



ED WRITES

DEAR MEMBERS, just a short special issue for Christmas with mention of a few of the events since the last issue of Tonkinfo. One of the most recent events, for which the Club can give itself a smug pat on the back, is the largest ever turn-out of Tonkinese at the GCCF Supreme Show this November. There were twenty Tonks present, a show of all the solid colours plus a lilac-tortie. For those who have not yet had the chance to visit a Supreme Show you should know that there is only one class for the Tonks, in this case it was judged by Mrs Margaret Kidd and she awarded 13 merits! Congratulations to all Tonks and owners who put up such a very colourful and interesting row of pens. Also, on behalf of the exhibitors I'd like to thank those who turned up to support us, it was a pleasure to meet so many members of the Club. Another bright event for the Tonkinese was the Colourpoint, Rex-Coated & AOV Cat Club Exemption Show at Bristol on October 3rd. This is our sponsor Club and our Tonks did embarrassingly well, the 'Best Foreign Kitten' went to Clarinath Mystic Stregona owned and bred by Carol Poole; 'Best Foreign Adult' to Adraysh Hey Frankie owned by Mary Hodgkinson, bred by Hayley Cuthbert; 'Best Foreign Neuter' to Adhuish Atlas owned by Mary Hodgkinson, bred by Diana & Tommy Bishop. Members are also winning trophies - see Doreen's article in this issue. Best of all, though, is that the public are now recognising Tonks at shows as a breed apart from Burmese and Siamese!

Don't forget that the deadline for the next issue of Tonkinfo is
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an easy date to remember. I'll be delighted to receive any articles, comments, drawings and I'll even try photographs. Look out for another lucid article from 'our' veterinary nurse, Carol Poole, plus a full list of Tonkinese merit winners.

Finally (a little abuse of the privilege of 'editorship') I wish a very Merry Christmas to Mrs Leslie MacIsaac & Blue Boy and Mrs Kay Hearn & Malicho (and their families of course), and the same to all my friends in the Club (two- & four-footed!)

The Committee of theTONKINESE BREED CLUB

Wish all members and their cats
(Tonk or other)

A Very Happy Christmas
& A Prosperous 1994!

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all those members who have taken the trouble to send in their breed and show details, it is much appreciated.

Diana Bishop (Hon.Sec.)

TONKITU KITTEN SUCCESS

Adinnsh XIN WUN is now the very proud owner of the 'Champion & Grand Premier ASTRAKHAN KHORONA' perpetual salver, presented for the best foreign neuter at the South Western Counties CH Show, 1993, club class. Xin Wun is a cream Tonk and won the trophy at 6 months of age. His sister, Adinnsh WONG MEI is the winner of the first Tonkinese Trophy, presented by Oakvil Cats (Mrs Pauline Tarrant) at the same show. It is a beautiful silver photo frame which Wong Mei shares with Chumlin Chocolate Chip. It was very exciting to go to the presentation tea-party for the trophies, the first to be won by Tonkinese at a championship show. Let's hope these are the first of many to be won by our beautiful Tonks!

Doreen R.Burke (TONKITU Tonkinese)

THE SEASON OF GOODWILLWe need your help!

Two beautiful, six year old, neutered Tonk boys need a home; one is brown the other chocolate. They are presently being boarded in a cattery near Glasgow - at the personal expense of a cat-lover with limited resources, and can only stay there until Christmas. They need to go together to a good home and the lady currently caring for them is willing to transport them from Scotland to wherever necessary! However there is a problem, the unfortunate cats have suffered from chlamydia and must be homed without other cats or dogs (the company of dogs distresses them bringing on the symptoms of the chlamydia). Hopefully by the time this reaches you the cats will have been homed; but if not and you are genuinely able help please contact our Rescue Officer, Mrs Pauline Earley, on Fordingbridge (0725) 22339 as soon as possible.

If you feel you are able to help with fostering or re-homing a cat please contact Pauline for more information on what is required; remember however well meaning a person is their environment may not always be suitable for fostering- especially when the cat may have had traumatic experiences, so please don't take offence if this should be the case. One more appeal - Cat Rescues are always in need of equipment, especially the more expensive items such as pens and runs and our own Rescue is no different. If you are able to help in this capacity then once again contact Pauline; but please don't send anything to her until you have spoken with her.

Thank-you to all those members who have offered their help for the future, and to those members who have been able to provide help so far.

REGIONAL ADVISORS - please remember the Club rescue when you have enquiries for or about homes for Tonkinese.

>>>> A GENTLE REMINDER <<<<

January is time for all good Tonk Club members to come to the aid of the party ... (sorry, got carried away!) - for all members to renew their Club subscriptions.

Remember if you are not fully paid-up you have no vote at the AGM or any of the postal ballots, nor are you entitled to receive Tonkinfo or any prizes which may be awarded by the Club. If you are wondering why you should renew your membership think of the enjoyment of meeting other members with mutual interests, the Club magazine and the excitement of being involved with a 'new' breed (which is destined to go far) and especially think of the 'Old-Fashioned Siamese' lovers! After the passing of their beloved old Siamese many members (myself included) chose a Tonkinese because today's Siamese, although a beautiful breed, has changed its shape so much in the past ten years. So if you wish to have a say in the future of the Tonkinese keep your membership and use your vote!

Send your renewal cheques (made out to 'The Tonkinese Breed Club') to the Club treasurer, Mrs Brenda Gill, at 12 Selsdon Avenue, Romsey, Hants. SO51 7PL. The fees are the same as last year :-

BREEDER MEMBERSHIP

£4.50p - single
£6.50p - joint

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

£3.00p - single
£5.00p - joint
£2.00p - junior

Plus £2.00p entry fee for new members.

If you are 'upgrading' your membership from single to joint you do not need to pay another entry fee. Extra membership forms are available from the Secretary, Diana Bishop, 2 Rose Walk, Seaford, E.Sussex, BN25 3DH.

To stir your imagination and your primeval competitive spirit, here's a "poem what I wrote". Yes I know you can do better, but how about writing in and proving it! - ED

TONKINESE CHRISTMAS

Christmas crackers!
Crackers and cheese
Or jellied eels
And mushy peas,
Well it's hardly a meal
For a Tonkinese!
Old Jack Frosts
The branches freeze,
Chasing birds
Up frozen trees;
Not an ideal sport
For a Tonkinese.

But log fires crackle
And warm the knees
Of dozing people,
At rest and ease,
Just for the comfort
Of a Tonkinese.
Promises of Turkey,
In a setting to please,
A skritch on the head,
A cuddle, a squeeze,
A purrrrrfect Christmas
For a Tonkinese.

DO YOU REMEMBER 'VIROL'?

Well you can't get it anymore, but you can get malt extract, which is almost as tasty. All this is leading up to my tip for feeding hysterical cats their tablets. I'm not just talking mildly excited, I'm talking ears flat back, eyes popping, all four paws straining at your face - and wrapping this cat in a towel just won't work! My tortie Tonk, Speckle, has a form of asthma and getting tablets into her have been impossible from the start so now I crush her dose up and mix it with a small teaspoon of malt extract, she just can't get enough of it and I have to fend off the rest of her family as they DEMAND their share of the malt. My vet is happy with the arrangement, so is Speckle and so are we. Find me a cat that won't eat its malt extract!

'CATS' - Issues of interest.

No. 606 - Report on the BVA (British Veterinary Association) congress by Alison Ashford.
No. 607 - Part 2 of the above.
No. 609 - Excellent veterinary article on the difference between hereditary disease and congenital defects.

DON'T FORGET the December issue of CAT WORLD has a centerfold of Chocolate boy Adraysh Rickytx !

Advertising!

Unfortunately this is very much a feature of this season - and 'spotting the first holiday ads' at Christmas is a bit like hearing the first cuckoo in spring! However here is the good news, Tonkinfo will now be offering two full pages of advertising space to Club members at very reasonable rates as of the March issue - and you don't necessarily have to advertise your cats. You may place congratulatory ads, for sale ads, cattery ads, breeding ads, kitten ads, etc. NB: Lost & Found ads are free. The maximum space available will be a horizontal half page.

Rates :-

£3.00p - Half page
£2.00p - Quarter page
£1.00p - 6 column lines

Please don't send completed artwork as the ads may need to be re-typed to fit the pages, but if you have a logo send me a clear copy and I can use it in half or quarter page ads. As I mentioned earlier I am also willing to try clear photographs. Send your ad and cheque (payable to 'The Tonkinese Breed Club') to me (ED) in good time for the magazine deadline.

EDITOR - Mrs Linda Vousden,
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE! I hate to add a more serious note to Linda's lovely Tonkinfo Christmas card enclosed, but to save postage we need to use every mailshot for information. First, congratulations to all members for a super response to the call for paperwork needed for promotion, and many thanks to all the Regional Advisers who worked hard to collect the necessary Declarations from their Regions. I enclose (P.T.O.) the resulting list of Breeders' Declarations so that you can all see what a splendid group of serious breeders the Tonks have achieved. Secondly, we hoped to put forward, kindly supported by our sponsoring Club, all the paperwork collected to date, as a sort of trial run to get some feedback; as many of you probably know, the final formal application for promotion has to come after affiliation, for which we need another AGM to qualify. (But it is already being worked on.) The GCCF Executive has to have our Standard of Points now, as the format is being changed for their next SoP booklet, and they will be discussing our Registration Policy at some length, due to the problems arising with pedigrees containing other Breeds. The Officers have agreed with Mrs Pring that we shall not object to a 3 Generation Registration Policy instead of 5, if this is thought to be the solution (3 is what we originally applied for!). We can return to 5 when the Siamese Registration is no longer out of synch with ours. There are other possibilities to be discussed and it will be a lengthy business - so this is all that they will deal with this time. But our efforts to meet a deadline are not wasted: the groundwork is thoroughly laid for our final application, when affiliation has enabled us to set up our own BAC; we can now perfect, polish and add to our paperwork, as further cats qualify and more breeders join us.

PLEASE, all fill in the enclosed Renewal Form and send with sub to Brenda Gill (unless you joined in the last 2 months of this year.) Our Sponsoring Club Chairman said to me that she has "never seen a new Breed come so far, so fast, in such a short time" - your Officers take no credit for that, it's our wonderful Tonkinese that promote themselves! - but, to continue they need your continued support, i.e.: send your sub; help with Fund Raising, especially for Welfare and Rescue (why not run a Club Table at your next near-by show? You will promote the Breed in your area and increase the chances of selling your kittens as a spin-off; The Treasurer will pay for it and I will give you all possible help); continue to show your best cats (already, 20 Tonks at the Supreme and 21 at the National! - more than some established Championship Breeds) and come to our next Breed Seminar: provisionally, on the last Sunday in February at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London. (aim: to discuss the Breeding Programme.) Please ring your Regional Adviser or any Committee Member in early February for details.

A very happy and successful New Year to you all; don't forget that any member is always welcome to visit us and the Episcopussycats - just ring if you're going to be near-by.

DIANA BISHOP.

THE FOLLOWING BREEDERS HAVE SIGNED A DECLARATION THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE TONKINESE BREED ACCORDING TO THE BREEDING POLICY AND SOP AND INTEND TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. THE DECLARATIONS ARE LODGED WITH GCCF AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

Name	Prefix	When Granted
Mrs Z.Shacklady	DEELANDO	July 1958
Miss M.S.Hodgkinson	GRIMSPOUND	April 1960
Mrs P.M.Bray	SATINWOOD	July 1965
Mrs P.Spicer	VARCLIN	1965
Mrs W.E.R.Hardy	AZULEJO	1973
Mrs P.Wright	KEO	1975
Dr J.Ponsford	BONZER	1976
Mrs M.O'Rourke	COOMAKISTA	1981
Mrs D.Waters	ROHESE	1982
Mrs S.V.Kibble	SYLVAKIB	1983
Mrs J. & Miss J.Chapman	ASTILLA	1984
Mrs B.Alston	WILLOWISPA	1985
Mr & Mrs J.Nicol	NICSMI	1985
Mr & Mrs D.J.R.Froud	CHARLEMMA	1987
Mrs J.Ball	ASTALDO	1988
Mrs H.Barnes	SAMKABAR	pre 1990
Mrs D.Bartlett	YANAZEN	March 1990
Dr & Mrs T.J.H.Bishop	EPISCOPUSS	Oct 1990
Mr & Mrs T.Earley	ISHMAL	Oct 1990
Mrs H.Forshaw	ISHOKATS	April 1991
Mr & Mrs D.Fletcher	CHUMBLIN	May 1991
Mrs J.Sharratt	TONKABELLA	May 1991
Mrs S.M.Clark	TONKYTIME	1991
Mrs D.Makepeace	ROYANDI	1991
Mrs H.Lee	TANCLOGWYN	Feb 1992
Mrs R.Harper	ROMANTICA	May 1992
Mrs C.Poole	CLARINATH	June 1992
Mr & Mrs Young	PUDSAIN	July 1991
Mrs A.D.Crowther	ANGISAN	Sept 1992
Mrs R.McCarthy	TAYLOIS	Dec 1992
Mrs B.Gill	TRIMORR	1992
Mr E.Mackenzie-Bowie	ARACLETT	Jan 1993
Mr P. & Mrs L.Johnson	DOWNASH	July 1993
Mr & Mrs J.MacMahon	TALOFAPUSS	May 1993
Mrs D.R.Burke	TONKITU	April 1993
Mr & Mrs W.Jelf	ELFENJAY	Oct 1993
Miss A.Chudleigh	CHUDDERS	Oct 1993
Ms B.Lee & Ms J.Logan	Prefix applied for	
Miss H.Cuthbert	No prefix as yet	
Mrs H.Carter	"	
Mrs N.Curtis	"	
Mrs C.French	"	
Mr & Mrs Macey	"	
Mr & Mrs Vousden	"	

To All Regional Advisers and Committee.

RESULTS OF TELEPHONE SURVEY ON SOP FROM GCCF WITH FOUR ADDITIONS FROM BASC(10/12/93)

Sylvia Clark, Mary Hodgkinson, Diana & Tommy Bishop already approved; Pauline Earley rang objecting to Mrs Abbott's addition of 'paler points on legs' to the original SOP and informing that the Xmas post had held up the arrival of the final draft for several people, hence telephone survey. Beti Alston: No objections; positive approval; on subject of paler points on legs, especially approves: says Burmese tend to have paler legs than body and thinks this will affect Tonks and continue to do so. Thinks Mrs Abbott must have known this and put it in. Would prefer this SOP to remain unaltered for some time (but see postscript). Jacki Ball: No objections; quite good; would prefer to leave it 'as is' unless 'something crops up'. Helen Barnes: Doubtful about 'paler points'; wanted to know Beti Alston's opinion. Thought Beti's opinion should be respected so did not want 'paler points' tippexed. Said to leave SOP for time being and only change if something crops up. Brenda Gill: O.K. Leave as is. No problem with 'paler points'. Nancy Curtis: As above. Carol Poole: As above. Jean Sharratt: Approves except for disappointment at no special dispensation for very dark Chocolates; thought deletion of 'milk' would help a bit, also 'variation in shades & depth of colour'. (Suggested she raise this point at next Breed or Judges' Seminar and meanwhile canvass for opinions - it couldn't go forward unless more people asked for it.) Susan Vogt: Thought very good; much clearer and better for judges; no objections at all. Pauline Wright: No objections; very pleased; thought should stay for foreseeable future; thought 'paler points' was correct. Nelia MacMahon: On Ansaphone; Linda Vousden: on Ansaphone; Diana Waters: On Ansaphone.

The final draft was therefore handed over without tippexing or additions to Mrs Pring as provisionally arranged. IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT: Mrs Alston rang on Sunday with second thoughts about the use of the word 'light' in 'warm light brown' under BROWN; (this was in the original SOP). She would like it deleted, i.e. just 'warm brown' as a description under 'BROWN'. Would you all kindly think about this and ask your own members (especially those involved with showing or breeding Browns) so that we may have a consensus on this (and any other afterthoughts) to put with the rest of the paperwork for promotion which is being held until after affiliation? Further changes could be put forward at this time if everybody thought them right. And, PLEASE, do get straight back to me when you get paperwork with your comments and feedback; it is almost never 'just for information' as one of you said she had believed - you are the vital pipeline to the membership, although luckily quite a few members do ring directly. D.B.