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# Whippet Whispers by the Rover Reporter

(Guin Borstel) picked up their inaugural show points. But who beat them all at the Saturday show? Why it was Natasha (Brad Briscoe), who made them all step out of the way. Rover



*"All the news that's fit to print...  
and then some!"*

Rover ought to know better than to print year-end results before the end of the year...and again, she needs to make a BIG correction. In the AKC Coursing field, it wasn't over until the fat lady sung, or in this case, until the fast whippet ran one last time. Brando (Christie Beetz) pulled out a spectacular final weekend's running and finished 2011 as AKC's Top Sighthound and Top Whippet! Congrats to Team Brando on this fabulous accomplishment!



Freddie (Marrienne Lu) raced his little five year old whippet heart out and was awarded with a three-point major at the Basenji club's AKC lure trial in February!

The NCWFA Show team has been on a major roll to start 2012. Chloe (Andrea Meyer), AKA "The Reserve Queen", continued her string of huge reserves with two in a row in Portland in January. She broke the string with a major in Las Vegas!

Libby deMille's Super Puppy Team of MiMi & Bing sure have been making waves in the show ring this spring. MiMi started out her show career with a major the first time she was shown at Santa Clara in February. She followed this up with two five-point major reserves in Arizona. Not to be left out, Bing picked up both majors at Vallejo and Vegas. He adds these to the other points he has been awarded this spring. Good job!



A few NCWFA-ers enjoyed meeting and greeting the public at the January Golden Gate KC benched shows. Nick (Brad Briscoe) was awarded his first BOB win, while Thomas (Marrienne Lu) and Folly



thinks it was the A-1 handing she got from a "pinch hitter", when Brad had to bow out due to a knee injury. :)

Also on a show roll in 2012: Sisters Natasha (Brad Briscoe) & Baillie (Debby Knutson) picked up multiple points at recent shows. Deacon (Erin Campbell) won a large BOB at the March Vallejo shows. Angie (Charlotte & Martha Fielder) has been awarded BOB, BOS, and Select, adding to her GCh. Totals. Way to go gang!

Rover knows that the racing, coursing, and performance scene will be heating up as the spring progresses and the weather improves. In the meantime, here's an exciting Agility brag from Jasmine (Patti Clinton). Jasmine went to the first agility event of the year and completed her AKC NAJP title! Rover knows this has been along time coming for this shy flower.

Puppies who will be making a splash in 2012: Bishop AKA Bobby (Donna O'Toole), a handsome Canadian, and Cache (Julie Nunes) a frisky Arizonan. Also, with Andrea "you just can't have one" Meyer, "Mason", from South Carolina, and pretty "Patch", from Minnesota.



In honor of spring's arrival, here is a shot of the annual Santa Rosa ceremony of the whippet/poodle molar check in order to predict how much longer winter will last (and you thought Groundhog Day was weird!). Prada (Andrea Meyer) has assured us that spring is just around the corner!



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# Club News and Notes Pages

## NCWFA Membership Meeting February 19, 2012 San Jose CA

**Members Present:** Guin Borstel, Laurie Bradshaw, Cheryl Boyer, Brad Briscoe, Erin Campbell, Patti Clinton, Jen Haas, Justine Kay, Bobbi Keller, Debby Knutson, Emily Kunkel, Russell Kunkel, Marianne Lu, Andrea Meyer. **Guests Present:** Roberta Hadden, David Kay, Glenn Meyer

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Briscoe at 9:28 AM. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in SPEED.

**President's Report:** Brad quickly recapped the highlights of 2011. He hopes to improve on these accomplishments in 2012. He would like to get more club involvement in fun whippet events that will raise the club's profile in the community. He asked that members with ideas for more fun whippet events please e-mail him.

**Secretary's Report:** Guin reported that she had received a solicitation from the Richmond KC about supporting our entry at their show in August. Discussion ensued, and it was decided that we will forgo a supported entry, due to their being a large specialty the weekend before and that same weekend, as well as a past history of inflexibility on the part of the kennel club to allow input on breed judges.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance is currently \$18364.85 with the new racing boxes yet to be paid for.

### Committee Reports

**Coursing:** Russell reported on the fact that he and Brad are looking into new fields for future events. Any suggestions, please e-mail Russell. The

*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.*

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turnout for the November event was low, and field overuse may have been a factor. June 23-24, 2012 are the dates for our next AKC events.

**Events:** Any suggestions for Sweepstakes and/or regular class judges for our 2013 specialty show, please e-mail MJ.

**Racing:** Jean reported that all is on track for our June 2-3, 2012 CWA events in Suisun.

**Rescue:** Guin reported that we have placed two male whippets in January. Their stories will appear in SPEED.

**SPEED:** Guin reminded all that there are covers available for 2012.

**Whippetbilia:** Emily reported that their have been a few e-mail orders from the website. She also reported that their was a large sale to the Club for trophies for 2012 of the green water bottles.

**Old Business:** Brad handed out some of the 2011 plaques for members in

attendance. Jen Haas wondered if we would be having a garage sale this year?

**New Business:** The Active membership application of Jenifer Haas was voted on by the membership present and she was accepted into Active membership. Guest Glenn Meyer offered to dub any coursing footage that anyone had from events with a music track. The next meeting of the NCWFA will be held on Sunday, April 22, in Vallejo at the Chief Solano show.

Braggs commenced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Guin Borstel, NCWFA Secretary.





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## Membership Corner

### NCWFA Members on the Move!

1. Wendy & Rodney Gay  
Winchester, VA 22602
2. LaDonna Lundgren  
Centralia, WA 98531

### Congratulations to NEW Active Member:

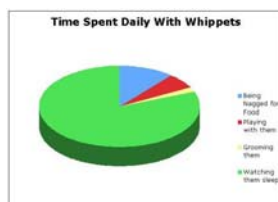
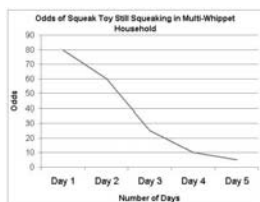
Jenifer Haas  
San Jose, CA.

## NCWFA Breeder Listing

Available pups/adults as of 4/3/12. For more current info, please check <http://ncwfa.com/breeders>.

(If you have a puppy or adult to place, or if you want your information listed as a contact, you MUST contact Paula, the webmistress, in order to have your listing activated at [webmaster@ncwfa.com](mailto:webmaster@ncwfa.com) or 650-355-0544. Your listing will appear on the Website & in SPEED until you contact Paula to change it.)

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Wendy Gay Grand Prix 805.245.4020 <a href="mailto:wendygay@rodneycay.com">wendygay@rodneycay.com</a>	NO	NO	YES
Frank Herald WhippetShire 530.367.3088 <a href="mailto:voyagers@sebastiancorp.net">voyagers@sebastiancorp.net</a>	NO	NO	YES
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Sharon Simmons Nipomo, CA <a href="mailto:sadewhip@hotmail.com">sadewhip@hotmail.com</a>	NO	NO	YES



## Want to Join in the Discussion?

Sign up to join the NCWFA E-List and you will be signed on to up-to-the-minute discussions of Club business, rescue news, fun happenings, brags, links to interesting sites, info on legislation, news that affects you as a whippet owner, tips, and helpful hints too. To sign up, contact site administrator Paula at [paula@paularickert.net](mailto:paula@paularickert.net) with your e-mail address.

# On the Cover: Devon



Milescross Blade Runner,  
SC

(3/12/2000 – 12/26/2011)

Devon was the sweetest, most gentle, and loving Whippet that was greatly treasured by Justine and David Kay. He had a charmed life; Devon spent his days with doggie siblings exploring the yard, and his nights snuggled in a cozy cave bed or under the covers. Devon had the most amazing dark and soulful eyes, and it was always as if he was curious about everything. He was so well behaved everywhere, and from time to time he went to work with Justine where he really lit up the office and brought lots of smiles.

People who met Devon for the first time would never guess that he used to be a shy dog; in fact, Devon was so reserved in his youth, he

did not enjoy being shown despite his handsome looks and near-perfect conformation. Devon blossomed with Justine's love and care and found his true calling in lure coursing and straight racing. Devon was very keen on the lure and absolutely loved chasing after it, even when he was older. Up until the very end Devon enjoyed regular outings to the Pt. Isabel dog park and the Whippet meet-ups at Ed Levin park every other Sunday. He was a very happy boy and loved his family. It was sad and difficult to say goodbye to Devon. He left a huge void in those of us who knew him and we all miss him greatly. Devon was and still is Justine's special angel. There is a lifetime of fond memories of Devon, and thoughts of him instantly warm our hearts.



With love,  
Marrianne, and all of  
Devon's friends





# The Rescue Round Up

## Rescue Alumni 1: Bentley

The new year dawned with no whippets for us to rescue, but that quickly changed. The day after New Years, I got a note from a former puppy owner of mine. Anja had inherited a whippet puppy from a neighbor who had been foreclosed on and disappeared. "Truman" was 10 months old and a very sweet puppy, but she and her family were not in the position to keep another dog at this time, could we help him to find a home?

I drove over to the East Bay and met Truman, who was indeed very sweet and a super handsome puppy. His former owners were nowhere to be found, and there was no information on where he was bred, except that he "was flown in from Texas", which didn't narrow it down much, since it's a big state, with lots of whippet breeders in it. Try as we might, we were unable to discover anything about this puppy's past before he arrived in California.

Truman happily went off with me to his foster home with the Santiago family, who own Aston, one of our Modesto rescues from 2010. It was very quickly apparent that this foster home was going to become a forever home, as Truman, now rechristened Bentley, wrestled with Aston, struck adorable fawn whippet poses, and sucked up to the men of the house.

Bentley is now ensconced at the Santiago's Pacifica home, assisting Wendy with her Landscape Architecture business, keeping Aston in tip top shape, and generally being all around wonderful!



"Dad" with Aston & Bentley

## Rescue Alumni 2: Jagger



He's got moves like Jagger!

As Bentley's saga was unfolding in the East Bay, another rescue story was unreeling in Reno. An emaciated, but relaxed young whippet male was a stray at the Reno shelter. "Scout" had to wait out his 10-day stray hold in the shelter, where he was visited regularly by Reno whippet owner, Amy Stewart. Amy e-mailed and asked if there was anything she could do to help us out, and we asked her to foster this poor sad dog.

It was quickly obvious that Scout had once known the good life, as he had good house manners (except for counter surfing) and had obedience training. If only he could talk! He was chipped, but the number connected with the microchip was disconnected. Through some high-tech sleuthing, Scout's last owners were located. Thankfully, they no longer wanted him, which was a good thing, since they had left him tied out on a rope in Sparks in the winter, and when he disappeared they assumed the coyotes had gotten him!

After a month and a half of recovery and weight gain with Amy and Luke, Scout was ready to find a forever home. Serendipitously, I received an e-mail from Wanda Kruger of Oroville, who had recently lost her male whippet. She, her husband Phil and their girl whippets were missing that special boy whippet love. A meet-and-greet visit was arranged and Scout was a hit, and he went home with Wanda and family. Renamed Jagger, "since he was a rollin' stone", this fabulous young dog is enjoying life in the High Sierra!

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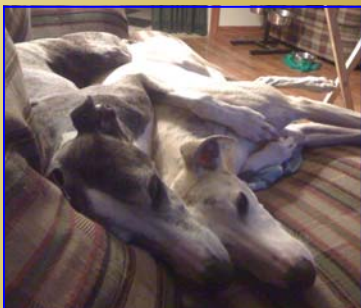
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# Spring Photo Contest!



## Announcing our Spring Photo Contest!

The theme is *"How Can This Be Comfortable?"*

We all know that our whippets can put themselves in the most remarkably uncomfortable looking positions and relax quite contentedly in them. We are looking for your most outrageous, pretzel-like, back-pain inducing whippet photos from yesterday and today for our contest.

Submit your best whippet contortionist pictures to us at [milescross@gmail.com](mailto:milescross@gmail.com) and you may win a FREE SPEED COVER in honor of your little yogini! (prize furnished by Kellee Livingston). **Submit as many photos as you'd like by May 1st.** A blue-ribbon panel will choose the winner! All entrants will be featured in a special photo collage in a future issue of SPEED.

# NCWFA 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2-3	NCWFA CWA Racing	Suisun, CA
June 23-24	NCWFA AKC Lure Coursing	Dixon, CA
September 20-30	NCWFA CWA Racing	Suisun, CA
October 20	NCWFA AKC Whippet Specialty Show	Pleasanton, CA
October 21	NCWFA AKC Supported Entry	Pleasanton, CA
November 17-18	NCWFA AKC Lure Coursing	Dixon, CA
***** ALL DATES & VENUES SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION*****		



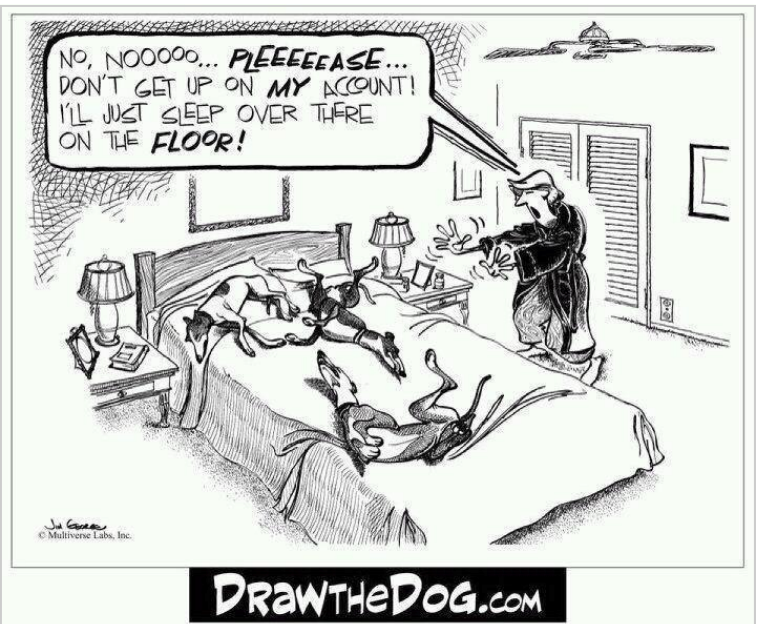


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*Lynne A. LeRoy*

*SPEED's most exacting Copy Editor and a great person...*

*Our sympathies to Lynn Helm  
and Nick & Nora*





The next NCWFA meeting will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the Chief Solano KC Show in Vallejo (time TBA).

## What's Up in SPEED?

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- 🐕 Gossip from Rover!
- 🐕 Rescue Round Up!
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