

# Tangens Whippets

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First, **congratulations** to beautiful "Fanci" *Tangens Maverick Red Planet* (litter 07), owned by Donna Pardi in Colorado, to winning winners bitch.



**Does your Whippet pull on the leash?** If so, which collar is right for your dog? In the June 2010 issue of *Dog World*, top trainers discuss the pros and cons of common dog collars. Some of my dogs pull a lot, and I use prong collars for those to prevent them from dragging me into the canyons. The prongs look cruel, but the dogs don't seem to mind them; they simply don't pull. Other dogs don't pull and get to wear decorative martingales. I have once tried a head halter ("gentle leader"), but the dog became so depressed that she didn't

even want to go for walks any longer. I have also tried various types of harnesses but find them poorly fitted for Whippets. Any experiences you may have, good or bad, please let me know.

Also, congratulations to Fanci on getting a **roommate**. His name is *Charlemagne Jomyr Vanilla Coke* "Cody". Cody has a very illustrious pedigree and was the result of artificial insemination from a famous dog long gone. Cody will go far.



"Monty" *Tangens Two For The Road* (right; litter 08), also got a roommate, "Hunt", Orion's *The Man With The Golden Gun*.



It is said about Whippets that they are like popcorn; you can't have just one.

**A dog match in Santa Barbara** in March became another family reunion. Several of the puppies from the litter 09 and one from 07 participated.



From left to right: Ollie, Big Bang, Triton, Solo and Tiger.



Taylor Kemp won the junior handling class with Ollie

**Is your Whippet well behaved?** - It takes work, but think about it! The following is from The Whole Dog Journal April 2010: "We expect an animal of a very different species from our own to live in our society (indeed, in our homes) and follow all of our behavioral rules – usually, without the benefit of a formal school education! We don't even expect our own species to be civilized until about age 30!"

**Heart worm in California on the rise?** Go to [www.dogsandticks.com](http://www.dogsandticks.com) and click on maps, and you will see the number of reported cases of heartworm and some other diseases.

**Whippet National show.** The event is a whole week affair and includes lure coursing, agility, obedience, and conformation. This year, the show took place in Tucson, Arizona. Among the 540 Whippets entered were five from Tangens. All did well. "Brand" *Dual Champion Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut* (litter 07), owned by Iva Kimmelman, Boston, went **Best Opposite Sex** to the Best in Show winner, who was a female.



Fanci" *Tangens Maverick Red Planet* (left in picture below) was 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of over 30 open bitches



*Tangens Triton X-100* was 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class of nineteen 6-9 months old puppies (2<sup>nd</sup> from left).



Two more “made the cut” in their classes: *Tangens Destination Moon* “Dinah” (litter 07) and *Tangens Big Bang* (litter 09)

**Vaccines and vaccination protocols change constantly – for the better.**

Core vaccines are those that are recommended for all dogs. These vaccines include distemper, parvovirus, canine adenovirus I/II, and rabies. Parainfluenza is no longer considered essential, but is usually included in combination core vaccines. Vaccination at 3-year intervals is recommended, even though immunity may last much longer. For rabies, revaccination every 3 years is the law.

There are a number of other vaccines available (leptospira, Lyme disease, bordetella, and canine influenza) but not all are effective. Anything you want to know about dog vaccination can be found at [www.dvmvac.com](http://www.dvmvac.com).

**My symphony is finished.** I am happy to announce that my symphony, Champion *Tangens Karelia Suite*, is now finished, i.e. Karelia has finished the requirements for her AKC championship. She is already an

International Champion in IABCA. I advertised her in the dog press as saying that she is happy to have finished so that she can spend her time on the beach instead of going to dog shows, but that is not quite true. She always loved going to dog shows with me, and now she has to stay home while I take “Mona”, *Tangens Moon Over Maverick*, with me instead.



I wish everybody a happy summer with lots of outdoor activities! Send me pictures, please.

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