

# Tangens Whippets

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**Puppies:** Our wonderful “Laika” has been bred to Field Ch *Tangens Riley Outback Runner*. Riley can be seen at [www.chaprunhounds.com](http://www.chaprunhounds.com). Both parents are tested free of heart and eye diseases and have outstanding temperament.



Riley



Laika

Three of Laika’s puppies from her first litter are well on their way towards AKC championship: *Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut* “Brand” (owner Iva Kimmelman, MA), *Tangens Maverick Red Planet* “Fanci” (owner Donna Pardi, CO), and *Maverick Moonshine For Tangens of GP* “Skyy” (owner Wendy Gay, CA). Two more are waiting to grow up before they hit the show ring seriously: *Tangens Moon Over Maverick*, “Mona” (owner Eva Engvall) and *Tangens Maverick Destination*

*Moon* “Dinah” (owners Rosanna Sutton and Cindy Chadwick, CA).



Fanci

The younger generation, puppies out of *Tangens Love In The Afternoon* “Audrey”, is also doing well. “Joey”, *Tangens Charade*, and “Monty”, *Tangens Two For The Road* (owner Maryfrances Isip), completed their puppy training programs, and “Monty” and sisters “Tiffany” and “Elisa” have made their debuts in the show ring.



Joey  
graduating  
with  
owner Alex  
Carswell

Sister “Sabrina” (owner Sally Besser) is aiming for a career in agility.



### **Whippet teeth and heart disease.**

Glickman et al.: Evaluation of the risk of endocarditis and other cardiovascular events on the basis of the severity of periodontal disease in dogs. JAVMA 234:486-94, 2009

This recent study linked the incidence of gum disease and inflammation to heart disease. Even though Whippets in general seem to have very good teeth and very little inflammatory gum disease (maybe because they like to chew on things...), it is important to pay attention to their teeth. A major reason for brushing your dog's teeth is to check for gum injuries and gum disease. Just like in people, bad gums in dogs may lead to heart disease.

<http://www.petplace.com/dogs/how-to-brush-your-dog-s-teeth/page1.aspx>

### **Common household toxins for dogs**

*Information in brief from a seminar on toxicology by Professor John Tegzes, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA*

Our households are filled with potentially toxic substances. Dogs, particularly puppies, explore the world via their mouths. The most common toxins are *human medications*. Dogs may snatch and chew on pill bottles and quickly eat the pills that fall out. All common pain medications are very toxic to dogs. *People food* can also be toxic to dogs. Grapes and raisins, macadamia nuts, walnuts, and chocolate are the most common toxins. Watch out for chocolate! A relatively small piece of *dark chocolate* can kill a dog. Onion and garlic are also toxic. If you suspect that your dog has eaten anything toxic, call a veterinarian or the *Animal Poison Control Center* at 1-888-426-4435 (have your credit card handy) or the *California Poison Control System* at 1-800-222-1222 (for people and only for animals if they have time). The animal Poison

Control Center received over 140,000 calls in 2008.

### **Great web site:**

[www.dogwise.com](http://www.dogwise.com)

### **Informative dog magazine:**

The Whole Dog Journal; A monthly guide to natural dog care and training  
[www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com)



“Tiger”, *Tangens The Maverick Astronaut* camping with owners Melanie and Darin Marx.

*Have a great Summer with  
your dogs!*

I am always appreciating mail from you and pictures of your Whippets.

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