

Whippets are sighthounds, bred to chase without commands from the handler. While generally not stubborn, they're independent and not the easiest breed to train. Don't let that discourage you: They are very intelligent and all can learn house manners easily, like sit, down, and stay. Some do well with more advanced obedience, including obedience competition or rally. Most enjoy lure coursing (chasing a plastic bag pulled by a string) and racing and are also good in agility and flyball competition. But if you are looking for a dog to make your name in the competitive obedience world, get a Border collie!