

Tangens Whippets

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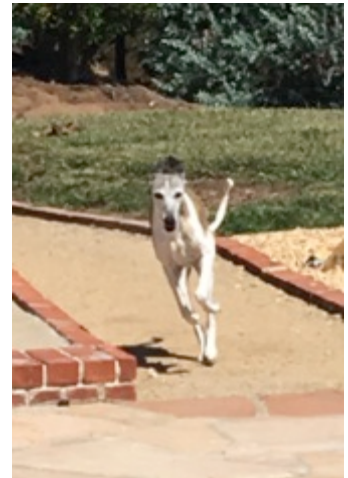
Sweet Sixteen "Tiiger"

Fire-X Elida Tiikeri was born June 21, 2001
She is the mother of litters 04 and 05
and grandmother of litters 08, 09, and 11



Tiiger still enjoys life and likes to take a lap around the pool several times a day.

We are very proud of her



From Diane Dalby: "**Fess** (litter 04) has been babysitting my 94 year old Mother, who has been with us for a year now. He seems to feel it is his job to be by her side. Although she loves Dachshunds, she has no choice but to be mobbed by Sighthounds at our house."

Diane adds: "Fess is in great shape."

Monty is from litter 08. Owner Anak Rabanal writes: "He is such a patient guy with all the hijinx over here."



On injuries: I am sure many of you have had to deal with injuries of your Whippets, “self inflicted” (while running) or other types. Any superficial injury takes 3 weeks to heal but can take a lot longer if the dog keeps licking and chewing on it. Jennifer Keir’s “*Star*” (litter 09) was badly bitten by a dog while running on Fiesta Island recently. Our “*Lezah*” has had some minor injuries that needed protection from both her self and the other dogs at home.



Her hind foot injury required her wearing both a cone **and** an inflatable collar.



Her later side injury required her wearing my T-shirts! She couldn't reach the side herself, but the other dogs could.

Check the internet for more on “recovery collars”



On a positive note: Here is a win photo from a recent show – or rather a non-win photo.

Our “*Candy*” (*Kamio Sweet Taste of Tangens*) and the son of her half brother (*Elidas Moonlight Affair*) both won “Reserve”. Honorable - but no points towards championship...

Love to hear from you!

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The importance of poop

As we know, dogs find poop very interesting. And it is - in many different ways.



Poop contains not only undigested food but also many other things. Most important, it contains the bacteria that live in our digestive tracts. After sequencing the human genome, sequencing the genomes of these bacteria, the “microbiome”, has led to an increased understanding of many diseases. And making sure the right microbes are present has led to new ways of treating diseases in humans; the use of healthy intestinal bacteria to treat patients lacking them. This is sometimes called “re-poopulate”,

Dogs have understood the importance of poop for a long time. In my pack of Whippets, the most active poop eaters are particularly interested in the dogs with the “best” poop. It may be important that the pack has the same composition of poop bacteria. Eating poop from other packs or other animal species may be a bit risky, as we don't know if that may contain harmful bacteria or parasites. So then I use the command “Leave it!”

When our dogs encounter poop outside the pack, they like to sniff it for a while. The sniffing may tell them interesting things about the pooper such as the species, the sex, and many other things. A recent study analyzed poop from over 100 wild rhinos in South Africa. Distinct odor profiles were associated with sex, age and state. It was actually possible to add certain odors to poop and influence the behavior of the animal sniffing it. So poop odors act as signals of communication.

So when my dogs sniff poop on the street, they say to themselves: “This is likely from a spayed female Golden Retriever at least 5 years old.”

More interesting may be sniffing the poop of the young male coyote...

