

Tangens Whippets



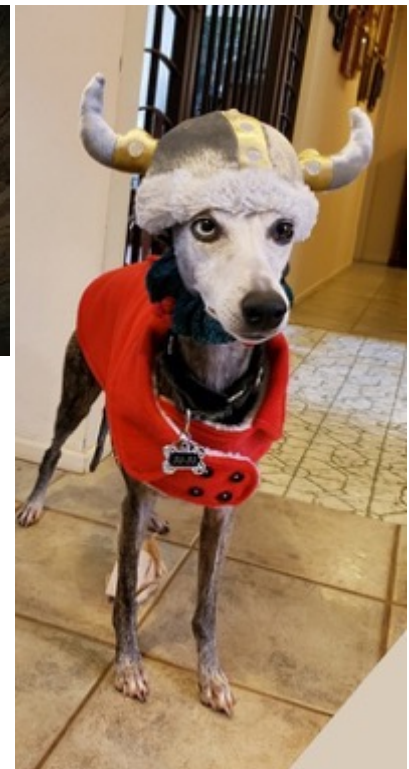
Siblings **Bob** and **Ju-Ju** (litter 2009) got their Christmas presents from owners. Debra Stafford and Joan Pleasants



More siblings from the 2009 litter:

"As the weather is getting colder, one of the best places to be warm is laying in the sun at the front door!"

Lily and Big Bang are the best!"
(From owner Kim King)

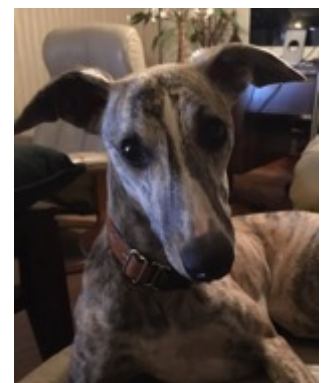


Ju-Ju (Tangens Once In A Blue Moon, litter 09) has one partially blue eye. Juju is gorgeous, but as blue eyes are disqualifying in Whippets, she never got a chance to show. More about blue eyes on the next page.

We have a car show every Saturday in Rancho Santa Fe. A recent show was a Ferrari Specialty event—at least 30. We are looking forward to more of these "specialty shows" to feature our last year's race car puppies.



Tangens Ferrari
(litter 2017)
Owners Julie and Pat Dexter





Embarkvet is a company for dogs, similar to 23andme for humans. It's main business is to allow dog owners find out the heritage of their mixed breed dogs. The first time I heard this, I was flabbergasted that so many dogs were not the result of one accidental mating but of many generations of uncontrolled breeding – actually just like us humans!

A recent publication showed that blue eyes in Siberian Huskies are caused by a specific gene. Blue eyes are often associated with deafness, like in Dalmatians and Old English Sheepdogs, but not so in humans with blue eyes! In Siberian Huskies, a new gene associated with blue eyes was discovered by **embark** from its collection of 6,000 samples of DNA from dogs submitted by owners. You may read the whole story on:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2018/10/siberian-husky-blue-eyes-study-news/>

I once bought a DNA collection kit to have my **Ch Tangens Triton X-100** (another one from litter 09) tested. I learned that he is a Whippet!!! Maybe **Ju-Ju** should be tested to see what blue eye gene she has.

More 2017 puppies:

Tangens Alfa Romeo on the beach with owner John Pouchak. Lucky dog gets to do a lot of hiking in the mountains and running on the beaches.



Tangens Masserati below
Owner Sandy Bloom



We did have a little rain recently plus a very high tide, even in the lagoons. From left to right:
Tangens Triton X-100, Adagio Witch Hazel, Tangens Inessa Gallante, and Tangens Tesla



I was not specifically planning to feature only the 2009 and 2017 litters, but it may be of interest to know that Triton X-100 from litter 2009 is the great grand sire of litter 2017. I am very proud of him, his ancestors, his litter mates, and all his offspring.



Our beautiful Swedish Whippet **Adagio Witch Hazel** finished her championship recently. "**Lezah**" comes from the famous Whippet breeder Stefan Råghammar. Stefan has produced champions in many parts of the world, but **Lezah** is the first In the US. We hope to have puppies out of **Lezah** soon.

Whippets have received a lot of attention recently in the show world. Best In Show at the 17th Annual National dog show in Philadelphia (2,000 dogs) on Thanksgiving was **Pinnacle Tennessee Whiskey** (below left).

Best in show winner at the Crufts dog show in England (21,000 dogs entered) was a whippet: Coolloney Tartan Tease.

Below right is the Italian Whippet **Sobresalto Xxx**, who won the Hound group at the Helsinki world show last weekend, beating over 300 hounds.



You can look up almost any Whippet in the world and see it's illustrated pedigree: <https://whippet.breedarchive.com> (over 30,000 Whippets).

The breedarchive.com also has pictures and pedigrees for over 40 other breeds



"Diana's Hunt" is a painting by Jan Fyt, a Flemish painter (1611 - 1661). Fyt is famous for his animal pieces in addition to still life. This painting shows a couple of Whippet-like dogs in the middle. I think I also see an Ibizan-like dog on the right (based on color and erect ears). In those days, hounds were important in hunting, but it was not until the 1800s that there was a distinction between different Greyhound-like breeds. The Whippet was recognized as a distinct breed by the AKC in the US in 1888. (Thank you Diane Dalby for this contribution.)



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Check it out. I once went to NAIA's annual conference in Santa Monica and was very impressed. I learned about how slaughtering of cattle is made less cruel, and how to make chicken breeding more humane. Unfortunately, NAIA now has its annual conferences in Florida. Too far for me.



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The Asian long-horned tick is a new invasive species in the US. Remember to treat your dogs for fleas and ticks.

