



Summer time Vacation time

Puppy update:

On the left is "Ari" (*Tangens Ferrari*) on vacation in the Sierra Nevada with owners Julie and Pat Dexter.

Below left is "Renzo" (*Tangens Aston Martin*). Lucky Renzo has lots of toys and an agility course in his backyard. He also takes agility classes with his owner Susan Siragusa.

On the right is Alfie (*Tangens Maserati*) just chilling out with owner Sandy Geddes.



So how about the older dogs?

Our first litter was born over 14 years ago. Our keeper *Karelia* is doing very well, but two of her seven litter mates are gone. We appreciate very much when owners tell us about the passing of their Whippet and the cause of death. It is very important for the breed to document this, such as in the Whippet Health Foundation data base. The Whippet is still a comparatively healthy breed, but we need to watch out for bad genes that may take hold in the future..

Last month we celebrated the birth of 10 puppies, 9 years ago

Here are some of them:



Left: *Bob* and *Juju*. I was lucky to join them and their owners, Debra Stafford and Joan Pleasants, for birthday lunch at the Torrey Pines Golf course in La Jolla. Debra always takes the dogs along to dog friendly restaurants and brings a nice dog bed for them to sleep on while she is eating.
See: www.bringfido.com

Right: *Big Bang* and *Lily* at their home in Tennessee (owners Kim and Steve King)



New family members

Gracie (litter 06) and owner Chris Seltzer got a girl puppy “*Mia*” from Texas. Christiane Huebner got a boy “*Redford*” also from Texas.
(not enough Whippets in California?)



An International Whippet:

Australian and American Champion Byerley Savile Row ROMX

It is important to keep the Whippet International; to make sure the gene pool stays large, and that the Whippets do not develop into small local breeds without a future. This is why "Sav" was so important. Sav is behind our Tangens litters 2005, 2009, 2011, and 2017.

Here is what happened: Iva Kimmelman Merci Isle Whippets, was judging in Australia when she saw Sav and fell in love with him. He was then four years old and an Australian Champion. Iva tried to buy him, but his owners, Peter Moore and Peter Griffiths, didn't want to sell him. After some negotiations they allowed Iva to lease him for a year and a half.



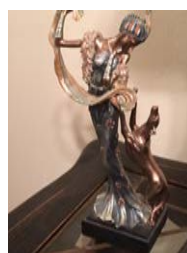
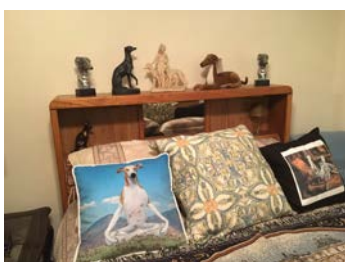
In 2004 Iva flew from Boston to San Diego to pick up Sav from his flight from Melbourne to LAX ("only" 17 hours). I drove Iva to LAX. I will never forget Sav's looks when he got out of his crate; anxious and confused as he first stepped onto the US soil. Iva took the picture where I tried to comfort him. We thought he needed to pee after the long flight, but apparently not at LAX, so we stopped at a beach park. Still no peeing. We continued to Alpine where Iva and Sav were going to stay with Rachel Amado until they flew to Boston.



During his 1 ½ years in the US Sav sired 12 litters. Our 2005 litter was his first. Iva had him "collected" while with her and had a litter from him in 2017 – 4 years after his death! ROMX after Sav's name means that at least 25 of his offspring became US champions in conformation, racing or lure coursing.

Whippet Heart and Art

Sue Vernon, Summit Whippets, recently hosted a Whippet heart clinic at her home. David Klang, a heart examination specialist, performed echocardiograms on some 15 Whippets while we, the owners, enjoyed lunch. Sue is a collector of Whippet art, and here are a few of her pieces.



The “clones” part 4

The Santa Barbara kennel club celebrated its 99th anniversary show this year (just wait for next year!) One of the many special events it offers, not only free dinner for everybody, is what is called Breeders Showcase. Debra Stafford and I decided to enter the “clones” *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon* and *Tangens Alfa Romeo* in this competition. We didn’t expect to win; we just wanted to have fun. We dressed alike in black (as a good background for the dogs) with scarves in colors matching the dogs.



The most beautiful wedding photo!

Susan Kallal and Doug Hagensen were married in Lake Tahoe in August. Their Whippets, *Lucca* (litter 05) and his girl friend Julia, were there with them to celebrate the very special day.

