



Welfare & Rescue Officer's Report

A total of 4 Tonkinese cats were rehomed this last year to TCC Rehoming Applicants

Violet and Matilda two older Tonkinese through Teignmouth Cat Protection were rehomed to Debra Laphorne & partner last April 2021 and I'm pleased to report they have both settled very well in their new home.

Tia, the 12 year old deaf Tonkinese female was rehomed in June 2021 to Lynda Donohoe & her partner. Sadly in January 2022 Tia was diagnosed with cancer which must be devastating for this couple having only had her a short while and having also lost their other Tonk just prior to taking on Tia after rehoming him at 16 years of age.

They considered chemo/radiotherapy treatment but decided against this as their vet stated it may not prolong her life and could do more harm than good. Her life expectancy is sadly only 12-14 months. Lynda and her partner are determined to give Tia the best possible life they can in the time she has left.

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 Jo Counsell and Julian Grant in Devon in January 2022, from their latest news Lily's eye doesn't seem to be causing anymore problems for her and she has settled well into her new home. It's good to know that these adopters are keeping in touch with previous owners son and Loretta. We have had 3 enquiries regarding owners wanting to rehome their Tonks since Christmas 2021 but of the 3, 2 failed to return our medical forms for their Tonks - I made several phone calls to no avail and I had left voicemails and sent emails which weren't answered. So unfortunately I couldn't even find out why they didn't go ahead - perhaps a change of heart who knows.

The 3rd enquiry - I asked for the Tonk owner to get their Tonk breeders permission to rehome only for the breeder to advise our applicant to get in touch with Val Chapple of TBC to foster which the lady did (there was a sense of urgency with this lady) so as Val had space she took the Tonk on.

We have discussed committee members perhaps helping out in emergency cases as Loretta kindly did in Lily's case. Ulla and myself may be able to do this if needed.

I have two spare rooms that I could utilise to house a Tonk/s in need but am also hoping to breed 2 queens this year so dependant on timing this may not work out

There are currently 119 people on our rehoming waiting list. I will be emailing these applicants later on in the year to see if they wish to remain on the list.

As suggested by the committee at one of our meetings - I have recently added extra wording to the end of new rehoming applicants replies - ie that as we are a small cat club we rely on and greatly appreciate new memberships and donations to assist us to help Tonks in need - this appears to be working to a degree, as I note we have had several new TCC memberships recently from some rehoming applicants. There is no implication in the additional wording that this membership or a donation will enable the applicant to adopt a Tonk through our rehoming process.

Any Tonkinese cat that comes through rehoming will always be rehomed with the applicant/s that can offer the best and most suitable loving home for that particular cat and it's particular needs.