

## Join The Club

Our members include owners, breeders, judges, authors, musicians, teachers and artists etc. – in fact anyone who is interested in this lovely breed of cat.

You are very welcome to join us. Just complete the Membership Application form that you can download from our web site, or send a SAE (marked TBC, MAF) to:

Tonkinese Breed Club,  
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## Books About Tonkinese

'Tonkinese Cats'  
'Tonkinese Cats – A History'

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The  
**TONKINESE**  
Breed Club

Established in 1990, our Club is dedicated to the support and promotion of this beautiful cat – one of the earliest recognised cat breeds in the Western Cat Fancy.



We maintain a Tonkinese rescue service and provide support, information and services for our Members. We also hold Championship shows - for the lucky owners of this wonderful cat, and to show the breed to anyone who may not have the opportunity to see it otherwise.

[www.tonkinese.info](http://www.tonkinese.info)

## About Tonkinese

One of our members said, “Tonkinese are an exquisite expression of feline form”. They are beautiful, medium-sized cats with a firm, muscular body and a lovely face set with lustrous almond-shaped eyes. The short, soft, close-lying fur is perfect for stroking. They are often heavier than they look, especially the males.

These cats have a uniquely complex history. Records show that they were first accepted as a breed in the 1880s, and known as the ‘Chocolate’. After 1930 the breed seemed to disappear, but in the 1960s, thanks to a better understanding of feline genetics, it enjoyed a revival and was given its present name - Tonkinese. It is now bred and loved internationally. If you are interested in learning more of the breed’s origins and development read ‘*Tonkinese Cats – A History*’

Tonks are renowned for their intelligence, strong will and affectionate character. They are highly sociable and like to share themselves with the whole family, in all activities. They tend to get on well with other pets; a lonely Tonk can be quite destructive, they are happiest with another Tonk for company. They are energetic and curious, love to play and will soon have you well trained. They let you know when they want something, and when you get home they might even tell you about the day they’ve had. Never try to ignore a Tonk - it won’t work, but their affectionate nature makes you feel appreciated. Indeed, once you’ve known a Tonk you’ll be smitten forever; and if you’re able to really share your life then **this is the breed for you.**

## Coat-Patterns & Colours

The Tonkinese has three coat-patterns:

- Burmese Colour restriction (BCR, aka solid), with eyes of any shade of gold to green.
- Tonkinese Colour Restriction (TCR, aka mink), with eyes of green/blue or blue/green.
- Colourpointed Pattern (CPP, aka pointed), with eyes of any shade of clear blue.



Breeding Tonkinese results in a coat-pattern behaviour that is unique in cat breeds. When the BCR and CPP patterns are bred together they only produce the TCR pattern, but when two TCR patterns are bred together they can produce all three coat-patterns, which are all able to be shown under the GCCF. In each of the above coat-patterns you will see a beautiful range of colours:-

Brown, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac, caramel, fawn, red, cream and apricot – self-coloured, tabby-patterned or tortoiseshell.

## Finding & Caring For Your Tonkinese

To be sure you are buying a correctly bred pedigree Tonkinese we recommend you only buy from a breeder who is a member of a Tonkinese club. Your kitten should be *fully* inoculated against ‘flu & enteritis, and should come to you with its vaccination certificate, pedigree registration document (e.g. GCCF), a four-generation pedigree and transfer of ownership form. Good breeders will provide free insurance for up to 6 weeks, a diet sheet, perhaps some food and your kitten’s favourite toy. They will provide as much as possible to help the kitten settle quickly into its new home. We maintain a list of breeder members, and a kitten list, on our web site. If you have any questions you are always welcome to contact us for advice.

Sometimes older Tonks are in need of a good home; it can be very rewarding to give one of these lovely cats a suitable home. Contact our Club Welfare Officer for information.

When carefully introduced to their new family, Tonks get on well with children and family pets, and may form close bonds. Tonks are easy to care for. Keep their coats in gleaming condition with a good stroking (but an occasional brushing wouldn’t hurt – try using a rubber-toothed brush followed with a silk cloth to get the glossiest coat). Give them a good quality diet, fresh water (not milk) a sturdy scratching post, a warm clean bed, clean litter trays, plenty of company - and don’t forget that evening game for exercise.