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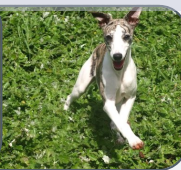
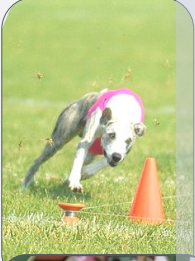


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## 10/21 after the Specialty!



# Whippet Whispers by the Rover Reporter



## The Good Times Have Continued to Roll for the NCWFA Crew in 2017!

Three new Show Champions for the NCWFA Crew! The Western Specialty Weekend was good for the Club—Chilly Bean (Libby de Mille) finished with her third major! Dixie (Erin Campbell) finished with her second major! And then in early August, Crystal (Susan Baiata & Dave Cunha), who earlier this year received a group placement, picked up her finishing major! Way to go pretty girls!

We also have a new Dual Champion to celebrate! Handsome Carson (Erynn Lucas) finished his title at our June Lure Trials, and on to BOB and BIF the next day! Yay Carson!



Fabulous Finis (Ed & Mary Jean Odron) continued her OH roll, with several more groups, RBIS & two BIS! Check out this issue's cover for more info, and Rover is proud to report Finis is still the # 1 OH Series Whippet as Rover reports this today!

At our June Lure Trials, those up and coming youngsters, Angelina (Tina Graham & Brad Briscoe) & Pandora (Debby Knutson) did us proud. Angelina was third on Saturday and Sunday, and Pandora was second place on Sunday. Points for both of these lovely ladies!

Handsome young Eddy (Charlotte & Martha Fielder & Jan Waldrop) is on a real roll. In just one month of shows, he has ten points, both majors and a BOB over specials! Wow! His pretty sister Fleur (Charlotte & Martha Fielder) has seven points.

At the CWA Nationals in British Columbia, the NCWFA gang represented, with Miss Bitsy (Jean Balint) and sister Skylar (Rick Ragan & Kim Robinson) ending up just out of the points & Isty-Bitsy taking high-score FTE. Jean's Miss Jane was High Scoring Veteran, High Score Grade C & 3rd HS Field



Champion! Miss Caroline (Kellee Livingston) was the big winner of first place in the National Match after the meet!

Disco the Whippet (Che Rivera) was the recipient of his first AKC show ring Major in September! He was handled to BOW by none other than junior-handler extraordinaire Audrey Boyer, who was also Reserve Best Junior in show that day! Way to go Disco & handler and best stage mom in the world, Che!



Results and photos will appear in the next issue of SPEED, but Shayla (Jean Balint) did awesome at our September race meets. She won a total of 6 points! Her sister Skylar (Kim Robinson & Rick Ragan) picked up 2 more points! Both of these speedy ladies are getting close to their titles!

**Rover hears a lot, but she can't be everywhere, so send your brags & news to her @ [milescross@gmail.com](mailto:milescross@gmail.com)!**





# Club News and Notes Pages

## General Membership Meeting,

8/5/17

Dixon, CA

Members Present: Jean Balint, Guin Borstel, Charlotte Fielder, Justine Kay, Debby Knutson, Rick Knutson, Erynn Lucas, Marianne Lu, Andrea Meyer, Bonnie Moore, Ed Odrón, MJ Odrón, Rick Ragan, Kim Robinson, Donna Wilhoyte, Todd Wilhoyte.

Guest Present: David Kay.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Debby Knutson. A motion to accept the minutes of the May & June meetings as printed in SPEED was made by MJ Odrón & seconded by Bonnie Moore. The motion passed.

### Officers Reports

President's Report: Debby Knutson stated that there would be a brief Board meeting after the regular meeting.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Guin reported on behalf of Dee that the current account balance is over \$29000.00. The Club needs to think about making some donations to charitable causes/organizations, in order to reduce our balance to under \$25000.00 for tax purposes.

### Committee Reports

Coursing: Jen reported that our June courses made money.

Membership: No report.

Racing: Jean reminded all that our September race meets are coming up in 6 weeks. She also would be bringing up a Racing-related matter in New Business.

Rescue: Marianne Lu reminded all that Divo is still seeking a home, but is much improved in his mobility since he started on Metacam and a joint supplement. Discussion ensued about GPS collars and their applications for rescue whippets.

Show: MJ reported that plans are almost completed for the October Specialty, with all our committee heads back again for this Fall's event.

SPEED: No report.

Website: No report

Whippetbilia: Marianne reported that she will have shirts at the races and the Specialty.

Old Business: Kim reported that we ran 166 dogs and actually had over 180 runs at our July 8th Fast CAT event. Marianne reported that the bottom line profit for this event was \$2500.

New Business: Guin reported on the upcoming Cardiac clinic on August 12th at Napa College. She thanked Bonnie Moore for the use of her Anatomy Lab for the clinic and reminded all to be sure to download and complete the OFA forms in advance and to be on time for their appointment slot.

Jean asked the members present if the NCWFA would be interested in hosting the CWA Nationals in 2019. The Club obligations and expectations for this event were discussed. We will vote on if the Club wishes to submit a bid at our next meeting.

Ed made a proposal that we have a Trailer Fix-Up Day where we can make repairs to the trailer and also replace the carpet in the race boxes. He proposed the Saturday of Labor Day, September 2nd for this day. David volunteered to bring the trailer to Kim and Rick's, where the clean-up will happen in their garage. Kim will send out a list of items that need repair. Jean volunteered to host a BBQ at her house after the clean-up where we could have our September meeting. This event was put on the schedule

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.

## General Membership Meeting,

09/17/17

Vallejo CA

Members Present: Jean Balint, Guin Borstel, Becky Coulter, Libby deMille, Charlotte Fielder, Tina Graham, Debby Knutson, Erynn Lucas, Marianne Lu, Andrea Meyer, Ed Odrón, MJ Odrón.

The meeting was called to order by President Debby Knutson at 11:40 AM.

### Officers Reports

President's Report: Debby thanked all for their hard work yesterday on the boxes and trailer.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Guin reported that the NCWFA has made a \$400 donation to Austin Pets Alive for TX hurricane relief.

### Committee Reports

Coursing: No report.

Fast CAT: No report.

Membership: No report

Racing: Bonnie reported that we are on the cusp of 40 entries for our races next weekend. Jean thanked the crew who worked on the box repair yesterday. We had fun! Jean has submitted a proposal/bid to CWA for the NCWFA to host the 2019 National. We will hopefully hear something by the end of the year on this.

Rescue: Marianne reminded all that Divo is still looking for a home.

Show: MJ reminded those that have not yet paid for their trophy pledges to do so soon. We have a serious issue regarding our event. Due to the fact that the fairgrounds cut down two of our trees in our lunch area we really need all of the Club canopies for shade. For years Brad brought the trailer to the Specialty and parked it all weekend in our area. Now that he no longer transports the trailer, we need to figure out a way to get the canopies and the ring makers/flower boxes to the Specialty. Erynn volunteered to load the canopies and boxes into her van at the race meets, bring them to the Specialty site on Thursday and bring them back to the storage place after the weekend. Thank you Erynn! MJ asked that as many Club members as possible get to the Specialty site at 7 AM for set up.

SPEED: Guin expects to have the Fall issue out before the end of September.

Website: No report

Whippetbilia: Marianne reported that she will have Whippetbilia at our race meets & Specialty. Ed suggested we run a sale on our current inventory so we can bring in some new designs next year.

Old Business: Bonnie Moore reported on our August Cardiac clinic. A report will appear in SPEED.

New Business: Jean proposed that she again host the Christmas Party. Discussion ensued on an appropriate date for the party & December 30th was finally decided on. Marianne presented the 2018 Officer & BOD slate, which is the same as 2017. Our next meeting will be held on October 21st after the Specialty.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

# Club News and Notes Pages



## Recommended Veterinarians

The following veterinarians are recommended by the members listed as reputable whippet/sighthound practitioners. Please use common sense when choosing a vet for your whippet. This listing herein in no way constitutes any endorsement by the NCWFA.

**Dr. Craig Brown, DVM**  
Look Ahead Veterinary Clinic  
1451 Clark Road  
Oroville, CA. 95965  
530-534-0722  
Endorser: Libby de Mille

**Dr. S. Gary Brown, DVM,**  
DACVS  
1618 Washington Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94539  
510-657-6343 Specialty:  
Orthopedics  
Endorsers: Libby de Mille &  
Justine Kay

**Dr. Lauren Knoble, DVM &  
Dr. Eleanor Dunn DVM**  
Grand Lake Veterinary Clinic  
3331 Grand Avenue.  
Oakland, CA. 94610  
510-350-8538  
Endorsers: Brad Briscoe &  
Susan Moore

**Dr. Nancy Ramsey DVM**  
Winters, CA  
530-795-5243  
Specialty: House calls in  
Davis, Fairfield, Vacaville  
Endorser: Sarah Herrick

**Dr. Richard Keinle, DVM,**  
DACVIM  
Mission Valley Veterinary  
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1810 Wayland Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020 (also  
practices @ BAVS, San  
Leandro, CA /510-483-7387)  
408-842-2899;  
rdkeinle@garlic.com  
Specialty: Cardiology  
Endorsers: Guin Borstel &  
Brad Briscoe

**Loomis Basin Veterinary  
Clinic**  
3901 Sierra College Blvd.  
Loomis, CA 95650  
916-652-5816  
Specialty: 24 Hour Specialty  
Clinic  
Endorser: Libby deMille

**Dr. William St. Lawrence DVM**  
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Hospital  
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Portola Valley, CA 94028  
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Endorsers: Guin Borstel &  
Kellee Livingston

**Dr. Lori Siemens, DVM,**  
DACVIM  
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PO Box 1898  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
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Specialty: Cardiology  
Endorser: Delia Zarges  
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300  
Folsom, CA 95630  
916-984-0990  
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Endorser: Libby de Mille

**Dr. Joshua Stern DVM,**  
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Specialty: Cardiology  
Endorsers: Guin Borstel &  
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that you just love? Ask  
them if they want to be on  
our list. It's great market-  
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your fellow whippet fanci-  
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sighthound-savvy practi-  
tioner!*

## NCWFA Breeder Listing

Available pups/adults as of 09/25/17. For more current info,  
please check <http://ncwfa.com/breeders-listing>

(If you have a puppy or adult to place, or if you want your in-  
formation listed as a contact, you **MUST** contact Guin, the  
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pear on the Website & in **SPEED** until you contact Guin to  
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NCWFA Member	Puppies?	Adults?	Information?
<b>Guin Borstel</b> <b>Milescross Whippets</b> <b><a href="mailto:milescross@gmail.com">milescross@gmail.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Brad Briscoe &amp; Denise</b> <b>Stokowski</b> <b>Lakota Whippets</b> <b>510.339.7427</b> <b><a href="mailto:briscoebrad@msn.com">briscoebrad@msn.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Erin Campbell</b> <b>Kimera Whippets</b> <b>408.394.7891</b> <b><a href="mailto:Erin@houndtogs.com">Erin@houndtogs.com</a></b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>Cheryl Boyer</b> <b>Avita Whippets</b> <b>650.361.1770</b> <b><a href="mailto:cboyer@gmail.com">cboyer@gmail.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Libby deMille</b> <b>Taliesin Whippets</b> <b><a href="mailto:taliesinwhippets@aol.com">taliesinwhippets@aol.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Martha &amp; Charlotte Fielder</b> <b>Crestfield Hounds</b> <b>707.337-7437/916-798-9921</b> <b><a href="mailto:charlottefielder@me.com">charlottefielder@me.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Andrea Meyer</b> <b>Santa Rosa, CA</b> <b><a href="mailto:alynnmyr@gmail.com">alynnmyr@gmail.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Erynn Lucas</b> <b>Von Luka</b> <b><a href="mailto:Von_luka@hotmail.com">Von_luka@hotmail.com</a></b>	YES	NO	YES
<b>Mary Jean &amp; Ed Odron</b> <b>Hounds of Majeod</b> <b><a href="mailto:majeod@aol.com">majeod@aol.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES
<b>Sharron Simmons</b> <b>Nipomo, CA</b> <b><a href="mailto:sadewhip@hotmail.com">sadewhip@hotmail.com</a></b>	NO	NO	YES

## 2018 NCWFA Officer Slate

*The NCWFA Nominating Committee, headed by Marianne Lu, submitted the following slate for 2018, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on 10/21.*

**President: Debby Knutson**

**VP: MJ Odron**

**Secretary: Guin Borstel**

**Treasurer: Delia Zarges**

**BOD: Brad Briscoe, Jen Haas, Marianne Lu, Ed Odron, and Kim Robinson**

# On the Cover - Fabulous Finis!

## GCH Tivio's Steel Magnolias SC, BCAT



Ed and Finis will finish 2017 as #1 Owner Handler Whippet! They have had a truly fantastic year, including 3 Owner Handler Best in Shows.

**Breeders: Tracy & John Hite, Tivio**

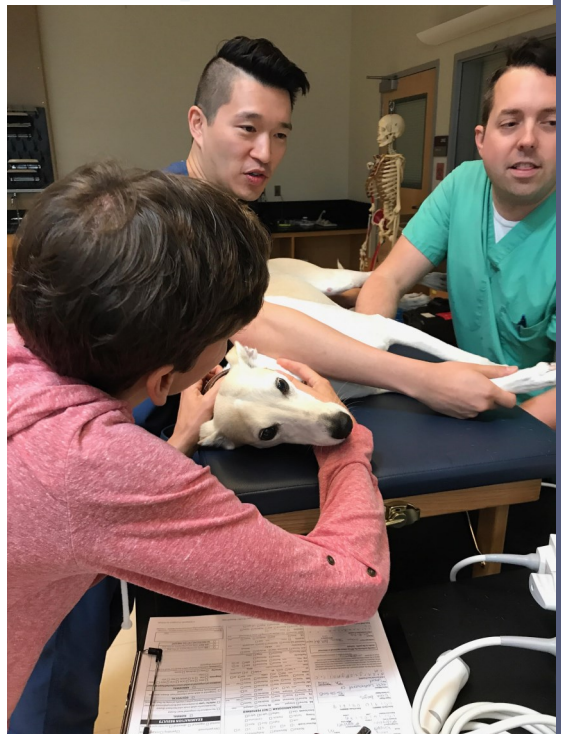
**Owners: Ed & MJ Odron, Hounds of Majeod**

## Heart Clinic, August 12, 2017

The NCWFA sponsored an OFA Heart Clinic on August 12th. Dr. Josh Stern PhD, DVM, DACVIM, the chair of the cardiology department at UC Davis, performed ECGs, Doppler ultrasound, and auscultations on over 30 NCWFA member whippets. All of the whippets were enrolled in Dr.

Stern's ongoing AWC/AKC study seeking a genetic marker for Mitral Valve Disease in whippets, and each received an Advanced Cardiac Database work up for submission to OFA.

Thanks to Libby deMille for spearheading the efforts to schedule this clinic and to Bonnie Moore for stepping in and providing her lovely lab at Napa Valley College when we were unable to have the clinic at UC Davis as planned. Dr. Stern enjoyed all of his whippet patients and was especially appreciative of how everyone was there early, with their paperwork filled out, and generally made the day a pleasant one.





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Erin Campbell DVM Santa Clara CA

## NCWFA Google Email Group

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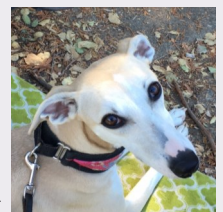
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East Bay to the City. Outlying areas by prearrangement.



# All About Our Specialty!

The 22nd Annual NCWFA Specialty show will be held on Saturday, October 21st at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, HWY 680 & Bernal Rd in Pleasanton. As always, whippets will show in Ring 25 (in the Rose Garden), starting at 9 AM. The superintendent for the Specialty, which will be held with the Del Valle Dog Club is [www.infordog.com](http://www.infordog.com) & entries close on Wednesday, October 4th. We have some special classes on offer this year, including lure coursing dog & bitch, and brace, so check out the premium online if you have whippets that might enjoy being exhibited in these classes.

Ed & Mary Jean Odron need as many Club members as possible to help with set-up on Saturday morning at 7 AM. If you arrive at the fairgrounds before 7 AM, you are able to drive right up to our ring area and set up your chairs and pens, so there is a real benefit to getting up early and helping set up the tables, chairs and ring area. MJ can be contacted at [Majeod@aol.com](mailto:Majeod@aol.com).

We will be once again putting on an incredible potluck luncheon at the lunch break in judging. Donna Wilhoyte is in charge of lunch and she hopes all of our members will be bringing their signature dishes to share. If you need a suggestion of what to bring, here is an idea:

- ◆ **Last Name A—H - Appetizer or Appetizer Salad**
- ◆ **Last Name I - P - Entrée or Entrée Salad**
- ◆ **Last Name Q - Z - Dessert**

Questions? Contact Donna at [djwilhoyte@gmail.com](mailto:djwilhoyte@gmail.com).



Delia Zarges is looking for your whippet and dog-related treasures for our Silent Auction! You can bring your items to our lunch area the day of the Specialty, or contact Dee to schedule a pick up. Delia can be reached at [dtzarges@gmail.com](mailto:dtzarges@gmail.com)

Debby Knutson is helming a Wine & Cheese party upon the completion of judging and before our Annual Meeting. Don't miss free wine with us!

September 19, 2017

Dear Northern CA Whippet Fanciers Association (NCWFA),

Thank you for your donation! Your gift helps Austin Pets Alive! save the lives of thousands of animals every year.

Now that Hurricane Harvey is a few weeks behind us all -- the dust here at Austin Pets Alive! has slowly started to settle and we have been able to look back on everything that we have achieved during this time of crisis. Thousands of animals were quickly moved out of danger's way and into safety, temporary shelters helped house hundreds of them, thousands of volunteer hours were logged and we received donations and support from near and far. There is no way we could ever verbalize everything that we saw or everything that transpired over the course of the past few weeks but what we can do is express our sincerest gratitude to the community for choosing to support us in our efforts. As a supporter, you continue to amaze us through your unending generosity. Without you and so many like-minded individuals sprinkled throughout so many communities, APA! could never accomplish even half of what we are lucky enough to do.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and all of our pets - **Thank you for your generous support!**

Sincerely,

**Gift date: 09/15/17**

**Gift amount: \$400**

Ellen Jefferson  
Executive Director, Austin Pets Alive!



# NCWFA Fast CATs - July 8, 2017

Thank you for those who supported the events with entries and / or came out to work the event; it was a warm day and everyone had a blast!

We had 86 dogs that ran in the first test, and 80 dogs that ran in the second test and we did over 170 runs. We started the runs at about 8:30AM and cleaned up the field & packed up the trailer well before 1:30PM. Way to go everyone!!!! Divo did not attempt a run but walked around & greeted new friends and took a nice long nap under the tent. - *Marrianne Lu*

July 8 Fast CAT - Test 1 Whippet Results			
Rank	Call Name	MPH	Owner
1	Strega	32.89	J. Pulley
2	Cosmo	32.73	R. McNaughton
3	George	32.67	J. Pulley
4	Yatta	31.89	V. Tarap
5	Lucy	31.54	J. Gholson
6	Cache	30.53	J. Nunes
7	Scout	30.26	M. Thurber
8	Comet	30.21	B. Moore
9	Miley	29.88	L. Isaacson
10	Fini	29.47	E. Odron
11	Angelina	29.41	B. Briscoe
12	Pandora	29.37	D. Knutson
13	Zenith	29.10	B. Moore
14	Avery	28.83	A. Meyer
15	Simon	28.77	A. Meyer
16	Rudy	28.59	R. Carey
17	Kitty	28.53	M. Gwynn
18	Portia	28.47	G. Borstel
19	Nigel	27.46	J. Haas
20	Woot	27.18	C. Boyer
21	Gracie Mae	27.13	J. Haas
22	Prima	26.76	C. Boyer
23	Cooper	25.86	R. Carey
24	Big Mo	24.29	C. Boyer
25	Mo	10.20	S. Zellner
DNC	Willow	N/A	S. Zellner

July 8 Fast CAT - Test 2 Whippet Results			
Rank	Call Name	MPH	Owner
1	Cosmo	33.50	R. McNaughton
2	Yatta	32.81	V. Tarap
3	Pandora	31.91	D. Knutson
4	Angelina	30.78	B. Briscoe
5	Fini	30.37	E. Odron
6	Zenith	30.12	B. Moore
7	Cache	29.97	J. Nunes
8	Scout	29.47	M. Thurber
9	Kitty	29.41	M. Gwynn
10	Miley	29.28	L. Isaacson
11	Gracie Mae	28.85	J. Haas
12	Comet	28.77	B. Moore
13	Simon	28.59	A. Meyer
14	Avery	28.53	A. Meyer
15	Rudy	28.10	R. Carey
16	Portia	27.92	G. Borstel
17	Woot	26.81	C. Boyer
18	Prima	26.70	C. Boyer
19	Cooper	25.68	R. Carey
20	Nigel	24.04	J. Haas



# Remembering Boo - A Special Dog

By Ani Chopourian

June 15 2000 - May 25 2017

Boo died just shy of 17 years old. My boy Boo was my favorite whippet ever. He had so many nicknames because he was so loved. Boodaloo, Jaboody, Boo Boo, Chocolate Mousse, Lover Boy... No words could portray my love for that beautiful black boy. I miss him so much. He had a special personality, was so smart, such an athlete and so gorgeous I loved staring at him. He had the softest velvet black coat, white paws and chest,

big brown eyes with white nugget, a large olive nose in the shape of a heart and large alert ears better to hear his mommy's loving comments.

I miss squeezing his soft paws which in my opinion had special healing powers. I miss putting him in my lap and staring into his beautiful loving eyes, giving him love bites on his cheeks, and smothering him with kisses all day. I miss his wet nose he'd plant on my thigh especially if I was eating something he wanted like chips or nuts.

He was so quick he caught a few squirrels in his life one of which ripped him up. He never understood why mommy had to do wound care on him but he was always a good patient.

I miss how he yelled (barked) at me when I came home a bit "late". I knew what those barked words meant but I pretended I didn't understand the profanity. He quickly forgot when I loved him and whispered in his ear, " Boo, I love you so much". Then I'd give him a cookie or jerky strip. On his birthdays he got two fast food burgers with cheese, no pickles, mustard or onions. He'd eat them before we got home.

He got sweeter and more beautiful with every year. In his last year his eyes were not great. Those cataracts made things blurry for my boy. He would step into his water bowl occasionally or dump the food bowl over accidentally and I'd have to hold back my laughter. Vemi (my 10 y/o whippet) and I just pretended like it was cool. We'd tell him we do it too.

In the last 6 months he'd drop tootsie rolls unknowingly. We kept him on a schedule so perhaps those tootsie rolls wouldn't fall out in the house but occasionally they did. He had good firm poopies so we didn't mind an occasional woopsie tootsie roll. Vemi would walk by the tootsie roll and pretend he didn't see it. See we wanted Boo to feel normal and loved in his old, old age. We were a loving team.

In his old age he'd get a bit too excited if I gave him a snack. I always got my fingers bitten a bit handing him a snack. He was like a crazy saw tooth shark doggie after something tasty and I wish he was here now to bite my fingers.

Meal time was the best time of day. There was a lot of excitement and drama. Boo wouldn't let Vemi eat and Vemi only wanted what Boo had in his bowl. Boo would fake snap at Vemi and he'd eat first and Vemi would stand right next to him watching

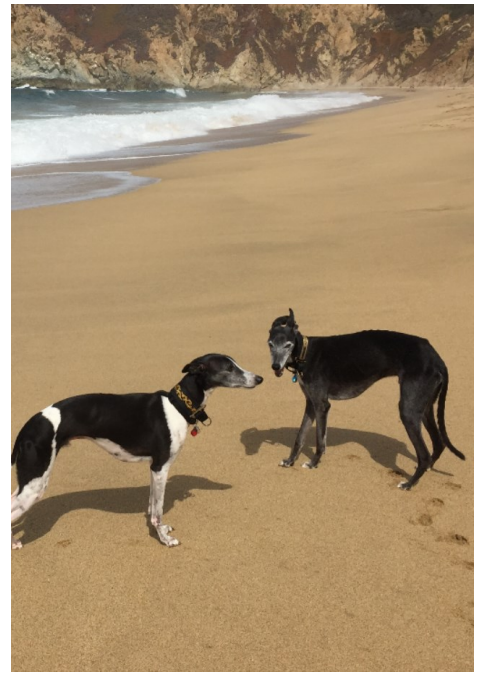
and would bark a few times. When Boo was finished Vemi would approach the generous bowl of food but Boo would come back, air snap at Vemi and shoo Vemi off. Boo would continue eating even though he was full while Vemi howled or yelped tattling on his older brother. Mommy would just giggle at the comedy act. I loved it. It was pure fun watching it. He ate so well everyday even in his last year. He was a happy boy and I truly feel he just didn't want to go till he really had to. He knew he was my most special guy. What a real champ!

During the last year I made sure I carried him in my arms a few times a day to look into those eyes I miss so much now. I'd memorize how he looked into my eyes with such love and admiration so I would never forget him when he was gone. I can see him looking at me now. Boo was with me through some of the hardest times in my life. Having him gave me strength. I got him when he was 8 month old so we had a long time together.

He was weaker the last few months but Vemi and I would come to his rescue. He had no health issues, just old age. The only thing he had was some hearing loss and his eyes were not great. Also his hind legs got weaker and weaker over the last year. So when he couldn't get himself up, he'd flop a bit like a flat flounder to get himself up or I'd come to rescue him. But he was so strong till the very end. He was my sweet champ.

The last day I knew it was time. He let me know to make it easier on me. I slept with him all day that day and stared at him, kissed him, held his paws and whispered in his ears, "I love you Boo, I love you so much sweet pea!" Only very late at night did he show one cry of pain. Upon that first cry, I carried him, put him in the car and took him to the vet to prevent any further pain.

That dreaded moment we all hate to face but is inevitable. Oh Boo my most beloved. I'll always think of you and remember all the sweet memories we had together. I love you and you'll always be my most special black velveteen boy.





# Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association June AKC Lure Trials

**Saturday, June 24, 2017**

Best in Field - FC Vahalah Atala Naranj Oranje SC Afghan Hound

Open Whippets (13 starters)

- 1st **GCH CH Windborn At Your Service BN SC E Lucas/L Anderson**/(4 points)
- 2nd Hildidan's Mighty Magic Emoji C Gaiser/(2 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Lakota's Lara Croft B Briscoe (1 point)**
- 4th **Cruising Speed's Thank Your Lucky Stars D Knutson**
- 5th Grand Prix's Awesome Gem SC NA NAJ W Gay/M Shorey

Other Whippet Entrants: **Milescross Dreamy Dusky Wing G Borstel/H Borstel**, Hildidan's Flyck Of Slick Magic! C Gaiser, **Hildidan's Magic Zenith SC BCAT B Moore**, **CH Starline's Deep In The Heart Of Texas SC E Lucas/S Laws**, Wannago's My My My Sharona S M Simmons, Wannago's Frozen In Time SC R Finger/D Finger

Open Veteran Whippets (1 starter)

- 1st Wannago's See Ya Later Pixar MC M Simmons

Special Whippets (7 starters)

- 1<sup>st</sup> & BOB/FC Wirtu's Star Spangled Girl SC J Milam/(5 points)
- 2nd FC Wannago's Ending The Chase SC M Simmons
- 3rd FC Wannago's Untouchable SC M Simmons
- 4th FC Hildidan's Mighty Magic Roarke MC C Gaiser
- 5th FC Wannago's Noneya Biz-Ness SC M Simmons

Other Whippet Entrants: FC Hildidans Little Snip Of White Magic MC C Gaiser, FC Shannon Down Winter Is Coming SC T Woody

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

Best in Field - **GCH CH Windborn At Your Service BN SC Whippet E Lucas/L Anderson**

Open Whippets: (12 starters)

- 1st **GCH CH Windborn At Your Service BN SC E Lucas/L Anderson**/(5 points)
- 2nd **Cruising Speed's Thank Your Lucky Stars D Knutson**/(2 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Lakota's Lara Croft B Briscoe (1 point)**
- 4th Wannago's Frozen In Time SC R Finger/D Finger
- 5th Hildidan's Mighty Magic Emoji C Gaiser

Other Whippet Entrants: **CH Starline's Deep In The Heart Of Texas SC E Lucas/S Laws**, Rosmor's Strega De Ventus SC J PULLEY, **Milescross Dreamy Dusky Wing G Borstel/H Borstel**, Hildidan's Flyck Of Slick Magic! C Gaiser, **Hildidan's Magic Zenith SC BCAT B Moore**

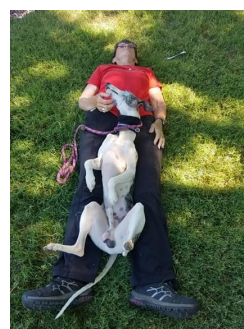
Open Veteran Whippets (1 starter)

- 1st **FC Kalista Gambler's Deuces Wild Nigel SC J Haas**

Special Whippets (7 starters)

- 1st FC Wirtu's Star Spangled Girl SC J Milam/(2 points)
- 2nd FC Wannago's Ending The Chase SC M Simmons
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