

Tangens Whippets

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For Tangens alumni and friends

The dog and cat victims of Hurricane Harvey need our help!

Just imagine how many pets are lost, needing shelter, support, and to be reunited with their owners.



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Please go to AKC.org to find out the latest and to see how you can help.

Are YOU prepared for a disaster?
Make sure your Whippet has a microchip and that it works.



From Diane Goldman:
"everybody needs a binky"
"Tasmania" (litter 05)

We are so lucky here in the West as we have no tornados, but, of course, the dogs don't worry about anything as long as they are at home with us.

From Susan Kallal: "they love to sleep together"
"Lucca" (litter 05) with friend



Dogs developed from wolves. How they did this is a constant focus of research. It is obvious that many mutations caused the many changes in dogs: size, color, hair, coat, etc. But what about temperament? Dogs are much more social and people friendly than wolves. A recent study determined that one particular gene was responsible for this hypersociability of dogs. This mutation is the same as in humans with Williams-Beuren syndrome. People with this syndrome have many problems caused by other gene defects, but they share the excessively friendly behavior with dogs, sometimes treating strangers as friends. Want to know more? Read <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/19/science/dogs-genes-sociability.html>

Not all dogs are friendly

I have had more reports about Whippets having been attacked by “Pitt bull” type dogs. Here is a picture of the injuries that “Prince” (litter 06) got from being bitten by a loose dog on the street. We have previously dealt with worries about coyote attacks. How do we protect ourselves and our dogs from dogs? I have considered many tools, but I still favor throwing stones at the attacker. This doesn’t harm or scare my own dogs.



If you don't have any specific protection, do what they say to do if you meet a mountain lion: look confident, look big, scream and shout, and wave your arms.



Dog art

A colleague of mine, Professor Francesca Marassi, is not only an outstanding scientist but also an artist. Here is her drawing of our Swedish “Lezah”, Adagio Witch Hazel.

Some other fabulous dog art, by artist Ande Hall, can be seen here:
www.andehallart.com



Introducing "Bowie"

Ch Summit Good Vibrations is a young Whippet boy that I have admired since he was a puppy. At his most recent show, a Whippet Specialty, he was Best Of Breed. Here with breeder Susan Vernon and judge Doug Broadfoot.

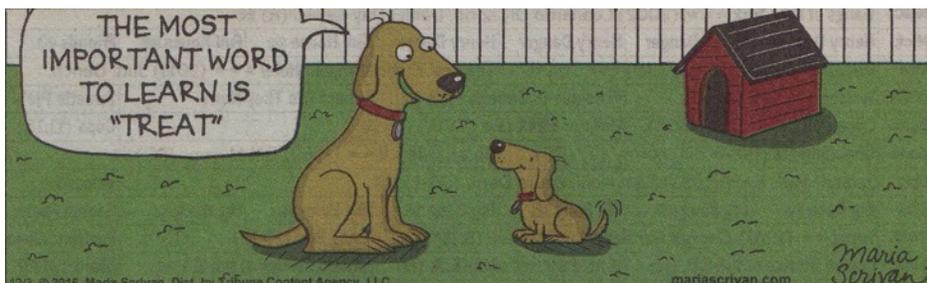


Last week, our *Candy* was introduced to *Bowie*. It was love at first sight. We are hoping for puppies in the future.

Canine Influenza is here to stay. We just have to get used to it, just as we are used to annual outbreaks of human influenza. There are two kinds of canine influenza virus , H3N8 and H3N2. H3N8 is thought to have mutated from a horse virus. The H3N8 was first identified in an outbreak in Florida in 2004 among racing Greyhounds. The H3N2 is mutated from a bird virus and is thought to have come from Asia. The first big outbreak of H3N2 was in the Chicago area in 2015.

There has now been a recent outbreak of H3N2 in the Los Angeles area, thought to have come from the importation of rescue dogs from Asia.

There are three vaccines; one of them is for both viruses. If your dog will be exposed to other dogs, such as being boarded, it is strongly recommended to vaccinate.



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