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Happy Halloween!



Here is a recipe for a *Halloween treat* for your dog (from The Whole Dog Journal): Combine canned, plain pumpkin and lightly boiled liver and puree in a food processor. Spoon drops of the mixture onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 325 F for about 20 minutes.

Morning walk; release the hounds!



At the end of the morning walk, "Lettie", Tangens Let Me Entertain You, litter 2011, and friend are released by owner Candy Anderson to run the last bit home.

Another morning walk



Evening walks

Please use reflectors or blinking red lights on coats, leashes and collars if walking in the dark. I have heard a number of stories recently, when dogs and their owners have been injured, or even died, from being run over by cars while walking in the dark.

Activities for Whippets - and you!

Since the show wins this summer, we have focused on other activities, primarily *lure coursing*. The dogs love chasing white plastic bags across a field. Three of the Whippets have finished their first lure coursing titles, including "Tuli", Ch Merci Isle Northern Lights, *JC*, at age 10 years. She ran like a teenager. Here is a picture of Tuli's great granddaughter "Inessa", Tangens Inessa Gallante, JC, litter 2011, in fast pursuit of the plastic bag.



There are lots of other activities for Whippets. *Agility* is the most popular of all dog activities of all breeds, and Whippets are good at it. They may have some problem understanding the purpose of the weave poles. Who would blame them! It would be much more logical to go straight past the poles rather than zigzag through them.

Then there is *obedience* of course. Here is *"Flair", Maverick Cowboy Chic, CDX*, one of the top Whippets in obedience in the US.



Check out more about obedience from her breeder/owner's Rachel Amado's web site: www.MaverickWayDogTraining.com

I am considering to next put the *Canine Good Citizen (CGC)* title on at least my older dogs. The old dogs don't jump up on people they meet as much as the younger ones. I am sure you all know about that little Whippet problem. To see what is required for the CGC title, take a look at this video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vd5UK8clB4

Finally there is *swimming* and *dock diving*. I have seen and heard more and more about Whippets swimming. Initially they don't think they like it, but with time they learn to love it. It is great exercise. Just make sure they know where to get out of the pool and start with a life west just to make sure. Here are Anak Rabanal's Whippets "Monty", FCh Tangens Two For The Road, litter 08, and his friend "Hunt" swimming in the pool at the Nysa Hill dog facility:

http://www.nysahill.net/



Trust for your Whippet

Some of you have brought up the topic of a trust for your pet in case something happens to you. Here is a link to useful information: http://www.petfinder.com/after-pet-adoption/pet-trust-primer.html
My own trust declares that my dogs are taken care of by the Whippet Rescue and Placement (WRAP; www.whippet-rescue.com) and a certain amount of \$\$ are given to WRAP for each dog.

Time change coming up

Give your dogs some time to adjust!

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