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Whippet Whispers by the Rover Reporter

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

First up; the Taliesin Winning Road show continued into August. Kenzie (Libby deMille) was BW at the big hound show in WA for her second major! And Mimi (Libby deMille) had back-to-back BOBs at Redwood Empire. :))



At both those huge WA whippet specialties which began August,

Natasha (Brad Briscoe) was Select!

New member Angie Hagen is on a roll in the ring; her Harper was BOB & Group 2 at Mensona, and Harlley Whippet, whom she bred, is currently

Number One and recently won a Best-In-Show in Greely, CO!

Happy Boy Mason (Andrea Meyer) has been handily picking up points as of late. One at Dixon, one at Redwood Empire (with Andrea on the lead!) and two on his road trip to AZ..

At the recent major entries at Sir Francis Drake KC in Vallejo, the NCWFA made their presence felt. Cindy (Charlotte & Martha Fielder) won her first major on Saturday, and Tally (Justine Kay) won her first major on Sunday! House (Erin Campbell) won RWD on Sunday!



In racing news, the Cash Creek girls did well at the NAWRA Nationals in Tehachapi. Both Billie & Starr (Lynne Armstrong) placed in the

Top Twenty in this huge meet with all of the top competitors in attendance.

At the CWA Nationals in British Columbia, many NCWFA whippets were at the tip top of rankings at the big conformation match as well as the

huge race meets. Bolt, (Jean Balint) for the third time, was undefeated to win the National Race Meet. Bolt also won the Race Dog class at the National match. Sage (Kellee Livingston), was Best Puppy in Match, as well as Best Puppy in Meet, and placed the other two con-

formation matches held

with the meets, getting one DPC leg. Mia (Kim Robinson & Rick Ragan) won the Altered Bitches class at the National Match which is always among the biggest classes, while Niko (Kim & Rick) won Open Dogs. Niko also won the match on the Sunday, coming home with



a huge whippet statue for this win!

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 @:

milescross@gmail.com.





Club News and Notes Pages

General Membership Meeting, 9/14/2013

Member's Present: Jean Balint, Laurie Bradshaw, Brad Briscoe, Guin Borstel, Erin Campbell, Charlotte Fielder, Tina Graham, Justine Kay, Debby Knutson, Russell Kunkel, Kellee Livingston, Andrea Meyer, Ed Odrón, MJ Odrón, Rick Ragan, Kim Robinson, Lenore Vogt, Jan Waldrop, Delia Zarges. Applicant Present: Angela Hagen. Guests Present: David Kay, Bobby Paust, Lori Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 AM.

The minutes of the June & August meetings were accepted as published in the last issue of SPEED.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report: Brad recapped our busy event-filled Fall and Winter.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Kellee reported that the bank account is hovering at a bit over \$17 thousand dollars.

Committee Reports: Coursing: Russell reported that plans are well underway for our November events, to be held on November 23-24th in Dixon. Jayme Jones has agreed to judge on Saturday and Sunday, with Ginny Kozinski as a second judge. Lisa Voss will be our second judge on Sunday. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that coursing conflicts this year with the San Joaquin shows in Stockton.

Show: MJ reported that the premium list (74 pages!) is out for Del Valle, and our specialty info is on page 53. MJ warned us that there will be glitches! Delia has already gotten emails about donations for the auction. Set up will be on Friday afternoon, upon completion of judging for the day (around 3 PM). We will not have our own catalog this year, and our info will be in the Del Valle catalog. Guin thanked all for their

donations to the trophy fund

Racing: Jean reported that all is set for racing on September 22-23rd. Saturday's food theme is Mexican and Sunday's is "All About the Salad". Jean discussed her visit to Canada and how wonderful the camaraderie and relaxed atmosphere at their racing was and she hoped that we could take a chapter from their book on this. The boxes are currently being repaired and will be ready by the weekend. Brad reported that the trailer has new tires. Check-in is at 8:30 with set-up time at 7 AM.

Rescue: Guin and Kellee discussed the distressing situation of a mentally ill man in Redding who is breeding whippets and can't sell them or really care for them. We are negotiating to get some of the puppies out of there. He has 14 puppies, from two litters. This is a developing situation, but we may have to call on the Club for foster homes, and for all of our members to support our rescue in what may be a huge undertaking of fostering, altering, vetting and placing these pups. .

Speed: Guin reported that SPEED will be out next week with a special Specialty-themed issue.

Whippetbilia: Marianne proposed that we purchase more of the classic gray "It's a Whippet..." tees, as stock is very low and there are inquiries often for this design. She has a quote of ordering 60 shirts in multiple sizes for \$8 a shirt. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to approve the purchase of 60 shirts by Tina, seconded by Ed. The motion was approved.

Old Business: Russell presented the slate of officers developed by the Nominating Committee. The slate is President: Brad Briscoe, VP: Todd Wilhoyte, 2nd VP: Mary Jean Odrón, Secretary: Guin Borstel, Treasurer: Kellee Livingston, BOD: Jean Balint, Debby Knutson, Russell Kunkel, Marianne Lu, Ed Odrón. Brad reminded all of the procedure for a floor nomination. Voting will be at the Specialty meeting.

New Business: None.

Membership: Guin presented the Active Applications for Rick Ragan & Kim Robinson, and the Associate Application for Angela Hagen. The new members were accepted by the membership present.

Bragg ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Guin Borstel, Secretary.



Club News and Notes Pages



2014 Officer/BOD Slate

As per the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee submitted the following slate for 2014 to be voted on 10/19. There was a change to the slate after the presentation on 9/14, which was submitted in writing & approved by the committee.

President: Brad Briscoe **VP:** Debby Knutson **2nd VP:** MJ Odron
Secretary: Guin Borstel **Treasurer:** Kellee Livingston
BOD: Jean Balint, Russell Kunkel, Marianne Lu, Ed Odron, Todd Wilhoyte

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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 Orangevale Veterinary Hospital
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 Orangevale, CA 95662
 916-987-2055
 Specialty: Reproductive
 Endorser: Donna Wilhoyte

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
 Diplomate American College of Veterinary Surgeons
 1618 Washington Blvd.
 Fremont, CA 94539
 510-657-6343
 Endorsers: Libby de Mille & Justine Kay

Dr. Lauren Knoble, DVM
 Seven Hills Veterinary Clinic
 5264 Diamond Heights Blvd.
 San Francisco, CA. 94131
 415-642-7200
 Endorser: Brad Briscoe

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

Dr. Richard Keinle, DVM, DACVM
 Mission Valley Veterinary Cardiology
 1810 Wayland Lane
 Gilroy, CA 95020 (also practices @ BAVS, San Leandro, CA /510-483-7387)
 408-842-6080
 Specialty: Cardiology
 Endorser: Guin Borstel & Brad Briscoe

Drs. Conner & Thompson
 Camino Real Pet Clinic
 1317 Bayswater Avenue
 Burlingame, CA 94010
 650-344-5711
 Endorser: Judy Benson

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

Dr. William St.Lawrence DVM
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 884 Portola Rd.
 Portola Valley, CA 94028
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 Endorser: Guin Borstel

Dr. Lori Siemens, DVM, DACVM
 www.healinghearts.net
 PO Box 1898
 Diamond Springs, CA 95619
 916-254-0399
 Specialty: Cardiology
 Endorser: Delia Zarges

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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, sighthound-savvy practitioner!

NCWFA Breeder Listing

Available pups/adults as of 9/18/13. 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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Guin Borstel Milescross milescross@aol.com	NO	NO	YES
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Erin Campbell Kimer Whippets 408.248.3844 / 408.496.6469 Erin@kimerawhippets.com	YES	NO	YES
Cheryl Boyer Avita Whippets 650.361.7770 cboyer@stanfordalumni.org	NO	YES (adult male)	YES
Libby deMille Talliesin Whippets talliesinwhippets@aol.com	NO	NO	YES
Martha Fielder Crestfield Hounds 707.252.1404 cfieldhounds@aol.com	NO	YES (adult female)	YES
Frank Herald WhippetShire 530.367.3088 voyagers@sebastiancorp.net	NO	NO	YES
Andrea Meyer Santa Rosa, CA alynnmyr@gmail.com	NO	NO	YES
Mary Jean & Ed Odron Hounds of Majead majeod@aol.com	NO	NO	YES
Sharron Simmons Nipomo, CA sadewhip@hotmail.com	NO	NO	YES



ALL ABOUT THE

NCWFA 18th Annual Specialty Show & Sweepstakes

Saturday, October 19, 2013

@ the Alameda Co. Fairgrounds

HWY 680 & Bernal Rd, Pleasanton

Ring 25 (in the Rose Garden)

Showtime is TBA but should start around 9 AM as usual.

Come out and enjoy another great show with your friends!

Don't Forget About the Auction!

Every year our tables are chock full of great & wonderful whippet-y treasures at our Silent Auction. Let's keep this tradition going in 2013. The auction helps to fund our Rescue program & our show.

If you have items to donate, please contact Dee at dtzarges@gmail.com or just bring them to the auction table in the AM.

Help With Set-Up

If you would like to assist with set up of our ring & lunch area, come to Ring 25 on Friday afternoon at 3 PM.

Contact Ed at eodron@aol.com if you have any questions.



SPECIALTY



There will be a team of UC Davis researchers in attendance at our show in order to perform blood draws for an important health study regarding cleft palates. Dr. Stern will be there to talk about his Mitral Valve disease study. Please consider allowing your dogs to donate a small amount of blood for the good of the breed! Look for the table in the Auction/Lunch area.

Thanks to all of our generous members and friends for funding our Trophy Fund 100% for the Specialty Show.

If you have not yet paid for your pledge, please send a check to Guin today or pay online via PayPal (pay to ncwfaz@gmail.com)

Ready For Lunch?

Don't forget about bringing a dish to share for our world-famous Potluck Lunch for exhibitors & friends. Your special dish is always welcome, but if you need some inspiration, here are some menu suggestions:

Last Name A—G: Appetizer or Appetizer Salad

Last Name H— N: Entrée or Entrée Salad

Last Name O—Z: Dessert

If you have any questions or need further ideas or inspiration, please contact Donna Wilhoyte at djwilhoyte@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Nov. Lure Trials

November 23-24

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The White Whippet

Squatted on their bunkers at the corner of the street
outside 'The Pewter Pigeon' a knot of pitmen sat
waiting for the doors to open, cursing the raw sleet,
or muttering with husky throats dully of this and that.

When suddenly within the ring of street lamps gusty flame
out of the stormy shadows of the black November night,
like a little slip of moonshine a snow white whippet came
and stayed one breathless moment before their startled sight.

Speechlessly they gazed upon her as she stood with a lifted paw,
clean limbed, with quivering muzzle and jetty eyes agleam,
nor heard the doors swing open wide as each lad looked with awe
one moment on the vision of his own heart's secret dream

Author Unknown

On The Cover...

The Gentle Soul Known as Shadow

Almost everything about Shadow is a study in modesty and understatement; from his delicate, white eyelashes and parti-colored taupe and grey coat atop a white background, to his gentle chewing of food and sipping of water and his careful play with toys and other four-leggeds. While he will calmly defer to my caresses and kisses, he lets me know when he's had enough by looking up at me and then turning his head. He is the essence of grace and respectfulness when we walk, always checking it out with Mom first and looking up at me for guidance.



Shadow takes his ease

What is NOT understated about my beautiful boy is his amazingly soulful presence! When he gazes at me with his luminous, intelligent brown eyes, I often feel we are communicating on some primal level and that Shadow is, in fact, an "old soul" who embodies the wisdom of the ages, so to speak. His quiet, steady presence is a source of indescribable joy not only for me, but for anyone fortunate enough to come into contact with him. I am a psychotherapist by profession, and Shadow accompanies me to my office every day. Without exception, every one of my clients has unequivocally fallen in love with him. He's able to soothe their upsets and help them regain their perspective when they feel lost. Shadow simply knows how to do this intuitively.

Another thing that is not at all understated about Shadow is his love of running! Oh, to watch him run, untethered, across an open field is a spellbindingly beautiful thing to behold! His abandon and pleasure are evident, as he appears to literally fly(!) past all the other dogs, his paws never seeming to touch the ground. He is in his natural element, and loving every moment of it! He'll complete his run by going as low as possible into a crouch, and doing multiple hair-pin turns and circles until he races back to my side and comes to a halt, panting and looking up at me with what I can only describe as a huge, toothy grin on his loving face. Of course, I reward his spectacular romps with lots of pets, as well as some delicious treats and lots of water!!

When I awaited his arrival about three and a half years ago, I'd been forewarned by Kellee that Shadow was very shy and would probably

make a bee-line for a fluffy blanket to take refuge under. Since I wanted him to feel comfortable and safe, I had comforters and pillows galore strewn all over the house ready for Shadow's good use. Although I was bouncing with excitement inside, I sat quietly on the hallway floor as Kellee led Shadow into the house. When she let him off-lead to begin to explore his new surroundings and people, he did make a bee-line--straight to me! We looked at each other for a long moment, he and I, and it felt as though some sense of rightness and belonging passed between us. He let me stroke him several times, and I was totally smitten. I watched adoringly as Shadow, only then and with some caution, began to investigate his forever home.

When I took Shadow for some obedience training, the trainer was amazed at his responsiveness and intelligence. She would repeatedly tell me that, "you have no idea what a perfect dog you have." Shadow has always confirmed that again and again. I continue to marvel at this wondrous whippet who I "rescued"; truth be told, he "rescued" me right back by showering me with unconditional love and trust. Told he was "small" for a male whippet, Shadow more than compensates for his slighter-than-average size with "a heart as wide as the world." That he has claimed me as "his person" delights me and warms my heart.

I don't know much about Shadow's past (and have never been able to understand how someone could give him up!) but believe, at the very least, that he was probably treated roughly or neglected, and comes by his shyness honestly, albeit the hard way. I adopted Shadow when he was about six and a half years old, and he recently celebrated his tenth birthday. He has continued to blossom exponentially into a mature whippet who seems to feel safe, secure and content. I like to believe he knows how much he's loved. Shadow has slowed down just a tad in the past year or so, but his loving energy and solid presence never falter. Shadow is an integral part of our family constellation which includes myself, my husband, Tom, our zany Italian greyhound, Dominic, and our four (yes, you read that right, four!) cats. He is a certified "Canine Good

Citizen", and so much more. Shadow keeps me in the moment, and allows me to be both a little girl frolicking with her pup, and a loving (if admittedly overindulgent) Mom! The unadulterated joy I experience simply by being with him is incomparable. For me, Shadow is the epitome of love.



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The next NCWFA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, in conjunction with our Specialty show at the Del Valle Dog Club at Pleasanton upon the completion of judging next to Ring 25.

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