

# Tangens Whippets

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## **"Brand" Dual Ch Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut FCh**



We are so proud of him, but also humbled. It is one thing to breed a good dog, but a completely different thing to do something with the dog. That is up to the owner, and many good dogs don't get a chance to prove themselves. Brand is owned by Iva Kimmelman, famous breeder of Merci Isle Whippets and a judge with decades of experience. Iva has allowed Brand to compete in both conformation and lure coursing, and he has become a champion of both.

Brand's sister "Mona" did well at the large hound show in Lompoc this summer. She

was best in a large class of Bred By Exhibitor. We will show her again soon.

## **"Mona" Tangens Moon Over Maverick**



October is the birthday month of Brand and Mona and their littermates. Here is one, much loved "Orbit"



## **Microchips**

The October issue of Cat Fancy has an informative article about microchips. There are now at least six different kinds. My veterinarian switched from AVID to Bayer ResQ some time ago. It turns out that the ResQ chip emits a different signal and can't be read by the most common detectors. The article emphasizes the importance of checking that the chip is in place every time you visit the vet; sometimes they move from between the shoulder blades, where it should be, to down the back or down a leg. And

keep your information with the company updated, so that they can find you if needed.

**Lesson from seminars on canine behavior: "emergency U-turn"**

I am sure many of you have walked your dogs on leash, and here comes this large free roaming and dangerous looking dog towards you. What to do? I learned from famous dog behaviorist and trainer Patricia McConnell that the best thing to do is an "emergency U-turn". The strange dog may follow you, but the dogs don't meet face to face and there is therefore no real confrontation. It has worked well for us. It has taken some practice to get four or more Whippets to do a quick turn, but now we are pretty good at it.

**Cold weather is coming.**

Most of the dog coats you find in the stores don't fit Whippets very well. Maryfrances Isip, owner of "Monty", Tangens Two For The Road (litter 9/08), makes knitted coats to order out of marino or alpaca wool.

<http://handmadeforbaby.net/HauteforHound.aspx>

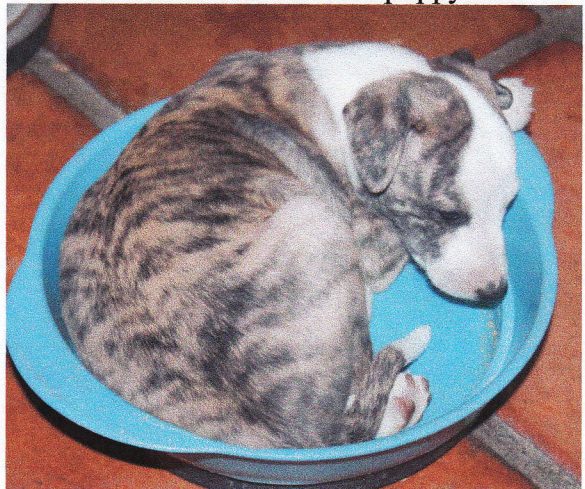


For rainy or windy weather, Houndtogs have wonderful coats ([www.houndtogs.com](http://www.houndtogs.com)). We have made our own coats based on the Houndtogs models. Here is Tangens Tasmania (litter 2/05) with a home-made

coat. If anyone wants the pattern, let me know.



Here is one well-fed puppy!



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