

The Malta Canine Society – Double Championship Show - 4th & 5th June 2016.
Judge report – Mark Cocozza.

Thank you to the Society for inviting me to judge at your show. It was a pleasure to officiate at a very well run and friendly family event that seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Day 1:

Terrier Group: 1st: Calleja & Schembri's Wire Fox Terrier, Mastini Di Rihana Goes To Casino, in excellent condition, both body and presentation, masculine with no coarseness. Excellent neck, shoulder & front and topline. Good depth, well ribbed. Moved with style and excellent carriage in profile.

Reserve was Attard's Jack Russell, Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Osmio, just a baby but so full of charm and promise, delightful head & expression, balanced front and rear, moved so well for his age.

Terrier Puppy Group: Best was the JRT- Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Osmio, **Reserve** was Fenech's Smooth Fox Terrier, Karmgrav Nico, lovely proportions & outline, good head, excellent neck, shoulder and topline. Sound steady mover.

Working Group: Mizzi's Australian Shepherd. Ch. Saussurea Spellbound, very classy bitch, excellent outline & balance, well proportioned head & excellent topline. Moved so well from all angles, later to also win Best Veteran in Show.

Reserve was Cilia's Boxer, Cilemm Touch In Time Fernando, handsome upstanding male with good head & eye. Strong arched neck with well defined withers, excellent topline, balanced front & rear, powerful mover.

Winner of the **Working Puppy Group** was Formosa & Sammut's Bullmastiff, Ardhup Oops She Did It Again, powerful bitch with excellent head eye & ears. Good proportions with depth of chest. Well ribbed, powerful movement in profile.

Reserve was Debono's Bernese Mountain Dog, Gold Chanel. Very promising bitch, lovely head & eye, needs to develop in chest but overall has nice balance & strong powerful movement.

Working Junior Group: Best was Manicar's GSD, Manicaro Bailey. Very typy bitch, lovely head & expression. Always alert, good outline & balance. Very sound front, good topline plus free typical gait in profile.

Reserve was Cassar's Siberian Husky, Return To Innocence Legend Of The Spirit. Nice bitch with correct outline & balanced throughout and very well put together.

Best in **Utility Group** was Gatt's Keeshond, Ch.Neradmik Late Night Love, lovely type & balance, good head & expression with correct ears. Powerful compact body with a good coat, topline & tail. Sound brisk movement, very nice, later to win Best In Show.

Reserve was Caruana's Akita, Mooncry Sparkling Champagne Crystal, lovely type, feminine with strength, well shaped head & ears, good neck, front, topline, depth and well ribbed with good tail.

Utility puppy was won by Sciberras' Boston Terrier, Deniro Cosmic Encounter, very raw but exciting puppy, square and balanced outline. Lovely expression, excellent topline. Lovely balanced movement in profile.

Reserve was Borg's Dalmatian, Mondo Dalmata Fairytale, only 5 month old, very feminine with correct proportions, lovely head & expression, very free movement and well put together for age.

Best Utility Junior was the Akita, Mooncry Sparkling Champagne Crystal. **Reserve** was Pellegrini's French Bulldog, Vianac Pasha, very nice young brindle bitch, coby, good head, eye & ears, good topline. Front could be more true. Good depth & typical outline & profile.

Day 2:

Toy Group: Delia's Pug, Velyurs De Offri Nouti Britz, excellent outline & balance, square and coby. Good head & expression, ears & width and depth of jaw. Excellent movement with typical rolling gait.

Reserve was Fenech's Chinese Crested, Mimi Dog Doll Jamiroquas, lovely proportions, good head, excellent ears, good front & topline. Moved well with good carriage.

Toy Puppy Group: Mangion's L/C Chihuahua, Te Chichi Alilaw Pepe, lovely puppy, real extrovert and full of fire. Good head, eye & ears, good neck & topline, moved well.

Reserve: Delia's black Pug, Acterhalen Xtra God's Gifted, good proportions with nice substance and size. Lovely mover keeping a square outline on the move with good topline and tail set.

Toy Junior Group: Delceppo's Maltese, Safi Charms Amy. Good shape with correct head proportions & lovely expression with good pigment. Moved well with good topline & tail set.

Reserve was Bonett's Pomeranian, Dan-Star-Kom Lux Card, compact & sturdy body with good rib cage & topline. Good head, lovely coat, moved well.

Best Hound was Sciberras' Whippet, Dew Princess Diana, very typy bitch with curvy outline. Lovely head & expression, really comes into her own on the move.

Reserve was Manicaró's Basenji, Heitor Itapuca – excels in proportions & movement. Good head & eye, excellent topline – tail could be a little tighter to body otherwise an excellent specimen.

Best Puppy Hound was the Basenji, Heitor Itapuca. **Reserve** was Manicaró's Beagle, Alotorius Old Glory Crystall Ball, nice puppy with good head and soft expression. Good topline & neck. Moved well with good tail set & carriage.

Hound Junior winner was the Whippet, Dew Princess Diana. **Reserve** was Flores' Basset, Terra D'Orfili Folco, nice type, good proportions. Good head, eye & excellent ears with good topline & tail.

Gundog Group winner was Schembri's Bracco Italiano, Dama, Exciting youngster with good body proportions & long, elastic stride, keeping topline at all times.

Reserve was Chetcuti's American Cocker, Felicia Hardy. Nice bitch with good head, eyes & ears. Correct Topline & tail carriage. Balanced front & rear, moved well.

Gundog Puppy Group: Luliucci's Labrador, Zaylah Di Casa Biagini, lovely type with correct balance of height to length. In good firm condition, lovely head, good topline & tail set & carriage.

Reserve was Galea's Maltese Hunting Dog, Tara, good balance with lovely head & expression, large nostrils & good ears, good topline & very sound on the move.

Gundog Junior Group winner was the Bracco, Dama. **Reserve** was the American Cocker, Felicia Hardy.

My choice for **Best In Show** was the Keeshond, Ch.Neradmik Late Night Love, same as the previous day. **Reserve Best In Show** was the Pug, Velyurs De Offri Nouti Britz. **Best Junior in Show** was the GSD, Manicaró Bailey, **Reserve Best Junior** was the Whippet, Dew Princess Diana. **Best Puppy In Show** was the JRT, Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Osmio whilst **Reserve** was the Basenji, Heitor Itapuca. **Best Veteran** was the Australian Shepherd, Ch. Saussurea Spellbound. **Best Any Variety Locally Bred** was the L/C Chihuahua, Te Chichi Alilaw Pepe.

Mark Cocozza
Judge