

The New Year for us starts with the dog show in Indio, (Palm Springs, CA). The weather is sunny and warm, and the site is gorgeous with the green grass, blue and white tents, palms trees, and snow-capped mountains in the background.



Another sunny New Year photo comes from the Gregson family with Lorna and son and Whippets *Hunter* (litter 05) and *Bell* (litter 2010)

It is not sunny and warm everywhere. Christiane writes:
"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Tahoe! We fled the rainy city for some snow-filled days in the Sierra!"
Prince (06) and Jan in warm coats



Walking on water. When our new puppy first arrived, she walked out on the pool cover. The only one who got wet was me, as I had to get into the pool to save her. Then we took away the pool cover for a while, as it was rainy, and it wasn't needed. Recently Spring came with hot weather, and the pool cover was put back to reduce evaporation. Lezah thought she could still "walk on water", but now she weighed a lot more and fell through. Again I got wet! Now we have permanently removed the cover in favor of less efficient floaters.

I often wish I had a body camera. I would then be able to take so many interesting photos of this and other events. It takes too long to get the iPhone out and on. Any suggestions?



Whippets in the passenger seat. Cute, but be careful: in almost every state, if your pet causes you to crash, it's a violation covered under distracted driving laws. And the dogs could easily be injured in even minor crashes.



Tiger (07) resting on the shoulder of Darin



Dinah (10) watching for wildlife while Rosanna is driving



Puppy watching the **Westminster Kennel Club dog show** – maybe next year she will be there...

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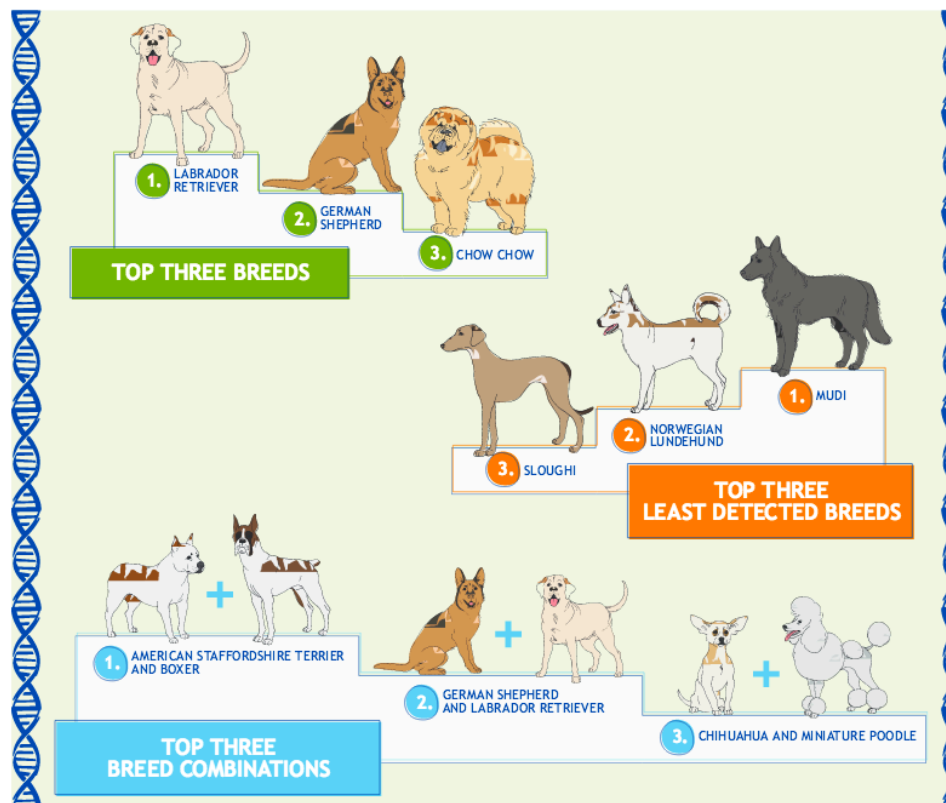
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It may be good to remember that the **Whippet was originally a crossbreed dog**. The crosses were between a Greyhound and most often terriers of various kinds. The purpose was to create a smaller kind of Greyhound. It was a great success, right!

Recently, there has been quite a bit of controversy around the registration of crossbred dogs by, for example AKC:

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I think this is the first step in perhaps creating new future breeds and generating health and other statistics on different breeds.



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