

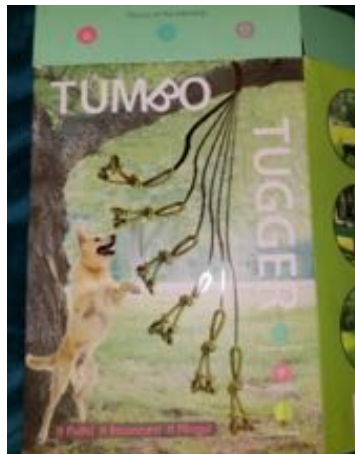
Tangens Whippets

For Tangens alumni and friends

Whippets out of quarantine? Not quite yet.



Debra Stafford recommended this TUMBO toy for the dogs. She also recommended this web site for innovative games <https://absolute-dogs.com>



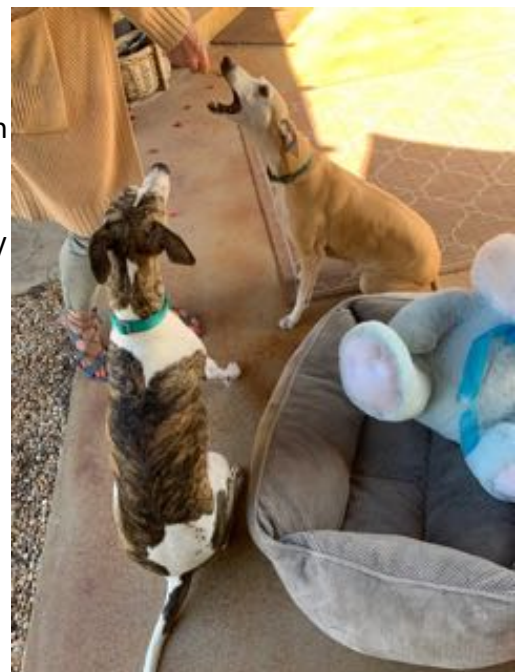
The July/August issue of AKC familydog is called “the happy at home issue” with many articles about what to do when in quarantine.

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/family-dog/>



Left: From Anak Rabanal, owner of *Monty (litter 2008)*: “The boys wound up having an impromptu social distanced beach day up on Malibu. I haven’t seen them this happy in years – and I felt so bad that I couldn’t let them go for a swim. “

Right: Time for treats for *Ella* and her Whippet friend. “Only careful visitors in our social bubble allowed” writes Ella’s owner Nancy Schoenfeld





Left: "Star" (litter 2009). Sired by the wonderful "Riley" Tangens Riley Outback Runner (litter 2005)
Owner: Jennifer Keir



Right: "Alfi" (litter 2017) using his small furry friend as a pillow.
Owner: Sandy Geddes



Not born in my house, but sired by "Bobbie" Tangens Fly Me To The Moon, litter 2009.

Left: Anni and her friend Sara. Owner Shelley Hoffman.



Right: Mr. Big or "Sancho"
Owner Sondra Lagnado

Very few dogs shows...

... but dogs are still dogs



Euthanasia - inevitable

Dogs don't live very long; people do. It is not yet quite understood why this is. And why small dogs live longer than big dogs.

I am old. I have had many dogs, of which none died "normal" deaths. They were taken to the veterinarian to get euthanasia = good death.

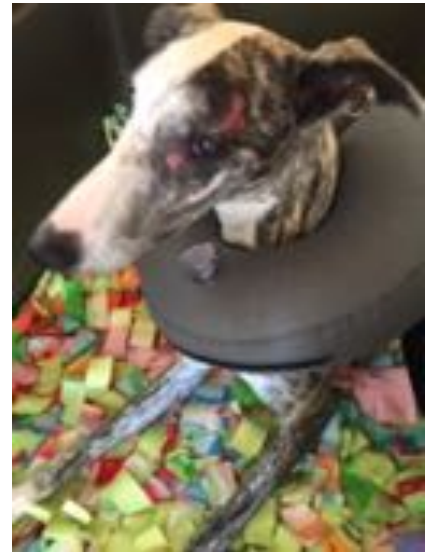
Not all of these deaths were particularly good. You may remember Laika in newsletter # 44. She "broke her neck" in the yard. I took her to the emergency clinic. It took a long time before they let me know that she could not be cured, and then it took a lot of time before the euthanasia was done. With very few exceptions, the "good death" causes the dogs, and owners, a lot of anxiety before it is done.

In January this year, Luna's face swelled up and the swellings burst and she was bleeding.

I took her to the Vet who quickly diagnosed this as a cryptococcus infection. The most well-known form of this fungal infection is often called "Valley fever" and is most common in Arizona.

Luna was put on anti-fungal medication, which worked very well – to begin with. After 7 months, Luna still had a high titer fungus in her blood. On top of that, she had signs of liver damage, a common side effect of the drug. On top of that, she had paw problems that required that I bandage the affected feet when we go out for walks. Such paw problems are more commonly seen in cats – but Whippets are often like cats.

Tangens Lunar Eclipse (litter 2019) in March 2020



As I came to realize that Luna's problem was chronic, and not promising for any future. I was considering euthanasia. Not easy with such a wonderful dog. Based on my previous experiences, I was very reluctant.

A friend of mine recommended a mobile vet, who would come to my house as opposed to take the dog to the vet clinic. I made an appointment, spent many nights sleepless, then cancelled. Made a new appointment, and recently went through with it.

Luna was happy to meet a nice new person, the vet, in our driveway. I brought out her favorite bed and blanket, the vet gave her an injection of a sedative (no problem), Luna relaxed and lied down and fell asleep. Then she got the final injections.



*I am lucky to have Luna's sister Mona
(Tangens Standing On The Moon)*



Genetics; the good, the bad and the ugly



The Good: For a breeder, genetics is very interesting. The puppies inherit all sorts of looks and behavior from their parents. In our latest litter, breeding our Swedish Adagio With Hazel, "Lezah" to *Tangens Fly Me to The Moon* (litter 2019), one thing was quite evident in one puppy, namely the capacity to easily stand and walk on two legs. You saw that in the previous Newsletter. It turns out that two more in that litter are also good at it. Far left: "Dash" *Tangens Defying Gravity*, owner Debra Stafford. Left: "Keiko" *Tangens Race To The Moon*, owner Chris Seltzer.

For a hunting dog, standing on two legs would be an advantage, in that the dog can see further.

The Bad: from the DogWatch: "Mitral valve disease is a chronic condition that can be medically managed. It is more prevalent in older dogs, especially in dogs under 44 pounds. Approximately 10% of dogs 5-8 years old, 20 % of dogs 9-12 years old, and 30% of dogs over 13 years exhibit heart murmurs. The food and drug administration recently approved Cardalis for treating mitral valve disease.



Unfortunately, the genetics of mitral valve disease is not yet known, despite many geneticists working on it. I have done my best to avoid producing dogs with this condition, but I have not been successful enough.

The Ugly: No ugly Whippets for sure!

**This may be your last hard copy newsletter. We are moving to Sweden soon.
But you will always find us on the Tangens web site.**

Farewell to Whippet breeder and owner friends, puppy buyers who have stayed in contact, veterinarians (Nancy Bushnell and Ted Burghardt at Companion Pet Care) gardener, pool guy and so many others

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