Malta Canine Society's April 2019 Championship Show **Judge report.**

I would like to thank Frank Borg and his hard working committee for the invite to judge this super show. I love the island and the people of Malta, thanks to all the exhibitors who entered & took my decisions well and without question. I enjoyed the after show get together in the local, super food, drink and company, looking forward to seeing you all again.

Best Junior Handler:- Paula Cuschieri. This was a super class of young handlers, a lot of the adults should watch. All Handlers put on a very good display of handling and it was very hard to decide The winner, however she never put a foot wrong and done everything I asked of her without comment or complaint even when I gave her a dog that was its first time in ring, she gained it's trust and handled it superbly.

Gundog Group:

Best in Group:- J.Aquilina's English Springer Spaniel, **Sieger's Madly Yours.** 16 months old black/white male, showed in super condition, pleasing head with goodexpression, good mouth, good front assembly and matched in rear, moved well andtrue around the ring a worthy winner looked at for BIS.—**Best Junior In Show**.

Reserve:-D.Spagnol's Pointer- **Sh.Ch. Theasoft Zaniah.** Another beautiful b/w young female well presented and spotless lovely outline, Good head with good eyes, ears and expression good angles in front and rear pushed the winner for first place.

Gundog Junior Group:

Best Junior:-J.Aquilina's English Springer Spaniel, Sieger's Madly Yours. (BJIS) See above group winner

Reserve Junior: - W.Chetcuti's American Cocker, **Barkun King Of Kings.** 15 month old black male, in super condition strong head with darkest of eyes, well set ears, good neck and shoulders with good rear angulation moved well around the ring and not to fast.

Gundog Puppy Group:

Best In Group: V.Cuschieri's Spanish Water Dog, **San Fernando Di Isca Augusta.** 6 month old white dog with super head with good eyes, ears and expression, strong quarters in both front and rear, tight elbows good bone and feet, worthy winner.

Reserve:-V.Cuschieri's Pointer, **Dingli Gem Valentino.** 10 month I/w dog pleasing head good bone and substance good eyes and expression, Just let down in topling and tailset.

Toy Group:

Best In Group:-K&C.Galea's Pug, **Ch.Gabra CK Dendrom Orchid**, 8-year-old didn't look age except around the muzzel with grey hairs. Strong head, good stop and fill of foreface good ears and lovely expression, strong neck, well placed shoulders matched in rear, moved a dream around the ring.

Reserve: - V.Cuschieri's Italian Greyhound, **Ch.Rom.Ch. Questione Di Feelings Dei Raggi Di Luna.** Almost 4 year old bitch, good sized pleasing head, good eyes, ears and mouth, nice length of neck with good angles in front and rear moved well.

Toy Junior Group:

Best Junior:-C.Galea's Pug, **Montes AuriTreisy Fan-Fan Favori.** 15 month old and really nice youngster with everything in all the right places just needs to finish to beat bob winner. **Res.Best Junior In Show.**

Reserve: V.Cuschieri's Italian Greyhound, **Rooftop Ambra.** Another very nice youngster a tan female who is very immature for age, should do well in future.

Toy Puppy Group:

Best Puppy:-E.Meli's Pomeranian, **Altoz House Show Must Go On.** 5 months old white/cream, a beautiful youngster who I awarded bob, one to watch in future shows to see how she goes on.

Reserve: -O.Manicaro's C.K.C.S - **Manicaro Jewel.** R/w youngster with pleasing head good eyes and ears, moved well around the ring.

Hound Group:

Best In Group: - K.Galea's Saluki - **Ch.Rom.Ch. Proenzaschouler Del Borghino** - 4 year old black female who I fell for when she entered the ring she oozed quality, a super heard, darkest of eyes well shaped and placed, good ears well set and carried, lovely reach of neck, well placed shoulders with deep chest, tight elbows good bone and super feet, the rear matched the front with strong loin good topline / tailset and carriage, moved a dream around the ring pleased to award **Best in Show**.

Reserve:-O.Manicaro's Basenji - **Ch.Manicaro Aaron** - A quality male, presented in super condition strong masculine head with well set ears good neck and forechest, tight elbows, good bone and feet, good rear angulation moved well.

Hound Junior Group:

Best Junior:-Cachia&Chetcuti's Whippet - **Chrisoli Careless Whisper.** Nice sized brindle female with super head strong neck, well placed shoulders with deep brisket, tight elbows, good topline with correct fall-away, moved well.

Reserve: -K.Carabott's Afghan Hound - **Pretty Bay Empire Strikes Black.** Beautiful black male with masculine head good reach of neck, deep chest, good topline and tail set and carriage just enjoying himself too much on the day.

Hound Puppy Group:

Best Puppy:- A&L.Hili'sL/H Dachshund - **Danadri Hurricane Golden Boot.** 10 mths old red dog good head and neck pleasing expression good deep chest with tight elbows, good topline and tail carriage, good dark eyes and correct mouth, I would have liked a bit more front on him as a male.

Reserve:- I.Cassar's Greyhound -**Nice Steps Hot Haze**. A big boy but lovely 10 months fawn male beautiful head and expression super neck and shoulders, strong rear to match front, good bone and feet, deep chest, moved well with good topline and tail set and carriage just needs to settle.

Utility Group:

Best In Group: -V.Gatt's Keeshond - **Ch. Samkees Arrow To The Heart.** Another presented in superb condition, feminine head with good eyes, ears and expression, well set and carried ears, strong neck well set shoulders with deep chest with tight elbows, good bone and feet, strong loin with good angulations in rear. Moved well around the ring, with drive and reach, good topline and tail set. Pleased to award **Reserve Best in Show**.

Reserve: - H. Azzopardi's Standard Poodle - **Nord Forest Mustang.** 2 year old white male, strong head well balanced dark eyes, good ears, strong front quarters matched in rear moved well around the ring, good bone and feet , well presented.

Utility Junior Group:

Best Junior: - P.Pellegrini's French Bulldog - **Jewels Of Patrial Lord M**. 15 mth dark brindle male, strong head and neck slightly upright in shoulder giving excessive wrinkle over shoulder at withers. Topline needs to drop and loose the rise over loin but was balanced on the move.

Reserve: - C.D'Amato's Japanese Shiba Inu - **Hikay's Peaky Blinder.** - 1 year old, pleasing head with good mouth nice fill of cheek good ears well set with dark almond eyes, good bone and substance tight elbows on the move front needs to tighten hopefully with age.

Utility Puppy Group:

Best Puppy:- J.Ciappara's Miniature Schnauzer - **Spirited Away Nero Shakotan For Taxiro.** Salt n pepper 10 mths old, well presented youngster in super condition, lovely head and expression, strong correct mouth with strong under jaw, good ears, nice reach of neck good shoulders with tight elbows deep chest good bone and feet matched in rear to front. Moved well and true around ring. **Res.BPIS.**

Reserve: - J.Mallia's Boston Terrier - **Zibos Bernini Carrara Bianca** - 1 year old female pleasing head, dark eyes well coupled, good bone and substance, tight feet, matching angles in front and rear. Moved well around the ring.

Terrier Group:

Best In Group: - P.P Camilleri's Wire Fox Terrier - **Star Del Monte Azzopardi.** 18 mths old handled well not overly strong in head nice length to muzzle, good eyes, ears and expression. Nice reach of neck matching and balanced in angles in front and rear, the grooming needs to be addressed as he matures.

Reserve: - J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier - **Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Spring's Sky** - 2 years old, strong male presented in hard condition, strong head, strong neck and front shoulders matched in rear. Moved well with good topline and tailset and Carriage.

Terrier Puppy Group:

Best Puppy: - A.Mallia's SBT - **Neterex Gates Of Heaven -** 8 mths old dark brindle, feminine head good neck nicely placed shoulders and good rear angulation. Moved well around the ring,I would like a bit more all over.

Working Group:

Best In Group:- A.Grixti's GSD - **Ural Land Lara Kroft** - Just over 2 years old, good sized female not overdone anywhere, lovely feminine head but still strong, correct mouth, dark almond eyes ears, well set and carried, strong neck leading to well-placed shoulders, strong topline with good length to loin, tight elbows with deep brisket and strong forechest, good bone and feet really powered around the ring and when asked to walk it was true in rear. Lost out in BIS, just wouldn't settle for handler.

Reserve:- H.Gerada's Dobermann - **Anna Del Monte Azzopardi.** Another quality bitch, beautiful wedge head, strong bite and underjaw. Well placed and set ears darkest of eyes, good neck, good shoulders, tight elbows, deep chest and good bone and feet, moved with drive and reach around the ring.

Working Junior Group:

Best Junior: - E.Ambrogio's Siberian Husky - **Merrick Gummy Bear** - Nice youngster who wouldn't use his tail, pleasing head and expression good neck. Good angles in front and rear, moved well around the ring

Reserve: - J.Formosa's Bullmastiff - **Ardhub Ooh La La.** - Pleasing head, good substance, good bone and feet, pity was lame on the day.

Working Puppy Group:

Best Puppy:- D.Grixt's Siberian Husky - **Ayuka's Angel Of Distruction.** - 5mths old white male, really loved this boy when he entered the ring everything in all the right places, moved a dream for a puppy, would have brought him home. Pleased to award him best puppy in show. **Best Puppy in Show.**

Reserve: - J.Cardona's Welsh Corgi (Cardigan), Pustynna Bryza, Black/white presented in good condition, good head, eyes and expression good ears well set and carried, nice reach of neck just needs to tighten up in front and topline.

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Judge