

TINY TITAN OF THE TANBARK STEALS THE SHOW

While elephants remain the biggest stars under the Cole Bros. Circus Big Top, a nineteen-pound Jack Russell terrier named “Whiplash” steals this year’s show. No mere mutt, six-year old Whiplash is a superbly conditioned canine athlete who engages in aerial antics and gymnastic gyrations that rival those of the human performers with whom he shares center ring. What’s more, every performance affords Whiplash an opportunity to win not one but lots of prizes: the dancing discs once termed, appropriately enough, “Pluto Platters.” Whether you call it a fling saucer or a frisbee is unimportant to Whiplash. All he cares about is catching hold of it with his tenacious little teeth, and while in hot pursuit of his heart’s desire, he can fly through the air with the greatest of ease as well as execute double-twisting somersaults that are as much fun for him as for his viewing audience.

Whiplash tours with his Dad, K-9 air sports trainer Craig Rogers, and three adopted siblings that include Riggs, a four-year old Australian Shepherd, a six-year old Border Collie named Spy, and semi-retired, thirteen-year old Bubka, a lab mix who was Rogers first disc dog.

Rogers’ entourage previously performed at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, with The Incredible Dog Team on tour in the US and South Korea, and on The Late Show with David Letterman, and they have appeared in numerous television commercials.