

Tangens Whippets

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Laika (Tangens How To Steal A Million; litter 08) got a little human baby sister! They are so beautiful together that I had to show more than one picture of them:



No-pull leash walking.

In the #6 newsletter, I wrote about various types of leads to use if your dog is pulling. Since then, I have discovered the Gentle Leader/Easy Walk (medium), which I use on two of my girls who tend to pull a lot. The harness works quite well.

There is another thing I have not tried, because I simply don't have the patience. This trick is covered in the August 2010 Dog Fancy magazine "skill of the month; no-pull leash walking" and I have seen it described in many other places as well, so it probably works (if you have the patience). The trick is to simply stop walking if the dog pulls. If the dog wants to walk, it has to walk with you and not pull you.

Monty (Tangens Two For The Road; also litter 08; owner Anak Rabanal) takes his first Best Of Breed at an ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association) lure coursing trial, beating 13 other Whippets.



Monty also got a little brother, a Whippet "Hunt" (Orion's The Man With The Golden Gun). Here Monty gives his new buddy the "facts of life" - according to his owner...



Bentley (Tangens Maverick Cassini; litter 07) has moved with his owner, first from San Diego CA to Seattle WA and then to Boise ID. The best thing with this newsletter is that people stay in touch and let me know when they move. Here is Bentley with his friend the Greyhound Bella. It seems to be cold in ID, judging from Bentley's coat.



Be nice to your veterinarian!

The May 2010 issue of The Veterinary Practice News has an article on the stresses of veterinarians and veterinary students. For example: "Veterinarians experience death at five times the rate of human doctors" and "their patients are often animals they have cared for a long time." Veterinary students, many of who have always wanted to become veterinarians, are not prepared for the rigors of school and subsequent tough work, making them "predisposed candidates for depression." The article is in response to a study in England showing that the suicide rate of veterinarians there is four times that of the general population.

Veterinarians love Whippets.

On a more positive note: all veterinarians I have met love Whippets, as the Whippets are such

good patients: clean, well behaved, and stoic.

Star (Tangens Chaprun Shooting Star; litter 09) is growing up to be a racer like her daddy Riley (Tangens Riley Outback Runner; litter 05). Check out the beautiful Chaprun web site (www.chaprunhounds.com) particularly the movie "see Star run."



Traveling with your Whippet?

If you will travel with your dog this summer, please be careful. Dogs lost in unfamiliar surroundings are often lost forever. If you lose your Whippet, please contact me, as I can alert the hundreds of Whippet people all over the country who are on the Whippet email list.

Have a wonderful Summer!

- and stay in touch

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