

Malta Canine Society Show – Feb 28 & 29 2004

Show Report - Judge Ernie M. Paterson.

I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation to Judge at the above Show, particularly as it was at very short notice as a replacement judge for Mike Stockman. I hope he is now feeling a lot better.

The show was held in an excellent venue with a large carpeted ring. The quality of dogs shown under me was very high, though many exhibits were let down by poor handling. I was also a little disappointed with the standard of some of the imports from the UK.

My principal winners were as follows:

Best in Show went to the winner of the Working Group, the Boxer, Starfrace's **Ch.Yellowstone Buster**, very masculine in outlook with a good head and feet and well muscled in body. Very sound on the move with plenty of drive and reach.

Reserve Best in Show was the Whippet, Flores's **Nevedith Geefa Geepi at Florka**, most elegant very good lines right trough, just right for bone and body properties very stylish on the move.

Best Puppy In Show was also a hound, Hili's Basset Hound, **Danadri De Ja Vu'**, very promising youngster scores in head and eye, excellent for bone and feet. First rate top line and tail set strong, well put together right through. Very well handled to get the best out of him.

Reserve Best Puppy in Show was a French Bulldog who also won the Utility Group, Saliba's **Chrishell Blanc De Neige at Awesome Bulls**, pied bitch of the highest order, gorgeous head and pigment, well placed ears with a good front and feet just about right for weight and muscle tone, moved well, close up to top honours, must have a bright future.

Gundog Group was topped by, Micallef's Sh.Ch. Waterwood Black Topaz, black cocker on top form handy for size and good in head, nice neck and shoulder good action both ways, felt he flagged a bit for Best In Show.

Reserve was a pointer, Hili's Sh.Ch. Freebreeze Rarefind at Crookrise for Danadri, two year old bitch, so feminine excellent forehead with enough bone and good feet, reachy neck and well placed shoulder another who moved very well, to be hypercritical, I felt she could carry more weight.

Best Gundog Puppy was another Cocker, Borg's Framod Dream Weaver, a real charmer, excellent head piece well placed ear, good neck and shoulder body developing well, another who moved well.

Reserve the pointer, Micallef's Peakdale Loise, promising liver and white with everything going for her, needs more ring confidence if she is to realise her potential.

Hound Group reserve was the Saluki, Mercieca's Caryna Acamar at Chebec, ultra elegant good head with well placed eye, neck and shoulder, enough bone, top line was firm and tail was well set and carried, moved well.

Reserve Hound puppy was a Pharoah, Calleja's Amun Lord of Egypt of Vinmar, male rather at the in between stages in development, when settled should do well, all the essentials are there.

Terrier Group was won by a Bull Terrier, only a puppy so he took puppy Group as well, Mizzi's Aesir the Sky God, well grown youngster powerful head and eye good ears, strong shoulder and well muscled up already moved out well.

Reserve was the Fox Terrier (local) Spagnol's Minnie, charming breed rather taller than our own but most elegant good head and eye and first rate mover.

Toy Group was the Peke, Sant Fournier's Kansai A Dangerous Boy, well made male good head and eye, nice in front, body was firm and well made good mover both ways.

Reserve the Chihuahua, Young's Ch. Widogi Rocket Man, nice for size and type, nice head and pigment, good body and tail set, another who moved well.

Reserve in the Working Group was the GSD, Hili's Ch. Valtix cellent male, strong right through, scored in head and eye, neck and shoulder placement, strong well made body and very sound on the move at all paces.

Working Puppy Group winner was Sciberras's Rottweiler, De Niro Amazon, real quality puppy already has a certain presence which takes your eye, very sure of herself and so well put together, should have a bright future.

Reserve was a quality Border Collie, Spiteri's Charttop Tala, another good youngster put down in gleaming condition, body is just right for age, scores in head and eye, movement was first rate.

Reserve in the Utility Group and the Puppy Group were Bostons, the adult being Apap's Ch. Antrix Quick Silva, first rate Boston that scores in head with dark well placed eyes and well carried ears, good in front and feet and body is firm. Moved out well. The Puppy Group winner was Sciberras's Wildax Wild Card, a real star in the making, so feminine, gorgeous head, front assembly is excellent, body developing well and quarters are firm and muscular. Moves so well, Lovely puppy.

The Junior Handlers were particularly good and difficult to split. The eventual winner was Shawn Camilleri, who really gets the best out of all his exhibits, very pleased to see him representing Malta at Crufts later the same week.

Ernie M. Paterson. (Judge).