

Malta Canine Society Show – November 2002
Show Report - Judge Brenda Banbury

An impressive carpeted ring and a tremendous display of trophies and rosettes awaited us at the **Malta CS Ch.Show** which was staged at an excellent indoor venue with a bird show and a large book fair. The public obviously enjoyed being able to see the many good dogs exhibited and the visit of His Excellency the President Of Malta, Profs. Guido deMarco was greeted by enormous applause and was obviously very much appreciated.

The President & Committee deserve the highest praise for their organization of the show. My first class which was for Junior Handlers was won by **David Mercieca**. All put up an excellent performance. The class for best lady handler was won by **Moddy Borg** and best gentleman handler and best overall was won by **Edwin Micallef**.

Best In Show was a GSD, **Romainville Nicoli**, who I understand has won well on the Island previously. He is owned by Mr & Mrs. L.Farrugia and bred in the UK by Kathy George by Bygoly El Devino ex Ch.Romainville Esta. Pleasing structure, angulation, tailset and carriage, head and outlook, far reaching gait, holding his outline well on the move, steady temperament, alert bearing and sound in movement, in muscular hard condition and straight, hard coat. The winner of the AV Locally bred award also went to a GSD, the BOS in the breed classes, Micallef's Ch.Edmic Princess Diana. **Reserve Best In Show** went to the S/H Dachshund, Mr.S.Borg's **Galant Wish You Were Here**, bred by D.Agius by Ch.Woodstock Smarties At Galant ex Pandora Princess Sissy. He is long and low, with a compact, well muscled rear, pleasing head and outlook, short, dense smooth coat I good order, moves with a long stride and strong drive.

The Toy Group was won by a saucy L/C Chihuahua, **Widogi Rocket Man**, bred in the UK by Janet Fraser by Ch. Dachidas Johnnie Angel ex Widogi Myosotis, pleasing overall type, sound and forceful mover with a good front assembly and strong rear, held his outline and carried his tail well, good head and expression, coat in good order.

The Utility Group winner was the Akita **Am.Ch. Takara's One Helluva Pistol At Bidora**, bred in the US by Ch. Stock, owned by P.Pace. She has good proportions and overall type, strong neck, good head and tail carriage, pleasing head, good temperament, coat of brilliant colour and good texture, muscular quarters, good tail carriage, sound easy movement. Winner of the **Gundog Group** was the Golden Retriever, **Kiltris Nexus**, bred in Malta by R.Tanti by Kathanna Highlander ex xanthos Pistacchio Green, a balanced active and well boned dog, pleasing head and expression, good topline and make and shape, tail well set on and carried level with the back, strong loin, well angulated rear, weatherproof coat, good forward reach and drive.

The Terrier Group in Malta is numerically small, with only one breed present at the show, the Local Fox Terrier. The winner was **Minnie**, bred by T.Spagnol, has a pleasant outlook and temperament, held her topline and carriage well and had good drive, straight, smooth coat.

BPIS was won from a strong topline by Hili's Basset, **Richsomes Amazing Grace**, bred in the U.K by R.Porter by Karipat Free Willey ex Richsomes Simply Gifted, a well balanced puppy of good substance and bone, pleasing head and outline, in immaculate order, strong topline, long strong stern, coat short and close, free easy mover. **Res.BPIS** was the Pekingese, **Kansai Smooth Operator**, owned & bred by D Sant Fournier by Ch.Kushan That Certain Feeling ex Kushan Certain To Gold. Well balanced, compact and thick set, broad skull and muzzle, large round lustrous eyes, strong pigmentation, good rib, strong bone, compact loin, tail well set and carried, strong rear, slow, rolling gait, in puppy coat.

On the Tuesday evening after the show the Committee organized a social evening and a good number of exhibitors were there. We all enjoyed drinks, pizza and talking dogs.

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