

Dear Folks,

I hope you are all getting some lovely Spring sunshine while you read this Newsletter. You may wonder why it isn't a full issue of Tonkinfo, Tonkinfo was originally intended as a way for you to share information and pictures of your Tonks, breeding experiences etc. and for the Committee to let you know what is happening with the Club and our Tonk progress. Believe it or not, this was before the days of e-mail, internet chat groups, web sites and facebook. The original function of Tonkinfo has become virtually redundant, and for some time has depended upon the Editor to find articles to fill it for you.

SO – the Committee has decided that from now on we will provide a Newsletter in Spring and Winter with just one issue of Tonkinfo in the August/September time. Of course we would very much like you to send in news of your Tonks for the Tonkinfo issue ☺

New Services:

- We are looking to set up a Facebook page specifically for *current* Members of the Tonkinese Breed Club. It is hoped that this will make it easier for members to contact the Committee and each other. You will receive more information when it is ready. The page will be called 'Tonkinese Breed Club UK' (surprise).
- We've produced a TBC brochure giving information about the Club and the Tonkinese. You might like to include this in your kitten packs. There will be some available from the Club table at the show and it will be available as a download from the web site, watch the Home page for news: www.tonkinese.info

Club News & Information:

- The last subscription increase was in 2006. At the AGM the Hon.Treasurer's proposal to increase the subscription rates as of 2016 was approved as follows: Single annual subscriptions be increased from £6 to £7, Joint annual subscriptions be increased from £8.50 to £10. New long-term fees will be adjusted accordingly, no change to Junior fee. Our fees are still lower than many other cat clubs.
- The Club's Annual Awards list, for results in 2014, is now posted on the web site, thank you and congratulations to all who sent in their results.
- As per our e-mail in March, we will no longer have cups etc. for our Club show. However, to honour the spirit of the donors we intend to provide special award cards for current Club members. These will be sent out after the show, once we've had time to collate the results. The award winners list will then be posted on the web site and the TBC-FB page.
- There is a problem finding Tonk studs, which it isn't helped by having non-working cats on our stud list, so please remember to let us know when you have your stud neutered and, better still, when you have a new stud available.
- The kitten list is still regularly visited by potential owners, who often e-mail me directly after finding an empty list. Please consider putting your kittens on the list even if you also advertise them elsewhere.

Tonkinese Registration Policy & SOP – We make every effort to ensure that you can download the most current issue of these important documents from the Club web site. If you are a breeder remember to keep a copy of the Tonkinese Breeding Policy handy. Check out the 'Downloads' page, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

There is still time to get your entries in for our

12th Championship Show, 30th May 2015

New Haw Community Centre, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Surrey KT15 3ND
Show Manager – Mr Ian Macro (07775 992629)

Closing Date: Tuesday 3rd May

Once again we are holding a joint show with the Tonkinese Cat Club, following the very successful first venture last year, managed by Kathy Wilkinson who has now retired from the show management after many successful years. We welcome Ian Macro as our new SM. This year we hope to see some of our new colours, cinnamon & fawn, on the bench; and our Colourpointed patterns will be shown with Championship status! Hopefully we may have one or more BCRs getting their final qualifying Merits - so that we can apply for their promotion too.

Schedules & Entry Forms – may be downloaded from our web site, here is the direct link:
<http://www.tonkinese.info/tonkinese-show-2015>

We look Forward To Seeing You & Your Cats



Club Cups/Trophies – This is a reminder to those donors who have not yet replied to the letter and/or e-mail asking how they would like their donated cups/trophies disposed of. Any still with us after the show will be allocated/disposed of appropriately.

There are also still a number of TBC cups/trophies unaccounted for. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have one or more, so that we can update our records. Don't forget to bring them back to us on the day of the show, or make arrangements with me for their return. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Important DNA Testing – *The Club discount code for testing with Langford has changed, you must use the new code (Meowsociety16).* The required tests are: for all studs to be tested for coat-pattern, the same is recommended for your new queens. We now also strongly recommend that all new breeding Tonks are tested for both Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and Burmese Hypokalaemia – both are conditions that may have been carried through from your cat's Siamese & Burmese ancestry, and *have* been found in some tested Tonks.

Information Urgently Required From Breeders:

- **We've made this request a couple of times - but still need more breeders to respond.** To complete our application for the promotion of the BCR coat-patterned Tonks we *must* provide details of registered BCR's. Please use the form on the web site to send us your BCR cats/kittens details as soon as possible.

I hope you've found this newsletter informative. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about its contents, about the Club or about Tonks in general.

With very best wishes,
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