We had just lost our first smooth coated longhaired whippet (Hamish) a few months earlier when we went to the new Hampshire longhaired whippet regional specialty show and saw this spunky small smooth coated longhaired whippet Vega. Both my wife and I had decided not to get another dog as we had a houseful already. I watched her throughout the evening and fell in love with her. I never said anything to my wife about the fact I wanted Vega. On the way home that night, I asked Donna if she noticed Vega. She did and said she would have loved to have her but she was Sidney Hoblit's dog. She reminded us so much of Hamish. We figured that was it and dropped the subject. A few days later I was on the ILWC website and there she was - available for adoption!

I ran into the other room and said she was available. We immediately notified Sidney and asked if we could adopt her and pick her up at the Pennsylvania show. We couldn't wait to get her. There was just something about her that said she was to be ours!

That was the beginning of our love affair with Vega. Also known as Vega B or Miss Vega. Sidney warned us that she was an attention seeker. She was right. We brought her home and she immediately let the other whippets know that she was going to be the queen. Of course she did it in the nicest way and everyone just let her take over. She didn't get that scratch on her nose by being a pushover!

When you sat down she would immediately jump in your lap and paw you for attention. She had to have someone petting, rubbing or scratching her at all times. If you stopped for more than 20 seconds she would paw you as if to say "you're not done yet"!

Because she was smooth coated and so tiny in bone structure, she always looked cold to us. We had a small pink raincoat that we put on her (that she loved) and thereafter she always wore that coat all day except for bedtime. When we let the dogs out I would always look for that little flash of hot pink to ensure she was back in. On the few occasions when she wasn't wearing her coat, I would go back out hunting for her, to make sure she wasn't left outside, only to find she was in the house snuggled on the couch or chair. I had forgotten she wasn't in that pink coat. That coat will always be "Vega's coat".

Another thing Miss Vega loved was getting her face and ears cleaned by our longhaired whippet Ansel. Ansel loved to clean Hamish and Vega's heads. He never tried to do it with any of the other dogs. Hamish would just sit and let him clean his face and ears for what seemed like hours and when Vega came, she did the same. It was nice for us in that when we got tired of rubbing her or scratching her we'd say "go see Ansel, he'll give you some attention!" She would and he would. He just loved his Vega B.

Vega and Ansel were our road tripping dogs. They loved riding together and never made a sound when we'd go to either the N.Y. or Pennsylvania specialty shows. We would tell her we were going to see momma Sid. When we would get there and she would see Sidney, you could just see her eyes light up. She never forgot her momma Sid and the love she had for her.

She was a beautiful little girl and a pleasure to be around. A lovely and loving girl - an embodiment of the longhaired whippet personality. We treasure the few years we had with her and will never forget the little girl in the hot pink raincoat. We miss her terribly but know she is with Hamish and the many other of our clan that proceeded her across the rainbow bridge. Rest in peace my little Vega B!