

Tangens Whippets

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For Tangens alumni and friends**

Playing indoor when it is hot



Sally Besser writes: "Sadie just turned 4 and Sabrina is about to turn 7. My life would not be the same without these two wonderful companions. They are both healthy and still playful as you can see from pictures. On these hot days, we are not able to get out for walks. We play in the living room. "

Tangens Brindle Brigade



Protecting us from the neighbor's cat?

From Alex Carswell:

Joey checking:



Joey stealing:



Joey looking guilty:



Looks familiar!

The American Kennel Club, AKC

AKC has a new web site www.akc.org where you can find out everything about dog breeds, dog shows, and performance events in your area, and a lot more. While checking out the web

site, I found this picture of our own “Candy”, Kamio Sweet Taste Of Tangens! She is the “standout” with a different color than the rest.



AKC Canine Health Foundation

If you are checking out the AKC web site, you may also want to check out the site of the Canine Health Foundation (akcchf.org)

I am quite impressed by the amount of work CHF does and how much money they raise for research on the health and diseases of dogs. I have mentioned before the heart issue, mitral valve disease (MVD), in the Whippet breed. Hopefully we will soon know the genetic defect that causes it, so that it can be reduced or prevented in the future. Here is a grant currently funded by CHF:

“Identification of genetic markers associated with MVD in Whippets would facilitate discovery of a causative mutation and ultimately enable genetic testing and reduction of disease prevalence in this breed. Additionally, identification of the molecular basis of MVD may help elucidate novel therapeutic or testing strategies in the treatment and management of this condition.”

Funding for this research is provided through the efforts and generosity of the Whippet Health Foundation and the American Whippet Club.”



On emergency kits

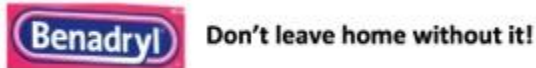
The San Diego Whippet club recently did a survey on what people have in their emergency kits. Here is my story:

“If you have an emergency kit, you will not need it. If you don’t have one, you would have needed it. I bought a very basic emergency kit many years ago to keep in my car. It contains simple things like bandages, bandaids, and neosporin.

I have never used any of it.

Some years ago, when Erkki and I and all the dogs were out hiking, we stepped into a bees nest in the ground, and we all got numerous bites. Very painful! Since then, I don't go anywhere without anti-histamine (Benadryl). I have Benadryl in every purse, backpack, pocket, and in the car glove compartment. I have never had to use any of it – but on a few occasions I have given it out to others. Giving Benadryl immediately after a snake bite will reduce the swelling and give you more time to get to a doctor or veterinarian.

A few Aprils ago, I went with grandsons and a couple of dogs to the Hound show in Silverado. It was very rainy, and we all came home with mud everywhere. The following weekend, I went shopping for rubber boots, raincoat, and umbrella for myself, and I ordered raincoats for all the dogs – all kept at all times in the car. Since then, it has not rained in California. Perhaps I am responsible for the draught in California..."



Abyssinian cats, not Whippets



I used to breed Abyssinian cats for many years under the cattery name "Tangens". A cat breeder in Europe

contacted me recently about a book I produced 20 years ago. This photo was used for the cover. I often meet some former fellow cat breeders, now dog breeders, at the dog shows, and we often talk about how difficult life was as cat breeders compared to as dog breeders. Cats are not pack animals, and if more than two or three are kept together, they fight. Male cats hate each other; Female cats are in heat once a month; and both males and intact females tend to "mark" every corner and every piece of furniture in the house. In contrast, dogs are pack animals and usually get along very well. The females are only in heat once every 6-12 months, and it is no big deal. On the other hand, cats have litters of 3-5, but Whippets have litters of 8-12! So having Whippet puppies is a lot more work than having kittens, and finding homes for so many puppies takes time.



Even though "no news is good news", I love to hear from you.

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