

THE MALTA CANINE SOCIETY
Winter 2014 Championship Show
Judge's report

Such an unexpected call on a Tuesday afternoon asking me whether I was available to judge on the following weekend in Malta. My reply: Yes, Yes, Yes! This was my third time judging on this beautiful Mediterranean Island. The Malta Canine Society had to cancel its show the previous weekend due to Tom Mather being unable to fulfil his appointment due to a very unfortunate last minute injury. The Committee had the gruesome task to inform all the exhibitors of the cancellation of the show just 3 hours prior the commencement of the show, ensure the availability of the venue for the following weekend and find a replacement judge. My thanks to the Officers and Committee for inviting me back, I had a good time, thank you for the great hospitality. The Committee sends its best wishes to Tom Mather and hope that he makes a good recovery and look forward to him judging for them next year.

The show started on the Saturday afternoon with the Junior Handler class, which was won by Kimberly Sciberras Scott.

Also on the Saturday session were the Hound and Utility breeds. My **Hound Group** winner and **Hound Puppy Group** winner was S&C.Mercieca's Whippet, Absolute Mann Full of You. A puppy bitch who I can only describe as stunning. Later on chosen as **Best Puppy In Show**, for me, that says it all. **Reserve Best Hound** and **Reserve Best Puppy Hound** was Zammit & Mifsud Bassett Hound, Ure My Fellow V.Grunsven. 5mth old l/w, beautiful head, clean, clear eyes. Very good leathers, excellent front assembly for one so young, on the move, retained his top line. Excellent tail set, hopefully has a great future.

Winner of the **Utility Group** and also **Reserve Best In Show** was V.Gatt's Keeshond, Ch & Eng.Ch. Neradmik Late Night Love, most impressed with this dogs coat considering the climate she lives in, she carried all the required features of the breed. **Reserve** in the Utility Group was D&C.Sciberras' Boston Terrier, McLaren Alikana, good example. Nice size, correct expression for the breed. Well muscled and good bone.

Utility Puppy Group winner was D&C.Sciberras' Boston Terrier, Clayzet Asiadeniro, wonderful example of the breed, moved with purpose, shown on loose lead and moved well, later awarded Reserve Best Puppy In Show. **Reserve Best Puppy Utility** was P.Pellegrini's French Bulldog, Nykabully Kolya. Fawn male with impressive head piece, good mouth and denationalize, nicely covered body. Strong couplings, moved well.

On the Sunday session, the remaining 4 groups were judged. **Terrier Group** winner was M.Cassar's Bull Terrier, Electra Eos Tanagros. Good size, nice head, well off for bone. Moved well. **Reserve Best Terrier** was A.Mallia's Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Ch.Dazmarnic Maltese Falcon. Good size and statue, correct head good clean eyes. Good body tones throughout. **Terrier Puppy Group** was won by C.Grech's Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Neterex Country Boy, good size and stature. Very correct head, good clear eyes, small correct ears with good cheeks. Good firm body tones throughout. Moved well on a loose lead. This was the only Terrier puppy so no reserve awarded.

My **Working Group** winner was J.Joyce's Great Dane, Cragarnat Rockchase Bullet. Most impressive fawn male shown to show his best features. This dog has a very good neck and front assembly, excellent bone throughout. Good tight feet, correct top line and tail set. Moved very well. **Reserve Best Working** was a German Shepherd Dog owned by L.Farrugia, Romainville Schultz, 6yr old male of excellent type, walks true, gait true. Correct dentition with good eyes. Dedicated to the job in hand. **Working Puppy Group** winner was the Alaskan Malamute owned by R.Farrugia, Rivendell Mals The Black Bear. Lovely head, good clear eyes, correct ears as per breed standard, good bone, correct pads. Nice topline and tail carriage held on the move. **Reserve Best Puppy Working** was C. Camilleri's

Newfoundland, Joy To The Word Tender Ebony. A baby of 6 months with clear eyes, good mouth. Good ears, long leathers. Excellent bone for age. Good large webbed feet. Tail set and top line correct.

I found my **Gundog Group** winner and later also **Best In Show** in the outstanding Bracco Italiano, Ciclone, owned by J.Galea. Dog of quality throughout. In complete command of the ring and a worthy BIS! Not his first, I'm told. **Reserve Best Gundog** was W.Chetcuti's American Cocker Spaniel, Dante Di Casa Giussani, 8mth with a good expression. Correct pronounced stop, good ear set, correct leathers. Good neck and sound front assembly. **Gundog Puppy Group** winner was the American Cocker Spaniel, Dante Di Casa Giussani, whilst **Reserve Best Gundog Puppy** was J.Scerri's English Springer Spaniel, Lordsett Money for Nothing. 8mth, for me, top size for his age. Well portioned head with dog dentition. Well angulated front and rear, but will improve when his body drops. I suggest this dog is shown in the reverse position as the markings are more favourable.

Best Toy was J.Spiteri's Pug, Ch. Anjos Yuri, a most impressive example of the breed. Cracking head with good wide nose and open nostrils .good width of lower jaw with pleasing dark eyes and correct small ears. Strong crested neck and very well covered body. Strong top line and excellent twist. Pushed hard for top honours. **Reserve Best Toy** was J.Bagshaw's Yorkshire Terrier, King Of Ring Of Maryon's Home, very good face features on this boy with clear eyes, good mouth and dentition. Very good falls, super topline, in excellent coat condition. Marked in the correct way for the breed.

Toy Puppy group was won by J.Spiteri's Pug, Deandra Strawberry Cake. Such a promising puppy who ticks all the boxes with time on her side to mature into an excellent example of this breed.

Reserve Best Toy Puppy was S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Alfil Starlett For Your Eyes Only. Such a baby, wonderful size, excellent top line and tail set. Showed with style beyond her age. I predict a promising future for this exhibit.

Best Veteran in Show was D&C.Sciberras' was the 10 year old Boston Terrier, Ch.Int/Pol/Gr/Lux Ch.WW-06. Bogerudmyra's Pajo

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