonkinese pointed or solid coat-patterns, with excellent Tonkinese type and helping to dispel the myth that Tonks with these coat-patterns look like anything other than Tonks! Maria Chapman awarded the trophy for 'Best Tonkinese Type with AOV Coat-Pattern' to the glamorous Brown male, Mimaperks Perkins Saturnus owned and bred by Catherine Bernard and family. The best-decorated exhibition pen award went to Liz Case with Tarjika Cobweb, a very pretty pointed Brown Tortie.

As ever our Judges & Stewards were gentle and considerate with our cats and appeared to enjoy themselves. Sharing the hall with the Ocicat and Bengal Cat Club show is always a pleasure and we look forward to seeing them next year. However we were sorry that Helen Hewitt was not well enough to be with us and we all wish her well and hope that, following her recent stay in hospital, she is firmly on the road to recovery.

Every year there is a core of exhibitors without whom our shows would certainly be poorer events - some have entered/exhibited one or more cats in almost every one of the Clubs shows since our first Exemption show back in 1996. It is a pleasure to see how this core has grown with new generations of both cats and exhibitors.

I can't finish before thanking, on the Club's behalf, the TBC Committee and the many volunteers who helped to man the Show Manager's, Club, Trophy and Rescue tables, the vetting-in marshals, the tombola and our young team of efficient rosette runners (India, Nikita and Phillipa).

The TBC has had various show themes over the years, this year it returned to the Club colour – 'Aquamarine' (the colour of our cats' eyes of course). I've heard a few whispered ideas for our next show – all of which will make for an interesting day and colourful show-report photos. We look forward to seeing you all with us again – keep an eye on the TBC web site for details!

To see pictures of the show visit [www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info).

**The Tonkinese Breed Club's Annual Awards For 2008  
Presented At The 2009 AGM**

<b>AWARDED FOR</b>	<b>AWARDED TO</b>
Most successful adult male	GrCh & Pr Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)
Most successful adult female	IGrCh Fecheldee Chilai Titaya (L Case)
Most successful neuter	IGrCh Tonkaholics Istar (C&J Richards)
Most successful kitten	Pr Tonkaholics Sidrophel (K Wilkinson)
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Most successful brown/blue/choc./lilac	IGrPr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)
Most successful brown.	IGrPr Mymystic Pagansun (V Chapple)
Most successful blue.	Tonkaholics Mimi Laminx (C&J Richards)
Most successful chocolate (series)	IGrPr Mymystic Nimrod (K Wilkinson)
Most successful lilac	IGrCh Fecheldee Chilai Titaya (L Case)
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Most successful red adult.	<i>Not Claimed This Year</i>
Most successful red a/k/n	GrPr Tonkaholics Antares (K Wilkinson)
Most successful cream a/k/n	<i>Not Claimed This Year</i>
Most successful tortie	IGrCh Tonkaholics Istar (C&J Richards)
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Most successful caramel or apricot (series)	Mymystic Mandu (L Vousden)
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Most successful tabby adult, male	GrCh & Pr Mymystic Pharoah (L Vousden)
Most successful tabby adult, female	Ch Tonkaholics Superstar (C&J Richards)
Most successful tabby neuter.	IGrPr Mymystic Mischa (K Wilkinson)
Most successful male tabby kitten.	Mymystic Mandu (L Vousden)
Most successful female tabby kitten.	Tonkaholics Cassiopeia (K Wilkinson)
Most successful brown tabby - a/k/n ( <i>new award</i> )	<i>Not claimed this year</i>
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The Tonk most often on Exhibition	Mimaperks Perkins Saturnus & Mimaperks Champagne Charlie (C & B Bernard)

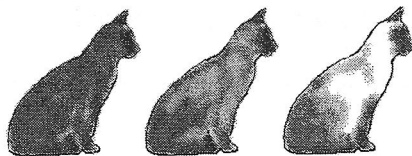
### **WHAT'S HAPPENING ABOUT OUR SOLID AND POINTED TONKS?**

Unless you live on a different planet I'm sure you know that the TBAC submitted an application to the GCCF for the Preliminary recognition of our solid and pointed Tonkinese i.e. for their right to be shown in competition, beginning in Assessment classes. The application was on the agenda for the Executive meeting of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately some items on the agenda took so long that our application was deferred until the next meeting.

This is only a setback if it keeps happening. Meanwhile it gives us time to reinforce our message that **TONKINESE DO NOT HAVE VARIANTS, THEY HAVE THREE COAT-PATTERNS.** The solid and pointed patterns cannot be considered variant because they are not recessive patterns and cannot be bred out!

If you attend a cat-show (showing or visiting), or any other GCCF event, please wear a 'Tonkinese Have 3!' badge. We really need to raise the profile of our campaign and get as much support as possible - from everyone.

**TONKINESE  
HAVE 3!**



If you are going to the Tonkinese Cat Club show on May 30<sup>th</sup> I'll have some badges for you there, otherwise send me a SAE for one, marked 'Tonks Have 3'.

If you can put a solid or pointed Tonk on exhibition it will help the cause. Catherine Bernard (Mimaperks) has really put herself out to do this in the past year and it IS helping people to see that these cats don't look like Burmese or Siamese! If you are going to do this let me know and I can send you some literature for your pen top.

**This is so important for the Tonks – please support it as much as you can.**

If you're not going to be anywhere that a badge will be seen how about a small donation to help with the cost of our campaign, for badges, leaflets, applications to the GCCF etc. Every 50p or £1 helps, just send your donation to Mike Vousden marked 'Tonks Have 3' (if you are kind enough to be sending a cheque please make it out to the Tonkinese BAC).

*Linda & Mike Vousden – Lansdale, 12 Robinhood Lane, Winnersh, Berks. RG41 5LX*

*Cheers, Linda Vousden*

### **HELP WITH YOUR KITTEN REGISTRATIONS**

At the recent AGM the problem of incorrect registrations was raised. Some Tonkinese kittens are still being incorrectly registered by the GCCF, and the breeders are having no success in trying to sort the problem out. If you, or someone you know, have a similar problem please remember that the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee is here to help and is likely to get a result where an individual can't. Send me the details and I'll be happy to look over the paperwork for you, and will contact the GCCF Registrar on your behalf where necessary -

- or if you are not entirely sure how to register your kittens, because the registration policy is pretty complex, I will be happy to help you.

*Linda Vousden (TBAC Hon.Secretary) E-Mail: [tbc.uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:tbc.uk@ntlworld.com)*

## Their funny ways....

by Ann Cox-Horton

Sometimes they do strange things, our cats, don't they?

Paper handkerchiefs – When we first got Majik she would insist that paper hankies were my enemy. "Don't worry, I'll protect you mum." And she tore them into shreds! By the boxful, all torn into tiny bits and spread everywhere! Same with toilet paper (if she got hold of it). Paper hankies were kept only in the office, where the cats aren't allowed. The bathroom kept door firmly closed.

Carnations – it must be something about the smell. Carnations and pinks are always pulled from a vase (sometimes with disastrous results, vase tipped over, water all over the furniture and floor), chewed up and spat out. I know from speaking to other Tonk owners that my Tonks are not the only ones with a carnation fixation.

But they are not the least bit interested in catnip!

Making the bed – do your cats help(?) with the housework? Button insists on lending a paw with the bedmaking. We really do have fun. Rolling in the sheets coming off the bed is good. Getting under the new sheets going on the bed is better, do you know that "whats that lump in the bed" moment? Duvets anytime, anywhere are good for a soft place to nap, jump, chase bits moving about. It's no good being in a hurry to make the beds here, the only time I achieve that is when they are eating.

## Do You Know Your Committee Members?

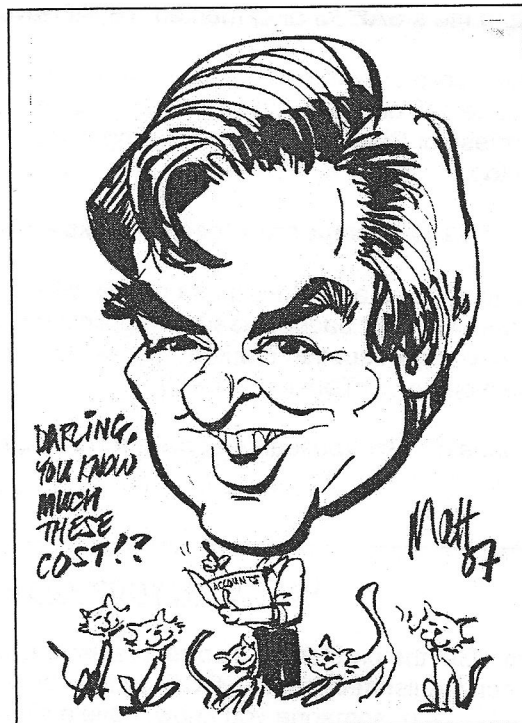
Mike Vousden joined the TBC Committee in 1994 and he is now the longest serving member. He is our TBC and TBAC Treasurer, or as many people know him – our Treasure!

A Certified Chartered accountant (yes, you can be both) with a passion for golf, Mike has been completely involved with the Tonkinese since he and Linda began to breed them in 1991 and he has never missed a single meeting of either the TBC or the TBAC.

He's the quiet chap that sits all day working on the gate or show manager's table at the TBC shows; he's the chap who has looked after the Club accounts so well over the last decade; he's the good-looking, gentle and thoughtful chap usually seen with Linda when they show one of their Mymystic Tonks.

He's the chap that comes out to see me every morning and evening – he's my pal.

GrCh & Pr Mymystic Pharoah





## Cat Burglar Prefers Knickers Over Necklaces

By Amy Lieberman

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho -- Guard your knickers -- Jack the cat is on the prowl.

For the past few months, the 1-year-old Domestic Shorthair has been stocking up on clothing and accessories, leaving the stray items on his owner's stoop.

Judy Waring, of Couer d'Alene, says she doesn't know how the 10-pound cat managed to drag a hoodie sweatshirt home, let alone a heavy, long rope, with a hook attached to it.

"It started Halloween night," Waring explained. "I found a feather boa at our deck door, and I didn't know where it came from, so I pitched it.

"That was followed by a man's leather glove, and I threw that out, too. But then I saved everything else, because I could see it was Jack bringing it home and I thought it was interesting."

Jack has since amassed a considerable collection of garments, including men's briefs, bikini bottoms and T-shirts, as well as other items like a back brace and a foam neck cushion.

"His personal record is four gloves left at the front door, and two at the back, in one night," Waring said.

Jack delivered his 29th glove to Waring two days ago.

"I love the guy, so when he sits proudly next to something on the front step or the back deck, I go out and say, 'Jack, how did you know that this is just what I wanted?' He eats it up. He is a nice boy," Waring said.

Jack's looting habit has earned him some nationwide publicity -- a video of him has appeared on CNN, as well as Good Morning America.

Waring says she doesn't know where Jack's "motherload" is. Figuring someone must be missing some of the snatched goods, Waring recently placed them on a clothing line outside her house. She also posted a sign, asking the public to take whatever belongs to them.

The clothes were displayed for three days, but no one took the bait. So, Waring boarded the items back into a giant plastic tub, which she says Jack likes to eye from time to time.

Jack's owner says she would rather the cat concentrate on hunting birds or other wildlife, as then he would be less likely to stray far from the backyard, crossing potentially dangerous streets.

But Waring says that keeping Jack contained in the house is out of the question -- "It's in his blood," she explained of his propensity to roam.

And following him on a late-night expedition is not a plausible solution, either.

"I've thought about tracking him one night, but thinking about it is only as far as it got," Waring said.

"He would see me and turn around and then follow me, instead. I don't think it will work. It'll have to remain a mystery."



Jack apparently has a kindred feline spirit in the 'Land Down Under' -- a cat named Cisco is reportedly causing some mischief of his own in Mosman, Australia.

The 6-year-old Tonkinese cat also regularly delivers socks, shirts, toys and, yes, undergarments to his owner.

"I've been trying to find the owners," the cat's owner, Peter Hand, reportedly said. "One lady asked if I had her swimmers. She was delighted to get them back."

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News.com.au contributed to this article.

As a breeder I am always very happy to receive emails and pictures from the lovely people who have bought a kitten from me, but I just had to pass this email on as only Tonk owners and breeders would understand this wonderfully heartfelt email.

***"Dear Hilary, Just to say I didn't now you trained your kittens to be literate on the computer, but Oscar assures me he knows how it all works. This is why I now have 7 packs of Mince Pies in my freezer instead of 2. (I think someone stood on the keys.) Oscar says its my own fault for not cuddling him immediately.***

***He has learned many things lately such as how to open the fridge - he and his Siamese friend Sophie were tucking into some ham when caught in the act. Climbing the curtains has now been perfected so last night he decided to climb up between the curtains and the lining and had to be rescued. He sleeps just under the duvet by my shoulder, so with him and Sophie on my feet, its like sleeping in a straight jacket.***

***He is very chatty and you can often see him trundling past muttering to himself which is quite lovely but come meal times he really lets rip.- I'm buying myself ear defenders for Christmas. If I am more than 5 minutes late with food, he starts pacing backwards and forwards to the kitchen and if that doesn't work, he starts yelling. He is obviously a boy of regular habits.***

***I can't tell you how much fun we have with him and Sophie. He is so sweet and affectionate and hysterically funny. At the moment he is asleep curled up on the dog, which is where he goes if no human will sit down and give him a lap to cuddle on. He makes us feel guilty for wanting to do housework, he is just wonderful and we could not have wished for a more delightful kitten. We will always be grateful."***

Hilary Goodburn  
Hylily Tonkinese

**New Tonkinese bloodlines**

by Julia Craig-McFeely

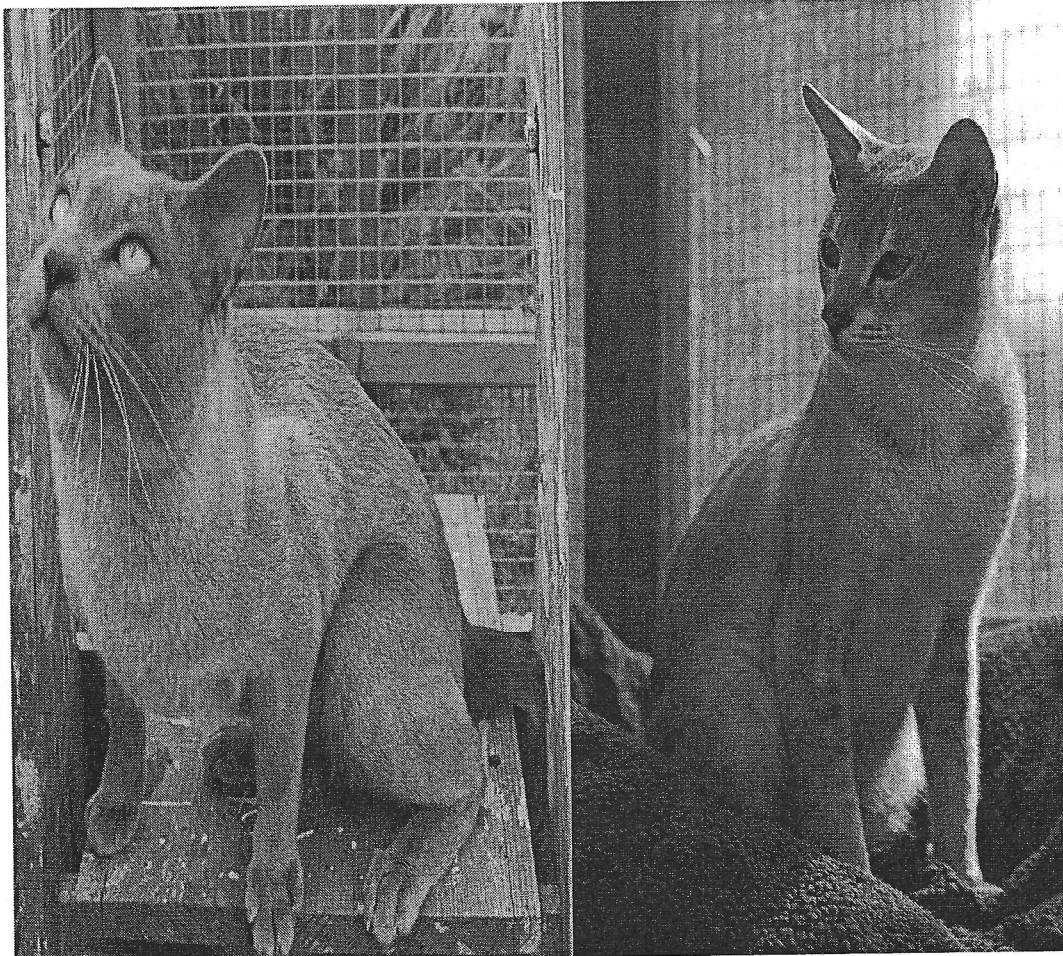
Although many people are concerned about the small number of bloodlines available in our gene pool, there are a number of new young studs coming either directly from first-generation breeding, or from lines which have not outcrossed to the existing gene pool. The following studs may be of interest to anyone looking for a line that does not cross with your own:

Rameses Chaos - All Rameses lines, no outcrosses to other lines (F2 blue tabby Mink, carrying chocolate) - presently with Julia Craig- McFeely in Oxford, but will probably be neutered by the end of the year unless there is sufficient demand for him. He has been a slow starter, and has only just worked out how to mate, but the kittens he has sired (16 of them) have been superb.

Contact Julia Craig-McFeely, Tel: 01865 241323, E-mail: [julia@ramesescats.co.uk](mailto:julia@ramesescats.co.uk)

Chinktonks Nocturne - Rameses on the sire's side, with Mymystic Pharoah and Bonzer lines on the dam's side; no other tonkinese lines represented (F2 blue mink) with Lynda Scott nr Cambridge. Details will be on the website soon.

Contact Lynda Scott, Tel: 01354 741969, E-mail: [dimovitonks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dimovitonks@hotmail.co.uk)



Chinktonks Nocturne

Rameses Chaos

And following on from talk of the future to talk of the past. It was with great sadness that we hear of the loss of a boy with a very special place in the history of the breed. A tribute in the form of a poem gives us insight as to just how lovely he was.

Ishmal Darling BudofMay, born 16 May 1993, died 19 April 2009, peacefully at home. On behalf of Dee's friends we thank him for all his hard work and the beautiful kittens he sired.

**Oh Dee**

Mummy said.....

Whilst you were an absent father,  
that's just the way that we do things,  
you live in your place and we live in ours.  
If all your kittens lived with you  
there wouldn't be a house big enough.  
Oh Dee

Mummy said.....

You were a big chocolate boy,  
with aqua eyes.  
A true gentleman,  
who made a queen feel special  
forget that she was just one in a long line.  
Oh Dee

Mummy said.....

Why can't my brother be more like his dad,  
big and bold and friendly,  
with a twinkle in his eye.  
A stud who worked hard  
for the Tonkinese breed  
Oh Dee

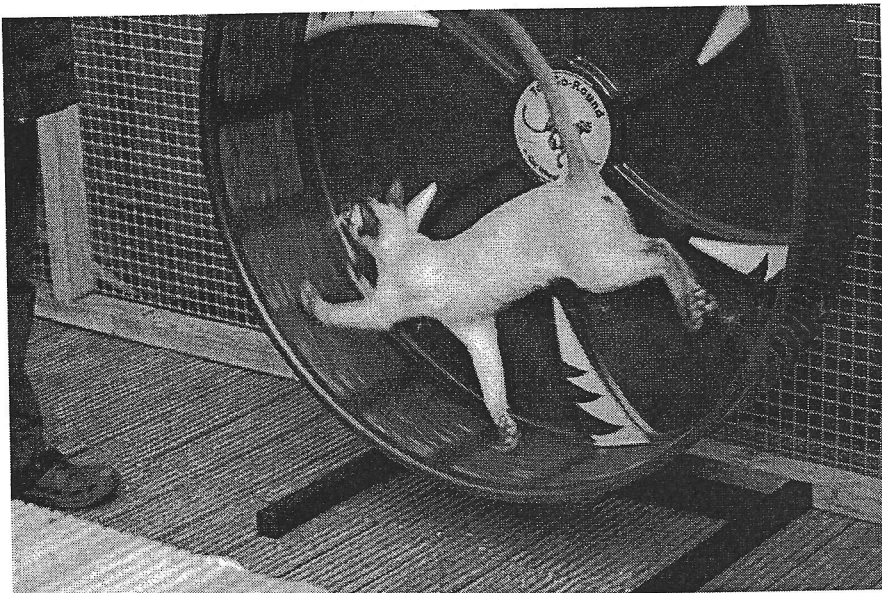
Mummy said.....

That the world was a warmer place  
just knowing you were there.  
Now it will be a whisker colder.  
Then she stretched sensually  
and stared into the distance.  
Oh Dee, I wish I had met you  
and now I can't.

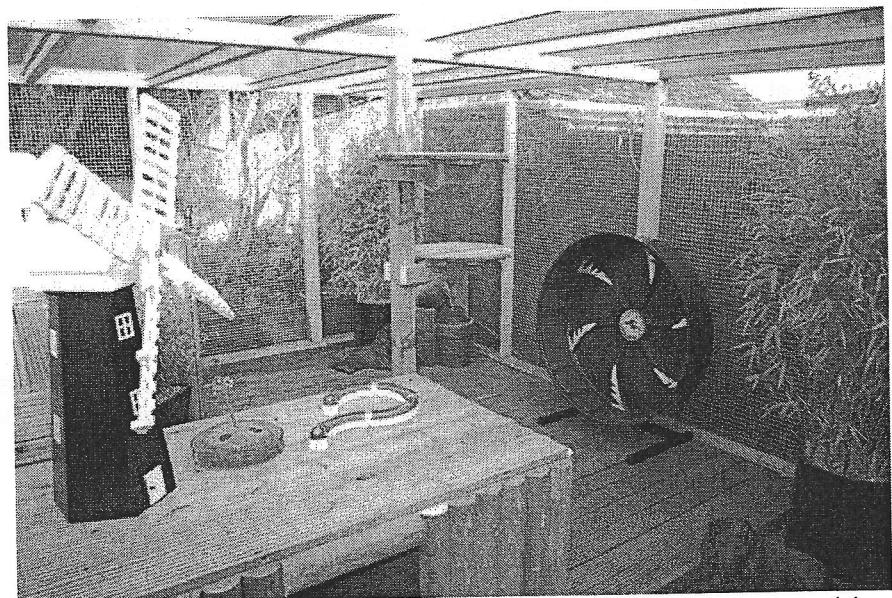
*By one of Ishmal Darling BudofMay's kittens*

TONKS AND THEIR TOYS (submitted by Val Chapple).

On the 15 November 2008 my life completely turned around, I got my first Tonkinese, my beautiful boy Wallace, I got him from a lovely lady by name of Valerie Chapple, well I fell so completely in love with him. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 I went back to Valerie (who is now a very special friend), and bought his brother - Huggybear. As they have filled our lives with so much joy and happiness we thought it only fair to return the pleasure, so my husband and I came up with the idea of building them a room. So my husband Jon got straight to it, we put a water feature in it and lots of different levels to lay and sunbathe and to finish it off sent to America for a cat wheel. Oh deep joy! I have to say that Wallace was more interested in the sunbathing but Huggybear is mad for the wheel and takes every opportunity he gets to show off his fancy footwork. He loves it when anyone pops in to look at Jon's handiwork, and his nifty footwork, what a poser.  
from Bev, Wallace, and Huggybear.



Have you ever seen anything like this?





**TONKINESE BREED CLUB**  
**Form To Add Your Kittens To The TBC Web Site Kitten List**

Instead of asking for a fee to add your kittens to the TBC kitten list we are now just asking for litter details for the archives. If you have internet access you can download a copy of this page from the web site ([www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)) or just copy this page, complete your details and post it to: Mrs L Vousden, Lansdale, 12 Robin Hood Lane, Winnersh, Berks RG41 5LX

- Breeder's Name & Prefix:.....
- Litter Dob: .....
- Sire's Full name & tiles if any: .....
- Sire's DoB if known: .....Breed No... ..... Reg No: (optional) .....
- Dam's Full name & tiles if any: .....
- Dam's DoB if known: .....Breed No... ..... Reg No: (optional) .....
- Date you expect the kittens to be ready to go to new homes: .....

**Kitten Details:** - Name (if known yet) - Sex - Breed No. - Reg.No. (if registered, optional):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

Please add more if relevant

And we can't mention kittens without mentioning birth control!

**Obtaining birth control pills for your cat**

by Ann Cox-Horton

I know that Ovarid is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. Many veterinary practices no longer keep it as they do not have enough people wanting it before it's use-by date.

Let's face it at a quarter of a pill a day we do not buy very much at a time.

One of my friends wants Ovarid and her vet no longer stocks it – but my veterinary practice does. I phoned my veterinary practice and if she takes a written prescription from her vet to them they will dispense Ovarid against this written prescription. Of course, she has to phone them before going, just to check that they actually have it in stock at the time.

So if your vet does not stock Ovarid and you need it, find a friend who's vet does keep it and see if you can also obtain it by giving them a written prescription.

As an alternative, I am told that you can use a birth control pill for dogs but it is much larger than the cat version. So you have to cut it into eighths and this is a very messy and inaccurate business.

We would like to know your preferences as to how you are sent your club communications. E-mailing it to members will obviously be less expensive for the club but we have no plans to force everyone to accept it in this fashion. Some people may prefer it electronically and some may prefer it on paper even if they have e-mail capability. In future we would like to send it out the way that each member prefers it. If you do not express a preference we will continue to communicate in paper format. We have already sent this questionnaire out with the AGM paperwork but received replies from only 15% of the club members. If you have already sent it there is no need to send it again.

Please complete the attached and return it to Mr P Watters, 41 Thornhill Avenue, Patcham, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 8RG or email your preferences to [watterspa@aol.com](mailto:watterspa@aol.com)

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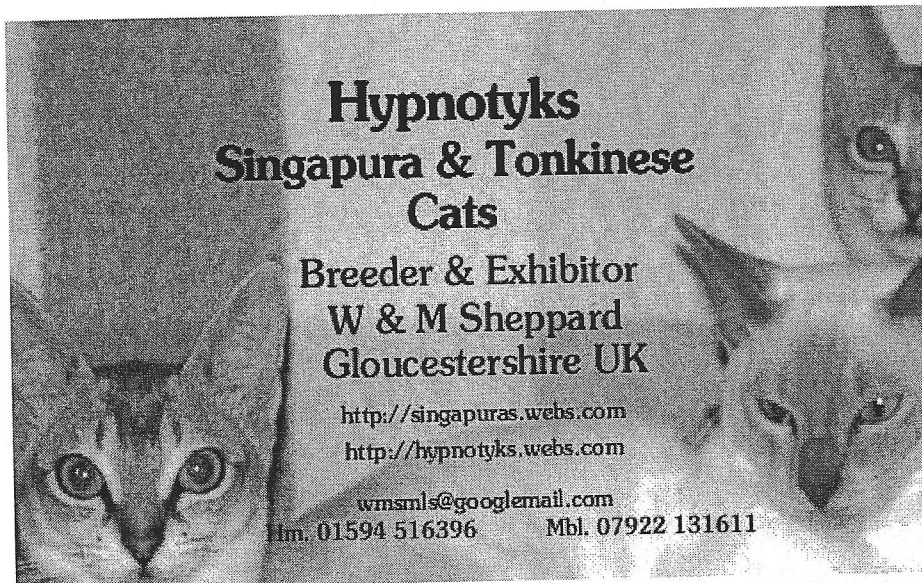
by e-mail  (tick one preference)  
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I would like AGM paperwork to be sent to me:-

by e-mail  (tick one preference)  
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If you prefer e-mail please provide your e-mail address.....

As well as saving paper and postage, another advantage of receiving Tonkinfo by email is that you will be able to see all photographs and artwork in colour.



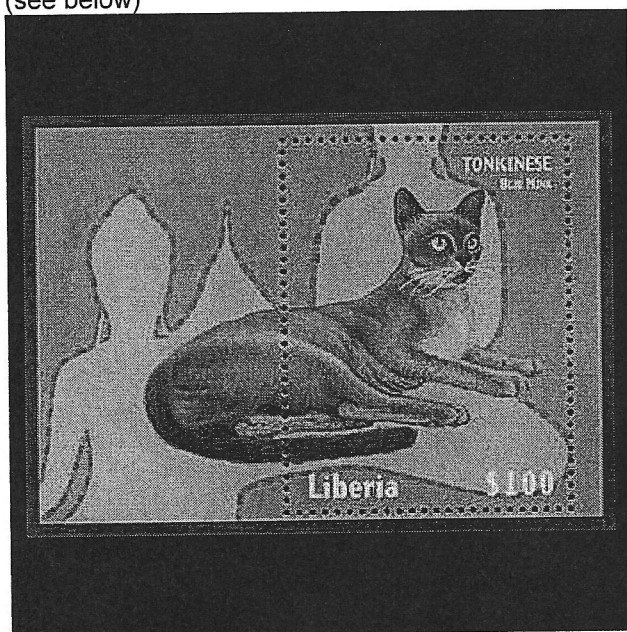
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If you have any spare money and you want to spend it on gold it may be of interest to know that the 2004 gold crowns from the Isle of Man feature two Tonkinese kittens as their reverse design. These are part of the popular cat series of coins, started by the Manx cat originally featured in 1988. A long list of popular cats have followed. See <http://www.taxfreegold.co.uk/manxgoldcrownindx.html>



And if you are interested in stamps there is an elegant tonkinese cat featured on a stamp from Liberia (see below)



Do you have a special cause that you would like to draw attention to? If so please write a short piece about it and we will consider publishing it in the magazine.  
Sue Amor, our Chairperson, has done just that and would like to share the following with you:

*When I was 18 I decided I wanted to donate my blood to help others. I was very idealistic and my mum gave blood so I decided to do the same. It wasn't an unpleasant experience and at the end of the donation they made a big fuss of me and you had a free cup of tea and biscuits. I can still remember my feeling of pride the first time I heard an ambulance after that donation. I remember wondering if that was my pint of blood going off to save someone!*

*I continued to give blood twice a year through my time at teacher training college and only stopped when I became pregnant with my first child as they wouldn't take your blood then or for a year after. I didn't start giving blood then until my second child was three. Once you get out of the habit it's very easy to forget. The trigger to get me donating again was when I saw someone with a posh bronze badge for having given 10 pints of blood. I am very competitive when I can see a reward in front of me!*

*I continued to give blood and in 1985 I heard about the Anthony Nolan Trust who were appealing for people to join the Bone Marrow register. Our local doctors in Evesham were running a testing session so I went along, was tested and had yet another free cup of tea. I was found to be fit and healthy so was placed on the register. Another proud moment for me!*

*I continued to give blood and over the years collected a silver badge for giving 25 pints of blood and many years later a gold badge for giving 50 pints of blood. By this time the rules had changed and you could give blood every 4 months. I suddenly realised I was in with a real chance of aiming for the next milestone – an emerald badge for giving 75 pints of blood.*

*This past year has been a year of milestones for me. In August I was 60 years old, had a great party and collected my buss pass. I decided to stay on at work for another year, I'm a teacher, mainly to help pay off credit cards and keep my cats in the style that they had got used to. I was still giving my pints of blood but then one day I received a letter from the Anthony Nolan Trust. At 60 years old I was officially a reject! I had been kicked off the register for being too old. They sent me a lovely certificate of thanks but I felt a little dejected. When I turned the certificate over I noticed a message that cheered me up enormously. They said I would be sorely missed but could I try to recruit a replacement? Wonderful, I thought! I can still do something useful. So, if there's any healthy person out there, between the ages of 18 and 40, perhaps you would like to join the register in my place. Please contact Anthony Nolan Trust [www.anthonynolan.org.uk/](http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk/) and find out how to join.*

*I handed in my resignation at school. I officially retire from teaching on July 17<sup>th</sup> and just a few weeks ago achieved my wish and gave my 75<sup>th</sup> pint of blood. I received a lovely emerald badge and was allowed 2 cups of tea. I also discovered that there is no upper age ceiling for giving blood if you are already a donor so I am now aiming to get a diamond badge when I donate my 100<sup>th</sup> pint of blood!!*

## 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.

- 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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