

Tangens Whippets



**It was a very special Christmas
Thank you all!**

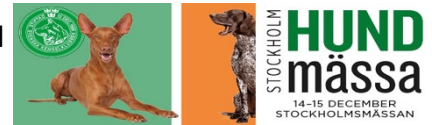


Wishing You All A Happy 2020!

Two very special dog shows



During the weekend of December 14-15 there were two large dog shows in the world: the AKC National Show in Orlando, Florida, and the Swedish Kennel club international show in Stockholm, Sweden, called "Hundmässan". I visited the Stockholm show.



There are an estimated 90 million dogs in the US with its population of 330 million people. Sweden has 8 million people and about 900,000 (registered) dogs.

AKC National Championship, Orlando, FL, December 14-15, 2019 is the largest dog show in the US. Over 5,000 dogs were entered in conformation. Entries came from 27 countries outside the US. Other events included obedience, agility, dog diving, etc. for a total of about 11,000 dogs for the week. There were 160 AKC "meet the breed" booths plus various demonstrations of dog items and activities.

Hundmässan in Stockholm is the largest show in Sweden. It had an entry of over 7,000 dogs. Other than conformation, the show had all day performances of obedience, agility, heel work to music, and freestyle and presentations of dog breeds and groups. The arena, with space for 1,000 people, was packed every day. I could only sit on the stairs.

There are two things to notice when visiting a dog show outside the US. One is the difference in the number of breeds. AKC recognizes only 193 breeds. FCI, to which the Swedish kennel club belongs, recognizes as many as 344. AKC is a little behind in recognizing breeds from distant parts of the world, such as the spectacular Azawakh originating in West Afrika that was only very recently recognized. The second thing to notice is that all breeds are "natural", i.e. have no body parts removed. Wonderful to see breeds such as Boxers and Dobermans with ears and tails!



GrChG Pinnacle Kentucky Bourbon, the number one Whippet in the US, won the breed in Orlando.

GB CH West Chelan Quick Look At Me from Belgium won the Breed In Stockholm. . She was also Best in the Hound group, which was judged by "our" Bo Bengtson from Ojai, CA.



Whippet Health

Why do Whippets and other dogs live such short lives? Mice live 2-3 years, dogs 10-15, people 70-90. But it is not only about size, as small dogs live longer than large dogs.

There is a new project to find out more: dogagingproject.org. The goal of the Dog Aging Project is to understand how genes, lifestyle, and environment influence aging. That information will be used to help pets and people increase their health span. The motto is: "Longer, healthier lives. Together"



What do Whippets die from? Just like people, from cancer or failing organs such as liver, kidneys or heart.

The cause of death of young Whippets is often accidents, such as being hit by a car, or from infection. The statistics assembled by the Whippet Health Foundation is very important in preserving the breed.

"To further the understanding of diseases, genetic anomalies, injuries and other ailments that affect dogs in general and the Whippet in particular."



Lucca on the beach

14 years old, still going strong!

A new fabulous Whippet magazine!

Editor Bo Bengtson.

Lots of wonderful pictures and articles about Whippets and Whippet people from all over the world.

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