

On the cover!



My favorite photo . Taken by Daryl

***"Ollie" with
his owner
Taylor Kemp***

Taylor won best
Junior handler at
a match in Santa
Barbara in 2010
(Newsletter #6)

Ollie is from our 2009 litter

Taylor's father Daryl Kemp writes: "Taylor is our oldest daughter. She currently is a junior at Brigham Young University. Ollie has been her best friend since we first got him. The photo was taken in 2019 when she was a senior in high school. She, as well as all of our girls, are life-long dancers, trained in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and hip hop."

- and Ollie is still going strong



Dog sports: the best way to bond with your dog.

There are many sports you can participate in with your dogs.

Check out:

www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/get-started-in-dog-sports-and-events/

One is Dock Diving



Sharon Miller is very active In many dog sports. One is Dock Diving. Pictured is Sharon's Whippet Claire, a successful Dock Diver.

Here is an abbreviated version of an article Sharon Miller wrote about Dock Diving for a local Whippet club:

"I was attending another sporting event when a fellow exhibitor asked me If my Whippets were Dock Diving. I was shocked to hear that a Whippet would even want to enter a swimming pool, as I have a pool, and my dogs were not interested in getting wet. But we went to a Dock training Center, and within no time at all, my Whippets began jumping off the dock.

The dock is 40-50 feet long and is covered by some type of artificial turf, matting, or carpeting. It measures about 8 feet wide and is at least 2 feet above the water. You can start your jumps at any place on the dock, near the front of the dock/near the pool, or at the very back of the dock to give the dog a “running jump”. The pool is usually at least 4 feet deep with a ladder for the humans to exit.

You are able to use a dog life vest when you are training for Dock Diving, as not all dogs are great swimmers. And most Whippets, especially those from Arizona, who are used to high outdoor temperatures, prefer warm weather and warm water for Dock Diving, so a dog life vest or a doggy wet suit may also provide extra insulation in colder water/weather.

To begin training for Dock Diving, we initially teach the dogs to enter the pool via a “ramp”, which is similar to a carpeted slide that starts at the top of the dock in a gated area and ends with the bottom portion of the ramp being partially under the water. You will need a favorite toy, or multiple toys, that float in water (you may need to buy a few new toys to see which ones get them excited, and also float!!!

Reserve this toy for special times, and use the words like “get it” to encourage them to go and get the toy and bring it back to you. A lot of excitement and high energy on your part is needed with this retrieval.



My Whippet Claire jumped for a very unconventional toy, which is one of my old pink tennis shoes, which happens to be her favorite toy in the world.

To start training, the dog owner is usually in the pool, in the water and the dog is on the dock in a small gated section of the ramp. You need a collar with a long leash to offer some gentle encouragement. You need to teach the dog to walk down the ramp into the pool., because the ramp is also the dog's way to exit the pool after the jumping and to get back onto the dock.

The person in the water has the dog's favorite toys, and since it feels safer for the dog to be near you, plus the dog wants those special toys, the dog will eventually venture down the ramp.

Se continue to play with their favorite toy in the water, but let them finally make the choice to jump off the ramp or off the dock. Seeing other Whippets or any dog jumping and being excited on the dock definitely helps a newer dog become excited and confident enough to jump.



Learning to go off the ramp.
The ramp is submerged under
the water near her take-off.

Eventually, the dogs will jump off the dock into the water to be with YOU and their toys. Provide a lot of praise and excitement."



Sharon's whippet "**Shadow**" leaving the dock



Left is "**Orion**" (from Sharon's 2019 breeding to *Tangens Fly Me ToThe Moon*, "Bob" litter 09) with owners Sarah and Lee. **Orion** was awarded a title in his very first diving event.

Finally! Dog shows back in Sweden



Jakob and I went to one Whippet specialty with over 100 Whippets, and one Hound Specialty with almost as many Whippets.

It takes a long time for the judge to examine and write a critique for 100 Whippets (about 7 hours)

Jakob got pretty tired and bored, but **Mona** was still watching till the very end.



Jakob thinks we should show **Alfi** (Tangens Alfa Romeo, litter 2017). As Alfi is neutered. this would require some transplantation.

Here is Jakob's suggestion.

Life at home is of course
the most important.

From Alix Holmes comes a
photo:

Milo, litter 2011, is having fun
with his friend



Renzo (litter 2017) and his new friend
Sophie are so happy together.
Owner Susan Siragusa writes:
“Renzo talks more than any whippet
we had before. Sophie is silent .”

What is the genetics of barking?

Our ***Alfi***, Renzo’s brother, barks a lot,
more than any other Whippet we have had.
But he barks mostly when he is happy and
is having fun. Therefore, hard to correct.
Our ***Tesla***, Alfi’s and Renzo’s litter sister,
is mostly very quiet.

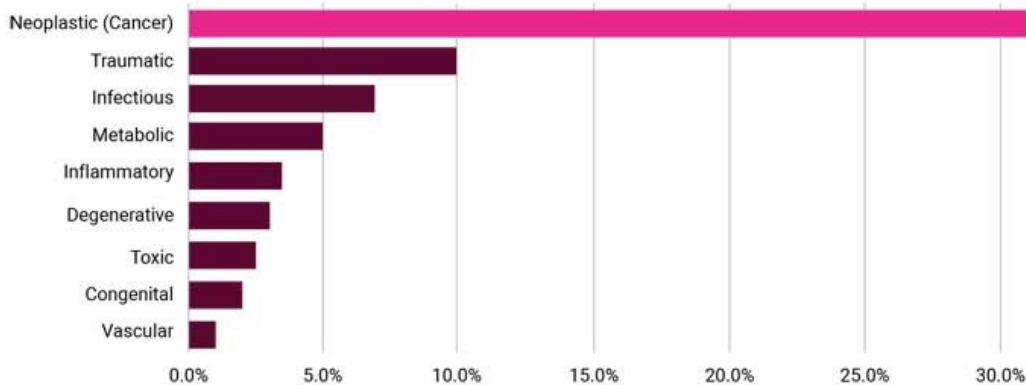
You may find tips on how to limit barking on the AKC web site.

More serious on Genetics:

Why do dogs live such short lives?

This is a very important question that has not yet been answered Scientifically.

What do dogs die from?



In my obviously limited experience, with your help, this chart applies to Whippets too. In the Whippet breed, we worry a lot about heart disease, but cancer is still the most common cause of death.

As you all know, I am very anxious to find out the health of your Whippets. It is not so much for me as for the breed.



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Spring is beautiful in Sweden



But winters are tough.

We plan to spend next winter in California!

Please stay in touch!

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