

Tangens Whippets

Race Car Puppy update



“Renzo” (Aston Martin) has taken puppy obedience classes and is now doing Puppy Agility. Owner Susan Siragusa is trying to get him to like swimming, but he is not that interested. He has not (yet) destroyed too much, as his cow hoofs keep him busy. A deflated ball is also a good toy...



“Danica” (Fast Track to Summit) has been on a long trip with her Whippet friends and owners Leslie and Hunter Smith. The trip included Danica’s first show in Oregon. She didn’t win, but her father “Bowie”, SBIS Ch Summit Good Vibrations FC (in the middle) did well.



“Danica”

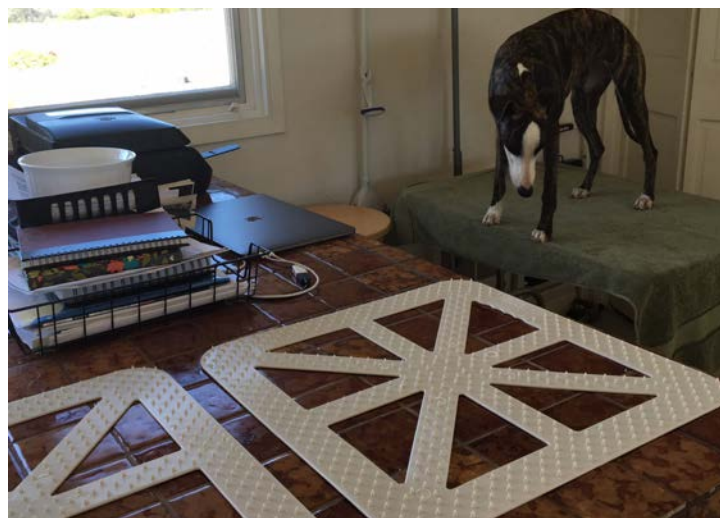


“Ari” (Ferrari) is a great dog, says owner Julie Dexter. One problem is that he is getting harder to handle on leash when walking around wild life. The same is true for our **“Alfie” (Alpha Romeo)**.

I use prong collars on most of the Whippets. Otherwise I would not be able to walk five at a time. May look cruel, but the dogs don’t care; they just don’t pull. I use fabric to make the prong collars look better (like the one on the right).



Our other puppy **“Tesla”** likes to spend more time on tables and counters than on the floor. That means almost nothing is safe, so I ordered a number of “spike mats” with sharp plastic spikes. They help a lot but not completely.



Our beautiful Swedish Whippet **"Lezah" (Adagio Witch Hazel)** has done very well at shows thanks to her handler Curtis Freeling. Even so, she is only halfway to her champion title, as most shows are too small to get enough points. AKC is trying very hard to make dog shows more interesting to dog owners. When did YOU visit a dog show? You may find a show near you by visiting www.jbradshaw.com.



Susan Kallal writes: "We were in Banff Alberta last weekend. We brought **Lucca** and Julia and we all enjoyed some walks along the Bow river near the Banff Springs Hotel. We stayed at the Banff Springs and Julia and Lucca were quite a hit". - **Lucca** is from litter 2005.

Erkki and I just came back from a trip to Finland and Sweden. While there, we met many dogs, some of which are local breeds such as Finnish Spitz. It was very refreshing to see natural ears and tails on every dog of any breed; cutting off body parts from dogs is not allowed in Europe. We didn't meet any Whippets but some beautiful Salukis and Italian Greyhounds. This picture of Swedish Whippets is obviously taken at a different time of the year.



One doesn't need to know any Finnish to understand this sign.

As the house/dog sitters were playing golf all day every day while we were gone, the dogs didn't get much exercise. So they had to entertain themselves in other ways.



Tesla is the main suspect. Obviously the spike mats didn't work very well. Erkki says we have to sell Tesla...

Cloning a Whippet (part 3)

As you know, Whippets come in all colors and patterns, and rarely do you see two with the same. But **Alfa Romeo** from the latest litter looks exactly like his greatgranduncle "**Bob**" *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon*, litter 2009



On the left is Bob as a young puppy; on the right is Alfie at 6 months. They recently got together.



Alfie at front;
Bob in the back



Bob's color has faded a bit over the years, but the two have almost identical white markings. Even the tails have identical white ends.



And this was accomplished without paying the cloning company Viagen \$50,000!



We met up at "Open Mind Modalities", where owner Debra Stafford takes Bob to work as a therapy dog every Friday afternoon. The kids read to him, and they talk to him. He listens.

