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Whippets love to run! Tangens Big Bang (litter 09) and owner Steve King watching:



They were watching Big Bang's sister "Tiger Lily" (Tangens Red Spectrum) practice lure coursing:



Lily (left) is very fast and may make her debut in competition soon.

Another very fast dog in the 2009 litter is "Bob", *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon*, owner Debra Stafford. Bob has

points towards his AKC Field Champion title and is also doing straight and oval racing.



"Mona" Tangens Moon Over Maverick (litter 07; left in picture below) has also started lure coursing, assisted by owners Marilyn and Bob Riffle. Mona has already obtained her first title JC, Junior Courser.



And then there is "Monty", Tangens Two For The Road (litter 08), owned by Anak Rabanal. Monty is close to his Field Champion title in ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association).



While many Tangens Whippets have been busy running, others take it easy at home. Here is "Hatti" (Formerly "Audrey", *Tangens My Fair Lady*; litter 08), pictured by owner Allan Glaser



Tick tip: In response to my picture of captured ticks in last newsletter, I got this tip from *Wendy Gay, Grand Prix Whippets:* "I use Avon Skin So Soft diluted with 4 to 10 parts water - spray the dogs - and ticks won't come near them."

Whippet teeth: I mentioned in newsletter #10 that "Tuli", Ch Merci Isle Northern Lights, had a cracked tooth that needed extraction. Recently, "Tiiger", Fire-X Elida Tiikeri, had a problem with the same kind of tooth. This is what *Iva Kimmelman*. *Merci Isle* Whippets, had to say: "The dogs may get what is called a "slab fracture" of the largest rear molar. The tooth cracks apart exposing the nerve. Over time the crack may seal, but the tooth is certainly painful and often must be removed to prevent infection. The dogs may make a sucking sound when they open their mouths. This is a way to know there is something going on with the teeth."

Chewing is important: "Nylabones and

Gummabones are fine, they have give. Cooked cow hooves are good (if unprocessed they are perfect). Raw beef bones are good. White "sterilized" bones are ok. Cooked bones are always dangerous. I don't give my dogs any beef bones because I worry they could crack a tooth. Chicken and turkey, leg or wing, bones are good, but they must be raw."

I like to add: And then there are bully sticks! Jeanne Kohlbush, owner of "Nala", *Tangens Claret* (litter 2010), recommends:

http://www.bestbullysticks.com

Other useful web sites include: http://k9domain.org/toxic.aspx

Over the counter medicines for pets: http://www.walkervalleyvet.com/otc

We have puppies – again! "Karelia", Ch Tangens Karelia Suite (litter 04), had only three puppies in her litter last December, so she was bred again. And now she had eight! I was in shock, having expected another small litter. Five girls and three boys, all are Best In Show!



Have fun and stay cool! Eva@tangenshounds.com 858-232-7692