

Malta Canine Society Show – 25/26th February 2006

Show Report - Judge: Mr. Robin Sadler.

A big thank you to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge their well run 'All Breed Championship Show' and in particular - the exhibitors - who accepted my decisions in such a sporting manner.

I last visited Malta some 25 years ago in my airline days, when we used to fly in, do a quick turn around, then fly back to the UK.

If anybody is still thinking of where to go for their summer vacation, give Malta serious consideration. It is such a beautiful island. I only wish that I had had more time to explore, and the Maltese are so warm and welcoming. The show sponsored by Nutro was held at the Cottonera Sports Complex. The fully carpeted ring was ideal in size - as big as any BIS ring in the UK.

A quality entry awaited me and how pleased I was with my ultimate winners. Lovely well balanced types - such good representatives of their breed.

Maltese television cameras were there to film Best In Show and yours truly was interviewed after on my results. What a lovely weekend. Super dogs, people, hotel - as the late Bob Hope used to sing....Thanks for the memory.

GROUP WINNERS:

HOUND GROUP Vella Whippet Dog Ch. Nevedith Geefa Geepee at Florka. Super hound. Full of quality. Long & lean head. Bright eye. Strong jaw. Muscular neck. Deep brisket. Strong muscular hindquarters. Well developed second thigh. Well arched knuckles. True movement - forward and aft. Expertly handled by such a promising young lady handler.

RESERVE HOUND GROUP Casha Irish Wolfhound Dog Ch Galway Bay of Nutstown. Lovely type, showing all the characteristics of power & strength. Super head. Good dark eye. Strong jaw. Strong & muscular neck. Good front. Muscular shoulders. Very deep chest. Well muscled hindquarters with well let down hocks. Moved with true wolfhound ease.

BEST PUPPY HOUND Mifsud Basset Hound Bitch. Bassjoy Red Spirit. Nice type of hound. Well domed head. Dark eye. Strong jaw. Muscular neck for age. Well rounded ribs. Good hindquarters Well let down hocks. Nice to watch on the move.

UTILITY GROUP Delia Bulldog Dog Mystyle Ozzie. Super type. Large skull. Short muzzle. Good high set ear. Broad & square jaw. Strong neck. Well rounded chest with good tucked up belly. Hocks sufficiently bent & well let down. Covered the ground well when on the move.

RESERVE UTILITY GROUP . Aquilina French Bulldog Bitch. Oziag Star Sapphire. Nice square head. Lovely dark eye. Powerful neck. Muscular forequarters. Cobby body. Well sprung ribs. Well let down hocks. Free & easy movement.

PUPPY UTILITY . Gatt Keeshond Dog. Neradmik Village Gossip. Lovely type. Well proportioned head. Good dark eye. Long & arched neck, set on well sloped shoulders. Short body. Deep brisket. Well muscled hindquarters for age. Good high set tail. Movement straight & true.

WORKING GROUP & BEST IN SHOW Gatt Samoyed Ch. Roybridge Silva Nemesis. Super type in lovely coat & condition. Broad flat skull. Keen eye giving that lovely Samoyed smile. Strong neck set on well laid shoulders. Good deep chest. Well sprung ribs. Well angulated hindquarters. Long profusely coated tail. Moved so well with the power and elegance required in the breed. Expertly handled.

RESERVE WORKING. Caruana Great Dane Bitch Ch. Tal-Beta Primrose at Jasa. Good head with deep set eye. Strong jaw. Well arched neck set on good shoulders. Well sprung ribs. Muscular hindquarters. Well developed second thigh. Free & easy driving action when on the move.

PUPPY WORKING & RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW Borg Rottweiler Dog Cotarinn Keltic Wizard. Very promising youngster. Good broad head. Nice dark almond shaped eye. Strong jaw. Correct length of neck. Well laid back shoulders. Broad & deep chest. Well angulated hindquarters. Very positive on the move.

TERRIER GROUP Mizzi Bull Terrier Dog. Ch Aesir The Sky God. Strongly built type. Strong & deep head. Well sunk eyes. Muscular neck set on good shoulders. Good front & bone. Well rounded body with good spring of rib. Well developed hindquarters with good second thigh. Covered the ground well when on the move.

RESERVE TERRIER GROUP . Polidano Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Dog. Fearless Guru of Manitou. Well balanced type. Nice head & good eye. Muscular neck set on good shoulders. Close coupled body. Deep brisket. Well padded feet. Well muscled hindquarters. Good to watch on the move.

PUPPY TERRIER Polidano Staffordshire Bull Terrier Dog Bordpol November Rain. Although still very much a baby, a nice type. Nice head set on good neck. Well laid back shoulders. Good front & bone. Good spring of rib for age. Well muscled hindquarters. One for the future.

TOY GROUP & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW Sant Fournier Pekingese Dog. Ch Kansai a Dangerous Boy. Super type - full of quality & in full coat. Large head. Lovely dark eye. Good short neck. Well boned forelegs. Broad chest with good spring of rib. Well shaped hindquarters. Good high set tail. Slow dignified roll.

RESERVE & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW Bagshaw Yorkshire Terrier Largate Dreams are Made of This. This one took my eye at once. A super puppy full of quality & great potential. Lovely neck with keen eye. Good reach of neck. Well laid back shoulders. Compact body. Sufficient turn of stifle. Great to watch on the move. Such a free flowing movement. Had that feeling she was telling everyone 'Hey watch me'.

GUNDOGS Borg Cocker Spaniel dog Dazlin Double Dealer. Well presented black. Good head. Well muscled neck set on good shoulders. Well boned and good front. Deep chest giving plenty of heart room. Muscular hindquarters. Well bent stifles. Very sound on the move. Kept topline at all times.

RESERVE GUNDOG& BEST PUPPY IN GROUP . Flores GSP Dog Moruada Shall we Dance. Australian bred dog. Good head & nice eye. Muscular & slightly arched neck. Good sloping shoulders. Good front & bone. Deep ribs & well sprung. Well muscled hindquarters with well bent stifles. Good to watch on the move.

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