

Back in California - for 6 months or forever?

To move is always complicated. To move with five dogs is very complicated. We were lucky to have the help of Scandipet in Sweden and Pet-Exress in US. It took almost 45 hours for the dogs from door to door, with over night in Amsterdam. They took it well.

ScandiPet 🗳





We have a house with a wonderful view, and we had two handymen install a dog door, se we are now ok.



But there has been a lot to do, as you can imagine, which is why the Newsletter is so late.

So now, back to YOU!

I am so happy that you keep in touch, for good or bad. That is very Important not only to me, but for the breed.



From Jeanne Kohlbush:

"It's always a pleasure to receive your newsletter. Nala is doing great and in very good health. Whenever I sit down in the house she always finds me and comes to either lays at my feet or joins me right by my side. She and Hobbes still enjoy running around at lightning speed. "

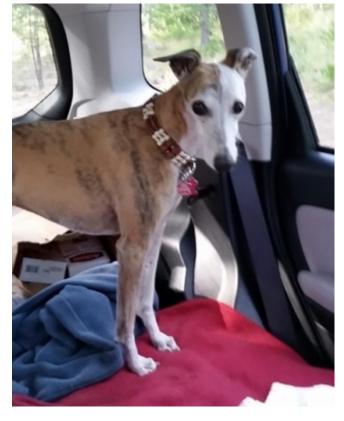
Nala is from litter 2010



From Marureen Littell a photo of Brand (in the back) and friend. Brand is from litter 2007, i.e. 15+ Years old and still going strong.

Some of Brand's litter mates made it to almost 15 years.

Sarah Herrick: "My heart is broken but Skyy was worth every ache. He was the greatest dog ever, the standard in my humble opinion and I thank you so much for breeding such a spectacular dog."





From Rosanna Sutton:

"It is with great sadness of heart that I have to announce that Winsmoore has another angel that has earned her wings. 15 year old Dinah, Tangens Maverick Destination Moon has gone to the rainbow bridge. Dinah was one of a kind, a Pocket Rocket at just 18 inches. She was full of wim and vigor even up to her untimely death. She was attacked by a a dog, and her injuries were too bad to overcome at Dinah's age."

Not all Whippets live to be 15. Why do dogs have such short lives? The differences in longevity of different species is a major topic of research In September Sally Besser wrote: "girls are well! You can see Sadie running in my park - Sabrina just likes to wander, sniff and pee – she rarely runs any more – and when she does, she tires after a minute or so."





Sabrina is litter 2008 Sadie is litter 2011

In November, Sally wrote again: "I have cried just about all weekend. Sabrina had diabetes that kept getting worse. My Vet convinced me that trying to keep her alive would mean 2 insulin injections daily -I opted to have her meet God in a kind way."

Yes, "euthanasia" (meaning good death), is something dogs can get but we can't.

> If you want to know more about diabetes in dogs: www.merckvetmanual.com

AKC Chamion, IABCA International Champion Tangens Defying Gravity De Vitruvius



"Dash", from our 2019 litter, co-bred with Debra Stafford, aquired 20 titles last year; conformation, lure coursing, straight racing and various other competitions.

Is your Whippet also a winner? You don't know unless you try. Debra does!

To celebrate Dash's wins we had a small party: 8 peopla and 14 dogs. Among them were two Silken Windhounds, a new breed.

Silkens are not yet accepted by the AKC or FCI but will be, considering how dedicated the Silken breeders are.



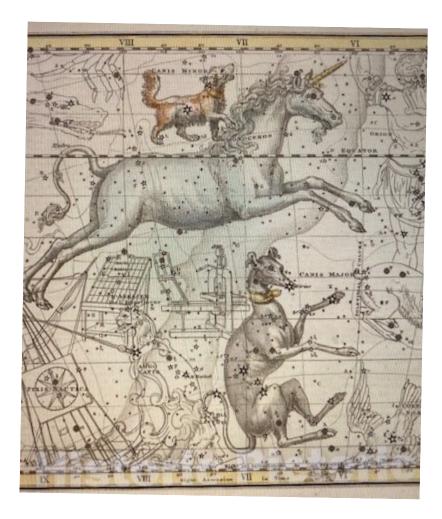
Check out https://www.starfyresilkenwindhounds.com/

What is the origing of the Whippet as a breed?

According to AKC:

"The Whippet's story begins in Victorian England. North-country coal miners enjoyed the sports of dog racing and rabbit hunting on their days off. But they couldn't afford to feed and kennel large athletes like Greyhounds, nor did they have the space to properly exercise them. The miners' practical solution was to breed a smaller version of the Greyhound".

It is thought that they did that by breeding to small terriers.



But according to many pieces of art, Whippet-like dogs existed long before that. This is obvious from some of the artwork that Diane Dalby has contributed to previous newsletters. In this latest piece, the size of The Hound is not obvious, but it is clear that Hounds have been around for a long time.

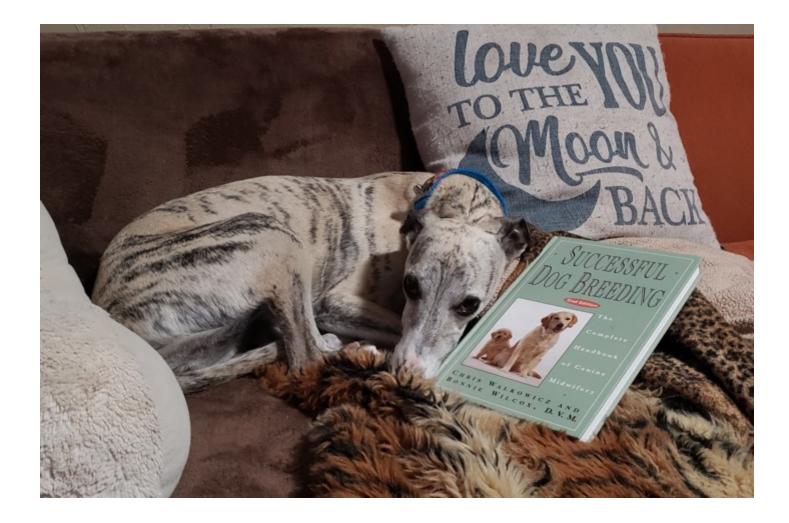
Part of a star map from a cartography 1822 of Canis Major

Maybe you want to visit this:



The future:

Debra Stafford will "borrow" the Swedish Ch Adagio Witch Hazel for a future litter. "Leazah" is the mother of our wonderful 2019 litter, sired by Debra"s Tangens Fly Me To The Moon.



Lezah is getting prepared in Debra's home.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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