

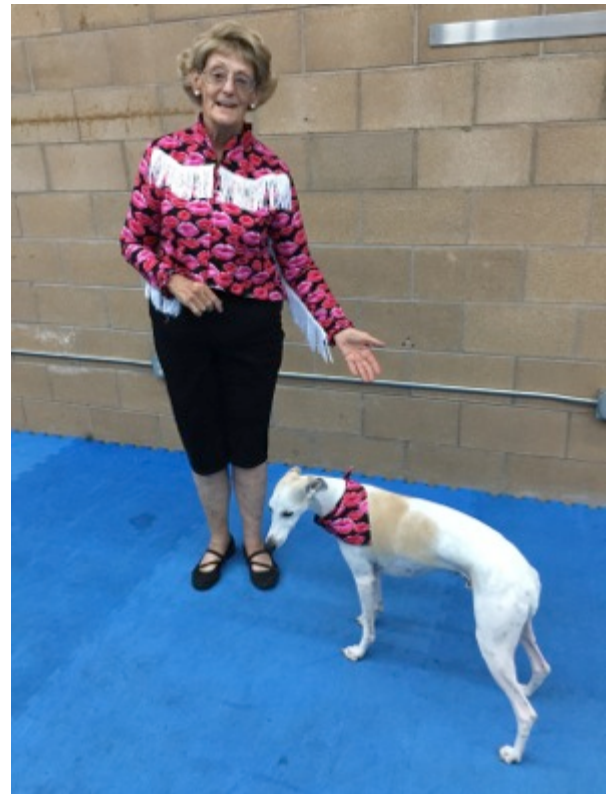
Tangens Whippets

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for Tangens alumni and friends

Dancing with dogs

This is a relatively new competitive event called "Freestyle". It is a mixture of obedience, tricks, and dance to music that allows the creative interaction between dogs and their owners.

Donna Pardi, who has already been doing well in conformation, rally, obedience, and agility, just won her first title in Freestyle with her Whippet "Bandit".



Late new news from the Whippet National show in San Diego in April.

Here is what the judges wrote about Veteran *FC Tangens Riley Outback Runner MC* (litter 05 and sire of litter 09).

Jean Balint: "a lovely dog, and when standing on the table looked like he was very happy to be there. It pleased me to see him moving around with such confidence and soundness."

Barbara Henderson: "... a brindle with white trim who presented in excellent condition. He still showed lovely breed type, moved effortlessly, and appeared to enjoy this time in the ring."



***The not so “secret car show”
in Rancho Santa Fe***

It takes place every Saturday morning. I like to go there with the dogs and look at all the old and beautifully maintained cars.

Sometimes I feel bad, when my Whippets get almost as much attention from the spectators as the cars.

Response to nail trimming tricks in last newsletter:

Here is *Tangens Prince of Nucleotides* (litter 06) getting his nails trimmed. Christiane feeds chicken from the big cup, and Jan does the trimming!

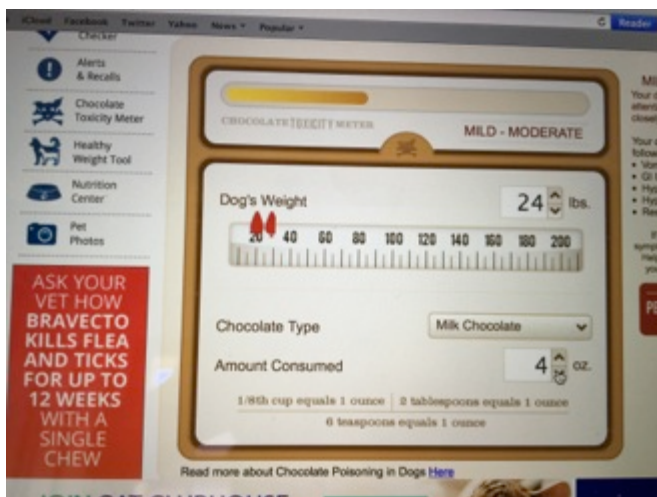
Do you have any other tricks?



Chocolate is poisonous to dogs

One evening, my puppy stole the piece of dark chocolate that I had put on the dinner table for dessert for my husband. We have all heard that chocolate is poisonous to dogs, but how poisonous? Not wanting to spend a lot of time on the internet trying to find the answer, I decided I had to do something quickly, namely induce vomiting with 3% hydrogen peroxide. I have never done that before but I once saw another breeder do it. It was very easy and

effective. I made the puppy drink a couple of table spoons of H₂O₂, which she happily did, and she vomited less than 10 minutes later. To then educate myself, I looked on the internet and found this chocolate toxicity meter at www.petmd.com/dog/chocolate-toxicity



“Laika”

Plumcreek HW Across The Moon

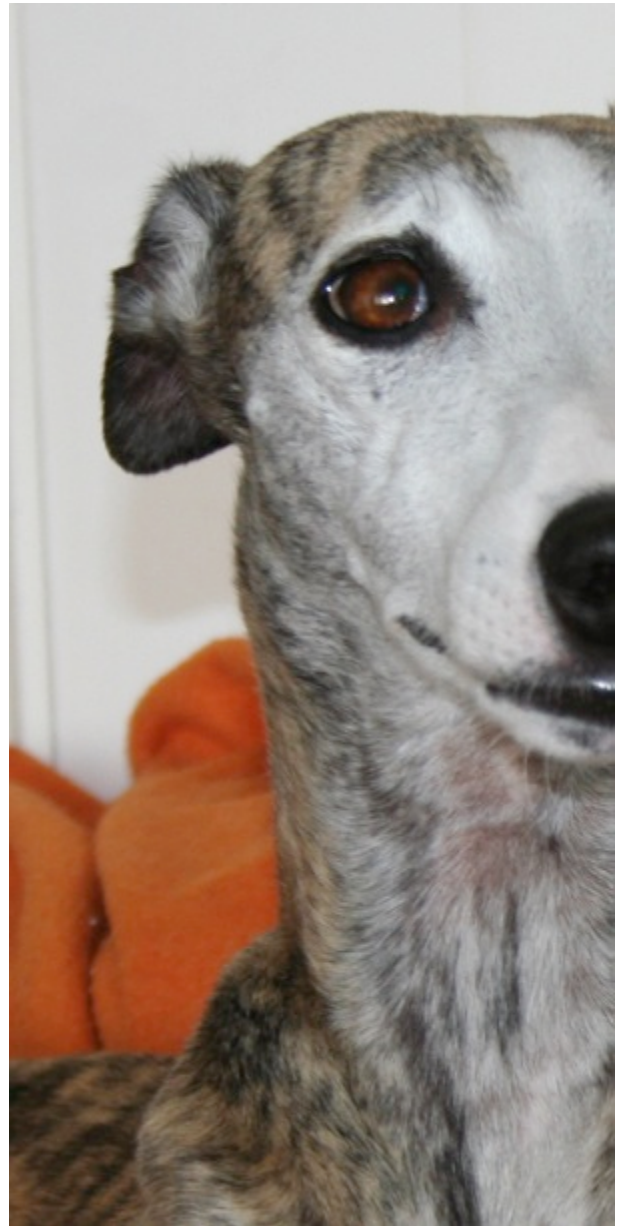
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Laika was a fantastic dog. I used to tell her every day, in both Swedish and English, that she was the world's best dog. And she would wag her tail – which she also did anytime I would just look at her.

She never did very well at the shows. The judges would look a lot at her, but she was a bit different from the rest of the dogs, so they didn't want to “put her up”, but most of the breeders and handlers liked her.

She didn't have a lure coursing career either. She simply didn't like to run away from me to chase a stupid white plastic bag.

But did she do well as a breeder!!!!
She produced two big litters of beautiful puppies, some of whom did exceptionally well at shows and have gone on to produce more beautiful Whippets.



So what happened to Laika? I have not yet recovered from the shock, as it was completely unexpected. She “broke her neck”. I don't know how it happened. She was out in the yard, nothing special going on, but I heard this horrible scream and found her paralyzed on the patio.

When I say “broke her neck”, I don't mean that literally. Iva Kimmelman, Merci Isle Whippets, educated me about what is called **FCE, fibro cartilagenous embolism**, which was likely the problem for Laika. FCE is a stroke-like event within the spinal cord. “FCE commonly occurs while dogs are active (playing, running) but occasionally occurs when they are quiet. The onset is very painful, and the dog will cry out and fall down. The pain goes away, but the paralysis persists. Prognosis depends on the severity of the signs and the location of the FCE within the spinal cord but is not good for dogs that have FCE in the spinal cord controlling nerves to the lower back.”

I hope this will never happen to any of your dogs.