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MEET THE COMMITTEE 1998

For the benefit of new members and those of you who do not yet know our new Committee members.

Chairman: Mrs Carol Poole - Carol joined the Committee in 1993. She became Chairman in October 1997 and was re-elected as such this year. She has also been the Hon. Secretary of the Tonkinese Breed Advisory Committee (BAC) since its foundation in 1994. Carol is a senior veterinary nurse. She breeds and shows her Tonkinese under her Clarinath prefix.

Vice-Chairman: Mrs Brenda Rawlinson - Brenda served on the Committee in 1995 and 1996 when she was so successful in fund-raising activities for the Club Rescue & Welfare. Brenda breeds and shows her Tonkinese under her Melusine prefix.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Linda Vousden - Linda joined the Committee in 1992 and was the editor of Tonkinfo for 2 years. She has been the Club's Hon. Secretary since 1993. She is especially interested in the development of colour and coat-patterns and wrote the book 'Tonkinese Cats'. She breeds and shows her Tonkinese under her Mymystic prefix.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Mike Vousden - Mike joined the Committee in 1993 and his profession (accountancy) made him ideal for the offices of Hon. Treasurer for both the Club and the Tonkinese BAC. Mike also breeds and shows the Mymystic Tonkinese.

Membership Secretary & Show Support: Mrs Christine Richards - Christine joined the Committee in 1995. She is particularly keen on raising funds for the Club's Rescue & Welfare. She is our substitute Delegate to the GCCF and Vice-Chairman of the Tonkinese BAC. With her daughter she breeds and shows

her Tonkinese under their Tonkaholics prefix.

Ms Sue Davison - Sue joined the Committee this year. She is looking forward to promoting the breed. Sue breeds and shows her Tonkinese under her Kittykus prefix.

Miss Miriam Haas - Miriam joined the Committee this year. She now runs our Kitten List. She shows and exhibits her two Tonkinese and is keen to promote the breed this way. Miriam was our official photographer for the 1997 Club show and will continue in this role.

Mr Kevin Leaver - Kevin joined the Committee this year but has already worked with the Committee in the promotion of the Club shows. He and his wife breed and show their Tonkinese under their Lavalette prefix.

Miss Susan Vogt - Susan has served on the Committee since 1990. She is a well-known member of the cat fancy; she stewards, is a delegate and club officer for other cat clubs and is a member of the GCCF Disciplinary Committee. She was our first GCCF Delegate and is now our Assistant Show Manager. She occasionally breeds Tonkinese under her Acares prefix.

Mrs Kathy Wilkinson - Kathy first served on the Committee in 1997 when she was co-opted and became the editor of Tonkinfo. She is our GCCF Delegate. Kathy is particularly interested in animal welfare and is the Universities Liaison Officer for the Disabled Animals Club. She regularly shows and exhibits three of her Tonkinese.

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Notes from the Editor:

Hi there!

It's me again!

Circumstances beyond your control mean that I have been allowed to keep the magazine within my clutches for a while longer. SO, if they haven't been any offerings from YOU, the Club Members, then I have no option but to fill the pages with items that interest me and that I think will interest you. So, please don't complain about hearing about my cats, opinions etc. YOU can do something about it, it's your club magazine, so send something in.



If/when you have something, you could send me a hard copy or if you have access to a PC and would like to send it on disc then I have Wordpro (from Lotus Smartsuite) and Word 6 and 7.

I promise to put the hard copy away safely – I say this because Nimrod (and Mischa too when the mood takes him) is a 'shredder'. His speciality is turning cardboard boxes into cornflake sized pieces, but he is not adverse to newspapers or paper generally.

Jo Richard's poems in this issue were a victim of his – I was copying them into Word and was called away to the phone. I didn't put them away that night and they were like confetti in the morning. Jo wasn't sure if she had copies!! Nimrod went into hiding!! I could have died!!

When someone was asking me at the AGM what system I use on the PC I must have appeared really gormless – Honestly I do know what I've got on there but Chris was reminding me quietly (and laughing like mad) that I had to put things away to stop tempting Nimrod!! I could have sunk into the ground, really. What a pickle these Tonkinese can get us their poor owners into.

So, please put fingers to keyboard or pen to paper and send something in for the next issue, which should be out at Show time in November. The deadline for the Autumn issue is 30 September 1998 please as October is a very busy month for me with my OU revision and examination as well as getting Tonkinfo ready for issuing at the show.

You'll be able to collect your Autumn Tonkinfo at the show, or if you can't make it there, it will be mailed on shortly afterwards.

Regards

Kathy Wilkinson

PS: Jo did have copies, two of the poems are included in this issue! Enjoy.

STOP PRESS

Although there have been further regrettable, but unavoidable, delays the publishers THF Kingdom (01705 486777) have confirmed that the book "Tonkinese Cats" is now with the printers. If you have any questions, please ring the publishers not Mrs Vousden.

CLUB KITTEN LIST SERVICE

After serving on the Committee for five years Mrs Sylvia Clark has decided to stand down. The members and Committee all wish her well and thank her for her hard work with both the Tonkinese Rescue and the Club's Kitten List. Mrs Felicity Jolly has successfully taken over from Sylvia as Rescue Officer and one of our new Committee members, Miriam Haas, has taken on the Kitten List. The Kitten List is compiled bi-monthly and issued to all Committee members to help members sell their kittens. The service has been very successful. The Committee has slightly revised some of the procedures for using the service.

1. The kitten list will be collated and produced by Miriam Haas.
2. There is an annual fee of £3 for *all* members who want to use the service (this helps to pay for advertising and the production of the list).
3. When a Committee member is asked for details of kittens for sale contributors to the kitten list will always have priority referrals.
4. There are no more forms to fill in. If you have a litter to go on the list just ring Miriam Haas and leave the details of your litter (number of kittens, sex, colours, coat-patterns, date they will be ready to go) and don't forget to leave your name and phone number.
5. You must inform Miriam if you still have kittens by the time the next list is issued, otherwise it will be assumed that your kittens have been homed and they will be removed from the list.
6. The Club's Kitten List will be advertised on the Internet as and when the Club takes a web site.

AGM NOTES

At the Club's recent AGM a couple of points were raised that the Committee wish to clarify for the benefit of all Club members.

- 1) A member raised a 'point of order' saying that, even though there were only the same number of candidates as there were vacancies on the Committee, ballot papers should still have been sent out. While the Committee was sure that its actions were correct it agreed to consult the GCCF on the matter. Our Hon.Secretary (Linda Vousden) spoke with Mrs Frances Peace (Hon.Secretary, GCCF) who emphatically confirmed that it was *not* necessary to issue ballot papers under such circumstances. Mrs Peace informed Linda that this same suggestion had been "vehemently pursued" by another cat club and the GCCF pointed out to them that there could be no competition for places when the number of candidates matched the number of places available; it would be impossible to construct a ballot paper to allow for a candidate not to be elected; that each candidate was bound to receive at least one vote – unless by some extraordinary circumstance the candidate, the proposer and seconder all failed to vote for the candidate.
- 2) The same member suggested that the membership was not kept well enough informed by the Committee (the type of information was not specified). The Committee is aware that it actually provides far more information for the members than a majority of cat clubs. There are two issues of *Tonkinfo* per year, Committee bulletins issued whenever there is a matter the Club should be informed of, notices placed in *Cats* magazine, regular adverts for the kitten register and Tonkinese rescue in *Cats* and *Your Cats* magazines and all members have access to the Committee's phone numbers (printed in *Tonkinfo*). Each issue of a bulletin or *Tonkinfo* costs the Club a minimum of £40. So besides "increase the annual fees" does anyone have any constructive comments or suggestions to make on this subject?

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome one and all to a bright new TBC year with a new Committee who is keen and just raring to set new standards of excellence. This is a great time to brush away some of our cobwebs, myths and hang-ups (see my item 'A Rose By Any Other Name?' later in this issue).

At this point I have a plea to put to you all. Committee members are volunteers and as such our telephone bills are radically increased, an expense that we don't reclaim. So when you ring us and get an answerphone please leave a message or ring us back - don't just leave your phone number. You'd be amazed how many phone calls I get from people ringing up about the Club or Tonkinese in general, a high proportion of them think that I'm working from the Club office!

This year could be the year that the Club goes world wide – on the Internet. The Committee is looking into setting up a Club web site that would increase our advertisements for kittens and increase awareness of the Club and its aims etc. We would hope to offer advertising and e-mail addresses, for a fee, particularly useful to breeders. However, it will not be cheap so we need some very good ideas on raising the funds and we'll need to re-think our kitten-list financing. If you have any ideas feel free to drop me a line.

I look forward to meeting more of you at shows and seeing even more cats on the bench. Look out for Karen Hood's lovely Bonzer Blueprint on exhibition, a blue-based caramel tabby Tonkinese; no doubt we will be seeing more caramels and apricots this year. There is a lot of interest in these 'colours' and they are found not only in the Orientals, Siamese and Tonkinese but also in the Burmese – now there's a contentious statement, but just go and have a look for yourselves!

Before I finish I would like to draw your attention to the following letter (reported verbatim) that I received from the GCCF recently.

To: All Club Secretaries
From: Stephen Bunce, GCCF Treasurer
Subject: Inland Revenue Enquiries

Date: 18th March 1998

The Finance Committee felt that you should have drawn to your attention the fact that in recent years, various tax offices have been making contact with members of the Fancy enquiring into their activities as cat breeders, with a view to establishing whether there is any profit to tax. These enquiries for the inexperienced can be somewhat alarming, and in certain circumstances prove to be extremely costly. Whilst the majority of breeders are probably well within the GCCF philosophy of carrying out these activities simply as a hobby, there are circumstances in which breeders are making a profit, and their position with the Revenue is clear: If you are

already registered with the Revenue, you should have no problems, if you are making a profit, and should have registered with the Revenue, then you should be advised to do so as soon as possible. If a loss is made on a regular basis it is unlikely that the Inland Revenue will allow tax relief on this loss against an individual's other income. Those of you who perhaps make a profit in one year, and a loss in the next year are possible those most at risk from Revenue enquiries, and as I have had some experience of these situations, I would be pleased to give members of the Fancy an indication as to how to deal with such enquiries.

Linda Vousden

BAC NEWS

We are now working on tidying up our Standard of Points for re-submission to the GCCF and hope to re-submit our application for progression to Provisional Status next year.

We are very pleased to have two new judges on our list for the Tonkinese: Miss Maria Chapman, Miss Cilla Rowlands and Mr John Hansson, and look forward to them judging us soon.

The 1998 Tonkinese Seminar is being held on Sunday, 28 June at St Mary's Hall, Winnersh, Wokingham, (the venue of the AGM), to start at 12.45 pm. Tickets are available from me at 7 Langworthy End, Holyport, Maidenhead, SL6 2HJ, price £2.50 for members and £3.00 for non-members. Numbers are limited.

*Carol M Poole
Tonkinese BAC Hon Secretary*

SHOW SUPPORT

I would like to thank all the people that shown their cats this year. We all know that these cats are wonderful but without the support of people like you who take the time and effort to attend shows our cats will never acquire Championship status. Unlike showing dogs, showing cats is a very expensive pastime, even more so when the day of the show comes, and little Tiddle's has misbehaved himself. Unfortunately we get no returns for not showing him.

As of now we have a large number of cats that done so well by gaining 2 merits as a kitten and 2 as an adult or 4 as an adult that the Committee has decided to change this slightly. You will no longer be able to collect a rosette for the fourth qualifying Merit. HOWEVER THERE WILL BE CERTIFICATES FOR THE 10TH, 25TH AND 50TH MERITS.

Your cats will also qualify for:

10 Merits	-	a green rosette
20 Merits	-	a white rosette
25 Merits	-	a silver rosette
30 Merits	-	a pearl rosette
40 Merits	-	a red rosette
50 Merits	-	a gold rosette

These rosettes can be obtained by sending photocopies of Merit critiques to Chris Richards as you qualify for them. The certificates and rosettes will then be given out annually at the AGM.

However, I would be pleased to hear of anyone's success, even if you have managed to go along to one show. Throughout 1997 there were quite a few Tonks on the show bench represented by at least one from every colour range in Base, Torties and Tabby. As you will see from the 10 Merit Winners at the AGM some of these cats have been shown over a period of 2-3 years.

It is just as important to show our older cats, some of them have excellent type. If you would like to keep your show results, don't forget that you can get a show result booklet from the Club.

Best wishes and Good Luck for the coming year.

Chris Richards

RESCUE & REHOMING REPORT

I thought members might be interested to read of the success that the Rescue & Rehoming side of the TBC has had within the last few months. This is a vital service which Sylvia Clarke managed for the Club until just recently when I was pleased to take over. Sylvia now does Rescue for the Tontines Cat Club and we aim to liase on behalf of our respective members and their cats whenever possible. The major part o the Rescue service is usually conducted over the telephone, putting people in touch when rehoming becomes necessary. Giving up a much loved pet is a heart breaking decision for most owners and is one not undertaken lightly. However, should you find yourself, or know of anyone in such a predicament, rest assured that we will do our utmost to place your cat with folks who can provide a loving and secure home.

Case 1 - I was approached by Anna Bailey (Wyvern Cat Club/Tonk judge) who had been notified by the Worcester branch of the CPL of two 6 month old half-Tonkinese male kittens needing a new home due to the development of an allergy in the family. The boys were quickly found a home with a colleague at work who had lost his 18 year old Burmese in the autumn and they have brought much joy to Stuart and his wife Chris.

Case 2 - Eight month old Tabitha was in need of a new home when her pensioner owners decided they could no longer afford to keep two cats and so they decided to let her go. After a false start with a home promised in the Kent area she was finally collected from her home in Worcestershire by John and Catherine Harrison from Keighley, West Yorks. Tabitha has settled in beautifully and is firm friends with one of the couple's two dogs. I am advised that bed making is now one of her specialities!

Case 3 - A phone call from one of our members requested help in finding a new home for 2 year old Sally who belong to his vet's receptionist. She had unfortunately developed behavioural problems towards her fellow felines and the situation was deteriorating. A new home was found for her with a lady called Helen Kent in the Sevenoaks area where she is a much loved only pet.

Although in an ideal world it would be best if a home check were conducted (as is done by some of the larger animal charities), this is virtually impossible due to the geographical difficulties involved. Rehoming is something that has to be done by asking some basic questions and relying on a gut instinct about your prospective new owners. We do have release and adoption forms which we ask people to complete based on the ones used by the Cats Protection League. If, however, I were lucky enough to have members who are prepared to be unpaid volunteers contact me to offer their services, I could try and improve this side of the scheme by setting up some kind of network. As a homechecker for the RSPCA I go along to meet the people concerned, look at their circumstances and the area in which they live and make a recommendation based on what I find. Obviously with cats there are particular things which we look for when conducting a home check which differ to rehoming, say, a dog or other animal - for instance, the vicinity of the house to main roads and finding out if the cat will be kept in at night are just two of the fundamental questions asked. If you would like to know more or could offer to help in this way, please contact me on 01905 830685.

*Fliss Jolley
Rescue & Welfare*

Cup Winners from the 1998 AGM

The **ISHMAL CHLOE MEMORIAL CUP** for most successful Brown (74), Blue (74a), Chocolate (74b) or Lilac (74c) went to a Brown boy – **Mymystic Goldenshadow**.

The most successful Blue (74a) won the **MYMYSTIC LANSDALE FABLE TROPHY**. This went to **Samkabar Pleides**.

The **ISHOKATS TROPHY** for the most successful Chocolate (74a), Chocolate Tortie (74h) or chocolate Tabby (74bt) went to **Mymystic Nimrod**.

The **WIZADORA CUP** went to **Adhirsh Cato Redbaron**, the most successful red adult (74d).

The **MELUSINE ROMANTICA LEONORA MEMORIAL AWARD** went to **Romantica Rousseau**, the most successful Red (74d).

The **EPISCOPUSS TROPHY** went to **Tonkitu Temujen**, the most successful Cream (74f).

The **GRIMSPOUND ROSE BOWL**, for the most successful Brown Tortie (74e), Blue Tortie (74g), Chocolate Tortie (74h) or Lilac Tortie (74j) went to **Tonkaholics Speckled Star**, a Brown Tortie (74e).

The most successful **Adult Male EKAHTI CUP** went to **Samkabar Pleides**, a Blue boy (74a).

The most successful **Adult Female EKAHTI CUP** went to **Keo Juanita**, a Chocolate Tortie (74h).

The most successful **Adult Neuter EKAHTI CUP** went to **Mymystic Nimrod**, a Chocolate Tabby (74bt).

The most successful **Kitten EKAHTI CUP** went to **Tonkaholics Speckled Star**, a Brown Tortie (74e).

The **TONKAHOLICS TABBY FEMALE KITTEN CUP** went to **Mymystic Zafran**, a Lilac Tabby (74ct).

The **TONKAHOLICS TABBY MALE KITTEN CUP** went to **Mymystic Pharoah**, a Blue Tabby (74at).

Mymystic Pharoah won the **MYMYSTIC ADULT MALE CUP**.

MYMYSTIC PAGAN BOWL for the most successful female Tabby, went to **Mymystic Pagan**, a Lilac Tabby (74ct).

The **MYMYSTIC NIMROD TABBY NEUTER CUP** was won by **Mymystic Nimrod**.

For the second year the **MYMYSTIC GOLDENSHADOW CUP** for the most successful Brown (74) went to **Mymystic Goldenshadow**.

The **TONKAHOLICS SHIELD** went to our most successful person who has joined the club within the last 2 years. This was presented to **Miriam Haas** who has successfully shown **Melusine Aquatay** and **Bellaclova**.

The **TONKAHOLICS EXHIBITION TROPHY** went to **Mymystic Starshadow** (alias 'Buster') for the second year running, who continues to go to lots of shows as an ambassador for our beloved Tonks.

The **MELUSINE BREEDERS TROPHY** was presented to **Pauline Earley** for all the work she has done to promote the breed.

We also have within our club some people who regularly take cats to shows, not for their own glory, but to promote the breed. The **WILKINSON CUP** was presented to **Jenny and Anthony Ponsford** for exhibiting 10 cats last year.

10 Merit Winners

Christine Richards presented these cats with a rosette to accompany their Certificate. Congratulations to:

Adhirsh Cato Redbaron,	A Red (74d)
Carash Happy Lan,	A Chocolate (74b)
Learoyd Serendipity,	A Blue (74a)
Learoyd Whiskey,	A Lilac (74c)
Mymystic Pagan,	A Lilac Tabby (74ct)
Mymystic Pharoah,	A Blue Tabby (74at)
Tonkaholics Speckled Star,	A Brown Tortie (74e)
Treedancer Lilac Korene,	A Lilac (74c)

Changes to Tonkinese Breed Club Rules

The following Rule change proposals were agreed at the Committee meeting following the 1998 AGM:

Rule 5, add a new sub-section: 5I No elected or co-opted Committee member may serve on the committee of any other Tonkinese breed club.

Rule 10d, delete the full stop and append: *and shall be appointed annually by the Committee.*

1997 SHOW SOUVENIR

We still have a limited number of catalogues from the 1997 Club show. They are available by post for the amazingly low, souvenir-price of 80p (including p&p). We will even include a result sheet! Write to the Hon. Secretary for your copy and make cheques payable to the Tonkinese Breed Club, or send 4 x 20p stamps.

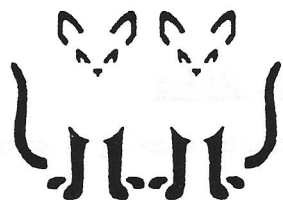
HELP NEEDED FOR THE CLUB'S 1998 SHOW

The Club's 3rd Exemption show will be held on Saturday, 7th November 1998 at Lincombe Barn, Downend, Bristol. Our Show Manager is Helen Hewitt and Assistant Show Manager is Susan Vogt. Schedules are expected to be available in August.

Thanks to so many people who came along at the ninth hour to help with last year's show it was a particular success and even raised a small surplus. Among the heroines of the hour was Felicity Jolley with her amazing crew who took on the catering; unfortunately Felicity is unable to take on the same task for this year's show so

..... *are there any volunteers* who are prepared to commit themselves to organising and running the catering this year? You will be well supported and all catering expenses will be covered – lavish meals are not expected! Please consider it and if you think you can fill the role (pardon the pun) get in touch with Linda Vousden (see Committee list for address) as soon as possible.

ALSO if you have anything that could be used for raffle prizes or for a 'Good as New' stall please let Christine Richards or other Committee member know. Possibly you could bring items to our show, or arrangements could be made to collect them, at a show for example.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - write them in NOW

1998

- 13 June London Cat Club Show, Staines (new venue)
4 July Wiltshire & District Cat Club Show, Swindon
11 July Lincolnshire Cat Club Show, Lincoln
25 July Kensington Kitten & Neuter Cat Club Show, Bracknell
1 August Eastern Counties Cat Society Show, Kings Lynn
5 September Herts & Middlesex Cat Club Show, Stevenage (new venue)
19 September Bucks, Oxon & Berks Cat Society show, Bletchley
17 October Kentish Cat Society Show, Ashford
7 November Tonkinese Breed Club Show - OURS: be there or be square!!
21 November Supreme Cat Club Show, Birmingham
12 December National Cat Club show, Earls Court (new venue)
19 December Maidstone & Medway Cat Club Show, Gillingham (new date!)

Details of these shows will be advertised in *CATS* nearer the time, or are available on the list published by the GCCF – ask anyone who shows regularly and they will be able to give you the name and address of the Show Manager of the show you are interested in if you want to start showing your Tonkinese or Moggie. Otherwise come along and talk to the Tonks who will be there and introduce yourself to their owners, even if they are not a member of our club, I am sure they will be pleased to talk 'Tonk'.

TONKINESE

Tonkinese are very fine cats indeed
We all need to fight for this wonderful Breed
So why don't you get out there and give it a go?
By putting your cats, kittens and neuters on show

We all know that they are loving and fine
If judges don't see it, they all must be blind!
Putting that behind us and joking aside
The beauty of these cats, NO ONE can hide.

Jo Richards

TORTIE TALES

Hello, my name is Clova and I'd like to tell you a bit about my life. My story starts at the end of March '96 when Sheba and Rodrigo, my biological parents, spent a few days together on Dartmoor. Apparently this holiday had been planned for some time.

Anyway, I came into this world 9 weeks later, along with my brother Larry (you know him better as Tay) and 3 sisters - Fleur, Candy and Maddie. The day after we were born, a lady called Miriam came to see us and said that 2 of us would go to live with her when we were old enough.

We spent the next 13 weeks with Brenda and Steve, our foster parents. Miriam came to see us every week and took lots of photos of us all. When we were 3 weeks old, she decided that me and Larry were the chosen ones. Actually, we chose her, but she doesn't need to know that, does she?

Well, the time came and Miriam took us back to her place, which very quickly became OUR place. After a while all breakables were either broken or hidden away. Tay says this is down to me and Miriam said something about 'terror torties'. But she still loves us. One of my favourite games in those days was to climb up the curtains and hang onto the rail. Tay would sit and watch me - he found that energetic enough! He did join in once - we were in the bedroom and between us we managed to bring down the whole lot. That was fun!

One day Miriam said something about a cat show. We knew all about cat shows - our Uncle Solomon had warned us about them. Anyway, off we went to Bristol for the day. It wasn't as bad as Uncle Solomon said - in fact we quite enjoyed it. I've done quite a few shows since but Tay decided last year that he prefers a quiet day at home. He's not too sure of himself sometimes. Me - I've got enough self-confidence for both of us. Still, he had his 15 minutes of fame at our second show when he brought home some nice trophies for me to play with.

Miriam often tells us how wonderful we are and how much she loves us. Well, if she loves us so much, why does she leave us so often to go to a place called work? She says it's to get money for us. But we've got a nice home, plenty of toys and food - so why do we need money?

Well, my paw's getting tired from all this typing, so I'll sign off now. If you see Miriam, please don't tell her I've been using the computer.

Clova

FREE SPIRITS

Cats are free spirits
They don't come when called
They take down your message
Your call is installed
They get back to you later
At a more convenient date
Just sit with your feet up
Have a coffee and wait

Jo Richards

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME?

We all know the children's rhyme "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me" and experience shows us that this is nonsense. Repetitive name-calling is insidious. If a phrase is repeated loud enough and long enough (and by someone with apparent knowledge or authority), most people will eventually believe it – but that doesn't make it true. What am I talking about? VARIANTS.

We do NOT have Burmese Variants or Siamese Variants in the Tonkinese breed! We only have Tonkinese - with variant coat-patterns. Of course we have to register our kittens using the GCCF terminology i.e. Tonkinese Variant (Bu) or Tonkinese Variant (Si) but there is still no mention of Burmese or Siamese variants - because they do not exist in the Tonkinese breed. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" - sorry William, it just won't wash. Unfortunately we are perpetuating the confusion ourselves so the sooner we start using standard (and descriptively correct) terminology to refer to our three coat-patterns the better. Those who know me also know that I favour the American style of coat-pattern description because it is simple and appropriate.

So what *do* we have? We have Tonkinese, solid Tonkinese and pointed Tonkinese. If you can think of a more appropriate description I, for one, would be happy to hear it.

.... and while I'm on my high horse for heaven's sake let us stop apologising for the "fact" that Tonkinese will never breed true. They do breed true – i.e. they do produce three different coat-patterns and always will by genetic regulation. The tonkinese coat-pattern is unique in the cat world – just as the rex and sphynx coat types are unique, so why do we still let some people tell us that this characteristic is wrong in a breed. It is not wrong it is different.

Linda Vousden

Results of Wordsearch Puzzle

There was only one entrant - Janina Mischker, and fortunately she did have the correct answer, which was

'A FIVE POUND BOOTS VOUCHER'

I was therefore very happy to send off the voucher in question to Janina – congratulations to her.

Honestly, I didn't think it was THAT difficult, if Richard (and a colleague at work) could do it, then surely there must have been some others who could manage it too. However, perhaps the timing was wrong as Christmas was approaching and you all had to think hard about presents. So I'll let you all off. However, please have a go at this quiz set by Linda Vousden.

PRIZE QUIZ

HOW WELL DO YOU SPEAK TONKINESE?

'Lansdale Cats' is donating a £15 voucher for the winner plus a £5 voucher for each of two runners-up. Write your name & answers on a postcard and send it to Linda Vousden (see Committee addresses) **before the end of June**. The winner will be the person with the highest number of correct answers. Answers and winners names will be included in the next issue of Tonkinfo.

1. What distinguishes a Tonkinese from a Tonkinese variant?
 - a. The coat-pattern
 - b. The eye-colour
 - c. The shape
 - d. All of the above.
2. What was the Tonkinese originally called in the Western Hemisphere?
 - a. Golden Siamese
 - b. Chocolate Siamese
 - c. Tonkanese.
3. Which of these cats was a Tonkinese?
 - a. Wong Mau (Burmese, 1936)
 - b. Ch. Chango of the Farm (Burmese 1941)
 - c. Chira Tan Tockseng (Siamese, 1958)
 - d. All of the above.
4. What is a Burmese variant?
 - a. A Tonkinese with a solid coat-pattern.
 - b. A variation of a Burmese.
 - c. A Bombay.
5. What is the Tonkinese type?
 - a. Its character.
 - b. Its shape
 - c. Its coat-pattern
6. What is meant by the 'tonkinese expression'?
 - a. The shape, position and colour of the eyes.
 - b. The unique appearance of the Tonkinese coat-pattern.
 - c. The expected character and temperament of the cat
7. How many Tonkinese "colours" (not coat-patterns) are recognised by the GCCF?
 - a. 3
 - b. 20
 - c. 16
8. In a litter of 1st generation Tonkinese kittens what percentage will have Tonkinese variant coat-patterns?
 - a. 100%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 0%
9. What percentage of female kittens will be tortoiseshell if one of the parents is red or cream?
 - a. 100%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 0%
10. What percentage of female kittens will be tortoiseshell if both parents are red or cream?
 - a. 100%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 0%
11. Who first described, in writing, cats with the tonkinese coat-pattern?
 - a. Harrison Weir
 - b. Dr J Thompson
 - c. Roy Robinson
12. When were Tonkinese first officially recognised in the UK?
 - a. 1986
 - b. 1991
 - c. 1993
13. Which of the following statements is FALSE?
 - a. Tonkinese with variant coat-patterns cannot have aqua eyes.
 - b. Tonkinese with clear blue eyes are unlikely to have a tonkinese coat-pattern.
 - c. Tonkinese with yellowish-green eyes are unlikely to have a tonkinese coat-pattern.

OWNING A STUD CAT

As the proud owner of two handsome stud cats I should like to share a few concepts about owning Studs.

Jo and I never dreamed that owning a stud cat was going to be such a responsibility when we acquired our first stud. If we had had more information and insight into breeding cats, we know we would have gone through a different process to the one we did. But I am sure we would have still ended up keeping a stud cat. Hopefully if anyone is thinking of taking on a stud for the first time you will be able to avoid some of the problems Jo and I have encountered over the last three years.

It is important that people keep stud cats, although not everyone has the time or facilities to keep a boy due to their habits (the boys, not the owner). It is very important to have a large gene pool so that the breed can progress through the generations.

Jo and I were very lucky that the first boy we acquired was very good type and came from such a good pedigree in our opinions, also no two cats had been used twice in his pedigree. Although we did not really know what we were letting ourselves into, we also bought a little female at the same time, luckily, for us, another good pedigree, unrelated to the boy. We took our prized possessions home to a life of love and reasonable luxury for cats.

As kittens they gave us such joy and unconditional love. How proud we were when we took our 'children' to cat shows. But the biological clock was ticking by. I knew the time was coming when I would have to put our 'beloved boy' up the garden. In the cold, rain, snow and away from the people he loved. My hunt was on for the best cat house I could find. Nothing was going to be too good for our boy. At this time I can only say that I thought the most expensive I could find would be the best. I thought that if it had the best insulation and central heating, for the winter months, with windows and a stable door for the better weather, our boy would be happy. How wrong can one person be? Three months after the house was ordered it still had not arrived, we had an entire boy in the house with an entire maturing girl. He had occasionally started to spray, at eight months, by the back door but he was now spraying around the house. Needless to say all the carpets had to be replaced when he was finally housed outside. Thank the Lord my husband was so understanding.

The house was finally delivered and installed. Much to my horror I felt as if I had been robbed. There truly was not enough room 'to swing a cat' when the Queen's quarters were in position. This was meant to be for visiting queens, poor little loves. I would not have subjected one of our own cats to that, let alone someone else's cat. So more money, back to the company for alterations and a queen's run. Some people will say that a queen has only one thing on her mind when she is visiting a boy, but I personally was not happy to put a girl in a 2 x 4 x 2 box room.

However, that was not the end of our little man's saga of being deposited down the garden. The entire garden had been dug up to install the electricity. Lino and bed linen were needed. A visit to a very good friend also, thank goodness, was to supply us with a wealth of knowledge and advice.

Was I the one who was merrily going to pick the queen up after she was mated to put her back in her own area? Pauline Earley will tell you 'yes'. Without her knowledge of owning a stud cat I probably would have had my arms ripped to pieces. I am ashamed to say I did not know that a queen will turn on the nearest thing to her after being mated, even if it is her beloved human mother. This leads me to recall another incidence when taking one of

my girls to another breeder. In my hurry after work to pick up the screaming girl, (Jo had already taken her to the vet for the required blood test prior to mating) I forgot to clip her nails. I spent nearly 2 hours with that cat trying to clip her nails whilst Tom cat and his owner nearly 'wet their pants' whilst watching me shorten her talons only to have her sink her fangs in my poor finger in objection at the cruel fate that was to be bestowed on her. A queen can do a lot of damage with her claws on the poor Romeo.

However, I will admit that I did know that we were about to spend a lot of our time up the garden from then onwards. Thank goodness for modern technical knowledge in the shape of an answer machine. By now you will see that we were totally ignorant about breeding cats. We had to learn the hard way and fast. Yes! If you put a boy to a girl you will eventually get kittens, but that is another story. Watch this space.

We had already decided that our boy was to be at 'limit' stud instead of open stud. In our opinion it was going to be better for us to protect our lines by other people having limited access to his genes. Also we felt this would hopefully protect our cats against diseases that might be brought in. However, this has its own problems as by now we had purchased another Queen, which is not really enough to keep a very young boy happy. So you end up with a cat that is always screaming and upsetting the neighbours. The answer to this was to have another cat in with him all the time in the shape of a neuter or a Queen that has had a 'Depo' injection to stop her getting pregnant because even though your Queens may have a life of luxury indoors with you, a stud's life can be very lonely in comparison even if he sees you several times a day.

It is quite a responsibility owning a stud that is used by other people. It means having them blood tested once a year to make sure that they do not infect other people's cats. Keeping up to date with their inoculations, something you have to do anyway, especially if you show cats. Informing the Queen's owners of date and likely colours of kittens to expect from mating. To give the first time breeder help about registration of her kittens. Making sure that the Queen's stay with you is not traumatic.

When Jo and I knew the time was right to have a second boy we went about it in an entirely different way. We had been looking at large sheds which I was going to convert into a cat's house when we saw an advert for a secondhand cat house. We eventually went for the latter option. We repaired and transformed the house into a large house with 2 big runs, onto the back of our house, so that the indoor cats could have access to one of the runs. This house, even with renovations, cost a fraction of the 'good' cat house. In my opinion it is far superior for my cats as it offers them space and comfort. The only drawback to this house is that (a) it cost far more to heat, and (b) we have yet to build a safety gate onto it. But I know which one my cats like best. The one where they have toys and climbing frames indoors not out.

If somebody was to ask me if I would do it all again I would say 'yes, but differently'. I would have first found out about breeding. Then I would have at least four Queens prior to buying a stud. Furbished a large garden shed to my own design with a large run. This would have been over a number of years. I feel maybe Jo and I have missed out as we have always been in such a hurry.

Hopefully I have not put you off. Our boys are so affectionate and have produced some beautiful kittens.

*Chris Richards
Tonkaholics Mother*

Some Personal Thoughts

I would like to thank Christine for her very interesting article above. I would also like to comment about the subject and coincidentally there is an article in April's *Cat World* about owning a stud cat. Although the article makes owning a stud sound a responsibility, I don't think it makes it sound too difficult so it was most interesting to have Christine's article describing her own experiences arrive for inclusion in Tonkinfo.

I would like to point out that I think it could be very easy for a new owner of a pedigree cat to get 'pushed' into breeding. 'Pushed' is perhaps not really the right word, perhaps 'nudged' would be better. We all love kittens, they are so appealing and amusing with their antics, but they grow and have to be found homes - the RIGHT homes. My personal knowledge of breeding was non-existent when I got my first Tonk nearly 3 years ago now. I have learnt such a lot since and am grateful to all who have shown patience in explaining things to me, sometimes more than once!!

I have always thought that I'd like to 'have a cat and let her have a litter of kittens', as it always used to be said 'let a female have one litter before she was spayed'. My own vet put me right on that many years ago with my first moggie female, Pippa. I had even less idea then of the problems that can be encountered. Just as you think humans have babies without trouble, which they don't - I am sure everyone knows someone (human) who has had their problems so it is with cats, and I don't think I could cope with sick queens or kittens.

Everyone who knows me knows just how proud I am of my lovely cats - moggies AND Tonkinese, and will also know how lovely Nimrod, the chocolate tabby, is. His litter was born in February 1996 and I have told you in earlier magazines how Mischa had been booked as a kitten but then when I visited his breeder to bring Mischa home, Nimrod had chosen me and so I brought the 2 of them back to be with their half-brothers Bruno and Buster and half-sister Bunty and the 5 moggies.

I started showing Nimrod and Mischa. They did so very well that I decided not to have them neutered at 6 months but to see how things went, ie if they started spraying then they had a trip to vets to have certain 'wobbly' bits removed, but otherwise I would show them as Adults (just, by a day!) at the Supreme and have them 'done' after the National.

I was getting very accustomed to people telling me how gorgeous all my boys were, how lucky I was etc, and asking whether Nimrod was going to be used for stud, but I said no, he was a pet. I must also admit how I revelled in their success, it has been a tremendous time, especially as Bruno has been doing so well since he was about a year old - a late developer. Mum to 3 tremendous show boys, what more could I ask for?! YUMMY!! Knock the side of the building out just to let me and my head through - according to my husband (who is proud too).

So, at just over 8 months we all went to our first Club show in 1996 and they all did very well. More lovely comments were made about how gorgeous Nimrod was and again questions about whether he was going to be a stud boy. I told people Nimrod and Mischa were due for the 'chop' the Monday after the National. Most said 'poor little chaps' and accepted this but a couple of people seemed to be everywhere I turned and kept saying that Nimrod should be a stud cat, that his genes shouldn't be lost and so on. I really felt quite hounded as one person in particular would not accept that Nimrod was going to be a neuter, and I got quite angry/upset. Then I suddenly realised that it was actually a compliment to his breeder in producing such a lovely boy and to me, I suppose, in looking after him. In the end this woman kept qualifying her comments by saying Nimrod should be a father 'just once'.

I hope you can see from this just think how easy it would have been for a complete novice re breeding cats, just like me, to be pushed into keeping a stud cat because his/her boy is so handsome. I had no intention of having another female Tonkinese - Bunty is more than enough for us with that domineering personality of hers - but no-one even asked me if I had a Queen or was thinking about getting one, just kept on and on about keeping Nimrod entire.

I had a very rough idea of what owning a stud cat involved, mainly that it involved him staying outside on his own, but nothing else such as regular blood testing. Perhaps if I had not been chosen by Nimrod himself and did not have the relationship that he and I do have - very close, and somewhat different from that I have with the others who I picked, then I might well have been persuaded to try him as a stud cat. I prefer not to imagine what might have happened if I had - a very unhappy cat, unhappy neighbours and so on.

Now, all breeders, I know I am going to upset someone, but it is not intentional and I would ask that you please take my next paragraphs in the manner in which they are intended. I am just putting down ideas as they come into my mind. I am not commenting on any particular breeders or their chosen practices.

👤 People can get 'into' breeding without really understanding what is involved - just reading about it is not enough, and perhaps some breeders might not give unbiased advice about a cat of their breeding being used in this way - if they know that the kitten is good but can't keep him/her themselves, surely there must be a bit of an incentive to get his new owner to show and use him/her for breeding?

👤 I wonder it might be better if somehow more were made of the problems associated with breeding so that only REALLY dedicated and, **most importantly**, knowledgeable owners take their interest further. I now know that it is important to consider the pedigrees of both the queen and the potential stud when considering a mating, and know that owners of queens travel considerable distances to use a stud who will help improve their 'line'. However, I used to think it was just a matter of finding a stud nearby and 'letting nature take its course'. WRONG. But I can't be the only person who thinks this and if the novice breeder doesn't know anyone who is willing to help, well

👤 I know breeders offer to help re-home if necessary, but what if the novice breeder asks for help when the stud is an adult? I have read about ex-studs moving indoors successfully, but this does not always work. So what happens to him?

As we are all supposed to be working towards improving the breed, I do think this is something that should be aired. The Tonk owners I have met since joining our club have all been very friendly to me, but I know that not everyone can be as helpful.

When I was trying to find information out about dislocating patellae a few years ago (remember Tuppence and the article on the Disabled Animals Club in the last issue?) I was told that this problem had once been associated with Devon Rex. I phoned various breeders and approached some at shows. I was totally honest about why I wanted to find out anything about the problem - I wanted to know how to help Tuppence, the prognosis if she had an op etc - and did not want to know if they had the problem with their present cats, just if they had ever encountered it. All I got was a stone wall - never heard of the problem AT ALL I was told, and some of these people had been breeding for many years. Only one person volunteered information to help me and that was our President, Alison Ashford.

Someone had put me on to her because of her knowledge of Devon Rexes. I tried to contact her but found she was in hospital so did not expect an answer. However, she did contact me and was extremely helpful and supportive. [This was at about the same time that I found the DAC so life did improve with regard to Tuppence.]

Similarly, therefore, someone just getting into breeding could potentially have very little help with any problems they encounter. I know you can't run a course on the subject, but perhaps our members could send in their personal views on how they got into breeding – as Christine has done – and describe the problems they encountered and how they reacted to them.

I apologise if I have upset anyone. We want to improve our lovely Tonkinese, so should endeavour to help anyone considering going into breeding.

I know I'd be unwilling to let my kittens go, so the first litter I had would be the only litter and my feline household would increase dramatically. So I keep myself away from temptation – but must admit that that niggling desire to have kittens is still there.

Kathy Wilkinson

SOME HUMOUR! – to lighten the mood a little

Did you hear about the two ton mouse who walked down a dark alley saying “Here kitty, kitty, kitty”.

Hey diddle diddle
The cat did a widdle
Right in the middle of the floor.
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And added a little bit more

Anyone Interested?

If anyone would be interested in obtaining a brown or brown tabby Queen or Stud cat (1st generation Tonk), please contact Nicki Stevens on 01256 769824 who is considering making them!!

LOVELY TO SEE YOU BACK!!

Here's the letter that Terry and Pauline Earley sent in to Tonkinfo about the last show. It is lovely to hear that both Pauline and Terry are feeling better and perhaps we shall be able to see more of them.

T. J. EARLEY,
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Hi all Feline Funditika of the Tonkinfo.
What a lovely Sat show 8th Nov was, Variety after being away so long ourselves, what with my epilepsy, and David with so many operations, since in all yrs 6 operations on her eye, at last she can flash her eye but at me, still none to come but just cosmetic as she can look down better.

As for myself with my specific attack on the 16th June 95 losing my driving licence for one year, those of you who know were we here, know that it was not easy to get anyone away but thanks to our family all three gathered a round and helped out with shopping, hospital appointments etc etc but no cat show.

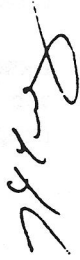
So looking forward to the Tonkinfo Sat show in November the longest distance I have driven, since my licence came back, with our old Seat Ibiza (Molly) which I think will fall apart before I can part with her.

The same old faces at the show we were so chuffed to be made so welcome, and a some new faces including Leslie and Margaret who now own Freddie and Fleur the second, who collected Mini vanette and two trophy so I think we have two converts to showing.

As for the committee members they all did so well, in such a short time to get the show together and there were a few mistakes. As a famous comedian says God please you all and may your God go with you.

Yours

Terry Earley

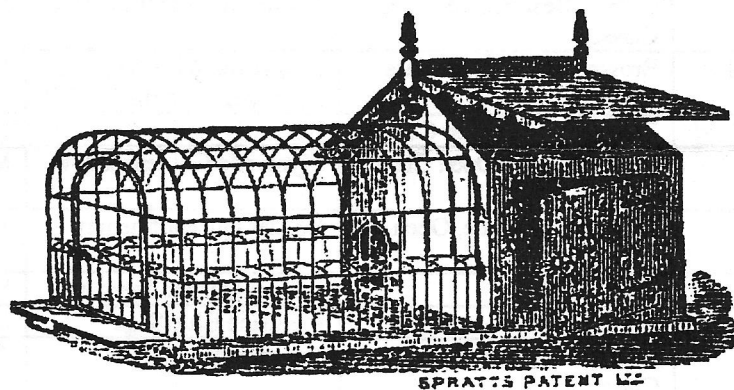


CAT COLLECTIONS

Like many of you I have loved cats as long as I can remember. As a child I lived with them, watched them, played with them, drew them and wrote about them. Inevitably I was given the occasional cat ornament or book as a gift but sadly many of these items were mislaid, my father was in the army and we moved nearly every three years. It was only when I had settled in England that I began to pick up the odd feline item again. Anyone who has come to my home will have seen my cabinet of ornaments and curios all featuring cats - porcelain, carvings and even comical characters. I have a small, but growing, collection of cat postcards including some Victorian cards. I also have a collection of cat art ranging from Officer Smith engravings to David Shepherd prints - the pride of my collection is my Louis Wain autograph.

However it is probably my book collection that I get most pleasure from. Presently I have about 300 titles. I have several early books on the Siamese and Burmese and a lovely little book by A de.Bary-Saunders that features this beautiful, and tiny, cat-run.

I also have a treasured birthday gift from Mike - Harrison Weir's book *Our Cats and All about Them* (published in 1889). In this book Harrison Weir confirms the existence of Tonkinese in the UK in the late 1800s. My collection of GCCF Supreme show catalogues has a few gaps (i.e. 1978, 79, 81, 82, 84 & 85). I have a duplicate for 1990 if someone



Open-Air Cat-Run

would like to do a swap. Can anyone help me fill the gaps? Is there anyone else who has a 'cat collection' - I know one member who has a truly historical collection of cat magazines (*Fur & Feather* etc). Write in and tell us just how far your interests in feline fancies go!

Linda Vousden

Editor: I've seen some of Linda's lovely ornaments and am amazed at how she has them on show indoors. I know I wouldn't leave anything as lovely (and expensive) about because my loony lot of Tonks and moggies would destroy them within seconds! She certainly is brave.

TROPHY LIST TONKINESE BREED CLUB SHOW 1997

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR	WINNER	OWNER
Omicron Cup	Best in Show	Wizadora Hooray Henry	Mrs S Clark
Coomakista Trophy	Reserve Best In Show	Suantre Matilda	Mrs S Arnold
Club Trophy	BIS Adult	Suantre Matilda	Mrs S Arnold
Club Trophy	BIS Kitten	Wizadora Hooray Henry	Mrs S Clark
Club Trophy	BIS Neuter	Mymystic Goldenshadow	Mrs K Wilkinson
Tajens Award	BIS Adult	Suantre Matilda	Mrs S Arnold
Tajens Award	BIS Kitten	Wizadora Hooray Henry	Mrs S Clark
Club Trophy	Variant on Exhibition	Episcopuss Nestor	Dr & Mrs Bishop
Tonkabella Trophy	Best Temperament, Adult	Tonkaholics Speckled Star	Mrs C & Miss J Richards
Tonkaholics Cup	Best Decorated Exhibition Pen	Adouzsh Hypnos	Mr & Mrs S Rawlinson
Romantica Caprice Cup	Variant of Mrs Harper's Choice	Not awarded - Mrs Harper not present	
Ishokats Award	Adult Breeder's Class (M)	Mymystic Pharoah	Mr M & Mrs L Voudsen
Ishokats Award	Adult Breeder's Class (F)	Tonkaholics Speckled Star (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs C & Miss J Richards
Suantre Jack of Hearts	Kitten Breeder's (M)	Wizadora Hooray Henry	Mrs S Clark
Tonkaholics Trophy	Variant, judged on type only	Not awarded	
Annelida Cup	Overall Best Brown, Open Classes	Mymystic Goldenshadow	Mrs K Wilkinson
The Everclean Trophy	Brown Adult, Open Class	Draganara Whiz Kid (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs M Wilson
Tonkaholics Rose Bowl	Brown Kitten, Open Class	Bowmaly Bellsn Whistles	Mrs M Wilson
Little Brown Bunty Bowl	Brown Neuter, Open Class	Mymystic Goldenshadow	Mrs K Wilkinson
Mymystic Lansdale Fable Award	Overall Best Blue, Open Classes	Bonzer Queenofthemay	Mrs S Arnold
Ben Memorial Award	Blue Adult (F)	Bonzer Queenofthemay	Mrs S Arnold
Ekahti Trophy	Blue Kitten	Melusine Blue Sage	Mr & Mrs S Rawlinson
Philoctetes Salver	Blue Neuter (M), Open Class	Not awarded	
Tonkaholics Blue Posy Bowl	Blue Neuter (F), Open Class	Suantre Sobrina Suzhonese	Mrs J Murrell
Tonkaholics Sophie Memorial	Overall Best Chocolate, Open Classes	Ishmarl Everready Freddie	Mr & Mrs Earley
Satinwood Trophy	Chocolate Adult	Kittykus Babushka	Ms E S Davison
Wizadora Cup	Chocolate Kitten	Trampus Maelstrom	Mr & Mrs C Jolley
Leaver Flower Fox Memorial	Chocolate Neuter, Open Class	Ishmal Everready Freddie	Mr & Mrs Earley
The Everclean Trophy	Overall Best Lilac, Open Classes	Not awarded	
Clarínath Trophy	Lilac Adult, Open Class	Bonzer Merlin	Mr & Mrs V Macey
The Lansdale Posy Bowl	Lilac Kitten, Open Class	Bonzer Sherazade	Mr A & Dr J Ponsford
The Wizadora Cup	Best Lilac Adult, Breeder's Class	Kittykus Lottie Loveheart	Mr & Mrs K Leaver
Tonkitu Wong Mei Trophy	Overall Best Red	Adhirsh Cato Redbaron	Miss S Ward
Tonkitu Trophy	Red Adult (M)	Not awarded	
Tonkitu Trophy	Red Adult (F)	Not awarded	
Tonkitu Trophy	Red Kitten	Tonkitu Suncette	Mrs McKiernon
Tonkitu Trophy	Red Neuter	Adhirsh Cato Redbaron	Miss S Ward

TROPHY	AWARDED FOR	WINNER	OWNER
Episcopuss Caesar Trophy	Cream Adult (M)	Not awarded Not returned 1997	
Tonkitu Trophy	Cream Adult (F)	Not awarded	
Grimspound Coasters	Cream Kitten	Wizadora Hooray Henry	Mrs S Clark
Tonkitu Xin Wun Trophy	Cream Neuter	Episcopuss Caesar	Dr & Mrs Bishop
Episcopuss Ianthe Trophy	Best Lilac Tortie	Kaburthai Cloudy Skies (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs K Wall
Romantica Rainbow Cup	Tortie Adult, Open Class	Suantre Matilda (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs S Arnold
Romantica Kaleidoscope Cup	Tortie Kitten, Open Class	Romantica Chocolate Eclair	Mrs L Dean
Romantica Mosaic Cup	Tortie Neuter, Open Class	Melusine Belaclova	Ms M H aas
Ismir Salver	Overall Best Blue Tortie, Open Classes	Suantre Matilda	Mrs S arnold
Bonzer Paper Tiger Shield	Overall Best Tabby, Open Classes	Mymystic Pharoah	Mrs L Vousden
Xigamma Salver	Tabby Adult, Open Class	Mymystic Pharoah	Mrs L Vousden
Bonzer Glenmorangie Cup	Tabby Adult (M)	Mymystic Pharoah (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs L Vousden
Xigamma Salver	Ttabby Kitten, Open Class	Bonzer Red Sunset	Mr A & Dr J Ponsford
Xigamma Salver	Tabby Neuter, Open Class	Mymystic Nimrod	Mrs K Wilkinson
Shooting Trophy	Overall Best Chocolate Tabby, Open Class	Mymystic Nimrod	Mrs K Wilkinson
Mymystic Caspar Memorial	Overall Best Blue or Lilac Tabby, Open Class	Mymystic Pharoah	Mrs L Vousden
Pickles Memorial Cup	Overall BIS Household Pet	Lydia Won by non-member - not awarded	Mrs C Tyrrell
Club Trophy	Household Pet Adult, Open Class	Sophie (trophy not returned 1997) Won by non-member - not awarded	Mrs J Record
Club Trophy	Household Pet Kitten, Open Class	Lydia Not awarded	Mrs C Tyrrell
Acares Salver	BIS Household Pet	Lydia Not awarded	Mrs C Tyrrell
Tonkaholics Vase	Household Pet with Best Temperament	Lydia Not awarded (trophy not returned 1997)	Mrs C Tyrrell

**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY'S
GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS AND OWNERS**

Registered owners of all GCCF registered cats/kittens accept the jurisdiction of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and undertake to abide by this general code of ethics.

1. Owners should think carefully and take advice before getting a kitten and choose a breed of cat suited to their lifestyle. They should only keep as many cats as they can care for adequately.
2. Cats and kittens must be provided with warm and comfortable housing, with plenty of opportunity for exercise and play. Cats should be kept indoors at night for their own safety. Drinking water must be available at all times and cats must be fed regularly and adequately. Breeders will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing cats in a new home.
3. All cats need some grooming to keep the coat in good condition and to check for parasites, eg fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots and matted areas of fur, which cause considerable discomfort to cats.
4. Veterinary attention must be sought whenever a cat is showing signs of illness.
5. Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at the age recommended by your veterinary surgeon. If cats are registered on the Non-Active register, this means that under no circumstances should the cats be bred from; no progeny from these cats will be registered by the GCCF.
6. Breeders agree only to sell cats where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. An offer should be made at the time of sale to help with the rehoming if at any time circumstances require the cat to be found a new home.
7. Owners should not sell any cat to commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
8. Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cat and must draw the attention of purchasers to the implications of the Non-Active register when selling pet kittens.
9. Breeders selling a kitten on the Active register should offer advice and support to the new owners. Owners should not breed cats in a way that is deleterious to the health of the cat or the breed.
10. Owners should consider carefully the best means of identifying their cat in case it should become lost. This can be done by means of a microchip, which can be painlessly inserted under the cat's skin by your veterinary surgeon and then registering the number of your cat with the RSPCA registration scheme run by the Kennel Club and also by notifying the GCCF of the cat's chip number. The alternative is for the cat to wear some form of identification on a collar. However, there are dangers for cats wearing collars as they may become hooked up and caught by them or more likely the collar will break or come off over the cat's head, so preventing easy identification.
11. Breeders/owners must ensure that all relevant Governing Council of the Cat Fancy documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a cat in accordance with Rule 10 (see below), *including* a copy of this code.

N.B. Transfer of Registration - GCCF Rule 10

- 10a. When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten the breeder shall, at the time of sale, provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder, carrying 3 generations at least, showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, also the breeder's name and address.
- 10b. If, at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser with a transfer form, duly completed and signed by the seller, unless it is jointly agreed in writing by both parties at the time of sale not to do so.