

The Malta Canine Society Double Championship Show

Judge Critique – Mr. John Purnell

Day 2 – Sunday 19th September 2021

Junior Handler: all three of these handlers did a fantastic job with each other's exhibits, did what I asked them to do as well as control of there dogs. They took notice of my instructions and knew were I was at all times, in control all the time while they were in the ring. Well done.

1st: Riona Manicaro, 2nd. Milena Scicluna, 3rd. Mariah Manicaro.

Hound Group: O.Manicaro's Basenji, Ch. Manicaro Aaron (**Reserve Best In Show**)

Reserve: K.Galea's Saluki, Gabra CK Alexander Helios.

Hound Junior Group: O.Manicaro's Beagle, Manicaro Luna. Lovely, well balanced junior, good depth, well angulated, good reach of neck with lovely balanced head. Moved well. Promising example.

Hound Puppy Group: C.Axisa's Beagle, Mila Di Torrimpietra. Nice promising puppy, moved well

Reserve: R.Bonello's Min Smooth Dachshund. Staier's Beautiful Princess. Good length of body with good reach of neck, nice balanced head. Good strong muzzle. Moved with plenty of drive and ring presence retaining a level backline.

Terrier Group: J.Schembri's Lakelnad Terrier, Eng.Ch. Saredon Enigma (**Best In Show**)

Reserve: J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Wildjack Boq To Be Special.

Terrier Puppy Group: J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Tracian Breeze Spartacus Devon Jack

Working Group: P.Mallia's Rottweiler, Gary Vom Hause Niveksue. Substantial example right in All places good strong head good width of chest, nice straight front with good feet, well marked example, well angulated. Another dog capable of doing well in the UK, moved with plenty of drive and ring presence.

Reserve: A. Avekse's Samoyed, Smiling Miracle Luxury Future in good coat well balanced example nice balanced head with the correct expression moved well nice example

Working Junior Group: C.Cilia's Boxer, Mejeric Ruby Red Good depth of chest nice reach of neck nice balanced head. Good backline and tailset moved well.

Reserve: C.Panzarella's Bullmastiff, Alazhar Is A Windsor King. Very nice example balanced head Good strong front straight front and back moved well.

Working Puppy Group: Sammut&Formosa's Bullmastiff, Moonlight Bullshadow Big Ali, promising puppy nice balanced head good depth good strong front and back moved well pleasing puppy.

Reserve: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, Manicaro Macey in good coat lovely balanced head moved with the correct gait with ease full of ring presence nice example.

Best Veteran Terrier/Working/Hound: C.Cilia's Boxer, Ch. Cilemm Touch In Time Fernando (BVIS) a very good example of the breed still making a mark in the show ring Good balanced head well bodied moved very well full of ring presence worthy winner. Just a few figures for you in 2007 when I last judged in Malta for The Maltese Ladies kennel association, I had thirty pugs entered this show I think there were five. Alaskan Malamutes in 2007 I had 12 this year I had one. But the boxer entrie retains the same figure as 2007, 18 dogs showed in both years. My thanks once again for inviting me and thanks to the exhibitors for there valued entries my best wishes for your future shows me and my fellow judge enjoyed your company and the chance of going over your lovely dogs once more.

John Purnell

Judge