

The Malta Canine Society Championship Show 10th & 11th November 2012

The show was well supported and held in a good size sports hall with an excellent, carpeted ring and had a great ringside. Organisation was impeccable.

The gundog group was won by the Cocker Spaniel, "Asquanne Giraldi" a black dog of only 16 months, he has the most handsome, masculine head and is so well put together throughout and shows it on the move, he looked a picture!

In the toy group there was a good entry of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Pugs with other breeds well represented the final nod went to the super Pug bitch "Bidora Alhambra", she has an excellent head, is of correct overall shape with just the right amount of body, and such a stylish mover.

Beagles, dachshunds and Whippets had good numbers in the hound group and it was topped by an outstanding young Wire Haired Dachshund, "Bassjoy Take a Chance on Me", he is just coming up to 18 months and is so correctly built with a "dead level" topline, correct, conical head with well placed ears. Super front and rear a real eye catcher.

I must just mention the runner up to him which was the most elegant Afghan Hound, imported from Canada, Can.Ch Polo's Kabik T-Sensation who was so close up, just another kilo in weight could have swung it the other way.

Support for the children's class could have been heard all over the island, eventually it was won by Roberta Busuttill who never put a foot wrong, a great young handler.

17 French Bulldogs were entered with good Boston and Bulldog entries in the Utility Group, however the Keeshond bitch Neradmik Late Night Love could not be denied the top spot, she is spot on for size, all shades of grey in colour, sound front and rear finished with a beautiful, feminine head a real beauty of just over 12 months.

The Terrier Group, although not strong in numbers had a few quality dogs and the Bull Terrier bitch "Esprit de Corps the Joker" took the top spot, she has the most delightful, egg of a head with super eyes and expression, solidly built, her conformation was shown to advantage in her outstanding movement.

Runner up was the Wire Fox Terrier, Travella Sharp Action closely followed by a glorious Staffordshire Bull Terrier bitch, imported from Hungary "Silent Brawler Bora" she is only 17 months and should have a great future.

Boxers had a strong entry of 14 in the working group, quite a few German Shepherd Dogs although none of them pleased me. However the thrill was an Alaskan Malamute, "Ivramwoodland Continue the Legend", he is of great size, strong and masculine throughout, one of the few Malamutes that I have seen with the correct topline, text book conformation, strong bone, outstanding movement finished with a glorious coat, he is a real stunner!

Reserve in the group was the most beautiful Siberian Husky "Ayuka's Martini Rosso", she is only 10 months and is quite outstanding right from her correctly balanced head to the tip of her tail, a true delight on the move with just the right amount of body.

Best in show was the Alaskan Malamute with the Bull Terrier reserve.

Best puppy in show was the Siberian Husky.

Keith Nathan
Judge