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The editor had made a mistake on the calculation of NARX points so a new race summary sheet is included to reflect the changes.

Send in your Boasts and Brags so we can find out what everyone is up to in the coming months! I can't believe no-one has anything to brag about! I've heard rumors that there are puppies in Minnesota but maybe these are just wild rumors.

1992 CWA Schedule of Events

May 9-10	C-U Racing Club,	Danville, IL
May 23	Dairyland Whippet Club	Arthur's Acres. WI
May 24	Badgerland Whippet Club	Arthur's Acres, WI
June 13-14	Fort Hamilton Whippet Association	Joyce Park, OH
July 4-5	Gopher State Whippet Racing Group	Arthur's Acres, WI
Aug 8-9	Fort Hamilton Whippet Association	Joyce Park, OH
Sep 5	Badgerland Whippet Club	Arthur's Acres, WI
Sep 6	Dairyland Whippet Club	Arthur's Acres, WI
Sep 19, 20	Fort Hamilton Whippet Association	Joyce Park, OH

History of Whippet Racing in the United States

By Mary Beth Arthur (Note I added one paragraph on the 1980's and 1990's to bring the article up to date)

From its early professional years to its modern day amateur status, Whippet racing in this country has played an important role in the survival of the Whippet as a true sporting hound.

The first Whippets arrived in the United States approximately sixty years ago. A few came with immigrants from northern Ireland, but the majority were imported from England at high prices by wealthy sportsmen interested in professional Whippet racing competition.

In the 1920's, Whippet racing was scattered throughout the U.S., with major activity in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Long Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey in the east, Ohio in the Midwest and southern California on the west coast. Whippet racing included purses for the participants and betting by the spectators.

Whippet tracks in the 1920's featured "rag" racing, using tracks of 200 yards, with an allowance of 20-30 yards for stopping the dogs at the finish. The track was divided into four or six lanes, three to four feet wide and separated by a heavy cloth tape or rope held up by pegs. Each Whippet would stay in its own lane or be disqualified. Two people were required to "rag" race a Whippet. The person holding the dog at the start was called the slipper. When a pistol was fired, the slipper would release the dog, or pitch the dog in stride. Before the race would begin, the catcher of the Whippet at the end of the track would run down the track past the finish line, staying in his dog's lane, calling the dog and waving a cloth or rag to attract the Whippet's attention. The catcher would stay a minimum of 30 feet past the finish line so as not to interfere with the placements.

Although weight was not a proven factor in speed, Whippet racing in the 1920's was handicapped by weight, with advantages going to the lighter Whippet at the start of the race.

In the late 1920's, a permanent Whippet track was constructed at Brooklandville, Maryland, and the Maryland Whippet Club was created to administer professional Whippet racing at this location. When the stock market crashed in 1929, Whippet

racing activity in the U.S. subsided, except for the permanent track at Brooklandville, where it continued to flourish through the post-Depression era. An important change occurred during this period. People living in the Baltimore vicinity began purchasing Whippets to race at Brooklandville. This changed the ownership approach from track-controlled race Whippets to owner-controlled race Whippets.

In the early 1930's, Whippet racing continued to thrive in Maryland and a second track was built at Chesapeake Beach. In spite of the Depression there were two profitable tracks in operation in Maryland. During this period all Whippet racing was held at night under flood lights. The average weight of Whippets racing at Brooklandville and Chesapeake Beach was less than 20 pounds.

Two important changes were made in Whippet racing in the 1930's. First, the system of handicapping Whippets by weight was dropped. Whippets were now handicapped based on actual ability. Secondly, starting boxes replaced hand-slipping at the start of the race. Each starting box was placed in its lane based on yards advantage determined by the track handicapper.

The 1930's and 1940's saw additional refinements in professional Whippet racing. "Rag" racing became obsolete once circular track racing was introduced, with a hand-wind lure or an electric lure propelling a stuffed rabbit on an arm. Also, modern day Greyhound-type starting boxes were introduced. However, a decline of professional Whippet racing in the U.S. accompanied World War II and by 1947 had all but died. Betting was an intricate part of Whippet racing in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's and without it, and associated purse money, racing quickly ceased. By 1950, Baltimore, Maryland, once the center of Whippet racing in the U.S., was virtually without a Whippet population.

It was not until 1957 that Whippet racing was revived. The important difference was it now became strictly an amateur sport with no betting or purses involved. The only "prizes" were recognition, trophies, points or simply the satisfaction of knowing your dog still retains the basic instinct for which it was originally bred.

In 1957, the Northern California Whippet Racing Association and the Central States Racing Association of Illinois were formed to organize amateur Whippet racing. These two small groups combined forces in Chicago in 1958 to conduct Whippet racing as a spectator attraction at the International Amphitheater in conjunction with the Chicago International all-breed dog show. One of the organizers of this "rebirth" of Whippet racing was the late Louis Pegram, who had been active in Whippet racing in Maryland during the 1930's and 1940's. Louis was instrumental in convincing the American Whippet Club to sponsor Whippet racing as an amateur sport and a breed improvement program. In the 1960's he authored the AWC's Official Rules and Regulations for National Whippet Racing and in 1967 introduced the Award of Racing Merit (ARM) program to honor the top race Whippets in the U.S. and Canada. Out of thousands of Whippets competing only 236 Whippets earned an ARM Certificate between 1967 and 1987. Of this number 27 were also AKC or CKC bench champions.

The race rules were strengthened and improved over the years and in the 1970's the AKC breed standard and AKC show disqualifications were incorporated, barring from NPR competition a dog possessing a breed or AKC disqualification. The purpose was to maintain and preserve the AWC's race activity as a breed improvement and dual-purpose program.

In 1987, there were over 50 approved National Point Race (NPR) meets, averaging 40 adult starters. A six dog starting box is still used and each Whippet runs the 200 yard course four times per meet; dogs accumulating the most points are awarded trophies, ribbons, ARM points and "national" points for yearly recognition. Race meets are held in a dozen different states, with California, Ohio, New Jersey, and Texas being the most active. Race meets are held during daylight hours on weekends. The average weight of today's American race Whippet exceeds 30 pounds. Whippets are divided into grades, A, B, C, and D based on the average point score of the three previous race meets the dog competed in.

In the early 1980's oval track Whippet racing evolved in California. Non-permanent circular tracks with distances of up to 385 yards are used. Over 30 oval meets annually are normally held the same weekend as AWC NPR's. The AKC breed standard and AKC show disqualifications are not enforced at oval meets.

In the late 1980's and early 1990's two new racing clubs were formed. The North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA) in California, and the Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA) started in the Midwest. Both clubs were formed to promote purebred Whippet racing. Both clubs have stricter guidelines as to the Whippets which can compete and require individuals to obtain registration numbers for racing Whippets. Registration numbers are obtained after the pedigree of each Whippet is approved by a committee. Anyone participating in the program must agree to submit their Whippets for DNA testing if the Board decides this is necessary before a registration number can be granted. The CWA also holds a conformation competition at the end of each race meet for the top race finishers in each grade. In the CWA Whippets must meet all breed standard and AKC show disqualifications except that spay/neuter dogs may participate.

Although difficult to achieve, the ultimate goal of many breeders is to produce a dual-purpose Whippet champion, one that can excel in the show ring, as well as on the race track. There have been faster Whippets over the years but few can match the dual-purpose achievements of Ch. Pegram's Red Wagon in the 1940's, Ch. Whipoo's Whimsey, C.D. in the 1950's, Ch. Eyleland Cinnamon Roll in the 1960's, Ch. Pinetop's Opening Knight in the 1970's and Ch. Marial's Padneyhill Illusion, C.D., ARM in the 1980's.

Throughout its 60 year history, Whippet racing in this country has played an important role in the preservation of the breed's sporting instincts and breed character. The existence of Whippet racing has proved beneficial to the breed in the past and hopefully will help foster future generations of fit, versatile individuals.

Conformation winners at October 4 and 5 meet. The photos just don't show the blue fingers, ears and pads. Oct 4, Gene Jacobs with 1st to 4th place left to right, Gail and Pepperdine, Claire with Firewater, LouAnn with Brandeis, and Doug with Saltwater.



Oct 5, Connie Brunkow with 1st through 4th left to right, James with Firewater, LouAnn with Brandeis, Ule with Princeton and Cheryl with Coccinelle.



CWA Rules Changes: Ballot Results

Douglas Arthur submitted the rule changes. Please add them to your rules. The following changes to the CWA constitution and by-laws were voted on by the following CWA board members (Mary Beth Arthur, Doug Arthur, Claire Redell, Kathy Lukitsch, LouAnn Almquist, Mary Huff, David Henry, Connie Austin, Ule James):

1. Chapter II Eligibility, A.3 RULES, also CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, Article IV Committees, Section I, Registration Committee **ADD---**To be eligible for CWA registration a Whippet with a U.K. imported sire or dam must meet one of the following:
 1. U.K. sire or dam must be a show champion in any country, or
 2. U.K. sire or dam must have a champion sire or dam, or
 3. U.K. sire or dam must have a passport from the official pedigree racing association

If the dog is ineligible because of the above, you have the right to appeal.

PASSED 8 - yes 1 - no

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2. Chapter II, Eligibility, A.5. RULES, also CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, Article IV Committees, Section I, Registration Committee

ADD---AKC disqualifications are enforced (two normal testicles, blindness and deafness).

PASSED 8 - yes 1 - no

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3. Have wording the same in both RULES Chapter II Eligibility, and CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, Article IV Committees, Section I, Registration Committee.

PASSED 9 - yes 0 - no

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4. Chapter V, E, Box Operator

Add to sentence #2-- However, where a Whippet is known to be troublesome at entering the box or is destructive to equipment if left in too long, the Box Operator may require it to be put in first or last, respectively.

PASSED 9 - yes 0 - no

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5. Chapter XV Titles--Award of Racing Excellence

Revision-- To earn the CWA Award of Racing Excellence, a Whippet must earn 15 ARX points.

PASSED 6 - yes 3 - no

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6. Chapter XIV, Conformation Competition, C. Conformation Judge

DELETE last two sentences: Whippets owned by the selected judge may not compete in conformation competition that day. A judge may not judge a Whippet he/she is the breeder of, has previously owned, currently owns, or co-owns,

ADD--- At their discretion, conformation judges may judge their own dogs.

PASSED 7 - yes 2 - no

7. Chapter XV, Titles, D. Dual Purpose Champion (DPC)

ADD---Dual Purpose Champions and AKC/CKC champions may compete in CWA conformation competitions and may win 1st through 4th place, however, credit toward the DPC 1st place requirement will go to the next highest placing non-DPC/AKC/CKC champion Whippet.

PASSED 8 - yes 1 - no

8. Chapter X Scratches

ADD--- any Whippet that appears lame, injured or ill.

PASSED 9 - yes 0 - no

9. Chapter VI, Format of Race Meet

ADD Sub puppy races:

1. For 5 to 8 month old dogs
 - a. Run by themselves
 - b. No muzzles or blankets
 - c. 50 yards
 - d. 2 times per day

Purpose: To allow individuals with younger puppies to participate in race meets, allow the puppies to run at various locations, and increase the number of entries at race meets. No titles would be awarded for this.

FAILED 3 - yes 6 - no

10. Chapter XV Titles

ADD--- Superior Racing Award (SRA) 75 total NARX points accumulated over years. National Award of Racing Excellence (NARX) points are cumulative and are calculated by applying the standard ARX point scale to the top finishers at CWA race meets.

PASSED 7 - yes 2 - no

11. Chapter VI Format of Race Meet

Revision B. Puppy races. Puppies will compete in 3 programs (rather than 4).

PASSED 6 - yes 3 - no

12. Chapter VII Barred from Racing

ADD -- 7. Whippets under the influence of any drug prescribed by a veterinarian for lameness.

PASSED 8 - yes 1 - no

RACE SUMMARY SHEET																
					LAST MEET			2ND LAST MEET			3RD LAST MEET			AVG		NEWC
RTG	Dog's Name	Owner	SG	ARX	NARX	TRP	LOC	PL	PTS	LOC	PL	PTS	LOC	PL	PTS	
Adults																
1	Marial's Reata Saltwater ARX	Arthur/Strauss	A	12.00	29.5	11	IL	1	29	IL	1	29	OH	1	27	28.33 A
2	Marial's Palmeridge Princeton CD FbDX ARX	Austin/James	A	13.00	17.5	9	IL	1	27	IL	3	17.5	WI	2	22.5	22.33 A
2	Ch. Marial's Palmeridge Brandeis ARX	Almquist/Arthur	A	13.00	18	10	IL	2	23	IL	2	21	OH	2	23	22.33 A
4	Palmeridge Duke	Corner	A	5.00	1	6	OH	3	17.5	OH	4	16.5	OH	4	17.5	17.17 A
5	Marial's Palmeridge Auburn CD TRP	Willmann	B	11.50	1	10	IL	3	17.5	IL	4	16	OH	4	14.8	16.10 A
6	Slades Palmeridge LaSalle	Henry	A	1.00	1	4	WI	7	14	WI	4	15.5	OH	3(TIED)	18	15.83 A
7	Slades Bugle Boy Blu	Henry	B	3.00	1	5	OH	3	17.5	WI	5	15	WI	6(TIED)	13	15.17 A
8	Marial's Reata Firewater TRP	Arthur/Strauss	B	4.50		12	IL	4	16	IL	5	15	OH	5	14	15.00 A
8	Marial's Palmeridge Cornell	Austin/James	A	3.50		2	IL	5	14	IL	4	16				15.00 A
10	Swiftsure Luke's Jayson, ARM, ORC	Lukitsch	B	1.50		8	WI	5 (TIED)	14	WI	4	15	WI	6	14.5	14.50 B
11	Marial's Palmeridge Pepperdine	Wegner	D			1	IL	6	12							12.00 B
12	Marial's Whippetree Ice Water	Healy	C			1	WI	8	11.5							11.50 B
13	Marial's Palmeridge Paris	Arthur/Strauss	B			4	OH	7(TIED)	13	WI	9	11	WI	7	10	11.33 B
14	Fox Run's Callie Kalbah	Dievans	D			1	OH	9(TIED)	11							11.00 B
15	Marial's Swiftsure Finale TRP	Arthur/Strauss	A	4.00	3	10	IL	8	11	IL	7	8	OH	6	13.8	10.93 B
16	Slades Muddie Water, ARM	Corner	B			2	OH	10	10	OH	8(TIED)	12				10.00 B
17	Ch. Shamasan Knock on Wood	Wegner	C			2		12(TIED)	7		8(TIED)	12				9.50 C
18	Marial's Palmeridge Dakota TRP	Redell	C			10	IL	7	11.5	IL	9	4	WI	10	10	8.50 C
18	Luke's Palmeridge LeMans	Lukitsch	C			6	WI	7	11.5	WI	10	4	WI	9 (TIED)	10	8.50 C
20	Fox Run's Jockey	Sparks	D			1	OH	12	8							8.00 C
20	Blaz-N Kiwi Kate	Hadley	D			1	OH	11	8							8.00 C
20	Mystic's Dash of Ash	Barrett	D			1	OH	11(TIED)	8							8.00 C
20	Slades Ole Black Magic	DeMorest	D			1	OH	11(TIED)	8							8.00 C
24	Delacreme Belle Coccinelle	Curik	D			9	IL	9	3	IL	8	6.5	OH	7 (TIED)	10	6.50 C
25	Fox Run's Chase Manhattan	Abrams	D			1	OH	13	6							6.00 C
26	Ch. Palmeridge Alexandria	Almquist/Arthur	C			4	WI	13	2	WI	13	5	IL	11	9.25	5.42 C
27	Slades Bouncing Blu Bubbles	Henry	D			3	OH	9	5	OH	8	12.5	WI	11	8	5.00 C
28	Fox Run's Pearl Necklace	Sparks	D			1	OH	13	4							4.00 D
29	Proverbial Sugar N Spice	Randall	C			3	WI	13	0	WI	11	3	IL	12(TIED)	7	3.33 D
30	Blaz-N Warm Wyndancer	King/Thatcher	C			1	OH	13	3							3.00 D
31	Coggeshall's Emissary	Huff	C			3	WI	12	4	WI	12	0	WI	12	0	1.33 D
32	Sundance Thats Jason	Ward	D			1	OH	15	0							0.00 D
Puppies																
1	Mystic's Dash of Ash	Barrett	P				OH	1(PUP)	20							20.00 Pup
2	Marial's Palmeridge Cornell	Austin/James	P				WI	1(PUP)	18	WI	1(PUP)	20				19.00 Pup
2	Readers King Crown of Slade	Henry	P				OH	1(PUP)	18	OH	1(PUP)	20				19.00 Pup
4	Marial's Palmeridge Pepperdine	Wegner	P				IL	1(PUP)	20	WI	2(PUP)	14	WI	1(PUP)	20	18.00 Pup
5	Finghin Black Moon Rising	Owen	P				WI	3(PUP)	8	WI	2(PUP)	12	WI	2(PUP)	12	10.67 Pup

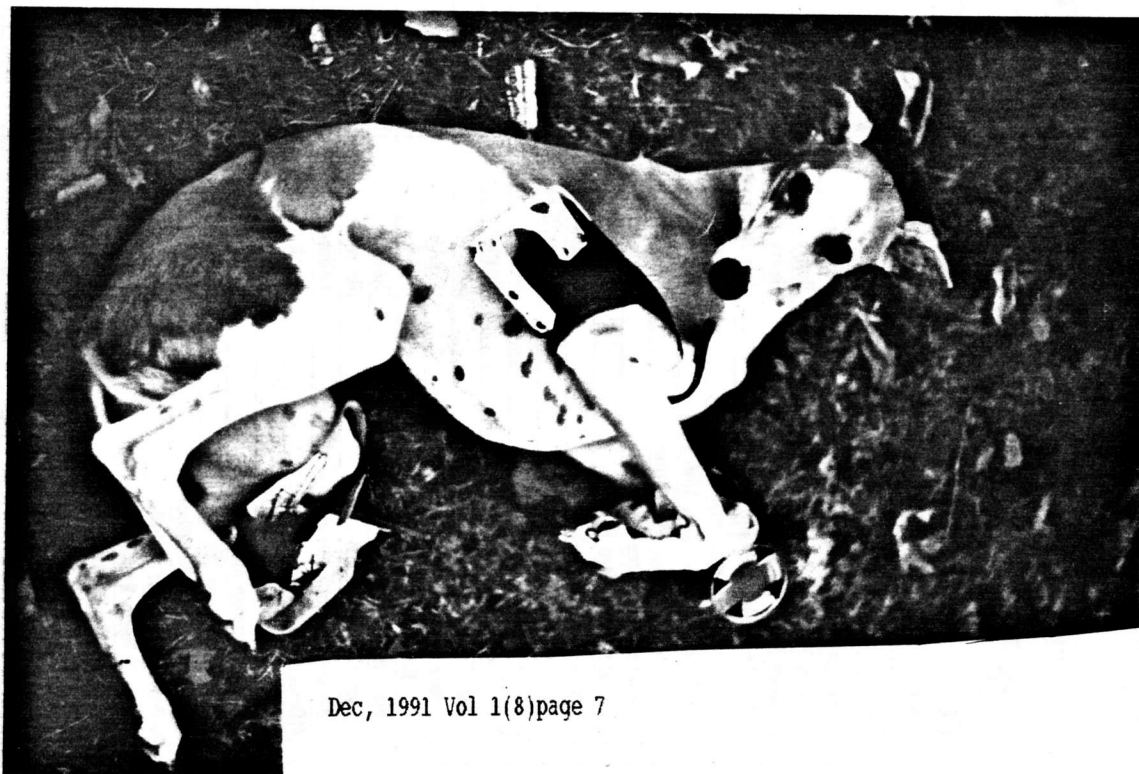
FUNNY TAILS

Muzzle mania

Left photo: From l to r Princeton's muzzle destruction sequence, rgt-most model is untested model. Right photo: New muzzle around neck.



Muzzle-masher modeler



Tracking Tails

Mighty Mite has a new interest in life. He has dived into tracking with a vengeance, and with tracking the article at the end of the track is always a glove of one sort or another. So you always want to praise and reward your dog when he is in contact with a glove. Mighty Mite figured the advantages of this out very quickly. When we arrive home in the evenings with our winter coats and throw them on the couch, he waits till we leave the room, then he searches our pockets for gloves. If he finds them he pulls them out one at a time and lays down next to them, or brings them to us for his reward. If there are none in the pockets, he moves to the closet and searches there. For Christmas I had asked for gloves and happened to get three pairs so he's decided opening presents is a good idea as well. We've taken to hiding gloves in high places because anywhere else and his little snoz finds them. He is a glove fanatic. With the next stage of tracking the tracklayer leaves several articles of any sort (combs, pens, keys, credit cards etc.) along the track so I can tell we're going to have to order extra supplies of dog treats.

Ule is my main tracklayer and lately we have been working on obstacles, well Ule gets into this with great enjoyment. He delights in making the track go down sharp ravines, across creeks, through briar patches etc. and when Mighty Mite and I are running the track, and he is following behind he'll start chuckling evilly and I'll know something horrible is coming up. He'll then start telling me to hurry up because Mighty Mite is leaving me behind, as I struggle down the briar infested ravine. I haven't yet figured out my revenge, but I will!! As you can tell tracking is a lot of fun so find a partner and a dog of course and get out there. If one dog doesn't work try another, Charlie has decided rabbit flushing is much more exciting then tracking so we went to Mighty Mite who is young and naive, and hasn't figured out that his only purpose in life should be RABBITS, so I'm hoping he won't figure that out anytime soon.
Connie Austin

Boasts and Brags

Connie and Ule are exuberantly ecstatic that Charlie finally qualified for a leg on his CDX on Oct 20. Ule had passed the reins of Charlie's CDX over to me as he had had as much fun as he could stand. The judge was definitely rooting for Charlie, as she kept telling me after almost every exercise that he hadn't failed yet (that gives you an idea of the quality of his performance). He got an itch on the heel, and Ule said he heeled very nicely on three legs. He had a delayed response for everything, and the judge said, maybe you should say "Earth to Charlie, Earth to Charlie" before you give him a command. I think he was seeing how much my nerves could stand by waiting so long before doing every exercise. But all a dog needs is a 170, and we did get a little over that! He got a Burger King hamburger for that performance, I can see I'll have to raise the "stakes" for the next performance, as this one was much too nerve racking.

Charlie and Mighty Mite both received JC titles after an AKC lure coursing event in Milwaukee in Nov. Mighty Mite obtained a TD title on Dec 1 along with a bloodhound, an Akita and a sheltie (50% of the passers were hounds!).

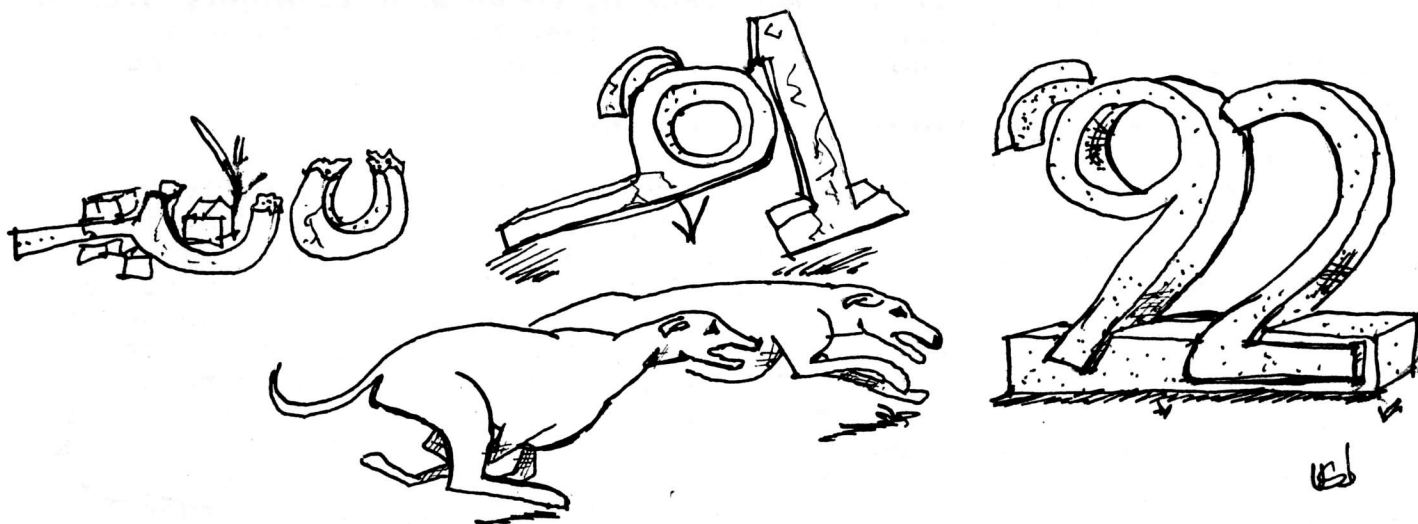
What about all those other whippets, beagles, and Corgis, some of them must be accomplishing something or at least acting amusing I hope!?!?!? Submit your wonderful or almost wonderful happenings so Ule and I don't remain the only newsletter hogs here. A newsletter is only as good as its input (Don't you feel guilty now??!!)

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