

Tangens Whippets



Spring is here!

“Alfi” (*Tangens Alfa Romeo*, litter 2017) on Fiesta Island with his owner John Pouchak



We have puppies!

Born 1/23/19: 1 boy, 4 girls
Sire is **“Bob”** *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon* (litter 2009) and Dam is our Swedish **“Lezah”** (*Ch Adagio Witch Hazel*) from the famous Adagio Kennel with champions all over the world. But Lezah is the first US champion!

Bob in a kangaroo pouch

“Bob”, the father of the puppies, has been featured before in the newsletter. He is a therapy dog and has also done conformation, lure coursing and obedience. He goes everywhere with owner Debra Stafford.

Debra: “Now, with our new kangaroo pouch, Bob can go with me into Starbucks and other places. I figured if all of those chihuahuas can go into Starbucks in purses, I just had to find a big enough pouch for Bob.”





Renzo, the big talker

(Tangens Aston Martin, litter 2017)

From owner Susan Siragusa:

"Renzo is such a sweetheart and everyone loves him. He is still a "talker", the most vocal Whippet ever. It is really cute and not too annoying except when his girlfriend Tassie, a standard poodle pup, is around, then he can't control himself. The fun is never ending."

Nail trimming; what is in it for the dogs?

Here are Inessa and Tesla asking me when we will do it. They are not exactly waiting for the trimming; they are waiting for the treats they get with the trimming.



A success story

Some time ago, the owners of "Ari" (Tangens Ferrari, litter 2017) wrote me about the problems they had with trimming Ari's nails. My recommendation was to increase the value of the treats – and here is the proof that it worked; Pat Dresser trimming Ari's nails!

My general advice is: do it often so you don't have to spend so much time on it and give wonderful treats for every, or every other, nail.

I have both kinds; I prefer the Dremel



Whippets from Australia



Iva Kimmelman, Merci Isle Whippets had been judging Whippets in Australia when she fell in love with a couple of puppies she met at a visit to the Byerley Whippet kennel. She decided to buy the puppies.

In late January she came here from Boston, and we drove to pick up the puppies at LAX. Due to overly hot weather in Sidney, it took them 3 days to get to LA! They flew with Pet Express and arrived very happy and in good condition. I was impressed with the company. There were at least 10 cats and several dogs on the same flight, and all looked in good condition.

Iva and the puppies stayed with us in Rancho Santa Fe until they flew the final leg to Boston.

Left is me with the puppies at their arrival at Pet Express. Below is Iva and puppies relaxing in RSF



In 2004 Iva imported Byerley Savile Row from From the same Australian kennel. He is the Sire of our 2005 litter out of Merci Isle Northern Lights "Tuli". See newsletter #56.

I recommend checking Iva's web site. It has an interesting and informative video and many photos of her beautiful Whippets.
merciisle.com



Grain free food- Could it be making your dog sick?



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued an alert about reports of heart disease (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients.

This was first noticed because of many cases of heart disease in Golden Retrievers. Golden Retriever is a breed that does not have any known genetic causes of heart disease. One can only imagine how many cases will be found in the breeds of dogs that have a known genetic cause of heart disease. If a Doberman comes to the vet with heart problem, nobody will ask what it has been fed. It will be assumed that it is genetic. The same may apply to some degree to Whippets. It is not yet quite clear what the mechanism is, but it has something to do with Taurine deficiency.

The whole dog journal recommends:

- 1. Feed a variety of products**, rotating both among and between several manufacturers of products, for nutritional balance over time, and to avoid problems caused by long-term exposure to any formulation problems or nutritional imbalances/excesses/inadequacies in your dog's diet.
- 2. Feed the best food** you can afford and that your dog does well on. This doesn't mean spend the most that's possible; if your dog does great on mid-range foods, great! But super cheap food should be avoided. The difference in the ingredients of cheap foods versus mid-range foods is staggering.
- 3. DO READ ingredient labels.** You should recognize most of the *foods* in the food; if things are weird, and only sound sort of food-like, they are likely highly processed food fractions. You don't want to see a lot of those. If the front of the label says the food is "chicken and rice" you had better see chicken and rice high up on the ingredient label, not buried four ingredients back below chicken by-product meal, corn, wheat, and pea protein.
- 4. Feed grain-free foods only for good reason** (dog intolerant of/allergic to multiple grains). Feed limited-ingredient foods only for good reason (dog intolerant of/allergic to multiple ingredients). Feed exotic protein sources only for good reason (as a part of a formal food allergy trial, or to a dog intolerant of/allergic to multiple "common" protein sources).

Have a wonderful Spring!

