

Newsletter #45, September - October, 2016 for Tangens alumni and friends



Sally Besser makes wonderful cards of Whippets and other beautiful things. Here are her cartoons of her Whippets *Sabrina (litter 08)* and *Sadie (litter 11)*. One of her Whippet portraits received a 2nd

place ribbon at the Yolo County Fair recently.

From **Marilyn Riffle**: "My son showed me this free app to alter pictures. It is called ArtEffect. Pretty cool! Here are *Mona (litter 07), Vivaldi (litter 11)* and their 'cousin' Cali."





From Susan Kallal:

"The Whippets are healthy and happy. *Lucca (litter 05)* and best friend Julia love to sniff and trot and sprint around the undulating trails in the green forest right behind our house in Anacortes. It is not very populated here, and we can let them off leash for sections. Julia thinks she may catch a squirrel one day, but the squirrels are always too fast and run up the trees."

Do you have a pet insurance?

I know some of you do. The latest issue of *Veterinary practice news* has an article about pet insurance. It turns out that the average policy holder spends \$73 MORE per year on veterinary care for a dog!!! Well, if you have an insurance for your Whippet I hope it is worth YOUR while and not only the veterinarian's. But even if not, you need to know that the most extensive information on dog breed health comes from the insurance companies, and that is very important. I know this from Sweden, where over 40% of pets are insured and in the UK over 30%. You can imagine how much they know about medical problems and needs for dogs – and this will benefit your dogs too in the end.



The annual X-ray contest of Veterinary Practice News is amazing. Dogs and cats ate tape measures, needles, spikes on leather collars, rubber ducks, headbands, gravel, fishing lines and hooks, spare coins, pacifiers, and various cords and strings.

The winner:

Spencer's family was having a cookout when the dog stole a corn cob and attached skewer right off grandma's plate. Before anyone could react, he swallowed the whole thing.

He was rushed in right away. An X-ray showed the corn cob and skewer, which were surgically removed. Spencer made a full recovery.

Judge's comment: "I have seen many corn cobs on X-rays and removed many, but I don't recall seeing a corn skewer on X-ray, which makes it a top choice for me." (Dr. Phil Zeltzman)





Finally, the red berries are ripe in time for Halloween!

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