

Tangens Whippets

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Happy New Year!

Reading to Whippets

A local heating and air technician came over to check our heaters before winter. He took one look at the Whippets and told me that his young daughters are reading to Whippets in the local library several days a week. And the children are getting really good at reading! I knew about the program "Reading To Dogs" and have mentioned it in a previous newsletter (#16; Therapy Whippet).



I found the Whippet owner, Jean Maclean. She wrote: "The young boy with the Whippet "Donny" was afraid of dogs when he first came to read. By the end of the first session he was on the floor with Donny and after that they were the best of friends. He improved

his reading skills four levels in the year he read to Donny."

Donny is Grand Prix's Golden Eagle, CD, RN, RA, RE, NAP, NJP, OAP, OJP, THD, CGC. The titles are in obedience, rally, agility, and therapy." – Wow! Who can beat that!

Puppies!

Donna Pardi's Best In Show, Grand CH, Tangens Maverick Red Planet RN, CGC delivered puppies on November 5.



Donna sent a set of photos and cartoons of each puppy. Here is one example:



RePOOPulate

is a new treatment. It involves taking donor poop from a healthy human patient and inserting it into the gut of an infected patient as a form of probiotics, seeking to reintroduce a protective flora.

We all know that dogs like to eat poop, and there are numerous articles telling you how to prevent them from doing that. But one may wonder if the dogs may be smarter than we are and know that it is good sometimes to repopulate. Some of my dogs have recently had the stomach flue, so now I am looking the other way ...



More on poop

Another study shows that dust in a home with dogs contains different bacteria than one without. This is not surprising. What is surprising though is that the dog dust contained dog intestinal bacteria and these reduced the incidence of allergies in the inhabitants; so far only shown for mice, but there are indications that it may apply to humans also.

The girls' new bedroom

Sally Bresser wrote that they have moved, and the girls got their own bedroom - in a closet of the new house. Perfect for dogs! The girls are *Tangens Sabrina* and *Tangens I Feel Pretty* from litters 2008 and 2011.



Flying Whippets

From Darin Marx: "Took Tiger for a walk on Shelf Road in the morning with some of our friends' kids that were visiting. We played a

favorite game of mine to show the kids how fast whippets can run. Klaus holds Tiger and Lily while I walk ahead on the trail about a quarter mile. The dogs go insane when I tell Klaus to release the hounds. No feet on the ground in this pic. Even at 6+ years, Tiger is still quite fast."

Tiger is Tangens The Maverick Astronaut (litter 07)



Dog show in Stockholm, Sweden

I went to Stockholm recently to visit family. I also went one day to the big dog show there on December 8. This show is about ten times bigger than the average American dog show. My friend Stefan Raghmar of Adagio Whippets was the big winner. His Whippets won EVERY class plus Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Here are some of his winners.



Greetings from Tangens, "where the woman is strong, the man is good looking, and all the Whippets are above average."

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