



International move with whippets

I decided that I would like to move back to my home country Sweden, where I have all my family.

Fortunately, Erkki agreed; he would be nearer to his family in Finland.

I contacted several Whippet breeder/owners in the Stockholm area to find out where would be the best place to live. Everyone I asked loved where they lived.

However, it was hard to find a place with what I wanted: a single story house with a yard fenced for Whippets.

Several years ago I visited the famous breeder/judge Nenne Runsten, and I was very impressed by her home and setup in Edsbro, an hour north of Stockholm. And she was willing to sell it! Said and done! Perfect place for us and the Whippets.



Nenne with an international selection of Whippets

The house in Edsbro



How to do it?

All traveling is difficult in these corona times. Traveling with dogs is even more complicated.

With five dogs, I thought it would be best to get help from a professional pet transportation company.

I contacted a few, but they either didn't answer or were out of business. So I had to do it myself.

Fortunately, I had a great travel agent to help me.

The paperwork (USDA and Swedish import permit) for the dogs was very complicated. The most significant help I had for that was from the www.petpassportstore.com. If you ever travel with dogs look them up! They have a kit for every travel destination. They also immediately answered every question I had via email.



On the day of departure, we took a limo from San Diego to LAX. On the way, little Mona threw up even though she was treated with motion sickness pills. Fortunately I had an extra crate pad in my luggage, so I put the clean one in the crate and put the dirty one into my hand luggage. On the way through security, the security dog got very interested in me, and I was taken to a special place for examination. The dog was obviously interested not only in drugs and explosives.

There are no longer any direct flights between California and Stockholm. The travel would go from Los Angeles to Frankfurt to Stockholm. As the airplane cargo spaces are small in Europe, the plane from Frankfurt to Stockholm could only take two crates. I had to put four dogs in two crates, and the fifth dog and Erkki would have to stay many hours in Frankfurt to wait for the next plane. Actually, the fifth dog was very well taken care of by Lufthansa. She was taken to a kennel and got food, water, and a walk. Erkki was treated well too.



Scandipet is a pet transportation company on the Swedish side. They were very helpful, but in the end, I didn't need their services

We made it!

The dogs have adjusted well despite some rain and darkness.

Here they are looking out at the new environment





Reunited with family

Happy New Year!



Grandson Jakob and I are exploring the surroundings. The area has a lot of history, like the Edsbro church from the 1200s. When it is cold, the Whistwind coats help a lot. Check them out at taylor-madecoates.com



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