

Tangens Whippets

Tangens Newsletter, #36

For Tangens Alumni and Friends
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Why a newsletter?

I have some very selfish reasons for putting out a newsletter every other month. 1) I like to keep up with all the Whippets I have bred. When you move, and you forget to tell me, the Post Office will. 2) If you have a problem with your Whippet, you know how to find me. In that sense "no news are good news" but I still like to hear from you, good or bad. For those of you who send me pictures and notes: I love it! 3) Finally, I prefer to make an old-fashioned hard copy newsletter rather than an electronic, as I think the life time and impact of a hard copy far exceeds that of an electronic one.

Other newsletters:

I like Cesar Millan, the dog whisperer, and his message "calm assertive energy". Cesar Millan is not really a Whippet person, but he has a newsletter, which often has useful articles. Check his web site:

<http://www.cesarssway.com> and sign up for his newsletter.

On moving

One of those who moved recently is Tristan Kotzian Coulter and her family including "Soka" (06). Tristan writes: "I wanted to let you know Soka is doing great, he has been an exceptionally good dog. We moved onto 10 acres, which is completely fenced, so he gets a

tremendous amount of running in. We had to start feeding him more. I think he takes a lap all the way around every time he goes out to go to the bathroom. He is still a lovey couch potato every minute he is not running!"



Fanci did it again!

"Fanci" is BIS GCH Tangens Maverick Red Planet RN RA RE CGC (litter 07)

I had no idea that Donna would make Fanci the most accomplished Tangens Whippet ever when she came all the way from Colorado to pick up her puppy.



Donna first pursued conformation and made Fanci a Champion, a Grand Champion, and a Best In Show winner. Then she started Fanci in Rally, which is the laid-back version of obedience. Now Fanci is competing in "real" obedience. At the recent Whippet National show in Oconomowoc, WI, Fanci got 195.5 points

out of 200 in her first try, one of the top scores in the show. Just wait to see what Donna and Fanci may accomplish at next year's National Whippet show in San Diego! I am going to have a film maker and a photographer ready.

Chapter 3 on poop: A long discussion on the Whole Dog web site on what to do with dog poop inspired this: should we leave it out of sight, put each poop in a plastic bag in the trash, or flush it down the toilet? What do you think? What is the most environmentally sound? I asked my friend Pamela Higgins, who is an Ecosystems Ecologist. She writes:

"Our dogs are not wildlife but rather domesticated, bred-by-and-for humans, as are all the animals bred/raised for food consumption. Domesticated animals are not part of the naturally evolved ecosystem environments; they live with their human counterparts in human environments.

Coyote poop, and other wildlife poop, is part of the natural system. Their poop belongs there, but dog poop does not. Fecal matter of both domestic animals and wildlife finds its way into natural water system and filters down into water tables via creeks and storm drains and sewage systems. A dense urban human environment, which hosts an enormous population of non-wildlife animals, needs to be controlled. It is a matter of being a responsible dog/pet owner."

Finally, an excellent web site:
<http://www.poop911.com>

Whippet walk

Once in a while, I and five of my Whippets go for a hike together with Pamela Higgins and her Whippet "Cotton" (right). – we pick

up in degradable bags and put it in the trash...



Lucca, the Office dog.



Owner Susan Kallal writes: "this is Lucca at my new practice in Bellingham, WA, with his smart sweater! He is so handsome."

Lucca (05) has actually been a clinic dog since he first joined Susan as a puppy, first in her clinic in Los Angeles and then in Santa Barbara.

Whippet art



These paintings of Bobby and Ju-Ju, siblings from litter 09, are made by Dominique at <http://www.myanimals.net> Check out her other fabulous paintings and order your own!

The photos by Sissel Nystad, Norway, are spectacular (not our Whippets). See more at <http://dogs.sisselnystad.com>



From the SD Whippet club newsletter:

"I love my whippets because they fill my life with constant joy, love, affection and laughter! They make adventures more exciting, strangers more friendly and beds even warmer! They take over our favorite places to sit, follow us everywhere and then warm up our beds! Although not good watchdogs for the house, they do watch everything and everywhere I go, often racing me to go out the front door! No need

for hot water bottles in our house, a whippet on your lap warms you right up! Whippet snuggles warm the heart too and surround you with unconditional love!"

Submitted by Patricia MacAulay

Agility: The most fun you can ever do with your dog. We had a photographer come out to one of our weekly classes. Here is my Inessa (litter 11) jumping through the tire.



And here is Debbey Bartos' "Rhythm" coming out of the tunnel:



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