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**Harness training your Tonk is very rewarding
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Photo credit: Allegra Loch

As I am writing this we are about to have a serious heat wave across most of England and it made me think it would be great to get some tips on how to keep our Tonks cool over the next few days - read the article on page 19 for some great tips (for next time it's hot)

In this issue our lead feature is focusing on arthritis because it is a very common condition in our Tonks and especially older Tonks. With the new medication Solensia® approved for the EU market a year ago it has already improved many cats lives without the side effects from NSAID therapy. My 10 year old Tonk has arthritis and I am sharing our story on page 9 - I call it our miracle cocktail!

The essence of our Club is our Welfare & Rescue and I feel very proud of our Club when I read the adoption story on page 26 about Lily.

She was an unusual case for our Club because we decided to foster her and nurse her back to health before finding her a new family. A big thank you to Loretta!

Lily's story shows how important it is to have an insurance plan for your Tonk, if it gets sick, so you are able to afford the expensive vet bills. On page 30 we talk insurance and saving plans.

The British Summer also means we are in our gardens more and it is fun to share this with your Tonk. Read about harness training on page 16 and enjoy all the Tonks in their gorgeous colourful harnesses.

My other highlight includes our foreign Tonks:
Nimbus & Lacey, they are certified Therapy Cats and live in San Francisco, US

- what an amazing job they do with their humans. I applauded them.

We held our 12th Championship Show on the 26th March 2022. The day was a huge success - we had 22 Tonk entries and it was great to catch up with so many - both Tonks and humans. On page 24 one of our Club members tells us about her experience as a Show Novice.

Thank you to everyone who came to the show and helped make it a tonktastic day. I look forward to our next show at the same venue.

SHOW DATE: 25th MARCH 2023

Please put the date in your diary and we will keep you informed.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed with articles, they are all great and we wouldn't have this magazine without them.

If you have any feedback on the magazine I would love to hear from you, so please get in touch via contact@tonkinesecatclub.co.uk

Happy reading!

Ulla
Chairman & Editor



Welfare update

Owner couldn't afford on going treatment.

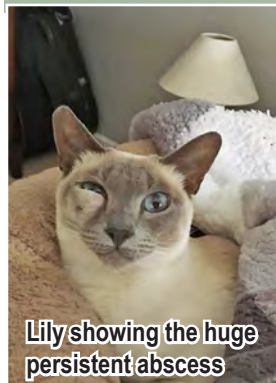
Lily the young beautiful lilac Tonk with an infected eye was initially fostered (thankfully!) by our vice Chairman Loretta and after several weeks of her dedicated loving care and veterinary intervention, Lily was adopted by a lovely couple in Devon in January 2022.

This couple have an ideal set up regarding a large safe outside cat protected space and are proven to be very good caring owners regarding their care, slow careful introductions and veterinary care of their pets.

Lily's eye doesn't seem to be causing any more problems for her and she has settled well into her new home and they would like another Tonk to join Lily and Cleo at some point in the future so are back on our rehoming list.

It's also good to know that these adopters are keeping in touch with the previous owners son and the club.

We have had several enquiries from owners wanting to rehome their Tonks this year - one failed to return our medical forms for their Tonks - but currently we are in the middle of 2 rehoming which we will of course tell you more about later on in the year.



Lily showing the huge persistent abscess



Today happy girl with perfect eyes

Rehoming my own Tonks

As a breeder you sometimes have to make a heartbreaking decision if some Tonks in the your group don't integrate well.

In this case my own two young Tonks - Birdie & Bunty - who I was going to keep for my breeding programme have been rehomed recently. I have never had to rehome a pet before and have only done so for best interests and happiness of all my Tonks - it was really heartbreaking as they had been with me for nearly two years.

I still feel upset so I can really empathise and see how it must feel for owners giving up their beloved pets through the TCC.

Christina Gordon, Welfare & Rehoming Officer



Birdie & Bunty

Membership update

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

We are always working to improve the club and how we run things and we like to keep you **in the loop via email** (or post if you opted out of email).

Please keep your details up to date - so you don't miss out on our glossy TonkiNews and important news about the club.

You can let us know any changes either via post or email.

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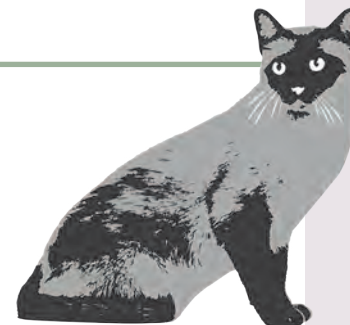
Please note your membership is renewed every January as per the GCCF rules stating that the subscription year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

PAYPAL

When it is time to renew your membership you can renew via the Paypal button on our website or send payment directly from your Paypal account to our Paypal, please email contact@tonkinesecatclub.co.uk or send a cheque by post to our membership secretary.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for your ongoing support and would also like to share with you why your membership is so important to the Tonkinese Cat Club:

1. Our members are Tonk owners who are dedicated to this breed, just like each and every member of the committee who make up TCC.
2. Interest in our breed is at an all time high and with your subscriptions TCC can ensure we are there to educate potential owners, promote the breed, and to help and support new and existing Tonk owners alike.
3. We know that everyone will have huge pressures on their income and spending and we are very grateful that our members continue to support us, to continue our Tonk welfare work and to support Tonk owners during these difficult times.
4. Our subscription fees remain low and we believe it provides amazing value for money especially in unpredictable times. Your valuable contribution allows us to continue this essential work.



We truly value your membership

FELINE ARTHRITIS

Signs to look for!

Cat arthritis is a common condition that causes painful joints and makes moving uncomfortable. There is no cure for cat arthritis, but you can take steps to make your cat feel better. If you notice your cat slowing down or showing signs of pain when they move, schedule an appointment with your veterinarian right away.

It's particularly common in cats aged 12 or over (in a study published in 2002, two-thirds of cats over 12 showed evidence of arthritis in their limb joints). But because cats are very good at disguising pain, it can be very difficult to detect.

Spotting the Signs:

Usually, the bones in your cat's body slide past each other easily and are protected by a healthy joint fluid and cartilage. When a cat has arthritis, the smooth surface is worn down, and the bones grind against each other like sandpaper.

Symptoms of arthritis in cats include:

- Reluctance or hesitation to jump up or down
- Difficulty going up or down stairs
- Limping
- Stiffness in the legs, especially after resting or sleeping
- Difficulty using their litter box
- Irritability
- Reduced levels of activity
- Less time spent on their grooming
- Reduced height when jumping
- Hiding or sleeping more than normal

Causes of Cat Arthritis

Some of the common factors that increase a cat's risk of arthritis are:

- **Wear and tear.**

The joints may weaken as the cat gets older.

- **Abnormalities.**

Abnormal hip development may affect cartilage around joints.

- **Injury.**

When a cat experiences a joint fracture or joint injury, it may cause arthritis.

- **Obesity.**

While there is no scientific evidence that obesity causes arthritis, it may make the condition worse.

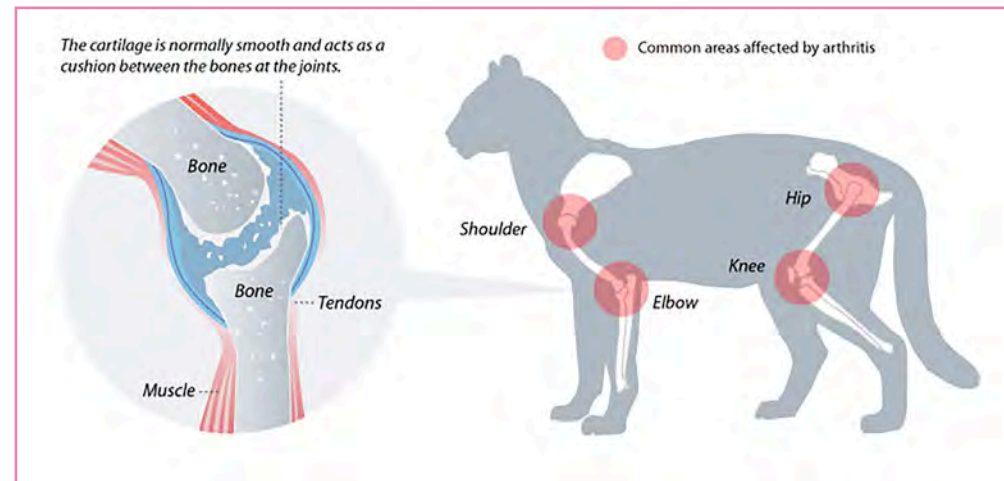
- **Genetics.**

Some cat breeds have an increased risk of arthritis. This is due to abnormal development of their cartilage or hips. This is most commonly seen in Maine Coon, Persian, Scottish Fold and, Siamese cats.

Arthritis in Back Legs

Arthritis can affect any part of a cat's body, but it's common in the legs.

When cat arthritis occurs in the back legs it can greatly limit your cat's mobility. In some cases, cat arthritis can cause lameness where the cat will begin limping or favoring one leg when they walk. Many times, this causes the cat to become much less active and spend more time resting.



How Is Cat Arthritis Diagnosed

If a veterinarian suspects arthritis, they'll review your cat's medical history and complete a physical exam.

The veterinarian will specifically look for:

- **Visible joint deformity**
- **Joint pain**
- **Decreased range of motion**
- **Grating** (scraping noise) when the cat moves its joints
- **Fluid in the joints**
- **Joint instability**

To confirm an arthritis diagnosis, your veterinarian will complete an X-ray to take pictures of the inside of the cat's body and especially their bones.

How Is Cat Arthritis Treated?

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). NSAIDs are prescribed by a licensed veterinarian who can help determine the duration and type of treatment.

Other treatments can be

- Pain management medication.
- Acupuncture.
- Cold laser therapy or photobiomodulation.

NEW Treatment:

So what is SOLENSIA® ?

It was launched in Europe last year

TURN
THE PAGE
to learn more about
Solensia®

Source: By WebMD Editorial Contributors
By Amy Flowers, DVM on February 23, 2021. Amy Flowers, DVM, attended the University of Georgia for 8 years, earning her Bachelor of Science in biology and graduating with a doctorate from The College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003. Her special interests include geriatric medicine and soft tissue surgery.

THE CATS HAVE BEEN WAITING!

Zoetis launched SOLENSIA® in Europe in May 2021. The first product in a new class of medications for the management of Osteoarthritis (OA) pain in cats in 20 Years.

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Globally osteoarthritis (OA) pain impacts nearly **40% of cats** suffering from the condition. OA pain is under-diagnosed as pet owners often think signs of pain are related to 'normal' signs of aging.

The most common medications used to treat OA pain today are Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), while effective, current treatment choices can have limitations. Additionally, middle aged to senior pets may have other diseases that require multiple medications. Not all pets respond to NSAID therapy and some will not tolerate NSAIDs.

This can lead to under-treatment today of OA pain," said Mike McFarland, DVM, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Zoetis.

"With Solensia for cats (and Librela for dogs), veterinarians will now have access to once-monthly breakthrough solutions for the management of pain associated with osteoarthritis – offering a new alternative to veterinarians to improve the quality of life for pets and their owners."



Untreated OA pain can limit pets' quality of life

"My clinical research, and personal experience, has shown that OA pain can affect cats in a variety of ways. It impairs their ability to perform their activities of daily living, like jumping and playing, and negatively impacts their quality of life," said Margaret E. Gruen, DVM, MPPH, PhD, DACVB, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Medicine at North Carolina State University.

By alleviating pain, Solensia helps generally improve physical activity level, sociability and quality of life of cats with OA. This new product's benefits are effective pain relief, combined with a positive safety profile in a monthly injectable treatment for OA pain in cats.

In a clinical study over three months, a total of 76% of cat owners reported sustained improvement in signs of pain when their cats were treated with Solensia.

"The monthly administration makes it especially useful for cats, with the potential to bring pain relief to millions of cats who suffer from OA," said Dr Gruen.

Solensia as part of multi-modal treatment for OA

OA is a progressive disease in cats. "The best approach to therapy includes analgesics, weight management and exercise. It's important that veterinarians work with pet owners on a multi-modal approach to support the care of the animal," added Dr. McFarland.

PREVALENCE
NEARLY
40%
OF ALL CATS
show clinical signs
of osteoarthritis*



Source: www.vetclick.com/news - Date: 14th April 2021 - Author: Zoetis
Compiled by: Ulla Korterman

Why is Jake not jumping?

Written by owner: Ulla Korterman

I have read on various websites now how common it is for cats to have OA - it is estimated that 40% of all cats have clinical signs of OA, and 90% of cats over age 12 have radiographic evidence of Osteoarthritis, so I think it is important we as pet owner educate ourselves more on OA.

Active screening and early identification can increase the number of cats treated and improve the quality of life of cats suffering from the pain and reduced mobility associated with OA.

I have owned Tonks since 2000 but Jake is my first Tonk with OA - so I had to educate myself more on this topic to help him have a good senior life and of course to understand what is happening to him.

So let me take you back to 2021 and tell you about his OA journey so far...



Jake is my 10 year old Tonk and last year in June he began to have difficulty jumping up on our counter top where he loves to sit so he can talk to me eye to eye. I first thought is he getting too overweight because he didn't seem unwell – he was eating, drinking, playing as usual and I didn't have any reasons for major concerns. However, the failed attempts became more frequent over the next couple of months and in August he stopped even trying and just sat on the floor looking up and walked away. That was when I started thinking something more serious was going on and literally while waiting for vet appointment he also failed to jump onto our sofa. He was very quiet not talking to me much, but still eating and drinking ok, but definitely not himself!

His blood test came back fine but the x-rays of the lumbar vertebral column and pelvis revealed mild to moderate hip dysplasia with osteoarthritic changes and a narrowed L7-S1 disc space with sclerotic end-plates (bit of a mouthful!) Conclusion: his difficulty with jumping up was caused by this, but he might possibly also have hurt himself trying and failing, so with rest and medication he would hopefully get better.

FOCUS ON ARTHRITIS

In the past Jake has been prescribed Metacam and Onisor. But he didn't tolerate those well (vomitting) and considering his age and being well aware of how their kidneys can deteriorate with old age too - I was already weighing up what to do and how to manage his pain without making him more ill..and I guess this has been a common dilemma for many cat owners in the past.

However, my vet told me that a few months earlier this new medication had been launched in Europe and she had already seen so many positive results with it in their practice and thought this would be the best solution for Jake as his arthritis was mild to moderate.

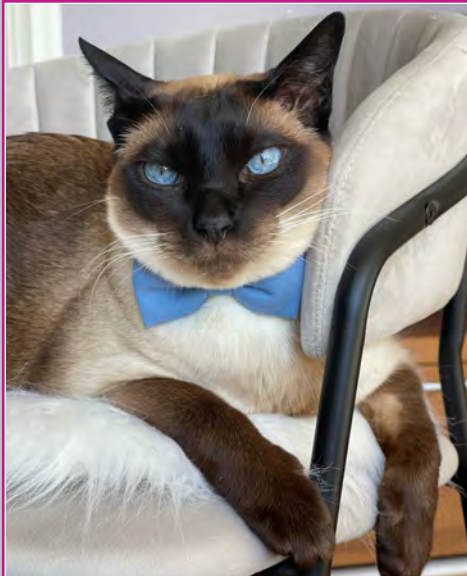
This is how she explained it to me:

The active ingredient in SOLENSIA®, frunevetmab, is an antibody against 'nerve growth factor' (NGF) - a chemical found in the body's response to arthritic pain. NGF is involved in the release of inflammatory chemicals, so blocking its activity can help relieve pain and inflammation in arthritic cats.

Because it's not a conventional drug, it isn't metabolised by the liver or kidneys. Instead, it enters the body's protein recycling process like any other antibody. For this reason, it appears to have very few adverse effects and is considered safe even for cats with kidney disease.

Solensia is administered as a once-monthly injection, so it does mean monthly visits to the vet, but if effective for an individual cat it may mean they can reduce or stop other daily medications they may be taking for their arthritis.

The only reported side effect in trials - even when overdosed - was skin reactions at the injection site.



Jake had his first SOLENSIA® injection early September 2021 and during the first month, he became more mobile again and jumped back on the sofa, so I continued with the monthly injections (not cheap - £60 - but covered by my insurance) and we saw improvements every time and in January this year after 4 injections he started jumping up on the counter tops again – meowing at me, I almost cried as I missed our conversations so much. He has continued to improve and is joining the others in the morning zoomies in the house up and down stairs. I am so thankful for this new medication - I can only say it was definitely worth a try – it gave Jake his quality of life back - just in time!



The Kitty Bling Boutique
LUXURY HANDMADE CAT COLLARS

Promotion



Photo Credit: Ulla Korterman



Photo Credit: Malgorzata Skuza

Welcome to The Kitty Bling Boutique. We sell luxury cat & kitten collars that are all handcrafted using the finest crystals & materials.

I always wanted a diamond cat collar for my adorable little cat Mary so I thought I would have a go at making one with the next best thing the finest Swarovski crystal cup chain. It was a success & she looked sparkling. I enjoyed making the collar so much The Kitty Bling Boutique was created.

My name is Sarah & all my luxury cat collars are handmade to order for you in my studio in Staffordshire. (UK)

I started selling safety crystal cat & kitten collars on eBay in 2007 & a couple of years later opened my own website. I have sold my Kitty Bling collars worldwide & it is such a fabulous feeling knowing that gorgeous cats, kittens & even small dogs are wearing my sparkling collars. All my crystal collars are safety collars with an elastic insert inside the collar enabling the collar to stretch & we also have collars that feature a breakaway safety buckle. The crystal cup chain is securely fixed to the leather collar & handsewn for extra strength.

I use various sizes of crystals ranging from 2mm - 6mm & the cup chains are either silver or gold plated.

In 2013 we also launched our luxury fabric bow tie cat collars.

www.thekittyblingboutique.com

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Certified Therapy Tonks NIMBUS & LACEY

Jude and I are the happy parents to two Tonkinese cats: Nimbus (male, 4 years old) and Lacey (female, 11 years). They are both certified therapy cats through the San Francisco SPCA (San Francisco, California, USA)

What is Animal Assisted Therapy?

Animal Assisted Therapy teams facilitate communication, healing, and motivation by sharing the love of companion animals with those facing mental, physical, or educational challenges. AAT volunteers share their time, compassion and their special pets including dogs, cats, rabbits and pigs to visit locations and share the human-companion animal bond. Nimbus, Lacey and their humans are volunteers with the SPCA General AAT program, which sends volunteer teams to hospitals, nursing homes, senior centers, psychiatric facilities, developmentally

disabled centers, convalescent homes and youth facilities. We visit two assisted living facilities on a regular monthly basis, and also do virtual therapy cat meetings on zoom with two other groups.



All Photos courtesy of Lenore Chinn and Ramona Soto

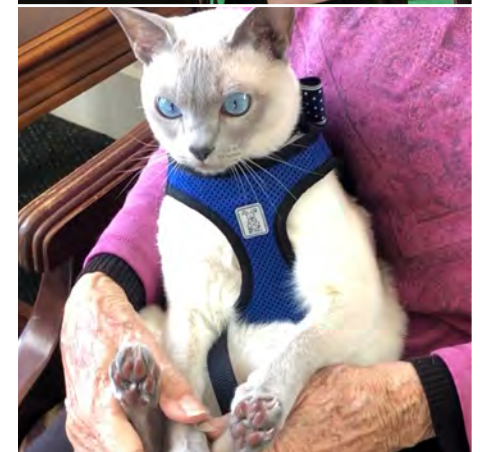
How Lacey and Nimbus came into our lives

Lacey was born in Southern California in 2011. She was a star at the cattery Channelaire, and won many ribbons at cat shows. She had two litters, and her babies all became beautiful kitties. Lacey's owner passed away from a long illness in December 2017. I contacted Bonnie Brooks, a tonk breeder in Southern California who worked closely with Lacey's owner, inquiring about retired show cats to adopt, and Bonnie asked if we would be interested in adopting Lacey. We eagerly said Yes and brought her home Christmas Eve, 2017.



When Lacey came to us, we had another Tonk, Toni, who was ill with nasal lymphoma, and heartbreakingly we lost little Toni in March of 2018. We contacted Bonnie regarding another kitten to be a companion to Lacey, and fortunately Bonnie had an upcoming litter and we were able to be on the waitlist for a kitten.

Nimbus was born in March 2018 in Bonnie's cattery, Tonkville. Bonnie felt that a friendly outgoing male kitten would be the best match for Lacey. We brought Nimbus home in July, and the match was an instant success.



Lacey is so patient with Nimbus, and she just adores him. He also looks out for her.



We researched the attributes of a good therapy cat, and spent time over the last part of 2018 acclimating and training Nimbus. We got him harness and leash trained, took him out on short trips in the car, took him to Petco to get a photo op with Santa, and tried to introduce him to as many people as possible.

When we put her in the carrier to take her to the vet, he got concerned and jumped on the carrier. We ended up taking him with us to keep her calm. In another instance, we had to put the cone of shame on Lacey due to her abscess, and she was quite distressed. Nimbus immediately came over to her and tried to pull the collar off of her!

How we realized Nimbus would make a great Therapy Cat.

Very early on, Nimbus was outgoing and friendly. We took him to my partner Jude's workplace, as many of her co-workers wanted to meet him. We realized that he got along well with new people, and purred as he met them. He also seemed to tolerate a rather noisy, active workplace pretty well, which is unusual for cats. On the second visit to the workplace, one of Jude's coworkers who had experienced a deep loss in her family, held him closely for several minutes. This was what gave me the idea that he might bring happiness to people in need, as a therapy cat. A friend of mine had a therapy cat, and posted about him frequently on Facebook, and that's how I even knew that cats could be therapy animals. This provided further inspiration for us to get Nimbus certified as a therapy animal.



I also began training him to do tricks, and found that he was a very fast learner. I studied the many cat training/clicker training videos on YouTube to learn the training techniques. All training was done with positive reinforcement and treats, followed by play time. Nimbus now knows 20 tricks. He is even willing to perform some of them for the elders at the assisted living facilities! At one facility, where he was quite at home, he jumped through a hoop and skateboarded for the delighted seniors. We had Nimbus formally certified as a therapy cat in March 2019. We felt bad leaving Lacey at home alone while we went out on therapy cat appointments. So we started taking her on walks outdoors and at the park on harness and in a stroller, and found that she adapted well, and seemed to enjoy meeting new people. Lacey was certified as a therapy cat by the SF SPCA in late 2019. I believe that her experience as a show cat made her a natural therapy cat, as she was already accustomed to meeting new people and remaining calm when she is away from home.

The Pandemic

Nimbus and Lacey made it very easy for us to stay sheltered-in-place during the worst parts of the pandemic. We didn't go out very much, and our visits to the park were infrequent. Our therapy cat visits to Assisted Living Facilities were stopped to protect elders from Covid. We were on hiatus from March 2020 to November 2021.

During that time, Lacey and Nimbus lost a bit of their social skills, and Nimbus in particular became more skittish when we started going out again in the neighborhood for walks. Therefore, we made a concerted effort to try to take them out more regularly as COVID waned and after the vaccine became available.

SF SPCA also began scheduling virtual visits with several facilities. We volunteered to try it out, and came up with a very winning formula. Each Zoom visit would begin with Nimbus performing his many tricks, and we also showed the participants any new tricks he was working on. After 20 minutes of Nimbus performing, we would sit down and share videos with the group and chat with them. The videos included shots from visits to the park, the cats checking out new toys, kitten pictures, and other funny stories.

Recertification as Therapy Cats

With the Covid 19 pandemic, onsite visits were severely restricted, but by late summer of 2021, SF SPCA began preparations for the recommencement of on site visits. In October 2021, Lacey and Nimbus passed their recertification exam!

Our live on site visits began slowly with a visit to a facility in November 2021, and in December, we went to Macy's Department Store to be ambassadors for SF SPCA. Nimbus and Lacey were nervous at first, but we let them relax in an employee break room and then went out on the Macy's sales floor. The cats did very well meeting new people and employees. We also did goodwill ambassador visits to Pet Food Express, to publicize the SF SPCA Assisted Therapy Animal Program, and Pet Food Express's kitten adoption drive.

Are you interested in your cat being a Therapy Cat?

I truly believe that Tonkinese cats have an ideal personality for therapy cat work. Of course, not all Tonks enjoy interacting with new people, but if they do, that is a key characteristic needed for a cat to enjoy this work.

It's truly heartwarming when you see people (residents and staff members) smile and react to your cat.

These visits will break up the monotony and loneliness the elders might be feeling. If your cat likes children, there are programs where a child can read to the cat. The cat is not judgmental, thus encouraging the child to get into reading without fear.

Getting your cat prepared to do this volunteer work:

Get your cat used to new situations - take them out for walks, allow them to meet new people, and get them used to being in a car. Use their favorite treats to encourage them.

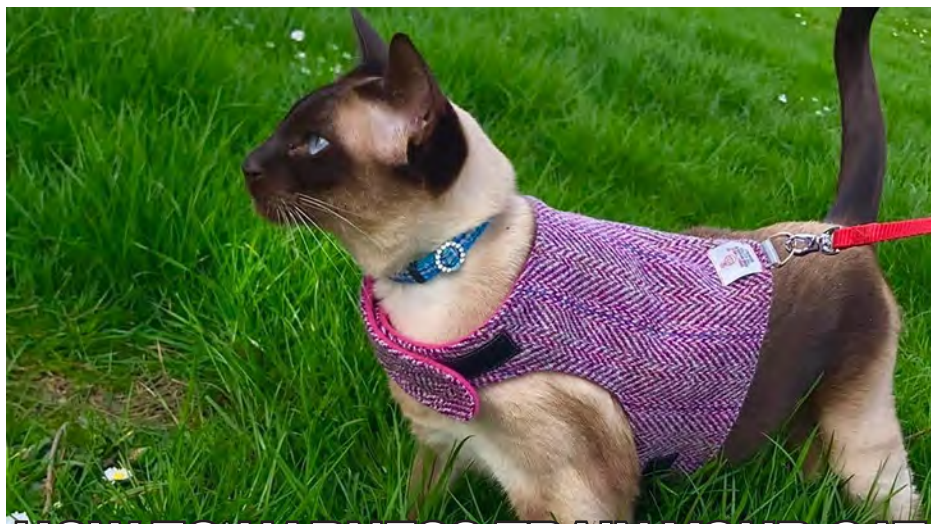
We have a pet stroller to take our cats on walks and to nursing facilities. They view it as a safe space. We introduced the stroller to the cats by leaving it in our living room, and giving them lots of treats when they hung out in it. Then slowly, I would roll it a short way while they were sitting in it.

Train the cat to accept a harness and leash. Cats and dogs can be certified as therapy animals often through your local animal welfare organizations.

Written by Sandra Yagi and Judith Penland

Editor:

Read article on page 16 about Harness Training. In the UK contact Pets As Therapy for more information on how to become a volunteer with your Tonk.



HOW TO HARNESS TRAIN YOUR CAT

Photo Credit: Sally Atkinson

As the public is becoming more aware of the problems with free-roaming cats, there's been an increased amount of interest in the idea of leash-training cats. But for most people, that comes with one major question: **how to do it?**

Training cats to do anything, in general, isn't a common practice - and getting them to do something as "dog-like" as walk on a leash often seems intimidating.

The good news is, leash training a cat isn't only for the very best animal trainers – but you will need a fair amount of time, and a cat with a lot of patience. Like all animals, cats learn best with positive reinforcement and will repeat an action that gets them a reward. This makes training them fun!

If you decide that harness training your cat is a good idea, make sure to tune into your cat's emotions and respond quickly if you notice them becoming stressed or anxious about the experience.

How long harness training takes will depend on your cat's age, their ability to follow voice commands, and how confident they are, as well as many other things.

If you have a young cat who is outgoing and confident and is already clicker trained, you can train them to accept the harness in just a few days. Lead training will then take a week or two. However, many cats will take longer than this to become confident with using the lead and harness.



Here's a short how-to-do step by step guide that should help you get your cat comfortable in a harness and ready to explore the outdoors.

1. Make the harness interesting

The first step is to get your cats used to the harness by leaving it around the house, put the harness in with their toys and bed to pick up their scent, rub it on their favourite resting spot. Stroke the cats with it, rub it on their cheeks and chin so it smells of them but only when they are happy and calm - and always reward them for showing positive interest in it. If your cats are clicker trained, you can click whenever they show interest in the harness and reward them immediately.

2. Try the harness on

Once your cats see the harness as a positive thing, it's time to try it on. When your cats are calm but not asleep, simply slip on the harness. Don't do it up – you want to be able to get it off quickly. Give them a treat, then slip the harness back off again. Do this a few times, so that putting the harness on is a fun game. Once that's sorted, try clipping the harness up, leaving a few seconds, then unclipping and removing. Continue rewarding whenever your cats remain calm, gradually leaving it on for longer. Many cats will fall over or freeze when they feel the harness because it triggers a survival response that they would employ if grabbed by a predator. You need to help them move through this instinctual behaviour with a highly attractive motivation – toy or treat – and lots of praise.

3. Introduce the leash

Once the harness can stay on without causing stress, it's time to introduce the leash. Clip it on and try to walk a few steps with your cat. Be careful not to pull on your cat's lead at all – you want a loose lead at all times. Instead, encourage your cat forward with you by offering treats. Continue walking a few steps at a time, encouraging your cat to walk alongside you with plenty of rewards.



Photo Credit: Allegra Loch

4. Try going a little further

Ideally, you want to use the lead in the garden, but if you don't have one, a quiet residential area will do – especially if your cat is familiar with it. Encourage your cat to follow you out, leaving the lead slack at all times. If your cat puts the brakes on, back up until they are comfortable. You might need to come back another day to try going a little further. Once outside, sprinkle some treats on the floor, let your cat eat, then head back inside. Remember, taking this slowly is key!



LET'S GET READY TO EXPLORE THE GARDEN



Photo Credit: SallyAtkinson

5. Let your cat take the lead

Assuming the main reason you want your cat to walk on a leash is so they can explore, the next step is to allow them to walk in the direction they choose and at their own pace, while loosely holding the lead.

Take plenty of treats so you can reward them regularly for walking nicely. Consider introducing a command word or two – like “time to go home” – to make it easier to communicate with your cat without pulling them around.

Conclusion

So, that's how to leash train a cat. Like many things, it sounds simpler than it is, but it's doable with most cats. However, the most important thing is that you pay close attention to your cat's mood, stress, body language, and other things. As animals that prefer to run from conflict and stay in familiar surroundings, being on a leash can be scary for a cat. If your cat does appear afraid, get them to a safe place and try again another day.

Editor:

TCC highly recommend Pritty Kitty Harnesses - available on Etsy PrittyKitty1



Photo Credit: Allegra Loch



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TIME TO COOL DOWN

As we are going through the hottest and driest spell in the UK for years and preparing for hosepipe bans across the UK, it is also very important to keep your Tonks cool.

Here are a few tips from Kristy Holder - Kitty Gardens, Catio, House Cats and Catification

Groom their fur with a damp brush or take a damp washcloth, j-cloth or paper towel and stroke your cat with it. Most cats don't mind a little bit of moisture on their fur, especially when they notice how it can cool them off. In fact, one of the ways cats cool themselves down is by grooming, which is nothing more than wetting their fur with saliva rather than water.

Fill a small soda bottle with cold water and leave it in the freezer overnight. In the morning, wrap the bottle in a towel or pillowcase and put it in your cat's favorite lounging spot. If they get overheated, they will appreciate the kitty cooling room.

Don't fill the bottle to the top: Water expands when it freezes, and you could have a mess on your hands if you don't leave some air space.

A ceramic tile in the freezer for 10 -15 minutes is a good way to keep pets cool in the heat, works for bunnies, Guinea Pigs, dogs and cats too - also allow them to sleep in the empty bath or on a tiled floor.

Freeze tuna water (not brine) or yoghurt cat treats like Lick-e-Lix in ice cube bags or trays or chocolate molds for a cooling kitty licky lollipop treat. Add some ice cubes to water bowls or a plastic tub for your cat to bat and lick.

Don't forget sunscreen for white cats ears and pink noses, use a pet specific sunscreen as not all baby sunscreen is safe for cats.



Warning:

The alarming amount of recommendations to use any baby sunscreen on cats when most contain propylene glycol & salicylates. Propylene glycol is now prohibited as a cat food additive due to its effects on red blood cells. Sadly, vets are not getting the info across. This one is pet specific and contains a bittering agent to prevent licking it off.



What is PICA in cats?

Why does your cat eat weird things ?

Picture a gorgeous, fluffy feline playfully batting and chasing a ball of yarn.

Wait a second... Is that cat eating the yarn? That can't be right. Should she be doing that?

If you've ever witnessed your cat eating anything that isn't what you'd assume to be edible, then your cat may have pica.

Pica is an eating disorder characterised by an obsessive urge to eat items that are not typically food. In humans, it's commonly reported among pregnant women, but cats and dogs can have pica too.

It is most frequently seen in certain breeds, such as Siamese, Burmese, Tonkinese and other Oriental types, leading to the suggestion that there may be a genetic component with the trait passing down particular family lines. However other domestic cats with no known Oriental ancestry can also suffer from pica.

What materials are consumed?

The behaviour seen predominantly in the Oriental breeds is referred to as 'wool eating' as this is often the material chosen. However, this consumption can generalise to other natural and synthetic fabrics, with some individuals favouring one particular texture. Objects made of rubber, wood, leather, plastic, cellophane, paper and cardboard are also popular.



At what age does this occur?

Some kittens arrive in their new home at the age of three months or even younger already chewing their bedding but may grow out of the habit as they mature. However, for some, the habit continues well into adulthood and can be highly resistant to intervention.

How would I know if my cat has pica?

Many cats will chew and tear at objects when exhibiting predatory behaviour during play but pieces are torn off and not consumed. A pica sufferer will take the chosen object in its mouth and grind repeatedly with the back molar teeth before swallowing in a sequence that can take just a few seconds. The behaviour is highly rewarding for susceptible individuals and many will go to great lengths to seek out the favoured material. It is not fully understood why sufferers appear so highly motivated to consume fabric but one theory suggests that the act of chewing

chemicals to be released in the 'pica brain' producing a feeling of intense pleasure. This then becomes addictive and, if a cat is observed 'wool eating', the expression does appear to be one of sheer ecstasy!

Is pica dangerous for my cat?

Unfortunately, many of the substances chosen cannot be digested in the same way as food and there is a risk that it will cause an obstruction in the intestines and require surgery (called a laparotomy) to remove the material (referred to as a 'foreign body'). Sections of the gut may need to be removed in severe cases but, despite this, cats usually do make a full recovery afterwards.

What signs should I look for if my cat has a blockage?

If you know your cat suffers from pica, it is important to be vigilant and monitor for signs of a blockage in the intestines. These signs are vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation (straining unproductively) and general listlessness.

What should I do if my cat eats wool or other material?

Sufferers tend to have restricted lifestyles, for example living exclusively indoors, may be particularly susceptible to stress. These cats need a great deal of stimulation indoors to give them things to do that enable them to behave in a natural way for the species. The ideal solution is free access to a secured garden or outside pen.

It is advisable to remove all materials that are consumed (this may involve locking them away) and increase opportunities to play with moving objects, such as fishing rod toys. Some cats benefit from a dietary change to one with high fibre content or the introduction of softened hide sticks (usually given to small dogs) with a drop of fish oil added as an acceptable

object to chew. Your vet can recommend a diet that may be suitable.

Not all pica habits represent serious addictions. For those cats that idly chew it is often possible to deter them by using Olbas Oil (eucalyptus oil) or Bitter Apple (used to deter animals from chewing at stitches in surgical wounds) to coat the item of choice. Removing the items from view may even be a sufficient measure in these cases to manage the problem.

What if I've tried and failed to stop my cat's pica?

Pica can be very difficult to manage so it's wise to consult a behaviour specialist, who will visit your home, assess your cat's lifestyle and give you suggestions to stimulate your cat and reduce any relevant stressful situations. Your vet may prescribe an antidepressant drug if your cat is highly motivated to consume non-edible material that will work alongside the behaviour therapy that is put into place.

As this behaviour may be inherited should I inform the breeder?

As there is some evidence to suggest that pica may be genetic it is important for any breeder to be aware of this problem to take the necessary steps, therefore, if your pedigree cat has this problem it would be wise to inform the breeder.

Cat pica treatment is a marathon, not a sprint. It will take time and patience, and sometimes it might take a few different approaches before you hit on something that works. But the health and happiness of your little furry baby are entirely worth it.

If you have a suspicion that your floom may have pica, don't delay seeking treatment. While it might seem like just a sweet and innocent quirk, cat pica can lead to serious complications and is best caught early.

Source: <https://blog.petcube.com/pica-in-cats/>
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Hershey's story

Written by owner: Sally Atkinsons

I had never heard of PICA!

I thought I would write about Hershey - even though uncommon you just never know and it might just help someone who may have the same thing happen.

Awareness is key.

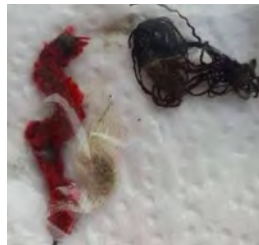
Several years ago now... Hershey was still a kitten and he had been playing like mad the evening before. The following morning at first he seemed fine, but then he was sick.

He tried to eat something but brought it all up and he was sick again a few times.

All very unusual for him and I thought maybe I was being silly or over cautious but decided to call the vet and wanted to see my vet. He was fully booked and I didn't really want to see another vet, but the receptionist thankfully insisted I should get him there as he hadn't kept food down.



It all went pretty quickly from there! He was scanned as the vet felt his tummy and suspected something very serious. Hershey had an emergency operation right away.



He got through it very well and they didn't have to cut any gut out as none had died yet. It turned out he had eaten some of his toy - it was an inch and a half length of material. The toy was a spider just made of pipe cleaners. The problem was he would chew it and I hadn't realised when the toy got wet from chewing, the metal actually started to rust and became brittle.

So pieces of the pipe cleaner with the very sharp raw edges of metal went into his gut and got lodged there causing the infection and blockage.

Hershey has got PICA. He will eat anything like that, also electrical cables, so I have to hide or use cable protectors. He's great now and a big bundle of lovable naughtiness, but I do have to watch him still with certain toys, wool, fleece etc.



UPDATE: Feline Infectious Peritonitis

Thank cats for Remdesivir

You have probably heard of Remdesivir in treatment of Covid-19 - but did you know we can thank cats for it?

Remember a drug firm, Gilead Sciences, was first released to treat Ebola but with only modest success and set on a shelf until Dr Mike Pedersen, legendary feline researcher at the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine sought permission to allow the drug in a clinical trial for cats who are struck with Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). As Pedersen often did, he approached his not for profit, Winn Feline Foundation for funding.

It is the most human coronavirus for SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19. In humans, this virus, for which people have no natural defence, can cause illness and death. In cats, the feline coronavirus is so benign that cats rarely show any medical signs of illness. When they do, it's typically diarrhoea which self-resolves in a matter of 24 hours.

However, in some cats the benign feline coronavirus makes the cat and creates what has always been a fatal immune mediated disease called FIP.

Pedersen adds: "FIP is caused by an RNA virus of the Coronaviridae order. Coronaviridae family. Other RNA viruses include Ebola virus, influenza, AIDS and rabies virus." Other coronaviruses are well named for the fact that the projections that form a crown (or crown) when viewed by electron microscopy. Coronaviruses occur in many mammals and they are generally species specific, unless the virus mutates enough to impact another species.

For example, there is no known instance of the feline coronavirus infecting humans, dogs, or other animals.

Thank Cats for Remdesivir

Remember, earlier this year, along came the novel coronavirus. The FDA and scientists who pay attention to these things were aware of the effectiveness of GS-441524 - the drug almost identical to Remdesivir - to treat a disease in cats caused by a coronavirus. While cats aren't people, it was worth a try. So, that is the long-winded story of how Remdesivir came to market to treat people with COVID-19.

The follow-up of this tale can't wait yet. Dr D'Almeida is currently working with the FDA and may also have conversations with Canadian drug approval officials about using GS-441524 as an adjunct to Remdesivir. The broad antiviral properties are similar to Remdesivir, but the mode of action is different (GS-441524 is a protease inhibitor). D'Almeida notes a cocktail of drugs is now used routinely to treat HIV and the same may ultimately be true of treating COVID-19.

Seeing any drug to market can be a laborious process, even in animal health. Mearnsville drug manufacturers in China have taken advantage of a window in the U.S. market and have created their own compounds to treat FIP. So, the 'cure' (for some cats) is now available on the black market, that's all, the FDA approves GS376.

If it wasn't for cats, the disease they get called FIP, Dr Heidi Pedersen and the Winn Feline Foundation - it's unlikely President Obama's Trump or anyone would have been treated with Remdesivir.

Credit: Steve Dale, Animal Behavior Specialist, October 2019, dated 9 Oct 2020

Editor Note: This is clearly an exciting topic and one which there are well come back to in future issues as treatment and cure evolve.

For more information: www.winnfelinefoundation.org
www.fipantort.com
www.zenibout.org/blog/dr-pedersen-fips-appro-remdesivir

As a follow up to our article about FIP treatment and Milo's story in our Christmas edition of Tonkinews 2020, we can report that 'as of August 2021 a legal and licensed product to treat feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) with the name Remdesivir has become available via compounding pharmacies in the UK. These injections (and hopefully a tablet by the end of the year) should eliminate the need for any unlicensed, chemically similar compounds from unsafe sources.' (Source: The London Cat Clinic, October 2021)

Since this statement was released last October, the Royal Veterinary College (rvc.ac.uk) has reported on the successful treatment of FIP with Remdesivir (1st February 2022) on a Bengal cat named Merlin (the case is written up in full online). Within 48 hours of intravenous Remdesivir he was 'bright, vocal and active'. In total Merlin would complete an 84 day treatment with Remdesivir and has returned to health. The RVC report that Merlin has been one of six cats to be treated with Remdesivir at the time of the article.

However, we need to flag up that to our knowledge, it still remains the case that GS - 441524 and GC376 remain unlicensed by the patent holder Gilead Sciences.



Our Club held our 12th Championship Show on 26th March 2022. It was the first show for everyone on our new Committee and we were all very excited that we finally after 2 years with no Shows, could welcome so many beautiful Tonks and their owners to our new Venue in Hertfordshire, held together with Cambridgeshire Cat Club and The Bombay & Asian Cat Breed Club.

*It was also **the first time** at a Tonkinese Cat Show for one of our members, Malgorzata Skuza, and her blue mink kitten, Mercedes.*

Here she tells us about her experience:



We started preparing for the cat show in the morning, a day like any other - cleaning her ears, trimming her claws, combing her fur and a clean bottom which is a priority to present her beautifully.

From an early age, Mercedes has been used to regular grooming and she is always very calm about it.

After preparing ourselves, we only had to drive about 30 minutes to the Venue.

Mercedes didn't show a single moment of stress, she was very confident and calm during the show, and she was more than happy to be handled by others.

Mercedes Won!

"I froze and my eyes lit up, I didn't even know what to say"

During the judging, I sat waiting with a lovely group of people and exchanged some great conversations. The atmosphere was better than I could have imagined. If every show was like this, I wouldn't miss any.

The cats were presented in their cages beautifully as the lighting was very good. The rosettes were amazing and when Mercedes won Best Kitten TCC, I was so happy. We took her out of her pen so she could meet some fans and she was so relaxed and enjoyed being stroked and made a fuss of.



When the final judging took place to announce the Overall Best in Show - I must admit I stood there and as a novice I had no clue really what was going on. Even though I knew dreams can come true, I was so surprised when Ulla came over and said 'Congratulations, Mercedes just won the Overall Best In Show'.

I froze and my eyes lit up, I didn't even know what to say. That day could not have possibly ended better than it did.

We came back home with beautiful rosettes, awards and above all a wonderful experience and a strong feeling that cat breeding is what I love and want to do best, and Mercedes is just a beautiful example of this.

Thank you very much for the wonderful organisation, company, nice atmosphere and new friends. That day was definitely something I will never forget.

A Tale of Two Tonks

Lily - her adoption story told by her new family

All of our cats have come to us as rehomes. For the first thirteen years we were under Burmese rule but in 2016 we welcomed our first Tonk, a beautiful but shy three and a half year old brown girl called Roxy.



Lily enjoying outdoors

We didn't hear a peep out of her on that first journey home. We set her up in a spare bedroom on her own to allow her to get used to her new surroundings. For the first few days she was very timid and would often just hide in the wardrobe. However, with patience we gradually drew her out of her shell. Having come from a multi cat household she loved feline company and soon developed a strong bond with our other two furry housemates. It took ten weeks for her to gain the confidence to come and sit on our laps. After that, she never looked back.

Over the following years our bond with Roxy grew deeper. She loved being with us and even liked to eat at the same time as us. She enjoyed watching TV – her favourite programmes were Springwatch, anything with cats and, for some reason, motorcycle racing.

In January 2020 Roxy was diagnosed with megaesophagus. The initial prognosis wasn't good and we were devastated at the thought of losing her. We did everything we could to help manage her condition, including putting raised water bowls around the house and feeding her from a height. She soon got used to the routine and coped very well.

We had always promised Roxy a Tonky friend but initially held back due to her megaesophagus. As she was doing so well, we had contacted the breed clubs and a Tonk breeder in early 2021 to put out feelers for a suitable companion.

Last October, after a particularly healthy and happy summer, Roxy suddenly and unexpectedly became unwell. Tests were carried out and she was diagnosed with advanced kidney failure. Sadly her decline was rapid and we lost her less than three weeks later.

By coincidence, a few days before Roxy died we had a call from Christina Gordon. A three and a half year old lilac Tonk girl called Lily was in foster care undergoing treatment for an abscess beneath her eye and would soon need a new home. The Tonkinese Cat Club was generously funding her treatment.

We talked it over amongst ourselves and with Roxy, explained our situation to Christina and agreed we would be interested to learn more about Lily. We all explored the options and everyone agreed that this could be Lily's forever home.

Loretta Smith kindly brought Lily down to us in mid-December 2021. By all accounts Lily had lots to say on the journey from the West Midlands to our home in Devon. It was obviously a real wrench for Loretta saying goodbye to Lily after all the care she had put into getting her ready for adoption.

A month or so on Lily is boisterous, confident, lovable and very chatty. Her eye has healed and she is in fine health. As Lily was previously an only cat, she is having to adjust to sharing her living space with our twelve year old Burmese girl, Cleo. It's a learning curve for Lily but she is adjusting very well.

We have managed their introduction very carefully – separate rooms to start with, sharing scent, letting them hear then see each other, supervising any interactions etc.

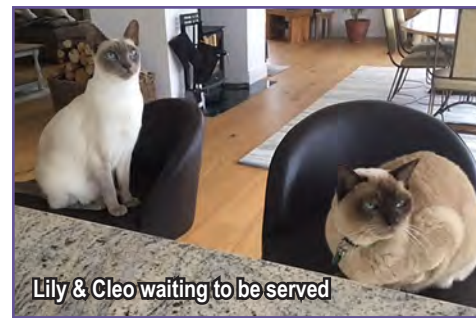


Loves to snuggle in our bed

Our patience is paying off as Lily and Cleo now regularly chase each other around the house in a happy, bouncy way, skidding round corners and diving into their tunnels to hide before repeating the game.

They are not quite ready to cuddle up together but the signs are good. In the past couple of weeks we have allowed Lily to venture outside in the large Protectapet enclosure that we had installed shortly after we moved here in 2019. She loves going outside and will no doubt spend a lot of time out there in the coming months and years. In the meantime, we are keeping the family of her former owner updated on her new life in the country.

It's such a shame that Roxy never got to meet Lily but we feel that we have Roxy's blessing in allowing another wonderful Tonk into our lives. If and when Lily and Cleo are up for us adding another Tonk to the mix, we know we'll be ready too. Watch this space...



Lily & Cleo waiting to be served



Our beloved Roxy

Written by: Jo and Julian Counsell
January 2022

Lily got a wheel!

Lily's adoption story was written a month after she was rehomed in January 2022 and we felt we needed news from Lily's world to bring us up to date on her progress. Here is the latest:

"All is well here in sunny Devon. Lily and Cleo had a minor cuddle a few weeks ago when Lily decided to join Cleo under our duvet. She carefully made her way in and settled next to Cleo with their back ends and tails lightly touching each other.

It didn't last more than a few minutes but it was good to see. Since then things have cooled a little - nothing bad but they just seemed to have reached their limit for now. We have therefore started to feed them close to one another again, so they associate being together as a positive.

This afternoon they stalked the pheasant together when he paid us a visit. The stalking was all done from the other side of the glass of course.

Lily continues to make us laugh every day, with her confident attitude, back chat and charging around playing. We are looking forward to spending lots of time in the garden with her and Cleo over the summer.

Written by: Jo and Julian Counsell



BEING A FOSTER MUM TO LILY

Lily was a very special welfare case. As a rule we don't foster cats as we don't have the facilities, nor do we take on sick cats, as the cost of veterinary treatment is a huge drain on our very limited club resources. However, her owner was undergoing tragic personal circumstances and then Lily became sick. Lily had an escapade in her garden that resulted in a nasty lump under her eye.

Her owner had already paid for a succession of costly, invasive treatments and operations without success. Additionally the vet had intimated that it could be something very rare and serious. Further invasive treatment was needed but with no guaranteed success - sadly it was too costly for her elderly owner and she asked us to take Lily.

Written by: Loretta Smith

On hearing the heart wrenching story of this poor 3 yr old Tonk, the club had to step in to help.

When I picked her up, Lily clearly had swelling under her eye that worsened over the next couple of days. My vet June was painstakingly thorough in her treatment and Lily was the perfect patient. The operation to drain the abscess left her with an open wound under her eye which needed bathing each day till it healed and eight weeks of antibiotics and indoor rest.

As the cause of her injury was unknown, she had detailed blood tests and biopsies sent away for analysis. Eventually we knew it was a very deep rooted abscess and nothing more sinister. Lily was a star patient, a strong minded, feisty, chatty cat with a great love for attention, tummy tickles and play. At no time did she moan or misbehave during our many vet visits, but showed immense resilience.



It is undeniable that she made a huge impact on me and my vet and her new owners are sooo lucky!!

Is your Tonk insured?

None of us like to think of our cats falling ill or being injured in an accident, but we do need to have something in place for the unforeseen.

At this point in time you may feel you don't have a need for insurance, but as seen in the case of Lily, circumstances can change very quickly and veterinary bills can be huge. Incidentally, Lily's loving owner was regularly paying into a 'wellness plan' through her vet, but sadly this would only cover routine visits (see below). Only a formal insurance policy will give you peace of mind that you are looking after the health of your cat across a much broader spectrum of eventualities.

It's important to realise that there are two key types of offer available for the health of your cat, one being a **pet health plan/wellness plan** that will involve regular contributions towards routine treatments such as vaccinations, parasitic treatments and microchipping and may also give you discounts off veterinary procedures (e.g. blood tests, dental procedures etc.). These plans are being more widely promoted and may help you budget for your cats through the year, **but they don't cover the unforeseen.**

The second and most important policy is **pet insurance** as this will cover the issues you hopefully will never have to face, such as injury, accident, hereditary/congenital conditions, long term/incurable conditions and breeding risks.



So, do you need insurance?

It's really a case of can you afford not to have it. If you have very deep pockets and can afford to pay then maybe not, but it's worth considering that an average vet consultation is between £40 - £60, a fracture repair around £790 - £1550 and x-rays about £290 and in most cases you'll need a combination of consultations, treatments, blood tests, operations and medications, so the costs mount up pretty quickly, especially if you need out of hours or specialist care!

If you can self-insure, you need a strict budgeting system in order to balance the cost of premiums and how much you realistically need to put aside, but the most comprehensive solution is a dedicated pet insurance product.

In most cases when taking on a kitten or welfare cat from TCC or one of our breeders, you can expect to have 5 weeks free insurance, as given by Agria to most of our Tonkinese buyers.

The key types of insurance are;

- Lifetime – the insurer keeps up cover regardless of age and existing conditions
- Annual – a rolling 12 monthly plan, less likely to pay out for continuing conditions and older cats
- Accident only – the least expensive product but limited in scope
- Maximum benefit – these have a fixed sum that may be claimed for each injury/illness

Clearly there are companies who will be cheaper and those who are more expensive, probably the best known are Agria and Petplan, but there are many alternatives.

The ways in which you can help mitigate the expense of your premiums are as follows;

- Think about having a slightly higher excess
- Have your cat microchipped
- Have your cat spayed/neutered – this may be a requirement from your breeder anyway
- Take out a multi-pet insurance policy

If you are on benefits, remember that you may qualify for treatment with the PDSA or possibly Blue Cross.

Written by: Loretta Smith

Donations Welcome

As a very small Cat Club we exist purely to support Tonkinese owners and particularly welfare cases. We express a huge thanks to all of you who have been kind enough to donate a little extra with your subscriptions or larger amounts from your coffers.

With characters like Lily in mind, if you feel able to donate to future welfare cases, any contributions are gratefully accepted. Please head to our website under **Re-homing & Welfare section**.

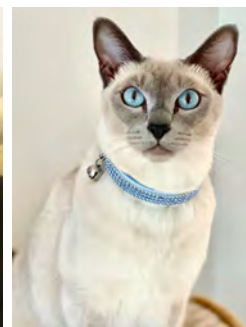
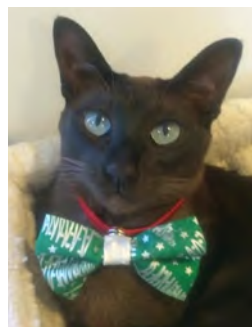
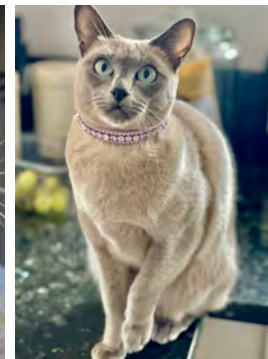
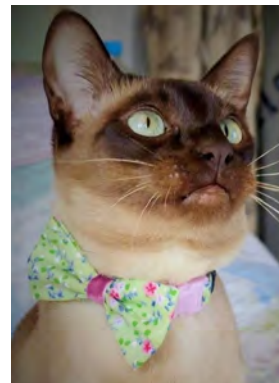
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COME AND JOIN THE TONKINESE BREED CLUB AT OUR FIRST SHOW SINCE LOCKDOWN

Saturday 3 September 2022 at Sports Connexion Leisure Club, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3FL (in the sports hall).

The venue is shared with the Wyvern Cat Club All Breed show.

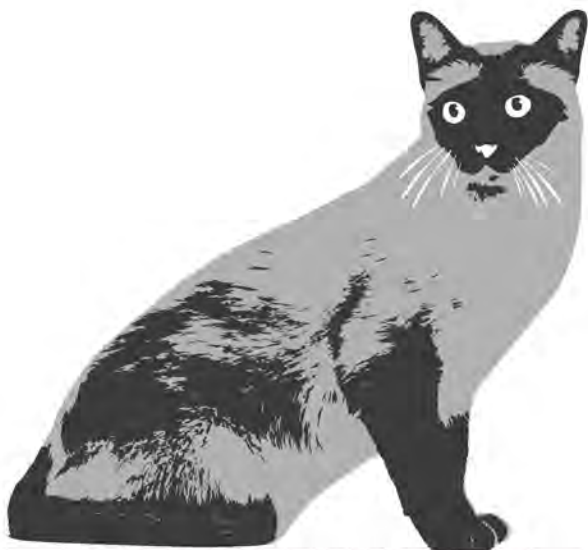
Entries close on 21 August

The Club will provide a light lunch for all exhibitors

Schedule is available through the GCCF and the Tonkinese Breed Club website www.tonkinese.info

If you would be interested in showing and would like to know more or would like help with your entry please contact a committee member from our club.

Please do join us as an exhibitor or visitor for a fun day out and a chance to meet and chat with other Tonkinese enthusiasts



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