

The MALTA CANINE SOCIETY JUNE, 2018 – Day 2.

On the second day there were another set of lovely exhibits, in particular the adult Maltese, several of the Gundog BOB's, the Akita, the Keeshonds and the French Bulldogs.

Toy Group winner was Delceppo's Maltese Ch. CARLOS OF ANGELA WHITE He moved as if he owned the ring. In beautiful coat and superbly presented. Straight bone, tight feet, well sprung in body and has a lovely expression which was enhanced by his correct dark pigmentation. Reserve BIS.

Reserve Best Toy was Bonett's Pomeranian JIVENCHY LA PEREGINA IZ VESTIANDII Diminutive but so well put together. Very typical in head with good mouth, short in back with correct high set tail. Lovely bone and moved out with great style & confidence. I would have preferred to see her with more of her coat left on her hindquarters.

Toy Junior Group winner was O.Manicaro's CKCS MANICARO GORDI. This Blenheim D is of nice size and pleasing outlook. Nice expression with dark eyes & good ear set. Stands foursquare and has well sprung body & nice bone.

Winner of the **Toy Puppy Group** was Cuschieri's Italian Greyhound ROOFTOP AMBRA. This dark fawn baby is so stylish and elegant. As fine as she should be and beautifully made all through. Moved nicely once she settled.

Reserve Best Puppy Toy was Bonett's Pomeranian, TA'BONETT POM LILLY THE LADY IN RED, Very attractive, in lovely coat and showed her little head off. Body, tail, legs and feet all correct and very typical in skull and ears but I felt she has too much length of foreface and wonder how she will develop.

The Utility Group was topped by V.Gatt's Keeshond NERADMIK CUPID LOVES This masculine exhibit appeals immediately for overall balance and his correct colour is impressive. Loved his head and expression. Well boned, tight feet and well made all through. Moved really well and pushed hard in the final.

Reserve in the Utility Group was Pellegrini's French Bulldog Ch. JEWELS OF PATRIAL DIAMOND DICE Masculine & solid, this mature male has everything and he knows it, supremely confident and strode around the ring like he owned it. Excels for breed type.

Utility Junior Group winner was H.Azzopardi's Standard Poodle ASJA This exuberant youngster showed and posed well. Has typical outline with good bone and feet. Long lean head and plenty of that desired "attitude".

Utility Puppy Group Both of these exhibits moved beautifully. My choice was Formosa's Akita HARLEY TAVO SVAJONE This is the most impressive puppy I have seen in a long time in any breed. Great outline, lovely head, huge bone, super feet, well sprung in body, short in loin and well set on tail. All surrounded by a fabulous jacket of a distinctive dark colour. His young handler has a super exhibit to start in dogs and they will learn together. I could not pop a Pom in my handbag but I would have bought a bigger case to take this boy home.

Reserve in the Utility Puppy Group was Pellegrini's French Bulldog JEWELS OF PATRIAL LORD M. Another which must have a really bright future, a repeat mating of the Ch. BOB and has everything as he does – great head, well proportioned body with so many of the desired attributes. Unlucky to come up against the stunning Akita but his turn will come.

My **Gundog Group** winner was D.Busuttill's Pointer Sh.Ch. CHESTERHOPE KAVALLIER MALTI This good sized masculine Lemon/White is impressive both stacked and on the move. Very well constructed, in particularly in front angulation. Good head, neck & topline. Well boned and good tight feet.

Reserve Best Gundog was J.Aquilina's English Springer Spaniel, SIEGERS MADLY YOURS This nine month old D is impressive in stature and type. Loved his head and expression. Well up

to size, I am sure as he matures he will be topping the Group on a regular basis. Lovely on the move.

The **Gundog Junior Group** winner was B.Borg's Golden Retriever OLVINGLAY VENYUS AMOR Another nice youngster with very typical head, bone and balance. Just needs to develop in body and settle on the move and she must do well in the future.

Best in Gundog Puppy Group: SIEGER'S MADLY YOURS

Reserve Best Puppy Gundog was G.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever NEVILL OPEN HEART This good sized male is a bit of a fool right now but he has a lovely head, good bone and a strong body so he should end up an impressive dog. Moved well when he tried.

Best AV Locally Bred was Bonett's Pomeranian TA BONETT POM LILLY THE LADY IN RED

Best Veteran in Show was the Siberian Husky owned by D.Cassar HULDUHEIMS VOLVA

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW was O.Manicaro's Beagle - MANICARO EMILY

Reserve Best Puppy In Show was the Akita, HARLEY TAVO SVAJONE At the end of the two long shows this Beagle was more willing to co-operate than the big Akita who was beginning to show he was tired. It is a lot for a very young puppies.

BEST IN SHOW was Mercieca's Whippet, Ch. CHEBEC GEORGIA ON MY MIND

Reserve Best In Show was Delceppo's Maltese Ch CARLOS OF ANGELA WHITE

Two stunning exhibits and it was splitting hairs to separate them.

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