



BREED FEATURE The Whippet



They answered

A.1. I have owned Whippets since 1996. My first litter was born in February 2000 under the "Skyeway" prefix of my friends Jon & Annabel Gunn. The first litter of Whippets born under my own prefix was in May 2007. Whippets are the third breed I have had in the time that I have been active in the canine fancy, beginning with Basset Hounds in 1975 and then Pointers in the mid 80's. Whippets came along in 1996 and I really don't know why I didn't own a Whippet prior to that as they really are such a great breed to share one's life with. Descriptors such as loyal, uncomplicated, intelligent, amiable are some that come to mind.

A.2. Whippets are probably more stylish these days, albeit there were some very classy Whippets 15 years ago. Traditionally the breed is of English origin, but as the years go by, breeders in different parts of the world are bringing variances to the breed whereby shapes are altering with more length of body, giving rise to flat toplines and in some areas

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In the past, the breed has been troubled with stilted front action and over time, breeders have worked hard to eradicate this problem, but unfortunately it seems to be creeping back

A.3. Given that Breed Type is of paramount importance and the 1st selection point, my opinion is that the following are of importance:

- Balance & elegance, covering plenty of ground when standing naturally
- Chest down to the elbow at least and with plenty of front fill
- Movement: Generally smooth and easy gait with good rear propulsion. Forward action long and low

"Daisy Cutting" Coming and Going must be true

- Underlines are important as there should be some tuck up
- Look for the front pastern with some slope to allow for the spring in action

A.4. I am not sure that I would want to add anything to the current Whippet standard. It is not complex and

it sufficiently describes the breed. Having said that, we will all place our own interpretation on the words that are written in some way or form

A.5. Whippets are generally a robust breed and remain healthy over the course of their life which is generally a long one, many living more than 15 years of age.



One issue that does plague the breed is retained testicles. Breeders across the globe are mindful of the potential for this to occur in male puppies and although it is virtually impossible to eliminate, breeders will do their utmost to not breed with males or females that are known to produce puppies with this problem.

Whippet breeders are generally happy to share their breeding experiences be they good or not so good and therefore provide opportunity for others to share their experience. More and more breeders are now health testing for heart, eye and other anomalies in an endeavour to ensure their breeding is free from defective health issue that may exist.

A.6. • Go to a registered breeder where you can be assured your puppy will be a purebred and is immunised, microchipped and vet checked before you purchase. A reputable breeder who will always be there to support you and your puppy during all life stages.

- Choose a puppy that is plump and happy
- Ask questions

**Anne-Marie Curran
Chakrata Kennels

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Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Whippet?

A.1. I owned my first Whippet in 1988 and bred my first litter under the Arjai prefix in 1993. I have been involved in the sport of showing dogs since 1965 and I originally owned and showed Afghan Hounds. Whippets were a breed I admired from afar and without doubt one of the best sighthounds one can own. They have a superb nature and mix with all types of dogs and people so easy to live with. Once you live with a Whippet you could never live without one.

A.2. Having bred the two biggest winning Whippets (All Breeds) in the history of the breed in Australia some 20 years apart I can say over this time my type/style has not changed. In my opinion the top winning Whippets of today display the same type/style we saw some 15 years ago, however as a result of the import of American and European Whippets I see significant changes occurring in the breed that are being shown today, some for the better but a greater for the worst ie: losing their true Whippet type.

A.3.1. Breed Type – It must look like a Whippet not a small greyhound
2. Topline and underline, a series of graceful curves both on the stack and maintained on the move.

3. Movement – low action over the ground with drive and purpose (no lift) true coming and going.

4. Head – Good width in back skull with tapering muzzle and fill under the eyes . strong under jaw – oval eyes neither to light or dark matching coat colour.

5. Overall balance in profile on the move and standing

A.4. Eyes: - Oval, Bright – expression very alert – Varying shades matching the coat colour.

A.5. Issues of concern in our breed in Australia is retained Testicles.

A.6. Any puppy buyer looking

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to buy any breed of dog not just a Whippet should always go to a registered breeder that's the first point! Spend time talking to different breeders and understand the requirements of owning a dog and the breeds idiosyncrasies and ensure



you have the time and patience to take on a new puppy.

**Jo Kramer
Arjai Whippets**

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AUST CH CHAKRATA TART WITH THE CART (Curran)

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- Baby In Show Hound Club SA Ch Show
- Puppy In Show & Res CC W&G Ch Show
- Puppy In Show & Res CC Hound Club SA Ch Show
- Multiple Puppy & Baby In Show All Breeds Ch Shows
- 2 x R/Up Best In Group Ch Shows

Matilda



AUST CH CHAKRATA MISTRESS MATILDA (Kramer/Curran)

- Puppy In Group Adelaide Royal
- 5 x Best In Group 1st
- Junior In Show W&G Club Ch Show
- Multiple Baby & Puppy In Show All Breeds Ch Shows
- R/Up BIS All Breeds Ch Show

Lily



CHAKRATA DAFFODIL LIL (Gunn/Curran)

- Multiple In Group and In Show Awards at All Breeds Ch Shows
- Close to her Aust Ch Title

Harry



CH CHAKRATA CALYPSO CASANOVA (Curran)

- Multiple In Group Awards
- Gained his Aust Ch Title in a short time
- Reserve CC Hound Club SA Champ Show

Molly



CHAKRATA MOLLY MALONE (Baxter/Delaney)

- Baby In Show 4th Whippet National
- Puppy Bitch Whippet Assocn Vic Ch Show
- Multiple In Group awards
- Close to her Aust Ch Title

Jase



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- Gained his NZ Title in a short time

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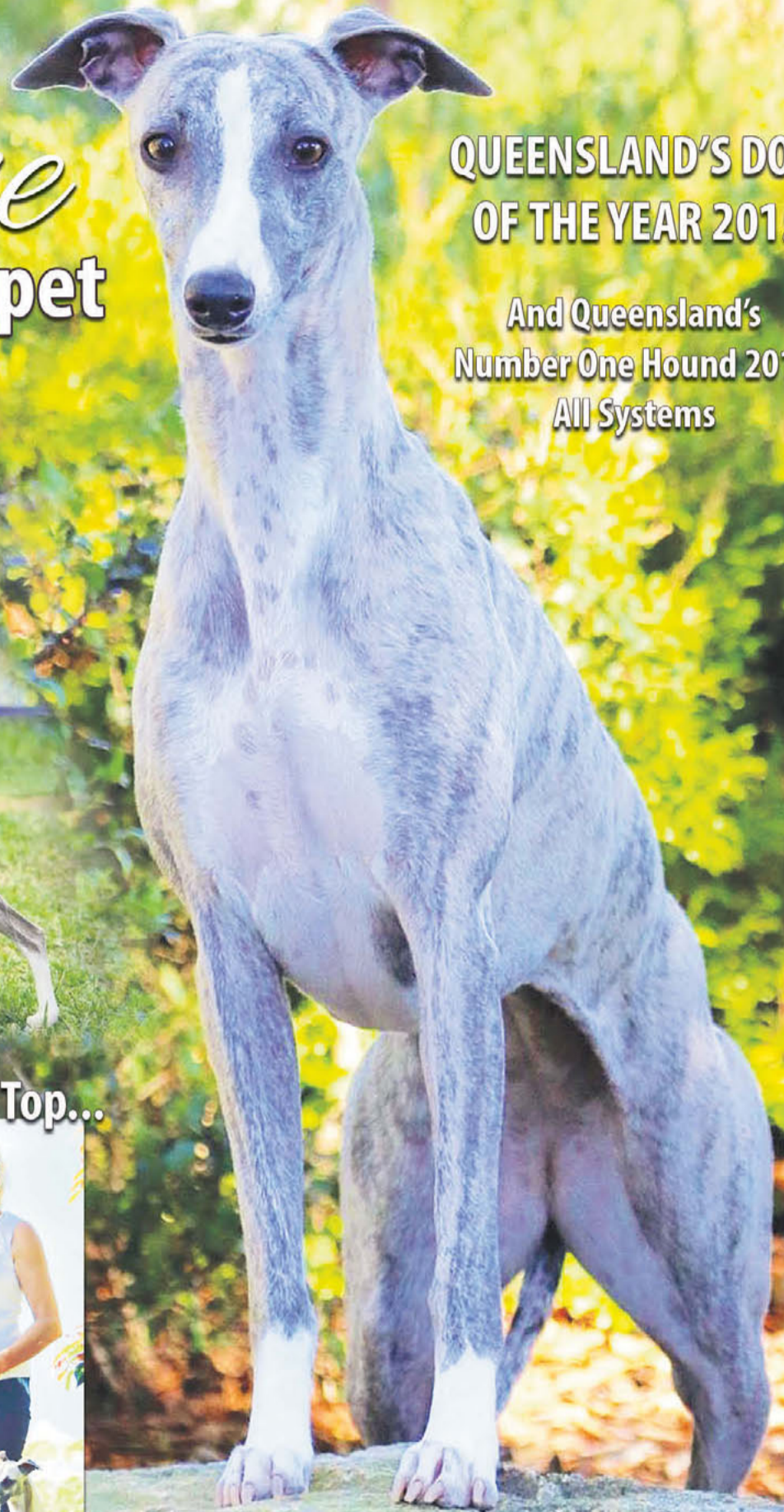
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A.1. 29 years. We'd had Rhodesian Ridgebacks for ten years, and a Gordon Setter, and wanted a smaller dog for our son to walk. We wanted to stay in the Hound Group due to regular clashing with the Gundog Group but couldn't find a show quality Mini Long Haired Dachshund so decided on a Whippet. The rest is history and now Whippets rule at Ridgesetter.

A.2. Whereas 15 years ago there were a few great Whippets, now I believe there are many great Whippets. There is more consistency in shape now. Height is an issue but that's so worldwide.



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A.3. Standing over ground which comes from a long back and good hindquarters.

Elegance and grace of outline
Topline & Underline.

The two go together - and holding topline on the move.

Holding topline on the move.

Movement - sound, reach and drive, smooth and effortless.

A.4. Eyes: Colour harmonising with the coat. The KC / ANKC and FCI standards have no colour mentioned. AKC ask for dark brown to nearly black and the CKC ask for dark hazel.

A.5. Whippets, compared to many other breeds, are healthy and relatively disease free, however, health problems occur in all breeds (and crossbreeds). Vets often detect heart murmurs in Whippets but on Doppler ultrasound, these are found to be benign or what we call 'athletic murmurs' but not all murmurs are benign. With increased population, the sharing of bloodlines worldwide and wider communication, these health issues have started being a concern:

MVD (Mitral Valve Disease). Doppler Ultrasounds are recommended annually as the disease can present at any age. We Doppler all breeding stock.

Late onset PRA - no marker yet identified. Deafness (bilateral and

unilateral). BAER testing available.

A.6. Don't have preconceived ideas. Buyers should be seeking a happy, healthy and well socialised Whippet and not selecting a puppy based on colour (ie Blue, Black).

Some Whippets can be prone to separation anxiety so it's important to ensure that puppies are sound in mind as well as body. Respect Sighthound character. Males are the sweetest pets.



Whippets are versatile - they live in units and on acreage, they suit families with young children or seniors on their own, they enjoy running but also cuddling on your lap.

Toni & John Commerford
Ridgesetter Kennels

A.1. My first Whippet litter was bred in 1990. At the time I was still breeding and exhibiting Afghan Hounds. My children wanted their own dog, so we decided on a Whippet. Whippets are loving, loyal companions, and are very versatile. The wash and wear approach really appealed to me too, after spending hours washing and drying the Afghans. I have never regretted my decision.

A.2. I think the depth of quality is sadly missing from say 15 years. The movement on a whole has improved, as have the temperaments.

A.3. Shape of outline
Balance, both moving and standing

Elegance
Flat strong muscle
Correct sound movement

A.4. I think the extended breed standard is pretty much on the money in covering all aspects of the breed standard.

My own preference would be to put more emphasis on "Colour Being Immaterial" in both coat and eye colour.

And add to feet; "The Whippet foot should resemble half a walnut

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in shape"

A.5. Whippets overall are a very healthy breed. Yes, some issues pop up from time to time with heart and autoimmune problems. However not to the extent that they are becoming epidemic in occurrence. Some breeders here are now testing



for heart problems before breeding, which is a good thing. However unless everyone tests, are forthcoming



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with the results to be put on a data base, there isn't any hope of tracking the problems through pedigrees. Honestly is the best policy here.

A.6. Chose your puppy from a reputable breeder. Temperament is one thing one must be vigilant with. Nobody wants to have a nervous, anxious companion.

Molly Rule Steele
Taejaan Kennels

A.1. We have owned Whippets

for the last ten years, and have been breeding for about seven years, having owned terriers for the previous



Make sure you can devote the proper amount of time to your Whippet that he or she needs, and be aware that the Whippet is not a dog you can shove out into the yard to be left alone. Most importantly, have good fences



thirty-five years, under the Kerrypark prefix. We always admired Whippets as a breed, so it was a natural progression to choose them, they are such a great breed to live with, and so easy care.

A.2. 5 years ago, Australia had some Whippets of excellent quality, just as there are today Whippets in Australia that should win anywhere in the world. There would be a much greater number of breeders today, and with importation being much easier these days, the gene pool is much larger. However with the greater numbers in the breed, there comes an amount of diversity in style and type.

A.3. 1. Type - above all, type is paramount.

2. Balance - necessary firstly for the dog to efficiently do what he was bred for, and secondly to please the eye of the observer.

3. Soundness - necessary for the dogs health, and to efficiently do what he was bred for.

4. Quality - that little bit extra that makes the dog stand out.

5. Size - important that size does not get out of hand.

A.4. The breed standard pretty much covers it, and should be read in conjunction with the Extended Breed Standard.

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from one gene

WHIPPETS

Piaffe

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



**PRESENT OUR FATHER
DAUGHTER COMBINATION**

FATHER BOTTOM LEFT

**AUST CH
TWYBORN
INNOCENSE**

(Imp Swe)
Ch Twyborn Big Ben x Ch Twyborn Grey Gardens
Alfred is pictured here after winning dog challenge
and Runner Up Best in Show at the Whippet and
Greyhound Club of SA Inc on 18 October 2015
under Mrs Kersten Landsverk (Norway). Alfred
was handled by Ms Tabitha Dziego.

DAUGHTER BOTTOM RIGHT

**PIAFFE
ANASTASIA**

Alfred x Aust Ch Rushdale Kizmai
At just 7 months of age Anastasia won
Best of Breed and Runner up Best in
Show at the Queensland Sighthound
Association Championship Show
judged by breed specialist
Mr Alfredo Gomez (Columbia).

**PRESENTING OUR
LATEST CHAMPION**

**TWYBORN JOY
OF LIFE**

(Imp Swe)
Ch Twyborn Big Ben
x Ch Twyborn Chromatella
Folly was imported from Sweden with
Alfred. A slow maturer she has really
come into her own notching up some
very nice wins.
We have exciting maternity plans
for her in the near future.
Photo: Jörgen Oinonen.





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A.5. Whippets are normally a healthy breed.

A.6. Research & more research – firstly whether the Whippet is the right breed for you and your family, and secondly research your breeder's lines if you can. Make sure you can devote the proper amount of time to your Whippet that he or she needs, and be aware that the Whippet is not a dog you can shove out into the yard to be left alone. Be aware that your couch or bed is no longer just yours. Most importantly, have good fences.

Kerrie McMahon
Kerrypark Kennels

A.1. I was just 12 years old when I chose my first Sighthound, an Afghan hound. It was some years later in 1991 that the elegance of the Whippet breed caught my eye at the Brisbane Royal. In October 1992 Andrew and I acquired our first Whippet from Molly Steele, Ch Taejaan Close Encounters (Photo below) and a love affair with the breed began. We have been breeding Whippets for 17 years.

A.2. Generally I believe the quality of our Australian Whippets has held

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its own internationally over the last 15 years with improvements in some areas. The gene pool has benefited from the importation of some quality bloodlines from the UK, Scandinavian and other European countries and from the USA.

A.3. My five most important points for a judge to consider when judging Whippets:-

1. A series of fluid curves, with an 'S' shape underneath complemented by a topline with a gentle rise over the loin.

2. The forequarters and hind-quarters balanced with a good lay of shoulder.

3. The rise over the loin being maintained on the move. Topline not

being a "flat top".

4. Long, easy and low ground covering movement. Not "busy" or flashy hackneyed movement.

5. Soundness, moderation and elegance without any sign of coarseness."

A.4. I actually think the breed standard for the Whippet is a very good guide for Whippet fanciers and judges if read closely. Perhaps I would add in relation to gait and



movement that the movement should not be busy in front.

A.5. A worrying incidence of mitral heart disease in Whippets has been proactively detected in the United States and this needs to be monitored by Australian Whippet breeders too. In the States some benign and quite common heart murmurs have developed into this more serious condition. It is thought that this could be genetic. As a breed Australian Whippets have been generally free of many health problems.

A.6. My advice to a prospective Whippet puppy buyer is to buy a puppy from an established breeder and where possible to meet the breeder and the parents of the puppy to gauge good temperament and socialisation. Separation anxiety can be an issue for a Whippet left on its own for extended periods of time so the household arrangements are something to be discussed.

Ulla Greenwood
Piaffe Whippets

A.1. Whilst Elmaro kennels was established in the 1950's as a Dobermann kennel owned by Bebe Forrest, we purchased our first Whippet in 1995 for our daughter Ellen, she had handled the breed as a junior and fell for their sweet natured temperament, and it gave her something further to handle other than the Dobermanns. When we stopped breeding Dobermanns in the 1990's we had no hesitation in making the Whippet our chosen

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breed. They are easy to live with and great companions, and socialise well with other breeds our family have owned.

A.2. The top Whippets from 15 years ago would have no difficulty competing in the ring today, conversely today's top Whippets would also be competitive with the best from several years ago. Today's Whippets tend to be bigger than those of yesteryear, perhaps because some breeders are taking the added word in our standard "desirable" a little too literally.

The history of our breed makes reference to being prized by poachers as because of their size they were easy to hide and also you could pick them up and run away from land owners, so if size creeps up to such an extent you could not hide them or run with them in your pocket are they fit for purpose?

A.3. In no particular order:

Whippet type – this sounds obvious, but it needs to look like a Whippet, not a greyhound or an Italian greyhound. There should be a series of graceful curves, as the saying goes "No shape, no Whippet".

Balanced & Sound – they need to be balanced and sound, or "be fit for purpose", you want all parts of the dog to be in harmony with no exaggeration at either end (e.g. over angulated in the front and straight in the rear).

Shape – As stated above, shape is very important in our breed, the topline and underline should match to present a series of curves. It's also important that judges understand shape of the Whippet comes from the arch being present over the loin and not the back

Movement – Whippets are built for speed, so movement needs to

be efficient with no high stepping or hackney gait like you would see in an Italian greyhound. The topline needs to be maintained on the move with feet thrown long and low. It should be effortless.

Head – Our standard calls for a long and lean head, with a slight stop, the eye shape on an exhibit can help assess this, as those with not enough stop and narrow skull will have more of an almond shape, while a shorter head with excess stop will be more rounded, compared with the oval eye we are seeking.

A.4. The latest addition to the Whippet standard added in the body

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section in January 2015 states "Well filled in front", we would add to this statement "but not exaggerated". You most definitely want front fill when looking at the Whippet from the front, and don't want cathedral fronts, however it is important to remember Whippets were built for speed and use a double suspension gait where the rear legs need to come around past the front of the dog, if an exhibit has an excessively heavy front which restricts this, then it will compromise their ability to complete the function for which they were originally bred for.

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THE WHIPPETS AT BUFFALO

*keep moving
along...*



2015 was a great year...

finishing Supreme Ch Nabihah Peppa's Tigra - Grand Ch Thyme
crowned as No 1 Whippet Breed Challenge Competition NSW*
and with our beautiful youngsters,
already winning in group and in show awards...

....we are looking forward to 2016!!

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A.5. In the main the Whippet breed is very healthy. Especially when comparing them to our first breed the Dobermann. There are whispers that there are heart problems in the breed, maybe more so overseas than in Australia and while it may exist over here we would suggest that it's not a widespread issue throughout all lines.

Cryptorchidism and monorchidism is prevalent throughout the breed as is short cords to the testes which results in testes not fully descending.

A.6. Visit as many registered breeders as you can and find out what lines appeal to you. When visiting breeders and dog events, look at the condition in which they are kept, e.g. are they clean and healthy and fed correctly etc. When looking at puppies, ensure you are allowed to see the dam at the very least (the sire may not be available for viewing if owned elsewhere).

Ensure you ask the breeder about any health issues they may be experiencing as well as enquiring about

the longevity of their kennel. Do they have older Whippets you can look at? Finally be wary of breeders that constantly have young puppies available, as it may be a sign they are not breeding for the betterment of the breed, instead breeding for financial gain which is against the code of ethics.

**Bill, Eva & Ellen Mooney
Elmaro Whippets**

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Whippets? Why are they your chosen breed? I have admired this breed from afar for many years and acquired my first Whippet in 2002 and bred my first litter in 2004. I love their elegance, the loving and soft nature and their cleanliness. They are a pleasure to have in the home.

Q.2. How do you think today's Whippets rate with those of say 15 years ago? I believe we are very lucky in Australia that we have so many dedicated breeders and imported blood lines that the breed has always been strong and this has

never changed. The Whippets have always been a force to be reckoned with in the show ring.

Q.3. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important

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points you think a judge should look for in the Whippet? Shape and elegance first and foremost with the lovely symmetrical "S" Shape that defines a Whippet. The beautiful long, low ground covering movement that when correctly displayed is just captivating.

To be effective the Whippet must have long, clean muscling. There should be no short, bunched muscling that tends to creep into the breed sometimes. There should

be no sharp angles. The Whippet is about smoothness and outline. Also there is nothing more endearing than the beautiful soft expression combined with a cheeky alertness at the same time.

Q.4. If you were able to add a sentence to the Whippet breed standard what would it be? Whippet Warning: They are collectable.

Q.5. Does the Whippet have any health problems? I have had a few breeds in my 40 odd years in the dog world and the Whippet has been by far the healthiest. With careful breeding programmes by responsible breeders they should continue to be so.

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Whippet? Ensure you are buying from a reputable breeder. Go and meet the parents or at least one of them when possible. Take time to interact with the Whippets and listen to the breeders advice. Stay in touch with the breeder.

Vicki Shaw

Shawthing Kennels

KERRY PARK WHIPPETS
CH. COLLOONEY BIGQ (IMP IRELAND)

PHOTO AT 11 MONTHS BEFORE LEAVING IRELAND.

S: Shalfleet Simply Jazz
S: Ch Int Ch Rivarco Classic Jazz
D: Shalfleet Sweet Reflection

Sire: UK Ch Shalfleet Simply A Lord
S: Falconcrag Maestro at Shalfleet
D: Shalfleet Song of Dreams
D: Shalfleet Showtime

S: Am Gr Ch, Can Ch
S: Ch, Ir Ch, Int Ch Collooney He's Collooney Mountain Dew The One
D: Cobyco Call Me Madam at Stonefox

Dam: UK Ch Collooney Hot to Handle at Chapleigh J W
S: Ch Int. Swed, Nor, Dan Ch
D: Ir Ch Collooney She's Adagio Love Supreme The One
D: Ch Ir Ch Collooney Silver Silas

Q has already sired several Aust Ch offspring, and is available at stud to approved bitches.

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Shenace Whippet Kennels (NZ)
Ch Beeshalme Kissabelle At Shenace

'PASCHA'

2015 NZ NATIONAL BREED LEADER
SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR (DOL)

Appreciated in the AB & Specialty Rings with BISS, RBIS, Multi Group 1 awards.

Owner: Watson/Howell
Breeder: Ms J Howell

NZCR Chakrata Hoi Paloi At Shenace (Imp Aust)

'JAX'

PIS, Multi Age Group, Group 2, CC awards.
Jax gained his CH title at the tender age of 14 mths.

Jax was awarded best dog the first time he hit the ring as a baby puppy.

Owner: Lynda Watson
Breeder: Ms AE Curran

Lynda Watson E: shenace@xtra.co.nz



BREED FEATURE

The Whippet



The Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Balanced combination of muscular power and strength with elegance and grace of outline. Built for speed and work. All forms of exaggeration should be avoided.

CHARACTERISTICS:

An ideal companion. Highly adaptable in domestic and sporting surroundings.

TEMPERAMENT:

Gentle, affectionate, even disposition.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Long and lean, flat on top, tapering to muzzle with slight stop, rather wide between the eyes, jaws powerful and clean cut. Nose black, in blues a bluish colour is permitted, liver nose in creams and other dilute colours, in whites or parti-colour a butterfly nose is permissible.

EYES: Oval, bright, expression very alert.

EARS: Rose shaped, small, fine in texture.

MOUTH: Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK: Long, muscular, elegantly arched.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders well laid back with flat muscles. Moderate space between the shoulder blades at the withers. The upper arm is approximately of equal length to the shoulder, placed so that the elbow falls directly under the withers when viewed in profile. Forearms straight and upright with moderate bladed bone. Front not too wide. Pasterns strong with slight spring.

BODY:

Chest very deep with plenty of heart room. Well filled in front. Brisket deep. Broad, well muscled back, firm, somewhat long, showing graceful arch over the loin but not humped. Ribs well sprung. Loin giving the impression of strength and power. Definite tuck up.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong, broad across the thighs, with well developed second thighs. Stifles well bent without exaggeration with hocks well let down. Able to stand naturally over a lot of ground.

FEET:

Oval, well split between the toes, knuckles well arched, pads thick, nails strong.

TAIL: No feathering. Long, tapering, reaching at least to the hock. When in action carried in a delicate curve not higher than the back.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Should possess great freedom of action. In profile should move with a long, easy stride whilst holding the topline. The forelegs should be thrown forward and low over the ground. Hind legs should come well under the body giving great propelling power. General movement not to look stilted, high stepping, short mincing. True coming and going.

COAT: Fine, short, close in texture.

COLOUR:

Any colour or mixture of colours

SIZES:

Desirable height

Dogs 47-51 cms (18.5 - 20 ins)

Bitches 44-47 cms (17.5 - 18.5 ins)

FAULTS:

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

NOTES:

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.