

The MALTA CANINE SOCIETY - JUNE, 2018 – Day 1.

I was delighted to travel to Malta and to see something of this lovely island, needless to say I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and that does, of course, include all the dogs. Both shows were very well organised and a pleasure to judge at. The Childrens Handling classes were a pleasure to judge and I have to acknowledge the quality of the handling throughout both shows, the majority of handlers are extremely professional and show their charges to their best advantage. On the first day I was particularly impressed by the quality of the Basenji, Beagles, Siberian Huskies, WFT and the Whippets. The overall quality was extremely good for both type and their condition generally.

Terrier Group winner was Calleja & Schembri's WFT MLT IVRAM SPOT ON I see she comes from dogs from the famous UK kennel.

So balanced and in super jacket. Long, lean head, dark eyes, super neck and front. Excellent topline and tail and moved beautifully.

Reserve Best Terrier was Mallia's SBT DEVIL'S DELIGHT OVER NETEREX. A lovely red bitch of real quality, solid and well put together with muscular condition. Typical head with sparkling eyes and broad skull. Width in front and pear shaped body. Strong and agile on the move.

Terrier Puppy Group Mallia's WFT SEANDRA AGAINST ALL ODDS Well grown male in excellent jacket. Typical in outline with well made hindquarters and good action on the move.

Reserve Best Puppy Terrier was F.Mallia's Kerry Blue. IRISBLU BOUNTY HUNTER Lively youngster who is well made and balanced in outline. Coat still soft as yet and today a bit erratic on the move.

Working Group winner was Cassar & Amrocia's Siberian Husky Ch. BANELORD FIRE CRACKER Topped an excellent entry, just loved him. Fully mature at 5 years and excelled in breed type, lovely head, excellent forequarters and strong level back with strength to hindquarters. Really good on the move and could do it all day.

Reserve best Working was D.Borg's Dobermann Ch. SAINT HILARION TEMPLARS BREMUSA This classy balanced B never put a foot out of place, sympathetically handled but she knew exactly what to do anyway. Quality all through and was lovely both standing and on the move.

Working Junior Group winner was R.Bonello's Boxer BERWYNFA'S MALTESE FALCON Thought this youngster rather impressive. He does need to drop in body but am sure he has time on his side. Pleasing head, well boned & a nice mover.

Working Puppy Group was won by Formosa's Bullmastiff ARDHUB OOH LA LA At five months very much a baby but all things in the right place, happy girl with a lovely head, darkest of eyes, very good bone and strength all though.

Reserve in the **Working Puppy Group** was Cilia's Boxer MEJERIC MADE YOU LOOK At just over 8 months he is developing nicely and will probably have a good career. Pleasing in head, good neck and front, well ribbed and strong in rear. Moved OK.

Winner of the **Hound Group** was Mercieca's Whippet Ch. CHEBEC GEORGIA ON MY MIND I thought every whippet here was just lovely but felt she had the edge, elegant, shapely and refined all in one package. Lovely head and expression, super length and strength of neck, well angulated in front with lovely bone and tight feet. Her body shape and hindquarters were excellent and on the move she just flowed as if it were effortless. I was delighted my co-judge chose her for BIS and on the second day she was as good and just had to take the top spot again. This breeder is so lucky to have the sire of this girl and to be able to work around the line.

Reserve Best Hound was Galea's Saluki Ch. PROENZASCHOULER DEL BORGHINO I really liked this lady, such elegance and in super condition. Lovely head, topline and body shape, correct

bladed bone and nice angles. Moved out so well and with such style. Her kennel mate was also extremely impressive.

Hound Junior Group was won by Meli's Afghan RUSSIAN SPELLBOUND WINTRY STAR FRIDA Golden coated bitch which personified the look and aloofness of the breed. Lovely head, balanced for and aft and moved out really well.

Reserve in the Hound Junior Group was D'Arrigo's Rhodesian Ridgeback DEYONGA JONATHAN SWEET At just over a year he is well up to size and as he matures in body he will make an impressive male. Quite nicely made in all areas and moved nicely once he settled to the task.

Hound Puppy Group winner was Manicaro's Beagle MANICARO EMILY Coming up to 7 months and has lovely soft expression with the darkest of eyes. Showed very well indeed for such a baby and moved out quite happily to take over the ring. Well made all through with excellent topline, tail and super front.

Reserve Best Puppy Hound was C.Cachia's CHRISOLI CARELESS WHISPER, Whippet B So unlucky to meet the 1st in such good form. Nice head and expression. Pleasing neck & topline and standing on well boned legs. Moved out with great elegance.

Sheila Jakeman.