

Malta Canine Society Show – 14/15th February 2009

Show Report - Judge: Mr. Jeff Luscott.

Thank you to the society for the opportunity of visiting this beautiful island again. Things have changed in the landscape but the welcome and the sporting atmosphere at the show is very charismatic. The work of the steward is sometimes a thankless task but mine, Leeandra Mizzi worked hard and was always in charge and good at keeping the exhibits and handlers in order. I enjoyed the show, the overall quality in most groups has improved since I was here 10 years ago and the handling skills just as good. My group winners were:

Toy Group: Winner - Palacegarden Marcell Livanda – Stunning young Pekingese puppy dog with an attractive and superb quality head, of good width and balance, expression in eye. He has good weight in body, front and bone, a well defined waist and nicely conditioned body and coat length. He moves with good action and style. Should have a great future.

Reserve – Jackpot Vom Sachsen Adel – A really cobby and well muscled pug who has the balance, strength and attitude required. I liked his square image, neck, chest, rib and loin cover, he moves well in front and has the typical roll when he drives from the rear. Close up but not outdoing the fabulous Peke today.

Toy Puppy Group: Winner - Palacegarden Marcell Livanda Reserve - Lambada Von Sachsen Adel – The exciting pug puppy bitch with a most impressive head, full of type and quality. She has the cobbyness required but is going through the growing stage at present, not quite having the muscle and finish of the winner, but she is great on the move and will push to best in the future.

Gundog Group: Winner – Sh. CH. Pipeway Black Jake – Black & White pointer who impresses with his great style on the move, he has the reach in front and drive from the rear. He carries a typical head, neck and body shape with good muscle over body, topline and rear quarters.

Reserve – Sh. CH. Odelot el Primero – Close up, the German Short Haired Pointer. Again, of good make and shape with his bone, structure and muscular quarters, he is true in front and rear action and covers the ground with typical action.

Gundog Puppy Group: Ladiv Chic Queen of Spades – Standing alone but enthusiastic and lively with nice body and starting to develop. Will need to work with her handler.

Terrier Group: Winner – Fortifer The Road of Kings - Strong and Powerful Bull Terrier with a pleasing head and eye, good neck, ribs and chest. Holds topline well with good tailset. He's a solid mover with the reach and drive required. Overall an impressive and typical specimen.

Reserve – Bonnie Fenella Peppermint Ice - Young Westie Pup with good bone balance and shape. Developing well, nice carriage and pleasing at this stage of her progress. Good front and rear. One for the future.

Terrier Puppy Group: Winner: Bonnie Fenella Peppermint Ice.

Reserve: – Bugar the Seafront Eyecatcher.

Working Group: Winner – Ch. Barkun Hanna- Top Quality and impressive German Shepherd bitch with the best of outlines held standing and on the move, she's balanced in head to neck and body. Good height on the withers, flows over topline into rear quarters giving her the power to cover the ground so easily, she has the bone, substance and muscle tone required. Drives her frame round the ring from sound and strengthened quarters and has the front reach and action needed in the breed, overall an excellent size and picture in motion.

Reserve – Deniro Pied Piper – Strong and well made Rottweiler, the right outline and balance on the move, attracts in head, neck, front and chest, he held the topline well on the move and was shown with style and showed his action to the full on the side gait.

Working Group Puppy: Winner - Ivram Woodland Take Me to the Ring – Striking Alaskan Malamute boy with good height at the withers, uses himself well standing and on the move, excellent bone, strong sloping topline, pleasing head and expression, skull to broaden as he grows. Great action with the ground covering style and push from the rear.

Reserve – Mac Chain Dolce Gabbana – Most promising Rottweiler puppy with a good outline and balance, attracts in head and expression with strong jaw. She moves well in her front, rear and side actions and should develop with the right work.

Hound Group: Winner – CH. Switherland Royal Ruler at Danadri - Powerful well structured and boned dog, low to the ground with a great body, muscle and bone. Strong in chest, rib and topline. He moves to cover the ground with good tail carriage and a positive action front and rear. He speaks Basset to you and has good feet and is shown in a quality coat and condition.

Reserve – CH. Framod Sonador – Excellent Beagle bitch of top quality in head, balance, neck, body and shape. She has the bone, feet and muscled rear qualities. I loved her on the move, front, rear and side action so positive. Pushed winner all the way in the end decision.

Hound Puppy Group: Winner – Beagle Di Fonte Posca – Sturdy and compact beagle youngster with a super outline standing, impressive in head and ear set, good through neck, body and topline, is building well in muscle and moves with purpose driving from behind.

Reserve – Chebec Flawless Diamond – Lovely build and muscle on this young whippet dog, pleases in head, front and chest, rear quarters with great muscle, developing in body and topline, moving with style to cover the ground.

Utility Group: Winner – Luizador Hardy Harrison – The well balanced and typical French Bulldog took all before him. This junior dog is such a character, great head, of skull and muzzle ratios. Attract the eye. He has a good overall muscle and condition. In body, he is cobby, well rounded with ribs well sprung, moving with an impressive gait. He worked hard with his handler to present the sturdy, compact and solid dog required.

Reserve – Am. CH. Bo-K's Walk in the Park – This Boston terrier was so good in head, neck, body filling and muscle, is well balanced and striking on the move. Good balance skull to muzzle, well set eyes, width of jaw and ear carriage. Easy and graceful movement.

Utility Puppy Group : Winner – Wont To Go Home Elison Man Kow – 6 month old Chow baby with the most impressive head, ear and jaw. He has good skull and muzzle proportions, well made neck, front and boned legs. Developing well at this stage. Tail carried well. Pushed hard but kept the Boston puppy at bay with his easy short stride on the move.

Reserve – Deniro American Breaking Ice – Boston puppy of well constructed make and shape. Pleasing head, he has a good outline and angles, is nice in body, chest and legs. Moves with strong action to cover the ground.

Best Brace: Mifsud/Gauci's Pekingese – Part of well groomed balanced Pekingese with quality in coat and cover. Nice bone, they are exciting and have a promising future.

Best A/V Locally Bred in Show: CH. Emmanuela Nera at Chebec – Smooth Dachshund shown in her well muscled body, strong quarters, attractive head, well set ear, filled chest with strong breastbone. She was free and flowing on the move.

Best in Show provided me with a great line up of six quality dogs, all out to impress. My final decision was down to 3, the Basset Hound with his strength and power, the French Bulldog, Luizador Hardy Harrison, great head, front and body shape who was rewarded Res. Best in Show and the eventual winner, the German Shepherd bitch – Ch. Barkun Hanna in that superb muscled condition, exciting ground covering gait, she was on top form and I was pleased to award her BIS.

Best Puppy in Show – From my line up I chose 3 to move again, the fabulous Pekingese, Palacegarden Marcell Livanda, puppy with a gorgeous head & expression, the Alaskan Malamute, - Ivram Woodland Take Me to the Ring, with his balance and easy action and the exciting young Chow puppy, only 6 months old but must have a great future. The nod went to the Pekingese, still performing at the highest level and Reserve went to the Alaskan Malamute.

Jeff Luscott - Judge.