

The **San Diego Whippets** and their owners are really lucky to have an active club with a very informative monthly newsletter “Whippet Whispers”, produced by Christine DeClerk, and a monthly “race practice”, organized by Jo Rufing.



Jo also organized the Whippet booth at the recent AKC **Meet The Breed** event in SD



## WHIPPETS LOVE RUNNING!

Right is “Dash” (litter 2019) racing while his owner Debra Stafford is running the equipment, i.e. the white plastic bag on a string.



Left is Maia Cook with her Whippets girls at the race practice;  
“Danica” (litter 2017) is on the right

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Dash won Best Of Breed and his first two points towards a championship in Lure Coursing.



*Debra Stafford* writes about running competitions: "The benefits for our whippets and for the breed include the health benefits of good exercise and socialization, and a way for conformation breeders to demonstrate that they are breeding whippets with good health and functional structure, that can do what they are bred to do.

The benefits for the humans include exercise, fun in the sun, the most warm, friendly, helpful, and welcoming group of competitors you will find in the whippet world, and seeing the stunning beauty of our whippets joyfully doing what they were designed to do!"

**Look up Whippet Racing and Lure Coursing. Lots to read**



**Other organized dog activities also** give the dogs titles and honor the owners. The expert here is **Donna Pardi..**

Donna got a puppy from my 2007 litter: *Tangens Maverick Red Planet, "Fanci"*. At that time, I had no idea that Donna would show Fanci in conformation to ultimately make her Best In Show, plus show her in Rally and Obedience. It has been very exciting to follow Donna's activities with her Whippets.



**Rally**  
**Barn Hunt**  
**Obedience**  
**Trick Dog**  
**Dock diving**  
**Hydro Dash**  
**Freestyle**



Boothe photography

Fanci's grand daughter "*Macara*" was also a successful show and performance dog and got titles in Conformation, Obedience, and Trick Dog.

Donna is doing Dock Diving with the brothers *Jeremy* and *Trace* (not Tangens; but bred by Candice Gore). Here is Donna with her winning Whippet



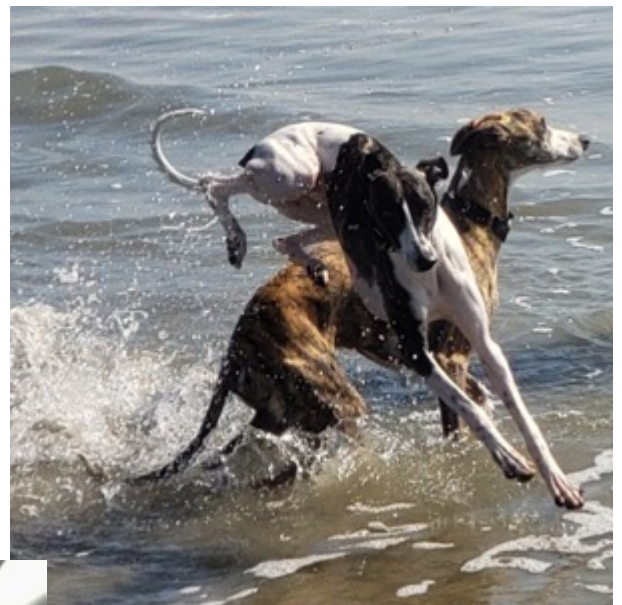


## THERE ARE ALSO LESS ORGANIZED DOG ACTIVITIES WITH NO TITLES. Some examples:



Julie Dexter writes: “We recently went to the Sierra Nevada. *Ari (litter 2017)* always enjoys our hikes and long walks. He is also an excellent traveler.”

Right: *Dash* and friend on the beach. As you see, Dash gets a lot of exercise and entertainment from his owner Debra Stafford



From Daryl Kemp:  
“Our youngest daughter Kennedy (10 y) and *Ollie (12 y, litter 2009)* after a day hike on a trail on the top of Figueroa Mountain. Ollie is wearing a dog pack that has some water and food, just in case something happened, and we got stuck or stranded.”





## AND THEN, TIME FOR RESTING



From Chris Seltzer:  
On the right is *Keiko*  
(litter 2019). On the  
left is her 16 year old  
cat friend

Right, from Sarah Herrick: *Skyy*  
(litter 2007)

Below from Dan Gross: *Belle*  
(litter 2011)



Source unknown:  
“The training process was tedious,  
but now he knows he is not allowed  
on the sofa”



## LIFE WITH DOGS IN SWEDEN

Like in other areas of life, dog matters are different from in the US. The Swedish/European dog clubs recognize 344 different breeds compared to 202 by the American kennel club

I have now been to two dog shows!!!! Wonderful to be able to see dogs and people again. The first one was an all breed show just one hour away. There I met an old friend: Magnus Hagstedt of Signum Whippets. He has collaborated with Iva Kimmelman, Merci Isle Whippets, in the US for many year



The second show was a hound specialty 6 hours away. Grandson Jakob (below) drove me there. Over 100 Whippets were shown. It will take me a while to learn about all the Whippets and the Whippet breeders.



On the right you see the tents around the ring. Everybody brings their own tent for protection against rain and wind. I have just ordered my own!



The whippet in the ring is a Swedish born daughter of *Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut*. Her name is *Play A While Trivselvänligt*, and she was bred by Henrik Härling and Mona Lindström using imported frozen semen.

**Thank you all who responded to the previous newsletter! Wonderful!**

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