

Tangens Whippets

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Pretty in pink



Champion Merci Isle Northern Lights "Tuli", soon to be 10 years old, is the mother of our 2005 litter (The Australian litter) and litter 2006 (her all American litter). She is the grandmother of litter 2009 and the great grandmother of litter 2011. She is as beautiful, healthy and playful as ever and the queen of the house.

Great web site for Whippet stuff:
<http://shop.cafepress.com.au/whippets>

New Champion

Tangens Triton X-100 (litter 09) finished his championship in style at a Whippet Specialty show in Southern California.



Award Of Merit

At the next show on the same day, "*Monty*", *Tangens Two For The Road, SC, OTR, CGC*, litter 08 (owner Anak Rabanal and Andrew Hottovy) won the coursing dog class and received an Award of Merit in the Best of Breed class.



Several Tangens offspring compete in lure coursing, straight racing, and oval track racing. In addition to Monty above, "*Bob*", *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon* (owner:

Debra Stafford), *"Ju-Ju"*, *Tangens Once In A Blue Moon* (owner: Joan Pleasants), and *"Star"*, *Tangens Chaprun Shooting Star* (owner: Jennifer Goodman), all litter 09, have recently obtained their Oval Track Racing titles. For more information on racing: www.asfa.org and www.notra.org



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Books on dogs

The book *"Show Dog; the charmed life and trying times of a near-perfect purebred"* by Josh Dean is a well-written, interesting, funny, and accurate story about the serious dog show business. Not a parody, like the movie *"Best In Show"*, which is of course great fun.

Anak Rabanal writes: "I actually think I had that book, but Hunt ripped it to shreds before his first show...I don't know if that was supposed to be a harbinger for his future show career. Monty ripped up the *"Please Show Me"* book before his first show...Uh oh. I sense a theme. Strangely, they have left *"Performance Dog"* and *"Care of the Racing Greyhound"* alone."

A great source of dog books is www.dogwise.com.

Comments on the Whippet walks:

- A very bright 8-9 year old boy: "Look Papa! That dog is built aerodynamically!" (from Sally Besser)
- A man says: "Half of it is Greyhound; what is the other half?" (from Donna Pardi)

Working Whippet

All dogs like to have a job. *"Fess"*, *Tangens King Of The Wild Frontier* (litter 05) is a farmer. Here he is learning to drive the tractor.



(photo: owner Diane Dalby)

Whippet health

The Whippet is a very healthy breed, and we hope to keep it that way by monitoring the health of as many Whippets as possible and use the information for breeding decisions. I hope you will report to me any health concerns that you may have for your Whippets. Three different owners of Tangens offspring have reported the tragic death of their young Whippets in accidents.

The Whippet Health Foundation

(www.whippethealth.org) maintains a database, but it is rather limited.

If you are at all interested in canine health (and human), becoming a member of the *Canine Health Foundation* (www.akcchf.org) helps support research on canine disease. As a member you get an excellent quarterly newsletter. I just got mine, and it has very interesting articles on hemangiosarcoma, on neck injuries, and on the follow-up on the health of the search and rescue dogs used

after 9/11. The rescue dogs do not suffer from any of the ailments that have affected the human rescuers.

Moving with Whippets

I got this cute picture from Wendy Gay, Grand Prix Whippets, as she was about to move with her Whippets from California to Virginia. The picture also romanticizes our own every-other-week move between Santa Barbara and San Diego Counties – with “only” eight Whippets.



Training advice

If your puppy makes a mistake on the floor, take a rolled up newspaper, and HIT YOURSELF and say "I should have been watching my puppy !!" (Unknown source)

Home alone



"Lettie", Tangens Let Me Entertain You (litter 2011) is here entertaining herself (photo: owner Lynn Anderson).

Rattle snake season coming

Canine Health Foundation has a good article on its web site on what to do in case of snakebite (www.akcchf.org). First aid is antihistamine. Don't leave home without it! Rachel Amado recently had snake avoidance training for dogs at her house. Read about it on the traveling Whippet blog: maverickwaydogtraining.wordpress.com

The Dog Whisperer

Cesar Millan is a genius when it comes to dogs. His "calm, assertive energy" summarizes his approach to training. You may sign up for his excellent and entertaining free newsletter: www.cesarsway.com/signup

Best Friends



"Belle", Tangens Shall We Dance (litter 2011) and *"Dobby", Tangens Power Of Atoms* (litter 06). Photo: owner Cathi Gross

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