



Welfare & Rescue Officer's Report

In August 2022, Poppy a lovely blue BCR (an outdoor cat) wasn't getting on with her sibling - her previous owner made the difficult decision to rehome Poppy & wanted a home to home transfer.

Her new owner/home was found with a lady who lives in a large house in a quiet area in the Gloucestershire countryside. Poppy has settled very well in her new home and enjoys adventures in the woods & fields at the back of her new home.

When we consider an applicant we take everything into account not only of the suitability & experience of the person applying but we always look at where homes are located for both indoor and outdoor cats - we consider location in particular nearby main roads / railways etc.

This is not so important for indoor cats but we still bear this in mind in case of escapees.

We had a couple more rehoming enquiries, but they didn't go ahead. Some people may have a change of heart of course - rehoming is often a very emotional & difficult decision to make.

Ulla took on 2 cases of FIE

1. Family with 2 male Tonkinese who were struggling with spraying and (redirected) aggression between their Tonks - they were initially wanting to rehome one of their Tonks reluctantly.

With Ulla's support and visit this helped prevent the Tonk from being rehomed. The family followed all advice and the situation has improved but they are still getting support from us - changing behavioural spraying is not a quick fix, but as the family is very willing to follow our advice we are hopeful.

2. Owner with two 10 year old female Tonks with one displaying FIE and wasn't sure if she needed to rehome but wanted to try everything else first and needed advice before her baby was due. Ulla emailed information on FIE, advised vet check and followed up with phone calls and whatsapp messages. Owner reported back a few months later that the Tonk was doing well and now on bladder support supplements.

In contrast to last year, 2023 has been busy already:

Hettie, a 9 year old Tonk had to be rehomed as the owner's dogs were stressing her but unfortunately the owner didn't want to vaccinate her cat prior to us rehoming (which is one of our Club's requirements as it is from home to home).

I then noticed she had advertised her on a Tonk rescue facebook page and through a bit of networking by Ulla Korterman & Allegra Loch, the Tonk was found a new caring owner who had just lost a beloved Tonk & collected her the next day /she now lives happily indoors with her new owner and another Tonk for company.

Tiggy is a beautiful affectionate blue girl & 11 years old who had to be rehomed due to personal reasons and the owner was keen to ensure home to home transfer and to a tonk loving new home.

We identified a Tonk loving owner from our waiting list and she visited Tiggy within the week and fell for her. Tiggy will be going to her new home in early May.

Surrey Cats Protection contacted us to assist in finding a new home for 2 young stunning 2 year old Brown TCR Tonkinese (Lola and Coco). Sadly their previous owner had died.

CP were fearful of being inundated by a lot of unsuitable people if they advertised them on their website and by contacting us this helps people on our waiting list find suitable Tonks to adopt and it also saves a lot of time & work for the CP. We agreed to help and quickly identified (within a couple of hours) a couple living nearby.

Lola & Coco now have a lovely new home an experienced couple in Berkshire. The CP Welfare Officer kindly agreed to share the donation fee. The CP normally charge £85 per adult cat but I suggested to them, that for young pedigree Tonks (or any young pedigree cat) this should be a much higher fee to prevent possible resale. We agreed on £200 per Tonk, which the new owners donated and CP paid us the agreed 50% fee for assisting.