

Malta Canine Society –5th & 6th May 2018 Championship Show

Thank you for the invitation to judge at this fabulous show, the quality of the dogs for such a small island was very high, and I was extremely pleased with my winners. Great hospitality from a hard working committee.

Working group; Manicaro's GSD, Ch.Manicaro Dux, well boned male of good type masculine head correct dentition, good neck leading to High withers with good over line, correct croup, and tail. Good length to leg ex forechest good depth of brisket, ex hindquarters strong firm hocks, in super coat and condition, covered the ground with flowing easy action and ex reach and drive

Reserve Best Working was Borg's Bullmastiff, Cane Guardiano Mr.Boombastic. Brindle male of ex type. Strong head correct bite and width to foreface and under jaw.Clean dry skull, well placed ears,dark eye. Strong neck good depth to brisket and good shoulder angulation.A little long in body, and topline rising on the move if moved too fast , moderate hindquarters excelled in profile action , sound coming and going, in good body and condition .

Terrier Group winner was J.Attard's delightful young jack Russell, Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Spring's Sky, super head and eye, correct bite well placed ears and good foreface for age, good shoulder and front, excellent topline and good rear balancing forehand, in good jacket, well carried tail stylish mover.

Reserve Terrier Group: Mallia's Kerry Blue Terrier, Irisblu Bounty Hunter. Smart young puppy, great length to head, keen eye and punishing jaw, well placed ears, strong neck and ex shoulder and forehand, short coupled and firm topline well carried tail, ex hindquarters, gave super action in true Kerry style, also my Best Puppy in Group and Reserve Best Puppy in Show .

Toy Group winner was the Superb Pomeranian bitch owned by S.Bonett, Jivenchy La Peregina Iz Vestiandii, of ex type and balance, exquisite foxy head, with dark well shaped eyes, correct bite super expression. Under her well prepared coat was a great body and excellent confirmation, tail set spot on and in line with back of the neck giving a wonderful round appearance, so short and dainty. Moved well all ways with style to take the top spot, and **Reserve Best in Show**.

Reserve Best Toy was Fenech's Chinese Crested Ch.Mimi Dog Doll Jamiroquas, true hairless, with fabulous head piece, correct dentition dark eye and correct proportioned muzzle excellent forehand good topline and tailset, excellent hindquarters. Dark supple skin. In excellent body and condition, moved superbly in true crested character. An absolute joy.

Gundog Group winner was D.Busuttill's Pointer, Sh.Ch.Chesterhope Kavallier Malti, most beautiful aristocratic male with excellent breed type. Correct head with dish face no mistaking the breed, good bite and depth to muzzle. Reachy neck well layed shoulder, correct front. In good body topline firm, correct croup, well angulated quarters, well carried tail, gave good account of himself on the move with true pointer action.

Reserve Best Gundog was V.Cuschieri's Gordon Setter, Sh.Ch.Ontario Black Lofty. Beautiful male of ex type. Superb head and eye, correct bite, good leathers and depth to muzzle, Shoulder a little forward placed and a little east west. Good body and bone. Excellent topline and tailset, excellent hindquarters, in super coat and condition, powered around the ring with his young handler to take reserve in group.

Utility Group: P.Pellegrini's Jewels Of Patrial Diamond Dice. Star of the show , French Bulldog of ex type and proportions , super masculine square head flat between the well placed bat ears, round dark eyes, domed forehead ,muzzle broad and well set back. Sturdy Cobby body, super broad front and straight legs with well knuckled feet good shoulder, excellent topline with slight roach and good rear angulation, with great definition of hock. Great ribbing, what impressed me about this male was his great static balance, and on the move he came into his own, powered around the ring and showed his heat out. Consummate well-muscled showman, to win the group and take **Best In Show**.

Reserve Best Utility was V.Gatt's beautiful Keeshund bitch, Samkees Arrow To The Heart. Loved her head and expression so typical, has all the essential marking etail. Super front and bone,

compact body, ex hindquarters and super tail carriage, excellent coat and condition, moved out with sound purposeful gait, to take reserve in group.

Hound Group winner was topped by the fabulous Saluki bitch owned by K.Galea. Her elegance feminine and style captivated from all angles. Superb head of regal bearing, eyes giving desired expression from long narrow head, correct width between the ears, dark oval eye long mobile ears, good bite and underjaw. Super arched neck flowing into well layed shoulder, excellent topline well set on tail from correct sloping croup, supple hindquarters, a picture on the move with graceful light lifting strides. In super coat with desired feathering in super condition.

Reserve Best Hound was Sciberras' very elegant brindle whippet bitch, Ch.Dew Princess Diana. Typical long lean head fine rose ears and oval eye giving bright expression, super neck and curvaceous topline. Straight front and well angulated rear in ex condition moved effortlessly with accurate precise footfall.

Puppy Groups:

Working Puppy Group was topped by the 6 month rottweiler female owned by P.Mallia, Dora Vom Hause Furimer, of excellent type and balance for age, excellent head dark eye and well placed ears, correct stop and skull, good dentition and pigment. Excellent shoulder, and front, excellent topline well carried tail, correct hind quarters, very promising baby, still a little apprehensive as needs more training. Could not deny her quality, moved superbly for a baby.

Reserve Best Puppy Working was R.Bonello's stylish boxer male, Highcrest Mystique Blue Phoenix, good head for age, good top skull, well placed ears, good eye, and depth to muzzle and good chin and underjaw, decent shoulder straight front. A little long in body and topline soft standing, well angulated quarters, just needs time to fill the frame. Moved well in profile.

Toy Puppy Group. Top spot went to A. Rodo's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Blue Moon Cavalier Charlotte. Beautiful headed blenheim puppy bitch who was also my best of breed. Soft expressive large eyes, well placed ears, good stop and depth to muzzle, good bite and well filled foreface. Super shoulder and front, ex topline well carried wagging tail, well angulated quarters, she was a picture on the move best puppy in group.

Reserve Best Puppy Toy was V.Cuschieri's Rooftop Ambra, curvaceous Italian greyhound of good quality. Feminine typical head giving correct expression good bite, and correct fine muzzle rose ears large bright eyes, super neck and shoulder, good body for age, good hindquarters, Loved her dainty outline both standing and on the move a true elegant performance with high stepping action.

Gundog Puppy Group went to Borg's beautiful Golden Retriever bitch, Olvinglay Venus Amor. Hands on she was simply structurally superb, gorgeous head, well placed ears melting expression, good proportioned skull to muzzle, correct bite, ex neck and shoulder, firm topline well carried and set on tail. Ex hindquarters, in super coat and condition, moved with fluent action and extension. With reach and drive. Was my contender for BPIS but was spooked in the challenge.

Reserve Puppy Gundog: D.Busuttill's fabulous Pointer bitch, Chesterhope Lady Lagertha, from the same kennel as the group winner. What a cracker she is, again copy book head, well placed leathers, good depth to muzzle and correct dish face. Super neck and ex conformation all through, well carried tail, in super body and condition. A future star.

Utility Puppy Group: Formosa & Sammut's baby Akita, Harley Tavo Svajone, breed type on a stick!. Loved this boy gave him best of breed on type alone. However he has the most typical bear head, small well placed triangular ears, almond dark eye, good width and depth to muzzle full cheeks, completely balanced giving good expression. Strong neck, good well boned front. Moderate rear balancing the forehead, well carried tail, loved his substance, mahogany and white, super sound action, my **Best Puppy in Show.**

Reserve Best Utility Puppy was Sciberras' baby Boston Terrier, Deniro Sugar For My Honey. Exquisite head and expression, no mistaking her breed, beautiful balance to her well-constructed

body, so square in outline, loved her hindquarters with great definition of hock, so rare to see these days. Perfect footfall as you would expect from her structure. Another with a bright future.

Hound Puppy Group – Cachia & Chetcuti's gorgeous whippet bitch, Chrisoli Careless Whisper, loved her size and beautiful curves, feminine head correct length to balance and well placed rose ears, compact shape with graceful curves well-constructed throughout, with good fill to forechest. Moved with grace and elegance, beautiful balanced mover.

Reserve Best Puppy Hound was Manicaro's Beagle, Manicaro Emily- puppy of super type and balance, loved her head and expression, well placed ears and super eye, correct muzzle and foreface, super neck and shoulder, ex topline and tailset, well angulated quarters, well carried stern. Loved her on the move so confident with correct profile action.

Best Junior in Show was Ambrogio & Cassar's Siberian Husky, Banelord Skelington Ghost, heavier type Siberian with superb construction and movement. Fabulous head and eye well placed ears of good size, pleasing expression, correct bite and strong under jaw. Strong neck, well layered shoulder and good return of upper arm, good prosternum development, straight front, level topline good croup and tail-set. Well ribbed back, excellent firm hindquarters, which he knows how to use. In fabulous coat and condition. He covered the ground with superb action, being fleet of foot. To win best junior in show.

Reserve Best Junior In Show was H.Azzopardi's white Standard Poodle, Bord Forest Mustang, strong boy of good overall conformation, pleasing head matching his body type, dark eye of good shape, well-proportioned head with good bite and underjaw. Good shoulder and upper arm firm body, well angulated hindquarters, tail a little gay in set, moved around the ring with great style, to be critical I would like him out of his pants and less hair as it makes him look too heavy. Super moving dog, with fabulous character.

Best Puppy In Show: Harley Tavo Svajone (Akita)

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