

The Malta Canine Society's Spring 2013 Championship Show – Judge's report.

Toy Group - Best In group was the Pekingese, D.Sant Fournier's Ch.Livanda Domingo, one of the best Pekes I've seen for a long time, super head and body, his movement is a joy to watch coat and presentation excellent, later awarded **Reserve Best in Show**. Reserve Best Toy was the Cavalier, G.Spiteri's Call Me Lucky Scarlet Team, a young male who will be going places loved his head and expression good front lovely topline not yet in full coat his super movement won him this place. **Toy Puppy Group** and **Reserve Best Puppy In Show** was headed by J.Spiteri's beautiful Pug, Tanager's Dreamlover, needs time to mature and fill out but when he does will be hard to beat. Reserve was M.Plant & J.Polidano's Long Coat Chihuahua, Ice Maiden, 1st class presentation needs more confidence.

Gundog Group winner was the powerful Bracco owned by J.Galea, Ciclone, super head and eye smart neck and shoulder carrying correct amount of weight moved very well. Reserve Best Gundog was the black and white pointer owned by J.Schembri, Isoria Ganni, nice head and neck would like a bit more length, of back smart quarters moved well. Best Puppy Gundog went to I.Spagnol's GSP, Avaline Venice, this youngster needs a lot of maturity and to improve in front.

Best in the Utility Group proved to be the star of the show and any other show, V.Gatt's Neradmik Late Night Love, this stunning Keeshond is one of the most beautiful dogs I have ever judged, she is so precise in every department from her outstanding head to her beautiful hocks no wonder her move momentous is perfect, later awarded Best in Show. Reserve in the Utility Group was R&I.Sammuts' Bulldog bitch, La Chata La Irina, the more you look at her the more she appeals, super head with terrific under jaw great bone and pear shaped body liked her a lot. Utility Puppy Group winner went to the super Boston Terrier, D&C.Sciberras' McLaren Alikana, lovely head, eye and ears, his body is beautifully formed with great spring of rib he makes a perfect picture in profile, great mover, later awarded **Best Puppy in Show**. Reserve Utility Puppy was the Japanese Shiba Inu, M. Farrugia's Mizuumi Go Shun'You Kensha, what an elegant young bitch she is, has the most beautiful head and ears, perfect body and a very sound mover.

The **Hound Group** winner was D&C.Sciberras' male Whippet Ch.Absolute Mann I'm Lovin' It, of outstanding quality, his side profile is perfection, very elegant neck, correct topline, lovely hindquarters and nice reach in front but a bit wide coming to me, a top class hound. Reserve went to the attractive beagle, P.Sciicluna's Italian Football Player, liked his head, neck and front, good topline, carried his stern at correct angle. The Hound Puppy Group winner went to A.Busuttil's Beagle, Isoria Amigo, this is a really smart boy with a lovely head, correct neck and shoulder, good front and body, great hind quarters, very sound on the move. Reserve went to whippet, S.Mercieca's Chebec Perpetual Delight, a little tall for me, he has a nice head and neck strong body and moves ok.

Best in the **Working Group** was the striking Great Dane, J.Joyce's Cragarnat Rock Chase Bullet, I would like more size about him, he has a lovely head and neck true front, good body great hind quarters, his best feature is his super movement, presented in hard condition. Reserve was J&L.Attard's Alaskan malamute, I Am For Ivram, this boy could be a bit stronger in body and a bit more bone, correct ears and nice head carries himself well on the move. Working puppy group winner was the lovely Shetland Sheepdog owned by C.Attard, Veavy Sweet Princess Des Mille Eclats Des Tournesols, what a poppet she is, one of the best heads I've seen in this breed for a long time, super coat, perfect ear carriage, very sound mover doesn't want to grow any more. Reserve Puppy Working was, J.Galea's G.S.D, Dingli Gem Jake, what a powerful boy he is, super head, correct ears, strong neck and body, excellent in profile, very sound boy.

Terrier Group winner was a very smart Bull Terrier owned by N.Agius, Ch. Esprit De Corps The Joker, she has a lovely head, strong neck and body, presentation was first class, what a great show girl she is, carries her tail at a perfect angle, very smart mover. Reserve Best Terrier was P.Carabott's WHWT, Mcalleja Westies Mon Blanc Charmant Prince, excellent presentation, nice head and expression, correct topline, nice firm body, could have moved better, automatic choice for Best Puppy Terrier. Reserve Puppy Terrier was M.Cassar's Bull Terrier, Electra Eos Tanagros, she is of beautiful type but needs to behave herself in the ring, sort this out and she will do a lot of winning.

Keith Thornton – Judge.