

Tangens Whippets

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Happy Holidays!



Congratulations to Donna Pardi and Fanci, Best In Show, Grand Champion Tangens Red Planet “Fanci” went Excellent in Rally. Fanci is also doing Agility, but Donna thinks her future will be in Obedience competition. We wish them good luck, and to have fun!



Tasmania on Stillwater Cove Creek



Photo: owner Diane Goldman

Boys watching football?



Marilyn writes: “Us girls, me and Mona, know better.”

... but Bob and Vivaldi look very comfortable...

The Big Bang story

Big Bang had a fight with a cat in the fenced backyard of his home in Tennessee. The next morning, he could not walk on his front right leg, and he was taken to the vet and treated for a “bruise”. By that evening, his temperature was 105 and he was treated with antibiotics. To make a long story short, Big Bang spent a

total of three weeks at the vet. Despite the antibiotic therapy, he got more swellings and his skin kept dying. Big Bang underwent three surgeries to remove dead skin and had daily laser treatment and hydrotherapy. The vet warned early on that Big Bang might not survive or might lose his leg, but he now seems to be on the way to total recovery. Throughout the ordeal owners Kim and Steve King visited him daily and they brought Big Bang's sister Lily with them. The siblings were so happy to see each other. Unfortunately, Lily has not been doing well alone at home while Big Bang was gone, as she suffers from separation anxiety.

Here is Big Bang almost healed up:



And ready to face the extended family:



So what did all this cost? In the end, a lot less than I had expected. But this incidence led me

to want to find out if a pet insurance is worthwhile.

Do you have a medical insurance for your Whippet?

I had planned to do a survey to see how many of you have pet insurance and what the benefits may be for such insurance. I started with Sally Besser, because I knew that she used to have pet insurance. Now I don't need to do a survey; I think Sally said it all:

"For the last 2 years I have not had pet insurance for the following reasons:

(1) After deductible and at 80% coverage, I still paid. (Sadie – the adventurer who first got stuck on barbed wire and tore herself open, and then again when she went barreling into a broken redwood tree branch after a squirrel. Squirrel lost – but so did Sadie – more stitches.)

(2) Premiums were \$90.00 per dog every 3 months. (Can't remember name of insurer but it was on the SPCA web site)

So, what I have done since then is religiously, and at \$100 every month, put money into a self-insurance fund. I now have over \$4,000 in that fund. It just seemed to make the most sense for me, particularly because the girls are not so adventurous anymore."



Sally with Sadie and Sabrina

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