

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2018!

I wanted to share with you some of the cards I got from our extended Whippet family:



On the left a photo from Aixa Willoughby of her very well trained "Sunny" (Tangens Music In The Air)



On the right, Marilyn and Bob Riffle with "Vivaldi" (Tangens Antonio Vivaldi) and "Mona" (Tangens Moon Over Maverick)



From Anak Rabanal: "Monty" (Tangens Two For The Road) with best friend Huntington



From Lynn Anderson: 12/8 was the annual Mutt Lynch (winery) ugly Christmas sweater "Yappy Hour." The \$10 donation at the door went to the **Bergin University of Canine Studies**, <https://www.berginu.edu/> which works to train support dogs. Rather than search for "ugly" sweaters, I chose to find matching sweaters for our trio, and even found an (almost) matching sweatshirt for myself. (On the left is "Letti", Tangens Let Me Entertain You)

Nancy Brown and her pretty Whippet "Paisley" (not closely related) will soon be joined by one of our puppies



2018 the Chinese Year of the Dog



New Year's Resolutions (based on Dog Watch magazine and other sources)

#1. Keep your Whippet at an ideal weight.

Use a measuring cup to ensure your Whippet isn't taking in more calories than it needs. Older Whippets and those who have been neutered usually have lower food needs than young, intact animals. Look at your Whippet! If it is fat, reduce the food.

#2 Practice Good Oral Hygiene Habits

Daily toothbrushing is the best way to keep tartar and plaque at bay. Water additives, dental diets, and treats designed to reduce tartar can also be helpful in keeping teeth clean. And even with all of these tricks, regular cleanings are the best way to keep teeth in shape into your Whippet's senior years.

#3 Groom Your Whippet Frequently

Very important frequent nail trimming. Brushing serves many purposes. It removes excess fur from the coat, reducing the amount you find on your clothes and furniture. It helps distribute oils from the skin to the fur, keeping the coat shiny and healthy.

#7 Update Pet ID Info

Over the course of time, a lot can change — people move, get new phone numbers, and forget to update their pet's tags. If any of your contact information has changed, don't wait — update tags and microchip information today! It's the best way to ensure a lost pet makes its way safely home.

#4 Make a Date with Your Vet

Annual examinations by the veterinarian are a key component of good preventive care. Many medical conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, arthritis, or obesity are common in aging pets and much easier to manage when detected in the early stages of the disease process.

#5 – Get more exercise with your dog

Go on a bike ride, take a walk, or a run, just get outside and move. Don't just throw the ball for your dog to run and bring back to you. This year, make it a point to exercise with your dog.

#6 Try a New Activity with Your Pet

Meet-up groups are a great way to find like-minded pet owners to join you in your exercise, too! From doga to hiking, skijoring to kayaking, it's easier than ever for people to incorporate their pet into a new exercise routine. It's a great way to bond, it'll get you both out of the house, and both owner and pet will reap the rewards of a healthy physical activity.