

DAY 2 – SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022

Day two my three Groups were Gundogs, Utility and Toy along with Best in Show, Best Junior in Show and Best Puppy in Show.

Gundog Group

Group 1: J. Loughborough's, Sh Ch Nevill Open Heart, Labrador Retriever. Mature individual of good breed type. Pleasing in head with correct expression and is kind in eye. Powerful in neck with a well filled fore chest. Forelegs are parallel. He excels in rib and substance. Top line is solid which leads to a firm loin. Correct in croup with well placed "otter tail". He stands on good bone with neat compact feet. Correct in coat and was well presented. He moved out with true purpose displaying reach and drive.

Group 2: D. Busuttill's, Sh Ch Chesterhope Lady Lagartha, Pointer. All quality exhibit and is pleasing to go over. Feminine in head which has correct muzzle to skull ratio. Dark in eye which gives off a pleasing expression. Correct in stop with enough dish. Plenty in neck with the desired arch. Top line leads to a firm loin with well set tail. She has plenty in rib and stands on quality bone with neat feet. On the move she was accurate on the out and back whilst displaying a true slashing action. Presentation was spot on. Two very good Gundogs indeed!

Gundog Junior Group

Group 1: N. Borg's, Fairray Grandiosity, English Setter. A youngster that has quality to admire. Lean well chiselled head with excellent dentition. Kind in eye which gives off a pleasing expression. Plenty in neck which flows into a well laid shoulder. Top line is level which leads to a well set tail. He stands on quality bone with good feet. Moved out steadily on the out and back whilst holding a pleasing profile on the go around. When he fully matures up will look the part.

Group 2: M. Tabone's, Easy, Golden Retriever. Has enough to admire all through. Feminine in head with kind eye and expression. Excellent dentition. Plenty in neck with overall body proportions displaying correct balance. Her bone is correct with excellent feet. Moved out soundly both ways and was presented in gleaming coat and condition.

Gundog Puppy Group

Group 1: J. Cross', Crosstree Ruby, Cocker Spaniel. A fair youngster for type. Feminine in head with dark eye, plenty in neck. Coby in outline with a well angulated rear. Bone is ok with correct feet. Moved out well both ways. Still needs time to fill her frame to complete the picture but was well presented.

Group 2: L. Shoemake's, Santy Discovery Dark Milo, Labrador. Promising youngster of good breed type. Handsome in head with a pleasing eye which gives off a melting expression. Plenty in rib with good bone and feet. Just needs to settle on the move to complete the picture.

Toy Group

Group 1: C. Galea's, Gabra CK Unstoppable Louie, Pug. Well named individual, never gave up showing with a tremendous outgoing attitude! Pleasing in head with correct definition. Good width of muzzle with well set open nose. Eyes are dark and expressive all finished off with neat well set ears. He is well sprung in rib with a cobby body. Tail is set high with single twist. Bone has quality with neat feet. Simply put his best foot forward on the move whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. Well presented and handled.

Group 2: S. Bonett's, Ch Ta Bonett Pom Potte, Pomeranian. A real charmer to go over. Head, eye and expression all good all finished off with neat well placed ears. Short neck into a well laid shoulder. Fine in bone with cat like feet. Compact in body with his tail high set and carrying a profuse plume. Another that was foot perfect on the out and back and presented and handled to perfection. Pushed the Pug all the way!

Toy Junior Group

Group 1: C.Galea's, Gabra CK Unstoppable Louie, Pug.
(Winner of Toy Group)

Group 2: E. Meli's, Sha-Ma-Ni Star Chin Chin, Pomeranian. Plenty to admire on this one. Appealing in head with an alert expression. Dark in eye all topped off with neat high set ears. His body is compact with high set tail. He stands on excellent bone with cat like feet. Moved out soundly both ways and kept his profile on the go around. Presented in good order. Will continue to do well!

Toy Puppy Group

Group 1: C Tabone's, Safi Charms My Charm Kai, Yorkshire Terrier. Raw individual but displays correct overall make and shape. Dark in eye with neat well placed ears. Level in top line with fine bone and correct feet. Once settled moved out with purpose. In time with more development will do well. Presented in good order.

Group 2: M. Vella's, Thai Silk Serenade Tbr, Pomeranian. Again raw but has all the essentials to do well. Feminine in head with dark expressive eyes. Compact in outline with correct bone and feet. Tail is high set and carried well. Sound on the out and back. Obviously needs more time to mature up.

Utility Group

Group 1: V. Gatt's, Ch Almazniy Istochnik Russkaya Zima, Keeshond. Quality exhibit with plenty to admire all through. Feminine in head with dark almond shaped eye and topped off with neat well placed ears which she used to good advantage at all times. Neck flows into a clean front assembly with a well filled fore chest. Level in top line which leads to a high set tail which was well plumed. Quality in bone with neat feet. Movement was brisk and sound. Presented in good order and well handled.

Group 2: M. Aquillina's, Ch Love me do-N Della Baia Blue, Miniature Poodle. Yet another high class exhibit with so much to admire. Feminine in head with plenty in fore face with excellent dentition. Dark in eye with well placed leathers. Plenty in neck which flows into a well laid shoulder. Short in back and ribbing is good. She stands on quality bone with neat

compact feet. Put her best foot forward on the out and back whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. Coat was presented in excellent order.

Utility Junior Group

Group 1: M. Vella's, Der Mickleover Pied Piper, French Bulldog. Has enough to admire all through. Masculine head with correct skull, dark expressive in eye. Muzzle has good width with correct return to lower jaw. Good arch in neck with plenty in rib. He is short in back with the desired arch over his loin. Bone has quality with neat feet. Moved out with style on the out and back and was presented in good order.

Utility Puppy Group

Group 1: C.Camilleri's. SSR Only the Lonely, French Bulldog. Raw puppy but smacks of top draw quality. Presenting a lovely compact outline with good arch in neck. Head displays a square outlook. Super eye and expression. Short in back with correct reach over his loin. Good bone and feet. Once the penny dropped he displayed a free flowing action. One with a future I am sure!

Group 2: M. Aquillina's, Nurmah Baila Morena, Miniature Poodle. Another promising youngster with plenty to admire all through. Refined in head with dark expressive eyes. Neck flows into a clean front assembly. Back is level and short with well set tail. She stands on quality bone with compact well knuckled feet. Moved out with style whilst giving off a pleasing outline on the go around. Coat was well presented. Another future winner for this clever breeder.

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Winner of this hotly contested class was J. Mallia's **Ch Noble Sculpt Canova's Victrix, Boston Terrier**. Has good overall breed qualities. Feminine in head with a square outlook. Dark expressive eyes with plenty in underjaw all topped off with neat well placed ears. Cobby in overall body outline. Quality in bone with neat feet. Moved out with style on the out and back whilst holding a pleasing profile on the go around and was presented in excellent condition.

Best Veteran in Show

Went to C. Tabone's **Safi Charms Wow Biyoux, Yorkshire Terrier**. A real charmer this one. Ultra- feminine in head with clear eye which gives off an appealing expression, all finished off with neat well placed ears. Body proportions are correct with level top line and correct tail set. Bone is fine with good feet. She was presented in excellent coat with fully mature falls. Moved well on the out and back whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. Congratulations!

Best in Show and Best Junior in Show : I felt that nothing could lower the colours of the magnificent **Bullmastiff** on the day so he not only claimed **Best in Show**, he also claimed **Best Junior in Show**. That was Sammut & Formosa's **Moonlight Bullshadow Big Ali Samforyosa**.

Reserve Best Junior in Show was awarded to S.Bonett's Pomeranian Ta Bonnett Pom El Chapo

Best Puppy in Show went to the **Boxer**, R. Galea's **Brynhafod Sweet Pea**. Another future star.

Reserve Best Puppy in Show went to C. Camilleri's **French Bulldog SSR Only the Lonely**

A truly enjoyable two evenings of judging alongside Mr Jim Richardson and it goes without saying; Thank You Mr Borg for yet another memorable experience and the unique judging gift sits proudly on view!

Martin Sanders (Judge).