

# **The Malta Canine Society April 2014 Championship Show**

## **Judge's report**

My sincere thanks must go to the Officers and Committee for their kindness and hospitality during the course of the show. It was a great privilege to be invited to judge in Malta, it was an appointment that was eagerly anticipated by me. I was fortunate to have an entry of top class dogs.

**Best in Show and winner of the Terrier group** was A.Barker's Irish Terrier, AM.G.CH KELLS TOUCH OF FLEET ST. oozed breed type of good size and angles lovely outline, masculine head and dark pleasing eye correct ears used well, neck strong slopping into well laid shoulder well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on tail set in excellent coat moved and handled expertly.

**Reserve best in Show and winner of the Gundog group** was J.Galea's Bracco Italiano, SH.CH. CICLONE masculine head broad muzzle and typical expression correct clear eye correct bite and dentition. Strong neck well let into muscular well laid shoulders correct front assembly well off for bone and rib bang on topline and tailset well muscled rear quarters true going and coming and holding topline in side gait.

**Best Puppy in Show** was the Siberian Husky owned by D,Cassar, BANELORD GIRL ON FIRE very mature lovely expression with good muzzle to skull proportion correct ears used to full advantage correct eye very good pigmented strong neck and powerful shoulders good length of upper arm excellent top line and tail set in full coat held top line in side gate and parallel front and rear

**Reserve Terrier group** – A.Mallia's Staffordshire Bull Terrier, SILENT BRAWLER BORA Feminine head nice ears used well good muzzle to skull proportions good front and bone nice feet well ribbed correct top line correct tail set well muscled quarters moved with ease

**Reserve Gundog group and reserve best puppy in show-** J.Scerri's English Springer Spaniel, LORDSETT MONEY FOR NOTHING Upstanding male of good size well off for bone and coat good muzzle to skull proportion correct ears top line and strong quarters moved with ease and handled well.

**Best Puppy Terrier group** - Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by A.Mallia, NETEREX CHECKMATE of good size and type pleasing head and expression keen eye correct bite and dentition strong arched neck well-muscled front and rear pleasing rib and bone neat feet moved and handled well.

**Winner of the Toy group** was S.Bonnet's Chihuahua Long Coat, MECSEKI APROKA HORUS Masculine head with alert expression correct shaped eye, good ear set correct bite and dentition excellent reach of neck sitting cleanly on well laid shoulders, firm and level topline good depth of chest neat feet moved out with ease excellent coat.

**Reserve Toy group** – D.Sant Fournier's Pekingese,.KANSI LITTLE BIG MAN masculine head correct ears and eye large open nostrils good coat well off for bone and rib excellent outline moved and showed well.

**Best Puppy Toy group** was L.Mangion's Chihuahua Smooth Coat, DRUELA ROSIER-PL feminine head ears well set jaw strong correct bite and dentition neck strong running into well

laid shoulder well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on topline and tailset moved and handled well.

**Winner of the Utility group** – V.Gatt’s Keeshond, CH. NERADMIK LATE NIGHT LOVE feminine head correct ears and eye pleasing neck and shoulders good length of upper arm excellent front and feet good bone and rib nice tail set strong muscular quarters moved and handled well.

**Reserve Utility group** French Bulldog owned by P.Pellegrini, CH. JEWELS OF PATRIAL AMBER feminine expression lovely eyes correct bite and lip placement correct ear strong neck and well muscled shoulders good spring of rib short coupling nice roach and top line strong well muscled quarters pleasing tail set held top line on the move.

**Best Puppy Utility group** was P.Pellegrini’s French Bulldog, DELICATISSEN DE LA ESENCIA feminine head and dark eye giving that typical expression correct bite and lip placement bat like ears used well correct straight front good spring of rib with short couple lovely top line and roach nice tail set and well muscled quarters moved and handled well.

**Winner of the Hound group** – K.Carabott’s Afghan Hound, GOLD’ N COPPER DIMONDS FOR MEN Masculine head with dark eyes and kind expression muzzle in proportion to skull good chin and good mouth pleasing length of neck sloping shoulder and correct front and fore chest, good bone and rib with angulated well muscled quarters true going and coming holding topline in sidegait.

**Reserve Hound group** S.Mercieca’s Whippet, ABSOLUTE MANN FULL OF JOY Feminine head well balanced super eyes pleasing mouth well arched neck with excellent shoulders well angled front assembly with depth brisket and well sprung rib cage holding topline in sidegait.

**Best Puppy Hound group** - A.Busutil’s Beagle MIXTWAN SOPHIE very mature for one so young lovely expression with good muzzle to skull proportion correct ears pleasing eye very good pigment strong neck and powerful shoulders good length of upper arm well ribbed pleasing feet excellent top line and tail set good rear angulations moved out with purpose covering the ground well

**Winner of the Working group and Best Junior in Show** was G.Xuereb’s Alaskan Malamute, IVRAM WE WILL ROCK YOU masculine head lovely expression neat well placed ears used to full advantage good muzzle to skull proportion well padded cheeks correct eye strong neck and powerful shoulders good length of upper arm well off for bone well ribbed lovely top line and tail set short loin strong well muscled quarters moved with power and purpose holding top line in side gate and parallel front and rear.

**Reserve Working group** was R.Bonello’s Boxer, Ch. SURFSTONE TROPICAL STORM, masculine head with dark eyes and kind expression muzzle in proportion to skull with well padded top lips, good chin and good mouth pleasing length of neck sloping shoulder and correct front, well boned with short well muscled flat back with angulated well muscled quarters true going and coming holding topline in sidegait.

***Paul Harding***  
Judge