

THE MALTA CANINE SOCIETY

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 23rd & 24th April 2005

It was an honour and a pleasure to be invited to judge this show. The hospitality shown to me was second to none, and the sporting way in which my decisions were taken, especially at my Best In Show (thought they might have to replace the roof) was a delight. A super venue with its large carpeted ring gave plenty of room for all breeds including the G.S.D's. Two excellent stewards made everything run so smoothly. The quality on a whole was good as was the presentation. For a small Island this is no mean feat and the dedication to their animals and to their Club gave such a happy atmosphere through out the two days. Thank you to all.

UTILITY GROUP. Ch.& Eng Ch. AEDAN DOUBLE DARE. Out of the top draw, good head and length of neck into finest of shoulders, strong compact body, great hindquarters with excellent muscle tone which powered him round the ring. Presentation and coar condition to rival the best. Thank you for the pleasure of judging him.

Best Puppy Utility, the French Bulldog,. TAXIBIXI KEEP YR EYE ON ME. promising puppy, good head, nice front, strong body moved well.

GUNDOG GROUP & Best In Show , L.Micallef's Pointer, Sh. Ch.PEAKDALE HORIZON quality dog from all angles, well balanced and dished head, good neck and shoulder into upper arm giving good reach, well bodied, strong hindquarters, excellent feet, moved in perfect time with it's handler both fore and aft going on to Gundog group and Best In Show.

Best Puppy Gundog was M.Borg's CockerSpaniel, DAZLIN DOUBLE DEALER, well put together, good head, nice tight feet, ample spring of rib, sound quarters but would benefit from better presentation.

TOY GROUP S. Camilleri's Peke, Ch. MELSHA ALEXANDER MOON, in the most beautiful condition right thro to the skin, no knots here, good head, excellent front, well bodied, good hind action and correct roll in full gleaming coat, moved well round the whole of the ring. Won this group with ease.

Best Puppy Toy was Vella's C.K.C.S, WALLWILLOW IM CHUCKY TOO very forward, good head and expression, nice front, good body moved soundly, just need coat to finish the picture.

WORKING GROUP D.Zahra's Siberian Hisky. ANKALYN NORTHERNDANCER, quality dog in full coat and condition, good head and ear, nice strong neck and good lay of shoulder, strong body and hindquarters in excellent muscle tone, moved freely and with purpose. Pusged hard for top honours, just splitting hairs for final decision.

Working Puppy group winner was d.Rathmell's Rottweiler, Llarameth Just Magic, by name and by nature, super head with much work already good front, nice tight feet and above all super temperament. Moved well in tune with handler.

TERRIER GROUP J.Polidano's Staffordshire Bull Terrier FEARLESS GURU OF MANITOU, good type head of balanced proportions for one so young, correct front well bodied, good hind action that come with the strength of the quarters, also Best Puppy terrier.

HOUND GROUP A.Hili's Basset Hound Ch. RICHSOMES AMAZING GRACE lovely bitch so full of type, good head, eye and expression, good reach in front and drive from the rear, correct topline and good tail, good thick feet, well knuckled, moved well and with purpose, Reserve Best In Show.

Best Puppy Hound and Best Puppy In Show wasN Borg's Beagle ROSSMAITH PIROUETTE AT FRAMOD, a top quality pup that could well hold its own in the U.K, super balanced head, good expression, lovely neck into the best of shoulders, giving the truest of fronts, super tight feet, good proportioned body into strong quarters, moved and handled to perfection to **Best Puppy In Show**.

The Junior Handling class must have a mention. First was Christabelle Chetcuti handling a Whippet, totally in tune with her dog, moved precisely at every turn with attention to my every move. her anticipation and confidence just gave her the edge over the second place Rebecca Saliba who handled a Pointer, as the day went on this young lady grew in confidence, I am sure these two will change places with each other many times through the year and hopefully will see them at Crufts next year.

Sheila Sadler