

The 2016 Whippet National show took place in San Diego April 23-30, spread out to agility in Fountain Valley, lure coursing in Winchester, and obedience and conformation at the Town & Country Resort and Conference center in Mission Valley. Over 300 Whippets from all over the country were entered in the various events.

"Fanci" GCH Tangens Maverick Red Planet BN RE CGC (litter 2007) and owner Donna Pardi from Colorado won their class in agility. Donna also won big in obedience with her male *"Bandit"* (not of Tangens breeding).

Our own *"Inessa" Tangens Inessa Gallante SC* (litter 2011) won the female altered class, judged by Rachel Amado.



I tried to be absolutely sure that Rachel would not know the dog was mine, so Stefan Råghammar, famous "Adagio" Whippet breeder visiting from Sweden, was going to show Inessa for me. Then I learned that Rachel and Stefan had talked the previous day, so I hired a different handler. But Stefan handled Inessa for this win photo.

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Agility is by far the most fun.
But you have to be in good shape



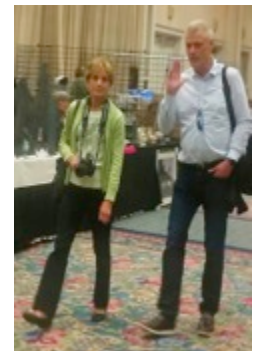
More photos on Facebook: AWC National Specialty.

Whippet figurines demonstrating that Whippet color is "immaterial"



Photos by Angie Diehl

Stefan and I just hanging out



Photos from our extended family:

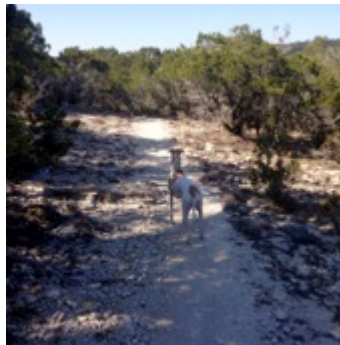
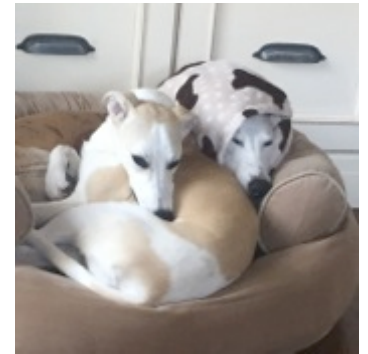


Diane Dalby writes: Your pool story in the latest newsletter prompted me to show you a Whippet that hates water.

"Fess Parker" (Tangens King of the Wild Frontier, litter 2005) does not like anything wet and tells me about it. I finally got him to trot behind me as I mowed the pasture. In the background, his friend, Brisco (a rescue Whippet) couldn't care less.

"Brand" Ch Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut FC, litter 2007, and his best friend. On the right you see that Brand is an absolute expert on covering himself with a blanket.

Thank you Maureen Littell!



"Sunny" Tangens Music in the Air, litter 2011, in Texas with his owner Aixa Willoughby, having a great time hiking.

Skunks. I am sure you all have your own skunk stories. Here is our latest: A skunk family had taken up residence under our garage, so an expert was hired to trap the skunks and transport them to a less populated area. Unfortunately, one baby skunk escaped and later got into the dog yard, where, as you can imagine, it didn't survive very long.

And now we all smell!

And the pet store was out of anti-skunk spray!



This is the season for fleas and ticks.

I use Frontline Plus. You may have noticed that a package for treatment of a very small dog costs almost as much as that for a very large dog. Apparently, the major part of the cost is the package, not the content! I treat all my Whippets monthly, eight of them for a total of about 240 lbs, with one package of Frontline Plus 89-132 lbs. It works; no need to overdose. So if you have more than one dog, they can share. If you have only one dog, maybe a smaller dose is perfectly good.

Is there a future for Whippets?

The English Kennel Club recently released data on the number of registered dogs per breed and how closely related they are to each other. The data are shocking. Whippets are on the endangered breed list, because the gene pool is so small and most Whippets are very closely related to each other.

Carol Beauchat, Institute for Canine Biology: *"Of 173 breeds in the UK for which there are data, the status of 66% (115 breeds) is 'critical', the FAO's* highest risk category for domestic animal breeds. Another 27% (47 breeds, including Whippets) are 'endangered', and 2% (4 breeds) are 'vulnerable'. Only 7 breeds (4%) could be classified as 'not at risk'. The reasons for the high proportion of breeds at risk are low numbers of breeding animals and an inadequate number of sires used for breeding."*

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As dogs in UK were for a long time isolated from other countries based on quarantine rules; the situation *may* be better in the US and Europe. On the other hand, we need to remember that all Whippets come from the UK. As Whippets were originally not purebred but mixtures of Greyhounds and various kinds of terriers and other small breeds less than 150 years ago, it is very surprising that they have already come to this "endangered" stage in their country of origin.

If you want to know more, go to

- <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/vets-researchers/publications,-statistics-and-health-results/breedpopulation-analyses>
- <http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org>



Last weekend there was a half marathon in Santa Ynez Valley, passing on our street, so we took the opportunity to walk the dogs on the street as there were no cars driving by. As we came to the first water station, where they were also playing music, they switch the music to playing "**Whippet Good**".

I realize that "no news are good news", but I always look forward to hearing from you.

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