

The Malta Canine Society – September 2022 Double Championship Show – Judge’s Report –

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Day 1: Saturday 21st May 2022. Paul Harding

I was thrilled to be invited to judge best in show at this prestigious well-run show in new grounds looking splendid with plenty of exhibitors and I must thank the committee for the great hospitality. The best in show and best puppy in show did not disappoint with both having very strong group winners.

Utility Group: H.Azzopardi’s Standard Poodle, **Ch. Nord Forest Mustang** Of good size and type oozing balance with a lovely outline, chiselled head and dark pleasing eye neck strong sloping into well laid shoulder well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on tail set in excellent coat moved as one would expect from one so well balanced with a super attitude.

Reserve: V.Gatt’s Keeshond, **Almazniy Istochnik Russkaya Zima** Excellent head and expression pleasing eye correct bite and dentition, ears well used, square with good bone clean outline, correct topline, well set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct texture, moved out with purpose holding topline in sidegait.

Utility Junior Group: V.Gatt’s Keeshond, **Almazniy Istochnik Russkaya Zima** Excellent head and expression pleasing eye correct bite and dentition, ears well used, square with good bone clean outline, correct topline, well set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct texture, moved out with purpose holding topline in sidegait.

Reserve: M. Aquilina’s Min Poodle, **Love Me Do-N Della Baia Blue**. Super-size and type oozing balance excellent head and dark pleasing eye neck strong sloping into well laid shoulder body well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on tail set in excellent coat moved out with ease.

Utility Puppy Group: S.Ebejer’s Akita, **Doctor Love Centurion Gladiator (Res BPIS)**. Super head and expression well-padded cheeks good muzzle to skull proportion neat ears used well correct bite well off for bone tight feet and excellent front and rear assembly lovely outline moved with ease covering the ground well.

Reserve: C.Camilleri’s French Bulldog, **Sssr Only The Lonely**. Super straight front good depth of brisket and bone cat like feet good spring of rib short coupled strong well-muscled quarters nice tail set lovely arch of neck and bat like ears super dark eyes and lovely expression well filled under the eyes correct bite and good width of underjaw nice lip placement moves with purpose.

Gundog Group: D.Busuttill’s Pointer, **Sh.Ch. Chesterhope Lady Lagertha**. Super head and eye jaw strong correct bite and dentition good reach of neck well laid shoulder strong lion well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on topline and tailset, neat feet parallel action going and coming excellent on the move.

Reserve: J.Cross’ Cocker Spaniel, **Glentree Heritage**. Of good size and type excellent head and eye neck strong sloping into well laid shoulder body well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on tail set in excellent coat moved out with ease.

Gundog Junior Group: B.Borg’s Golden Retriever, **Golden Aurora Super Star Jax**. Well balanced muzzle in proportion to skull which is clean with expressive eye pleasing mouth well arched neck, good front with sloping shoulder and good upper arm angle giving plenty of fore-chest well sprung ribs with well let down brisket, strong well angulated quarters true going and coming holding topline in sidegait.

Reserve: G.Loughborough’s Labrador Retriever, **Loughlab Cora K&G**. Excellent head and expression muzzle in proportion to skull with good chin and good mouth pleasing length of neck sloping shoulder and correct front and fore-chest, well boned with short flat back with well-muscled quarters true going and coming holding topline in side gait

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Gundog Puppy Group: J.Cross’ Cocker Spaniel, **Crosstree Ruby**. Very good size and type, excellent head and expression, neck strong sloping into well laid shoulder body well ribbed correct angulation front and rear excellent tail set and coat, moved out with ease.

Reserve: A.Attard’s Golden Retriever, **Goldendorado Melodyj**. Correct skull and ears well shaped expressive eye pleasing mouth well arched neck, pleasing front assembly well sprung ribs with well let down brisket short back strong well angulated quarters true going and coming holding topline in sidegait.

Toy Group: S.Bonett’s Pomeranian, **Ta Bonett Pom Potte**. Excellent head and expression pleasing eye correct bite and dentition, ears well used, with correct bone clean outline, correct set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct texture, moved out with purpose true going and coming.

Reserve: C.Tabone’s Yorkshire Terrier, **Ch. Saficharms Wow Biyoux**. Oozing breed type and balance with super head piece, clean outline, well knitted with good proportion's, correct mouth, ears well set and used, correct topline, well set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct length and texture, moved out with purpose holding topline in sidegait and true coming and going.

Junior Group: S.Bonett’s Pomeranian, **Ta Bonett Pom Potte (Res Best Junior In Show)** Excellent head and expression pleasing eye correct bite and dentition, ears well used, with correct bone clean outline, correct set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct texture, moved out with purpose true going and coming.

Reserve: M.Galea’s Chinese Crested, **Genius Zakhar**. Beautiful head graceful, with alert expression and ideal crest, typical tapering muzzle, correct angulation front and rear bang on tail carriage, supple smooth hairless body, full of attitude and moved out true holding her width on the front.

Toy Puppy Group: C.Galea’s Pug, **Gabra CK Unstoppable Louie**. Super straight front good depth of brisket and bone correct feet good spring of rib short coupled strong well muscled quarters nice tail set lovely arch of neck and super dark eyes giving a lovely expression well filled under the eyes and good width of underjaw nice lip placement moves with purpose.

Reserve: M.Meli’s Bichon Frise, **Baron**. Excellent head and expression pleasing eye correct bite and dentition, square clean outline, correct topline, well set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct texture, moved out with purpose holding topline in side gait.

Best Veteran In Show: C.Tabone’s Yorkshire Terrier, **Ch. Saficharms Wow Biyoux**. Oozing breed type and balance with super head piece, clean outline, well knitted with good proportion's, correct mouth, ears well set and used, correct topline, well set tail, neat feet, excellent coat of correct length and texture, moved out with purpose holding topline in side gait and true coming and going

Best A/V Locally Bred: C.Tabone’s Yorkshire Terrier, **Ch. Saficharms Wow Biyoux**. (SEE ABOVE)

Best Puppy In Show: W.Grech’s WHWT, **Zenith Of Rockwell Pixel**. Beautiful head dark keen eye correct bite and dentition ears well set pleasing neck well laid shoulder strong lion well ribbed correct angulation front and rear pleasing topline in excellent coat, moved and handled well.

Reserve Best Puppy In Show: S.Ebejer’s Akita, **Doctor Love Centurion Gladiator**. Super head and expression well-padded cheeks good muzzle to skull proportion neat ears used well correct bite well off for bone tight feet and excellent front and rear assembly lovely outline moved with ease covering the ground well.

Best Junior In Show: S&J.Sammut/Formosa’s Bullmastiff, **Moonlight Bullshadow Big Ali Samforyosa**. Full of breed type and balance super head and expression correct bite and good width of underjaw correct

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lip placement and pleasing eye, well-muscled front well off for bone and rib correct topline and tailset moved out with power and purpose holding topline in side gate.

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Best In Show: J.Galea’s Wire Fox Terrier, **Travella Starcaster**, Oozing breed type and balance with a lovely outline, excellent head and dark pleasing eye correct ears used well, neck strong sloping into well laid shoulder very compact in body well ribbed correct angulation front and rear bang on tail set in excellent coat moved so well with a super attitude.

Reserve Best In Show: S&J.Sammut/Formosa’s Bullmastiff, **Moonlight Bullshadow Big Ali Samforyosa**, Full of breed type and balance super head and expression correct bite and good width of underjaw correct lip placement and pleasing eye, well-muscled front well off for bone and rib correct topline and tailset moved out with power and purpose holding topline in sidegate.

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