

# Tangens Whippets

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For Tangens alumni and friends

All Whippets are more or less related, but Whippets are generally less inbred than dogs of many other breeds. This time I like to feature Tangens Whippets, along with a couple of related Whippets of interest from other kennels.



*"Jett"* is a very pretty young male. He may be something like a 2nd cousin to Tangens litters 2007 and 2009 due to his background of Plumcreek Whippets.

This gorgeous photo is taken by his owner Jen Eng at Lake Powell in Northern Arizona.

Thanks to Jeremy Jones for sending me this and other pictures of Jett.

*Sav*, SBIS Am. Austr. Champion Byerley Savile Row, ROMX, who a long time ago spent time in the US with Iva Kimmelman, Merci Isle Whippets, in Boston. Sav's very first litter in the US was our 2005 litter, so he is also a grandfather of our litters 2008 and 2009. Sav died in 2013 (see newsletter #26). Recently, his over 10 year old frozen semen was used for artificial insemination of *"Eden"*, a daughter of *"Brand"* (DC Tangens *The Maverick Cosmonaut*, litter 2007).



It worked!  
Eden is now pregnant and, according to ultrasound, she will have 7 puppies.

Here, Eden gives a kiss to owner Iva, who is sooo happy.



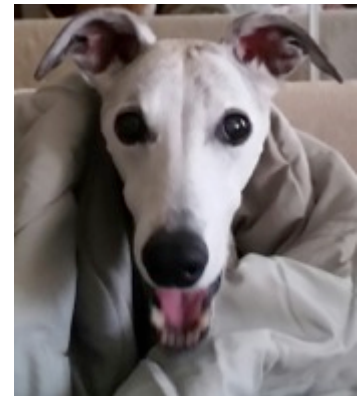
My own experiences with artificial inseminations are not that good. I have tried four times; twice with poor **Candy** (*Kamio Sweet Taste of Tangens*). Next time I will pick a young local male for Candy and do a “live” breeding.

My negative experiences taught me a lot, and I wrote an article for *Dogs In Review*, titled “A Day At The Sperm bank”. If any one is interested, I can send you a copy.



Our puppies sired by Sav in 2005 were named to honor his Australian background. I recently got this picture of “**Tangens Tasmania**” from owner Diane Goldman. She writes: “Tasmania gave me a funny whippet photo-op this afternoon--the “I’m half interested” ear pose (which in this case she’s using to suggest that a second walk on this very nice day would be okay with her). She’s doing well, having just passed her 12th birthday.”

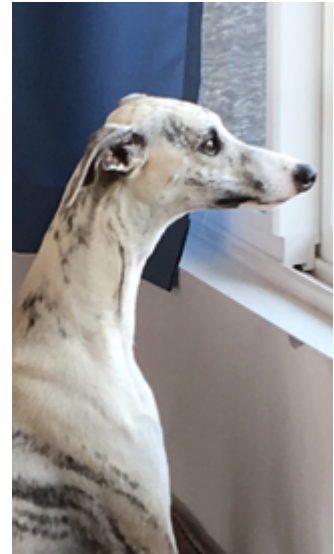
It is so wonderful to hear when the Whippets stay healthy in old age. Our first litter, the Finnish symphony litter, was born over 13 years ago. Here is “**Sibelius**”. Owner Carol Gordon says that he “is slow these days but doing just fine.” His sister, our “**Karelia**”, mother of litters 2010 and 2011, is also doing well, but she does think that one walk a day is enough.



**Star is a star!** Jennifer Goodman writes: “*Star* was the Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club’s ASFA trial Best in Field winner!! I’m so proud of her!”  
*Star* is *Tangens Chapun Shooting Star*, litter 2009.



**Meercats.** Every time I go to the veterinarian, I admire this painting of meercats in the office. The artist is the vet assistant, who is also a pet sitter (see [d4bbzart.com](http://d4bbzart.com)) I can't help but thinking how much "Lezah" (*Adagio Witch Hazel*), our young Whippet from Sweden, looks like a meercat.



You know my determination with, and belief in, **brushing Whippet teeth.** The Neanderthals did not brush their teeth. And because of that it has been possible to analyze the DNA in their dental tartar (Weyrich et al. *Nature* 544: 357, 2017). It turns out that Neanderthals in Belgium were mostly eating meat, while the ones in Spain were more or less vegetarians. But don't expect your Whippet's dental tartar to contribute to science. Just brush it off!



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