

Tangens Whippets

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Front Page Girl again



"Laika" (*Tangens How To Steal A Million*, litter 08) is trying to get to the squirrels. Last newsletter she was comforting a newborn baby. That is a Whippet: Intense hunter but relaxed companion.

Beware of foxtails

Triton (*Tangens Triton X-100*, litter 09) got a fox tail in between his front toes. The foxtail worked itself in pieces up inside the leg. It took 6 weeks of probing, surgery, and soaking the foot three times a day for five minutes (note the timer on the table) before all pieces came out and the ordeal was over. Now I check

every dog once a day for foxtails between toes. And I find some!



Rattle snakes

I recently learned, that if your dog is bitten by a rattlesnake, you have one hour to get to a veterinarian. If you immediately give a Benadryl (antihistamine, 25-50 mg per adult Whippet), you have a little more time.

Puppies?

It is over a year since we had puppies, and I feel deprived. **"Karelia"** (*Ch Tangens Karelia Suite*), the spoiled family favorite, has now been bred to *Tangens Big Bang*. Both parents have been tested normal for hearing, vision, and heart function. We hope and expect a large litter of healthy red brindle puppies with fabulous temperament.

Family reunions

It is always wonderful to get to see any Tangens Whippet after they have moved away. We had two reunions recently. One was at a dog show in Ventura, when Bob Kolesar came to watch together with **"Sparky"** (litter 06), who is sparkling Red and was in super condition. Unfortunately, I didn't have my camera ready. Next reunion was more recently, when Diane Goldman came by with

“Tas” (formerly “Musti”, *Tangens Tasmania*, litter 05) and we met for lunch in Los Olivos.



Our most famous Whippet is **“Brand”**, Dual Champion *Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut* (litter 07; owner Iva Kimmelman) who, as I already reported in the last newsletter, won Best Opposite Sex at the large National Whippet Show in April. This is what judge Russell McFadden wrote about him in his report from the show in the June 2010 Whippet News: *“This is exactly what I think a male Whippet should be in every respect. He is a dog that has a great deal to offer the breed in my opinion ... This dog was also a top contender for the Best of Breed ribbon.”*

More about shows

We participated with a couple of dogs in the large and world-famous Hound specialty show in Lompoc in July. You can see the line-up of the Whippet males, who won their different classes, and are waiting for the judge

to decide on Winners Dog at <http://www.ewhippetzine.com/lompoc10.html>. *Tangens Big Bang* with me is the third from the left, and *Tangens Fly Me To The Moon “Bob”* with owner Debra Stafford is the fifth. Before deciding on Winners Dog, the judge came up to me, pointed at Big Bang and said: *“best temperament”* – what else can one ask for! It didn’t matter that we didn’t win the points. On top of that, as I went out of the ring, the Whippet National show judge, who was visiting this show, came up to me and said that he really liked Big Bang. I then had the opportunity to tell him that he apparently likes most of my dogs, as *Big Bang* “made his cut” (but didn’t ultimately place) at the National, *Tangens Triton X-100* placed 3rd in his class, and *Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut* was his BOS.

The lovely Tiger Lily (*Tangens Red Spectrum*, litter 09) is also frequently complimented on her good temperament according to her owner. Lily, who recently lost her 18-year old Whippet companion, lives in San Diego.



Nail trimming

Some of you know about my obsession with nail trimming. It is the hardest part of grooming any dog - they don't like it. If you don't do it often, so that they become accustomed to it and desensitized, it can be very difficult. You may notice on the picture of Triton's foot above how long his nails are. I couldn't trim them for a long time, as he was so sore. And then it was like starting all over again with training for nail trimming: short sessions, one nail per day or less.

However, if the dogs are used to the nail routine, they can become very fond of it (or the treats they get). As soon as I take out the tools, Big Bang and Karelia rush for the grooming table. They can't wait to have their nails trimmed (and get treats).

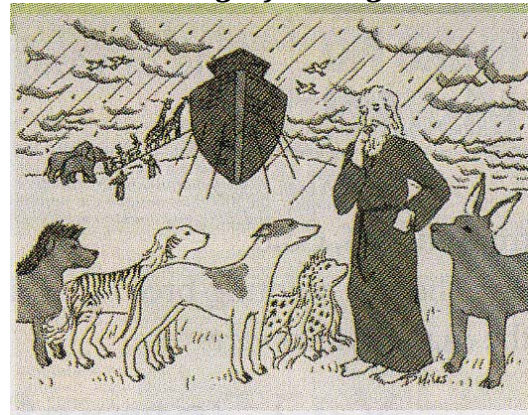


Half siblings

"Tiger" (*Tangens Maverick Astronaut*, litter 07) and "Solo" (*Tangens Solar System*, litter 09) live together in Ojai. Looks like they are having a good time!



Global warming - flooding?



Please take the Whippet!

- and please keep in touch!

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