

The Malta Canine Society – May 2025 Championship Show.

Day 1. Judge's report Ms. Liz Dunhill.

Preamble: Thank you for my second invitation to Malta to judge some quality dogs. My last appointment was in 2018, the breed dynamics have changed with different breeds gaining popularity over others. Which is happening world wide.

The committee did a great job running the show from a super venue.

Your hospitality is second to none, and the exhibitors were a sporting community, so thank you I had a wonderful time , congratulations Frank Borg and his team. Also great breeders and handlers for bringing your dogs, I enjoyed judging them.

Terrier Group:

Best: J.Schembri's Lakeland Terrier, Ch.Under pressure Foxhouse. (RES. BEST IN SHOW)

Have long admired this Lakeland, and he didn't disappoint.

Handy size,well balanced and compact, super head and expression, flat skull, well placed small ears, keen expression from dark eyes,head of correct length, correct bite and strong underjaw.clean arched neck, well layed back shoulder, good bone on straight legs, good topline , well carried tail, he has a sturdy body and excellent parallel action, propelled from his strong muscular hindquarters, and well let down hocks.

He was the total package with his harsh coat , with super presentation and in harmony with his handler .

Reserve: J.Galea's Wire Fox Terrier, Eng.Ch.Travella Secret Asset

super male from this kennel, top sized but with good proportions and balance.

Super head masculine without coarseness, flat top skull, well placed folded ears,dark eye giving good expression ,correct in foreface, bite and underjaw.

Clean muscular neck, well layed shoulder, deep chest, straight forelegs, with good bone short back, firm level topline and high set tail. Strong muscular hindquarters, with well let down hocks, Dense coat , with good texture. He impressed on the stack, and had movement to match , giving good extension, and drive.

Skillfully handled to get the best out of him.

Terrier Junior Group:

Best: J.Galea's Airedale Terrier, Rockridge JP Sora,(RES. BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW)

Fabulous male of good size and balance, Super head and expression, with correct proportions and balanced foreface. Good bite well placed small ears, dark eye, denoting keen expression.

Clean neck, leading into well layed back shoulder, compact body with level topline, would prefer a slightly cleaner tail carriage as quite tight, in good body short back , straight forelegs, well sprung ribs, in super condition , harsh dense coat , impressive on the move, with free easy action. Only a youngster with so much more to come .

Reserve: M.Cassar's Bull Terrier, Unique Passion Big Gun Lady.

Terrier Puppy Group:

Best: J.Galea's Kerry Blue Terrier, Dingligem Call Me Otto.

Super young Kerry, well proportioned with all the essentials. Well balanced lean head, with good forface and punishing jaw.

Well placed medium ears, dark eyes, giving keen expression, good bite.

Reachy neck, with good shoulders and front. Short coupled, with good depth to brisket with age, level topline well carried tail. Well developed hindquarters, with good angulation, good coat for age ,

His movement was true, with good extension with powerful drive from his well constructed rear.

Super outline and well handled .

Reserve: J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Tal-Kraws Nala.

Very attractive youngster , with pleasing head and expression from dark almond eyes.good bite and ear set. Super neck and front. In good coat and body , quite compact in shape. Would like a stronger topline as off at croup with tailset a little low. Well angulated hindquarters, moved soundly , super character.

Toy Group:

Best: L.Delceppo's Maltese, Ch.Ivy Of Leara White Star.

Very smart, showy youngster, with good head carriage, proportions and balanced foreface

Good head slightly rounded skull, well placed ears set close, good stop, good width to muzzle dark eye and good pigmentation. Good bite.

Good neck and shoulder, level topline, well carried feathered tail, good straight front, and balanced hindquarters, in super silky coat, moved with free easy action , with super outline in profile .

Reserve: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Ch.Dan-Star Pom Stella Pena.

Compact orange of correct balance and outline, with super lively character.

Super head and foxy expression from dark oval eye. Well placed ears, good bite.

Short neck into excellent shoulder and front, short back, well rounded rib, deep chest , good hind angulation, high set tail, correct in double coat, harsh topcoat , with good feathering to rear.

Moved with style and deportment, with brisk strides.

Toy Junior Group:

Best: H.Gerada's L/C Chihuahua, Golden Paws Teddy.

Super alert dainty dog of good proportions and balance. Well rounded apple head, well placed ears dark round eye, short muzzle good bite. Medium neck, good lay of shoulder, strong topline well carried tail, good forchest , straight front , balanced hindquarters, well carried tail. In super condition, moved with brisk strides covinging ground with great deportment,ent and aplomb .

Reserve: E.Gauci's Pug, Wincastle Jason Bourbe.

Black pug with decent head and good expression. I found for type he was over leggy with too much daylight underneath, he needs to develop in rib and body , he moved well, and a great showman in good muscular condition.

Toy Puppy Group:

Best: M.Vella, Thai Silk Mr Sugar Donut.

Reserve: E.Gauci's Pug, Wincastle Night Lily.

Working Group:

Best: A.Grixti's GSD, Ch. Carly Di Poggio Del Sole.

Loved the ground covering action in profile of this dog , super masculine head , with well placed ears, dark eye full dentition with balanced muzzle. Loved his expression . High on withers , good return of upper arm, super over line on the move , good depth to body, good prosternum development, tight feet good bone, well angulated muscular hindquarters, hocks could be straighter on static balance. . Super coat and condition. Loved his character all male GSD . In super coat .

nReserve: R.Xuereb's Dobermann, Ch. Questo Maximus Dobgrace.

Upstanding male of excellent type and balance.

Strong head with well placed ears and good head planes, and correct dentition. Wedge shaped head, Dark eyes good length to foreface, and good expression Strong neck good front , well bodied with good topline and tailset , balance hindquarters, strong muscular body, moved with dynamic action reach drive holding good outline .

Working Junior Group:

Best: B.Fenech's Boxer, Brynhafod Johnny Bravo. (BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW)

Super red male with all the essentials. Super head correct in proportions skull to muzzle. Well placed ears on good top skull, big black nose, excellent upsweep of underjaw, with good width . Good front and shoulder, developing Prosternum, . Compact shape, good depth to chest , good to;ine and tailset , excellent hindquarters with firm hocks He moved with style and soundness giving him excellent reach and drive . In super muscular condition

Reserve: M.Powell's Border Collie, Sh.Ch.Silvercliffs An Affair To Remember.

Beautiful Border, of good size and balance, super head and ear set, dark eye, correct in proportions skull in skull to muzzle ratios,. Compact body , excellent forehead construction, good topline croup and tailset carriage, well angulated rear, with firm hocks , moved with long corundum covering strides with perfect drive line . In super coat and condition .

Working Puppy Group:

Best: C&K.Cilia's Boxer, Levisbrooks Cosmic Voyager. (Res.BPIS)

Brindle male of excellent type and balance, super head and typical boxer expression. Well placed ears, dark eyes, well filled foreface and underjaw, with good width and upsweep .

Medium neck good shoulder and upper arm, good depth to brisket, good bone and feet , good topline and tailset , well angulated hindquarters, he moved with style and reach and drive he's a very promising youngster.

Reserve: K&P.Baldacchino Caruana's Samoyed, Original Dark Knight Orleansnow.

Youngster going through a growth pattern. Being a little rear high, which should level out with age. Super head and expression, well carried ears, dark eye and good mouth . Good forechest , and straight front, quite a loose tail moderate rear angulation , in good coat and condition, moved soundly when settled .

Best Veteran In Show: P. Mallia's Rottweiler, Ch. Gary Vom Hause Niveksue.

Super typey male of good size substance and balance . Classic head , correct in proportions of muzzle to skull well placed ears, dark eye, correct dentition and width to foreface, good pigmentation.

Strong neck, decent shoulder, little steep through upperarm moderate forechest , tight feet and good bone, good topline and tail carriage, well angulated rear , with firm well let down hocks. Good depth to chest. In excellent coat and muscular condition. Moved well with excellent outline in profile, he defies his age on the move.

Best Any Variety Locally Bred: N.Zammit's Siberian Husky, Banelord Blaster Bomb.

Super youngster with good type and balance, head needing to develop in foreface and being slightly long in muzzle, well carried ears, beautiful dark well shaped eye, good front and shoulder, good topline and tailset carriage carriage , firm hindquarters with good angulation. Moved well with balanced action.

Best Puppy In Show: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Magia Magia Della Baia Blu (*Judged in the breed by J.Stubbs*)

Well balanced black in good coat and condition. Feminine head Of good balance, well carried ears, , correct in back skull, and muzzle good bite, almond dark eye giving sweet expression.

Neck of good length, good shoulder and upper arm, good feet, compact body, good topline and tailset carriage, well developed hindquarters, which she used to advantage , in a super trim, on the move she had typical poodle reach and drive, profuse puppy coat of good texture.

She has style and is a super size for her age. Quite a effervescent baby .

Reserve BPIS: Boxer, Levisbrooks Cosmic Voyager

Typey brindle, with super head , well placed ears, broad skull, good sto-, dark eye. Muzzle broad with good underjaw. Moderate neck a little forward placed in shoulder, forechest developing, good bone and length of leg. Deep she t , well angulated hindquarters. In good condition. Moved well in profile.

Best Junior In Show: B.Fenech's Boxer, Brynhafod Johnny Bravo

See junior group .

Reserve BJIS: Airedale Terrier, Rockridge JP Sora

See terrier junior group

Best In Show: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Ch.Abba Dabba-N Della Baia Blu (*Judged in the breed by J.Stubbs*)

This young lady took my breath away, she has all the essentials for stardom. Super feminine e head , long and fine with well chizzled foreface, dark almond eye giving beautiful expression, well placed leathers low set completing the picture. Good length of neck, clean and tight,

Well layed shoulders and good return of upperarm , presenting straight front and tight elbows and feet, good depth of chest , well ribbed back and short in loin, correct in back line , and set on of tail. Well developed hindquarters. Well let down hocks, she had profuse coat well modeled and of good crisp texture. On the move she fills the eye with her dynamic and perfect footfall. She owns the ring, moving with style balance and typical poodle reach and drive. Loved her .

Reserve Best In Show: Lakeland Terrier, Ch.Under pressure Foxhouse

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UTILITY GROUP:

Best: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Ch. Abba Dabba-N Della Baia Blu (Later Reserve BIS under J.Stubbs)

Reserve: D.Bonello's Boston Terrier, Makie Toby.

Beautiful headed Boston , with good proportions and balance. Square head, with muzzle to balance, dark eye, well placed ears ,super expression. Good shoulder and front, strong neck, compact body m good ribcage and depth to brisket , balanced hindquarters , good definition of hock , moved with extension and soundness, perfect footfall , holding a great shape and outline on the move , he most certainly has a bright future .

UTILITY JUNIOR GROUP:

Best: C.Cauchy's French Bulldog, Gananu Lord Max

Reserve: E.Meli's Toy Poodle, Island Of Lotuses Giorgio Armani

UTILITY PUPPY GROUP:

Best: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Magia Magia Della Baia Blu. (Later Reserve BPIS under J.Stubbs)

Reserve: D.Bonello's Boston Terrier, Makie Toby.

GUNDOG GROUP:

Best: J.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever, Sh.Ch. Neville Open Heart (Later Best Veteran In Show under J.Stubbs)

Super yellow lab of senior years , with the condition of a youngster,classic head broad topskull, well placed ears, and balanced muzzle and foreface, correct bite. . Strong neck, excellent forhand construction, having well layed back shoulder good forechest and return of upperarm arm , compact heady excellent topline and well carried otter tail. He has good legs and feet and is well proportioned, well angulated hindquarters. Which he used on the move. Loved his length of leg , not over done in any way he was the perfect package . Moved like a dream footfall perfect , holding a great outline.

Reserve: D.Busutil's Pointer, Berseydale Full House

What a fabulous youngster she is, such clean lines and beautiful head and expression .

Classic head, well placed ears. correct in skull and foreface, dark eye of good shape. Good bite .

Super set on of neck, she had forechest developing, with straight front tight feet , and compact body , good length to legs well angulated hindquarters, she moved with typical pointer action, in super body and condition. She's a future superstar without a doubt.

GUNDOG JUNIOR GROUP:

Best: Camillieri/Borg's Golden Retriever, Golden Aurora For The Love Of Zack

Super youngster , of good type and balance , super head well placed ears, dark eye, well -Proportioned muzzle and good bite, excellent shoulder and front, body looking a little long with development , good topline and well carried tail, well angulated hindquarters, which were well muscled, super coat , moved effortlessly .

Reserve: K.Teuma's English Springer Spaniel, Brinng Me The Horizon Of Temperion

Sturdy springer, with good head and expression. Good shoulder and body , level topline well carried tail, good bone and straight front. Good underline and well muscled hindquarters. Moved soundly with good extension in good coat and condition .

GUNDOG PUPPY GROUP:

Best: A.Agius' American Cocker Spaniel, Scandelicious Witney

Gorgeous girl of good proportions , super head , with all requirements. Well placed ears super expression and balanced foreface and muzzle, good shoulder and upper arm good bone and feet. Compact body well

angulated rear, good topline croup and set on of tail , she moved with a dynamic gait covering ground in good coat and condition .

Reserve: M.Tabone's Golden Retriever, Shiva's Golden Il Mondo Nuovo

Balanced youngster of substance and bone , super head and expression, correct bite and well carried ears.Good neck and shoulder well developed forechest good top,ine , and tailset balanced hindquarters. With form hocks, in good coat and condition, moved with reach and drive holding excellent outline .

HOUND GROUP:

Best: K&C.Galea's Saluki, Ch. Gabra CK Alexander Helios

Beautiful elegant female with all the essentials , beautiful head lean and long in foreface, good bite , melting expression from dark eyes.

Good shoulder and front, good topline croup and tailset, balanced hindquarters, she has good depth to brisket and rise to under line, beautiful silky coat. Moved with style balance and harmony to win this group .

Reserve: J.Attard's Miniature Smooth Dachshund, A Capella Klara Difino

This youngster has so much potential , gorgeous head beautiful eyes well placed leathers, correct in foreface, good forehead construction, solid core and good topline and set on of tail, she stands and moves on good legs and feet . A joy to watch in profile with such balance .

HOUND JUNIOR GROUP:

Best: Manicaro's Basenji, Ch.Manicaro Diesel Daf. (Later Res.BJIS under J.Stubbs).

Promising youngster of good type. Pleasing head, would like a little more work in top skull, correct in foreface For age , good bite well placed ears. Correct in front, looking a little long cast at the moment as going through growth phase. , balanced hindquarters. In good body and condition. Moved effortlessly in profile .

Reserve: C.Cachia's Whippet, Suntach Hello Darlin'.

Nicely headed with good expression and good bite. Only young and needing more body proportions, has good muscle on shapely hindquarters and moved well .

HOUND PUPPY GROUP:

Best: J. .Attard's Miniature Smooth Dachshund, A Capella Klara Difino

Reserve: E.Ambrogio's Irish Wolfhound, Tobercorran Thunder

Super pup in stages of growth pattern, super head and expression, well carried ears, dark eyes. And well proportioned muzzle and correct bite, good neck and shoulder good prosternum development, good return of upper arm, straight front tight feet , excellent topline and tailset , balanced hindquarters, moved very well for a baby in good coat and condition.