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TONKINESE BREED CLUB - COMMITTEE BULLETIN, MAY 1994

This is an IMPORTANT Committee bulletin to inform you of the progress, plans and possible future of the Club (and in some cases to ask for your assistance), please read it carefully.

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VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

AFFILIATION WITH THE GCCF
& the forthcoming EGM

This year the Club is applying for affiliation with the GCCF. For those of you who may not know it the requirements for affiliation are, briefly :-

- 1) that the Club should have been in existence for three years, sponsored by an affiliated club (our sponsors are the Colourpoint, Rex Coated & ADV Cat Club);
- 2) that the Club can prove it has a membership of at least 50 persons;
- 3) that we can supply the GCCF with a copy of the last set of audited accounts;
- 4) that we can supply the GCCF with a list of the names of Club Officers and Committee members (none of whom may be officials of any kind of any unaffiliated organisation in the UK whose activities include the registration and/or holding of shows for pedigree cats, without the prior consent of the GCCF);
- 5) that we have an up to date set of the Club's Rules acceptable to the GCCF and which state that the Club members will be bound by the GCCF Constitution.

Among the benefits of Club affiliation are the right to elect one or more Delegates to represent the Club on the GCCF Council, the right to be represented on the relevant Breed Advisory Committee (BAC), to be able to hold shows under GCCF licence and most importantly to be able to progress the Tonkinese breed through Provisional status to eventual Championship status. Until we are actually affiliated the Tonkinese breed cannot progress to Provisional status because one of the requirements for this stage is a breeding policy agreed by the BAC. However this does not prevent us from getting our paperwork up to scratch ready for presentation - to this end we hope for your co-operation in supplying us with yet more information on your breeding programs, show wins etc. as and when required - starting with the 'declaration' form on the back of the EGM slip enclosed.

Getting back to Club affiliation - the GCCF have advised us that our own rules are not yet acceptable so the Committee is re-writing them using the GCCF guidelines given to us; the deadline for presentation of our paperwork is the beginning of July.

Probably the most significant proposed change to the Rules is that of the membership, again advised by the GCCF. The Committee are proposing that there should no longer be Breeder and Associate membership 'classes' but only Full membership, plus the existing Honorary and Junior membership.

The Committee is calling an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to offer the re-written Rules to you for your approval.

The agenda for the EGM is enclosed in this bulletin. It will be one of the most important meetings of the Club that you will be asked to attend and in view of the amendments we might need to make at the meeting there can not be any postal ballot - so please try to be there.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

For those of you who don't know me I would like to introduce myself; we (my husband Terry and I) have been breeding Tonkinese for about four years now under the 'Ishmal' prefix, our cat family includes five Tonks - three queens, a neuter and our lovely Choc boy 'Duke' (thank you Diana Waters for letting me have him).

You have probably seen my name in Tonkinfo as the Rescue Officer which I shall continue to be.

Many thanks to all who attended the AGM - some of you had to travel great distances. Hazel Forshaw again organised a raffle for Rescue and Welfare which raised £40, thank you Hazel. We also had a raffle for Club funds and thank you to everyone who helped with this, £49 was raised.

Well this is the start of another year for our Club and a very important one as we have been running for three years which means we can apply for affiliation to the GCCF. Thank you Diana and Mary for all the work you have put in.

It is necessary to call an EGM before we can apply for affiliation as Club rule changes need to be voted upon, the rules are unacceptable as they are at the moment, so please do your best to attend (you will be given date and details with this bulletin).

Don't forget this is your Club- your Committee and myself are here if you have any ideas or queries.

MRS PAULINE EARLEY

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES.

AGM NEWS

Firstly I would like, on behalf of the Committee, to re-iterate Pauline's thanks to all those who were able to attend the AGM, Hazel and all contributors to the two raffles, those ladies who did such an excellent job selling raffle tickets, Doreen who manned the kettle for so long and Keith for taking on the difficult role of acting-Chairman for the meeting.

The Ishmal Chloe Memorial Award

This handsome cup, donated by Pauline and Terry Earley in remembrance of their beautiful girl, was presented to Nelia MacMahon for Adraysh Rickytix - overall the most merited of the Brown, Blue, Chocolate or Lilac Tonkinese since the inauguration of the Club. Next year it will be presented to the Brown, Blue, Chocolate or Lilac Tonkinese who has won the most merits in the 1994/95 Club year.

Motions Approved At The '94 AGM

Increase all current Breeder and Associate subscription fees by 50p, effective as of 1995; the entry fee and Junior membership fee to remain unchanged.
Carried by majority vote

SECTION II RULE 4: After 'Vice-President' insert 'or other Honorary Members'.
Carried by majority vote

SECTION II RULE 5: In the last sentence replace :- "if they find the evidence in favour to be satisfactory; two members of the committee against constitute rejection."
with :- "if the majority of the committee find the evidence in favour to be satisfactory."
Carried by majority vote

SECTION XI RULE 47: Delete rule 47 entirely and replace with :-
"These rules may only be altered, deleted or added to at an Annual General Meeting or, if the majority of the committee deem it necessary, at a Special General Meeting in compliance with the rules governing general meetings. Membership shall be advised of any changes to the rules as soon as possible after the ratification of such changes."
Carried by majority vote

Re: SECTION IX RULE 37 Motion withdrawn as Rules due to be re-written.

Re: SECTION XII RULE 53 Motion withdrawn as Rules due to be re-written.

REGISTRATION POLICY

As a result of the poll of Tonkinese breeders the motion to change the Tonkinese registration policy from five to three generations was withdrawn from the GCCF Council agenda. This still left the problem of a number of cats which have been registered on the Experimental register but do not comply with our registration policy. The GCCF Committee have since written to confirm that in view of certain exceptions, which have been made by them, all of these cats may remain on the Experimental register providing that they have three generations of correct breeding.
We have asked the GCCF for a full list of these particular cats which they will send to us as soon as the installation of their new computer system is completed (expected to be after June). As a recap :-
The Tonkinese registration policy requires that a cat shall have five clear generations of only Burmese, Siamese or Tonkinese behind it - ie. six generations including the cat itself.

ADVERTISING

The 'CATS' magazine 1994 Breed

Review is once more upon us, this is an excellent opportunity for us to wave the Tonkinese flag - both for the Club and individual cats. If you want to write in to CATS with your show results and photographs (clearly marked on the back with the cat's name and details and including a SAE for their return) you may send them via me - but please get them to me before June 12th! If you wish to take out advertisements in this special issue you should do so directly with the magazine.

The Club also intends to take out a full page advertisement in the annual CAT WORLD 'Locate-a-Cat' magazine and the Supreme Catalogue; these will both be in the 'business card' format (eg: 15 'cards' per ad.) . If you are interested in booking space(s) on either of these ads. please send me a SAE (marked TBC ADS) and I will send more details nearer the time - first come, first served.

STANDARD OF POINTS

You will find enclosed a copy of the General Tonkinese Standard of Points, effective as of 1st June 1994. If you would like a single faced SOP for a specific colour send me a SAE (marked SOP) plus an extra 19p stamp, this will cover the cost of two copies.

THE NATIONAL CAT CLUB SHOW - 1994

Some of you may have read about the plans for new attractions at this show, one of which is to have an area dedicated to Breed Displays where the public can get to know even more about a breed than just by talking to harassed and distracted exhibitors who are trying to read their assessment reports, feed their cats and do a bit of Christmas shopping. I have contacted the organisers of this event and we have been invited to take a Tonkinese Stand. More details in Tonkinfo!

MRS LINDA VOUSDEN

TONKINESE REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP
(TRAG)

This used to be known as the Breed Advisory Sub-Committee (BASC), but the name has been changed to avoid confusion with the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee (BAC) to be set-up when we become affiliated; a BAC is a committee responsible for matters which specifically affect a breed rather than a club. Should another Tonkinese club be established then the Tonkinese BAC would be independent of our Club and consist of representatives from each Tonkinese club. However back to our TRAG - this is a group of advisers, responsible to the Committee, who are in your own regions to give you help and information on most matters concerning the Tonkinese and the Club. One of the facilities run by the TRAG is the Club Kitten List. Sylvia Clark is both the Co-ordinator of the TRAG and the Kitten List, she will be issuing a bi-monthly list to all regional advisers (next list due out in July) and is inviting all breeders and hopeful Tonk owners to make use of it. As of the July issue there will be an annual fee of £3 to register your kittens, this fee goes toward the cost of producing and distributing the list and most importantly advertising it! Forms are available from Sylvia on receipt of a SAE. Other work that the TRAG will be getting to grips with is the Tonkinese Stud List. If anyone wants more information on any of these matters contact Sylvia (see address on back page).

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TONKINESE BREED SEMINAR

Diana Waters is organising a full Tonkinese Breed Seminar to be held on October 2nd at Northiam (A28 near Rye), East Sussex, the logistics of organising the event have had to be the deciding factor for its location. Approval has been sought and obtained from the GCCF for the Club to hold the seminar with up to 25 cats present. The aim is to be able to present a broad spectrum of coat patterns (including Burmese and Siamese variants) and eye colours of both 'show' and pet Tonkinese to as many breeders, owners and judges as possible. In order to achieve such a range from just 25 cats it has been decided to limit the colours to Brown, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac this time-but the Reds, Creams, Torties and Tabbies are not forgotten and will be the subject of the next such seminar. Diana is now busy organising veterinary cover (all day cover is required for this number of cats together), suitable penning and invitations to judges in good time to suit everyone's busy timetables. We hope to be able to show you some of the faults that may be displayed in the breed as well as the ideal Tonkinese - this seminar will give you a chance to say what you really want to see in the ideal Tonk! The GCCF rules governing the showing of cats such as the 'thirteen day rule' and rules on vaccination etc. will apply-those of you who don't yet show your cats ask your regional advisor for information. There will be a reasonable attendance fee and there will be some prizes awarded to, for instance, the cat with the best temperament, the best eye colour etc.

More information will be issued nearer the time but if you are interested in presenting your Tonk (variant, perfect, faulted etc) please write to either Diana Waters or myself, Linda Vousden - a SAE envelope for a reply is always appreciated.

SHOW SUPPORT

The Committee would like to thank Brenda Gill for her hard work and the valuable show records she has collated for the Club.

Susan Vogt has now taken on the role of Show Support Secretary and has considerable experience and new ideas in this field to offer us. Keep an eye on your show schedules as Susan is placing Club award information in as many schedules as possible.

There are many Tonks who have now gained their fourth Merit which entitles them to a Club rosette-to claim your rosette write to Susan giving her the name of your cat and the following information (please include a sturdy A5 SAE for the rosette):-

MERIT WINS:
Date, Show, Judge, Age of Cat.

SIDE CLASS PLACES:
Date, Show, Judge, Class Title, No. in Class, Place.

News of other Club awards, currently under discussion, will be passed on in due course - the rosettes are beautiful and forthcoming new awards will be equally worth aiming for!

FUND RAISING

This year is going to be particularly expensive one for the Club with re-issue of the SOP, the EGM and subsequent re-issue of the Club Rules, preparation of paperwork for the GCCF and the very necessary Breed Seminar to name but a few of the expenses.

So we are always interested in ideas for fund raising-especially if the person with the idea is willing to do the work!

Don't forget Jill Martin's annual coffee morning (2nd July, Field Cottage, Belgrave Rd., Seaford, E.Sussex) held in aid of many charities - go along and support her and have a look at her beautiful garden!

Club Tables are booked for the following shows and if anyone can help with these, or run any others, we would like to hear from you :-

East Sussex CC Show (25th June, Rye Sports Centre)
Contact - Linda Vousden

Somerset CC Show (2nd July, Bridgewater College)
Contact - Helen Barnes

Kensington K & N CC Show-possibly (30th July, Bracknell Sports Centre)
Contact - Carol Poole

TONKINFO

Your Club magazine is due for a shake-up! The format is not too easy for some people to read and a new hand at the helm always brings in fresh ideas and a change of perspective - keep an eye out for the next issue and get busy with your pens, pencils and crayons as I am always happy to receive any articles, constructive criticisms, cartoons, letters of interest etc. Don't forget that the magazine will also take your advertisements, rates :-

£3.00p	1/2 PAGE
£2.00p	1/4 PAGE
£1.00p	6 COLUMN LINES

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