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Niko - A Star is Born!



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Whippet Whispers by the Rover Reporter

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



First up this month is super, mega exciting news from Southern California . At the Hound Specialty show in Indio, which is also the San Diego Whippet Club Specialty show, Baillie (Debby Knutson) was awarded Winners Bitch for a five-point major. The redhead was not done, as she charmed the judge and went all the way to BEST OF BREED, over an absolutely huge entry!!!!!! Wow! Debby is still flying! As of this writing , Baillie is the Number Two whippet in the US. How fun is that?



In coursing news, the amazing Suede (Justine Kay) added to his ASFA point total with a nice BOB in Hollister in February!

Bolt (Jean Balint) was awarded the NCWCs "Dog of the Year" award for 2012. Bolt had the highest combined point score in both NAWRA and NOTRA racing in Northern California last year! This is wonderful!

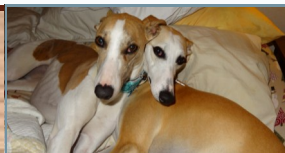
Congratulations are in order to MoMo (Emily & Russell Kunkel & Cheryl Boyer) for finishing her show Championship with a nice major at the SCVVC in February, with so many of her Club friends there to cheer her on. WTG MoMo! A special shout out to her very capable handler for this show, Marianne Lu, who pinch hit for Emily with style and success!



In other show news, Natasha (Brad Briscoe) won back-to-back BOBs at the Golden Gate KC benched show. The points were evenly divided between the other NCWFA entrants, with Niko (Kim Robinson & Rich Ragan) and Thomas (Marianne Lu) splitting the dog points, and Tally (Justine Kay) and Folly (Guin Borstel) dividing up the girl points. :)



Rover hears a lot, but she can't be everywhere! To be sure your whippet's big news makes it to Whippet Whispers, send all news, gossip and brags to Rover @: milesross@gmail.com.



Club News and Notes Pages

General Membership Meeting, 12/9/2012

Oakland, CA.

Members present: Jean Balint, Georgia Bihr, Guin Borstel, Brad Briscoe, Tina Graham, Jen Haas, Don Honor, MJ Honor, Robert Lattuga, Kellee Livingston, Marianne Lu, Ed Odrón, MJ Odrón, Denise Stokowski, Lenore Vogt, Donna Wilhoite, Todd Wilhoite. Guest present: Laird Bihr.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in SPEED.

President's Report: Brad stated that the NCWFA had a successful year in a down economy. All Club events either made money or broke even. We had weird weather for lure coursing in 2012, but great weather for racing and the show. Brad stated he is proud to be the President of a Club where everything gets done & everyone works well together.

Treasurer's Report: Kellee reported that the bank balance is a little over \$17,000.

Lure Coursing: Russell reported that the November event broke even, due to the small entry. He thanked Erin Campbell for donating the plane ticket which allowed us to use an out-of-the-area judge. Discussion ensued as to whether the Club should pursue a CAT Test in 2013, in order to provide money for other Club events. The Coursing Committee will find a date and pursue marketing opportunities to get a good all-breed entry for a CAT Test.

Racing: Kellee reported that the new boxes are almost completed and the Club will be having at least two practice events before our June 1-2 CWA races. Jean reported 2013 race dates of June 1-2 and September 28-29. She requested the Club donate \$50 to the CWA Nationals, to be held the second week in August in British Columbia. The donation was approved by the membership present.

Rescue: Guin reported on Karma, a yearling who was found as a stray in Carmichael at the beginning of November. Karma's rescue, fostering and placement was truly a team effort, and Guin thanked Brad, Sue and Mike deHart, Sarah Herrick, and Kim & Rick for all their help. Karma is in her new home with a family of long-time whippet folk.

SPEED: Guin reported that covers are available for 2013.

Whippetbilia: Marianne reported that after the Specialty sales have been flat. Discussion ensued about new designs and print on demand options/

Cafe Press and also the possibility of ordering some logo items for member purchase.

Old Business: Brad reported that a new home must finally be found for the equipment trailer, since Dina & Rob are selling the condo where it has been parked. Discussion ensued regarding parking spots for the trailer. Locations near Fairfield/Dixon and Pleasanton were discussed. Brad has already begun to look for locations.

New Business: Guin asked the Club to approve a donation to the AWC National Trophy Fund. \$100 was allotted to the General Trophy Fund. Don Honor brought up a proposal from Mud Puppies, a dog supply shop in the Castro, that we do a "Breed Show & Tell" at their shop. Don will learn more about this and report at a future meeting. Don also reported that he is organizing a donation of extra dog food, bedding and coats to the Oakland SPCA. Contact Don at donhonor@yahoo.com to make a donation. He will pick up. Plaques were given out. Brags ensued. The next meeting was set for the SCVKC show in San Jose on 2/17. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

General Membership Meeting, 2/17/2013

San Jose, CA.

Members present: Guin Borstel, Laurie Bradshaw, Brad Briscoe, Erin Campbell, Libby deMille, Jen Haas, Justine Kay, Bobbi Keller, Debby Knutson, Kellee Livingston, Marianne Lu, Andrea Meyer, Ed Odrón, MJ Odrón, Rick Ragan, Kim Robinson. Guests present: George Iannetta, David Kay, Barbara Lawson, Cindy Taylor, Kevin Witham.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM.

President's Report: Brad reported that the racing boxes are almost finished.

Treasurer's Report: Kellee reported the bank balance to be over \$18,000. The box door and custom cart should come out to about \$1,500.

Coursing: Brad reported that the applied for June dates are 22-23. This is a week earlier than our usual dates, due to their being five weekends in June in 2013. We may look into switching to this weekend permanently, since there are no event conflicts.

Membership: The Active application of Bobbi Keller was voted on. She was accepted by the membership present. Barbara Lawson was introduced as attending her first meeting.

Racing: Kellee reminded all of our race meets,

scheduled for June 1-2. We will need workers and helpers for both days. We will schedule a practice in the spring to "break in" the new boxes. Kellee once again thanked Robert for all his hard work building the boxes.

Rescue: Guin reported on Cali, our new rescue girl, found in Linden with a coat on. We have been unable so far to identify her or her owners. Kim and Rick are fostering her. Kim and Rick also fostered Nick and Nora, Lynn Helm & Lynne LeRoy's dogs, who came to rescue upon their owners deaths. The pair is in their new home in Sonoma.

Show: MJ reported on big changes for our Specialty. Due to Del Valle DC taking over our date for their all-breed show, our show will become a designated specialty at their show. For exhibitors and guests there will be no real substantive difference, but behind the scenes things will be different. Discussion ensued regarding these changes to our Specialty show, and whether these should lead us to find a different venue. Laurie Bradshaw reported that the Borzoi Club is staying with Del Valle. It was resolved to stay with Del Valle for this year and next year for sure. The membership present agreed to give our specialty date to Del Valle DC if there should be any legal action regarding specialty dates by other clubs.

SPEED: Guin reported that the magazine will be out by the end of the month.

Whippetbilia: Marianne reported that we have had several orders from the website, including one from France.

New Business: Ed presented the NCWFA Logo items that he is taking orders on. Info on items, colors, pricing, and sizes will be in SPEED. Items will be available for pick up at the National or at our May meeting. It was resolved to hold the next meeting in Vallejo on March 23rd, at the Oakland KC. Many wonderful brags ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.



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.

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Endorsers: Libby de Mille/Wendy Gay

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Dr. Nancy

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Do you have a veterinarian that you just love? Ask them if they want to be on our list. It's great marketing for them AND it helps your fellow whippet fanciers find a trusted, savvy practitioner!

NCWFA Breeder Listing

Available pups/adults as of 2/23/13. 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 or 650-355-0544. Your listing will appear on the Website & in SPEED until you contact Paula to change it.)

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Erin Campbell Kimera Whippets 408.248.3844 / 408.496.6469 Erin@kimerawhippets.com	YES	NO	YES
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The Rescue Round Up

After several slow months in the world of whippet rescue, the months of November, December, and February have each brought new dogs in need, each with an interesting story of their own.

Current Rescue



**Rescue Cali
playing
show dog**

On February 11, I got an email from a woman in Linden (near Stockton) who discovered a whippet (with a coat on!) hanging around her house all weekend. The whippet had no tags or microchip (she had taken her to her own vet to check), none of the neighbors owned whippets, and she owned a very mean American Bulldog, so if we couldn't come and get the dog, she was going to bring her to the animal shelter. She attached several photos that confirmed that this was indeed a whippet. Rescue Saint Volunteers Kim & Rick drove to Lodi that very night to pick up the very sweet "Cali" and have been fostering this young, pretty rose fawn brindle particolored girl ever since.

Thanks to ace Media Coordinator Dee Zarges, found dog ads were quickly placed in two local papers and online. Surely someone was looking for this beautiful, friendly and well adjusted whippet, who after all had been found with a dog coat on. As of this writing, there has been absolutely no response to any of our ads, and my widespread distribution of her photos and location found to many whippet fanciers and breeders all over the US has only led to dead ends.

Cali, who had no collar, tags, or chip, and had no identifying markings in her dog coat, is really a mystery. It is hard to believe that no one is searching for her. She is perfect in the house, loves all people she meets, is friendly with all of her canine housemates, and she loves children. Her incredible mellowness, unusual in a whippet as young as she appears to be, led Kim to take her in for a full vet check up (she's fine, just a mellow gal!). Cali is really an all-around great young whippet!

We are holding out hope that someone will step forward to claim Cali, but if not, surely this fine whippet will make someone a wonderful and desirable pet. Cali is a gem!

Previous to the arrival of Mystery Girl Cali, we had another young stray whippet, who had a dramatic tale of her own.

Rescue Alumni: Karma

Audrey Hsia, a local sighthound fancier, of greyhound and Magyar fame, got a call from a friend of hers' who worked in a vet clinic in Carmichael. A man had brought in a whippet he had found on the street and he couldn't keep her. Could the vet clinic find her a home? She had no tags or collar and was not microchipped. One of vet



**Karma showing off that beautiful
face! - Photo by Sarah**

tech's was a greyhound owner, and she asked Audrey to contact Whippet Rescue. This normally would have been no big deal, but Kellee and I were on vacation in Mexico, with limited internet and phone access. I do not know why I worried, as within minutes of my panicked e-mail, our crack team of Club members swung into gear. Delia went and picked up the very young white and red brindle bitch, while Brad sent out a missive to members soliciting for a foster home until our return. Sue and Mike deHart stepped right up and took "Karma" from Delia to foster. Meanwhile, Dee placed ads in the Sacramento Bee and also online, but strangely no one seemed to be looking for this girl.

Karma, named by Sue because she obviously had very good karma to be in the care of whippet rescue, considering what her fate could have been, proved to be very young, probably no more than a year old, and very untrained. It was quite obvious that she had not been a house dog and had no manners and no respect for dogs who were older and bigger than she. This proved to be a problem as she tangled several times with Zoey, Sue and Mike's very sweet rescue Greyhound. After the girls mixed it up and Zoey had to have stitches, Sue sadly decided that her home would be much more harmonious without bratty Karma in it.

This presented a bit of a dilemma, as it was hard to know if Karma was just a bratty adolescent with no limits or was a true bad seed. Luckily, the NCWFA is blessed with it's own Dog Whisperer in Sarah Herrick, who took Karma in to foster and evaluate. After quickly ascertaining that this was a bitch who had never been told no and probably had been fending for herself in a multi-dog situation, Sarah started her on a training regimen, teaching her that nothing in life is free and that boundaries, especially with other dogs, are to be respected. Karma proved a fast learner and blossomed into a sweet, fun loving puppy, who quickly figured out

that respecting older dogs was just good sense. She turned out to be a dog who truly loved children, being perfectly reliable with Sarah's young niece and nephews.

Now we needed to find a unique home for Karma; one who had experience with the whippet temperament and would keep up on her training and socialization. A home that contained children would be great, as this was a dog who was truly made to be a family pet. As these things always seem to occur, as I pondered the impossibility of finding a home that



Karma napping with pals Max & Kaleb—Photo: courtesy of Judith Isserman

fit all of these requirements, Don McGuire passed on a WRAP application he had received from a long-time fancier in the East Bay. Chad Isserman was literally born into the breed, as his parents bred and showed whippets since before he was born. Chad had never been without a whippet or two, and now he and his wife Judith were seeking a young dog who could get along with his elderly male whippet and who could also be a companion to their two young sons. Can you say meant to be? Arrangements were quickly made for a home check (thanks Brad!) and after a night with pinch hitting fosterers Kim and Rick (Sarah had to go out of town), Karma met her new family and it was love at first sight.

Karma is doing great with Chad, Judith and the boys, and is especially a good buddy to their fourteen year old whippet, Bailey. All of the Issermans are committed to continuing Karma's training and socialization, and she is continuing on her road to becoming a perfect pet.

Thanks so much to all of the Club members who helped with Karma's rescue and rehab., especially to Sue and Mike who really did go above and beyond with this difficult wild child, and Sarah who gave 110% in her evaluation and training. Good Team Effort!

Rescue Alumni: Nick & Nora

Many members will remember our next Rescue Alumni. Nick & Nora were owned by long-time Club members, Lynn Helm and Lynne Le Roy. The Lynns adopted these red yearling littermates

back in 2008, when the then pups were tearfully relinquished by their owner who was forced to move into pet-free housing, due to a job loss. Nick and Nora were joys to the Lynns, who had until then been single whippet owners. A few months after the pups arrived, Nick was struck down by a mysterious and life threatening liver ailment. He happily recovered and the pair had spent the last four years hiking and travelling with the Lynns, and it was obviously one happy family, as the frequent reports I got from Lynne LeRoy obviously attested to.



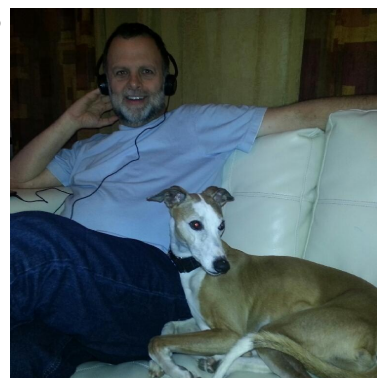
Nick!

Sadly, Lynne passed away from cancer last spring and Lynn followed from mesothelioma right before Christmas. The Lynns last request was that the dogs come back to us for placement, and Lynn's son, Daniel, tearfully dropped both hounds with Kim & Rick for fostering on New Years Eve. Two confused and sad whippets came into Kim and Rick's home, traumatized by the upheaval in their lives. Nick retreated to the bedroom while Nora warmed up once she had been given treats.

Over the weeks, the Ns, as they came to be known, adjusted and came out of their shells, snuggling with Rick on the couch and chasing the tennis ball with Niko at the dog park. It was quite apparent that this was a truly bonded pair and they needed to go to their new home together. However, placing a pair of whippets together, especially middle-aged ones, where one of them had been mysteriously ill, was a tall order. There were many responses to our e-mail about the available pair from our adopters, but all were of the "they sure look great, but would you consider placing them separately?" variety. We knew this could take a while and we were willing to wait for the perfect home to come along.

Thankfully, the right situation came along sooner rather than later. Long-time fanciers Jake and Andrea in Sonoma, saw the pair on the NCWFA website and immediately expressed interest. After a few bumps in the road, concerning vetting of Nick, the pair are now settled on a wonderful horse ranch, with a dad who works from home and lots of soft beds and sunbeams to sleep in.

Much thanks to Kim & Rick for fostering the Ns, and adding two more red whippets to their pack temporarily. I know that breaking up the band of "Puff Doggie and the Three Whippets" was tough!



Nora Chilling with Rick

2013 NCWFA Events

3/24 NCWFA Membership Meeting Vallejo CA

May Date TBA NCWFA Membership Meeting TBA

6/1-2 CWA Race Weekend Suisun, CA

6/9 or 10 NCWFA Membership Meeting Vallejo, CA

6/22-23 AKC Lure Coursing Wkend Dixon, CA

8/4 or 5 NCWFA Membership Meeting Dixon, CA

Sept Date TBA NCWFA Membership Meeting TBA

9/28-29 CWA Racing Weekend Suisun, CA

10/19 NCWFA Specialty Show & Meeting Pleasanton

Nov Date TBA AKC Lure Coursing Wkend Dixon, CA

*****All events and dates subject to change or cancellation *****



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Ed



On the Cover: "Niko"



Niko has been a part of our lives for the past 14 months. During that time, we have been active in travel,

shows & racing (both domestic and international). Niko is our first whippet, and we currently have a total of three whippets, and "Fee-Bee", the Bichon, in the house .



Niko has been a great addition to our household and our lives, leading us to new experiences and friends we now have.

Kim Robinson

&

Rick Ragan



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**will be held on Sunday, March 24th
in conjunction with whippet breed
judging at the Oakland KC in
Vallejo (Time TBA)**

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