September 2024 - Day 1 Judge Report – Ms. Jill Peak – Utility – Working – Hound Breeds

Junior Handler:

1. Keira O'Leary - Very promising young handler making the best of her exhibit pleased she followed instructions when asked I am sure she will go far Look forward to seeing her next year at Crufts. Good luck.

Utility Group:

Best: B.Borg's Japanese Shiba Inu, Damyashi Bushi – Very smart male good head proportions straight legs, good body and outline, moved well, shown in good coat.

Reserve: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-n Della Baia Blu – Lovely type good head clean neck enough bone, body well balanced, shown in immaculate coat and condition moved well. Awarded her also Best Puppy Utility.

Utility Junior Group:

Best: E.Meli's Miniature Poodle, Bomberman-N Della Baia Blu – Pleasing type, like better head proportions, nice legs and feet, body well ribbed, moved soundly.

Reserve: M.D'Auria's Min Poodle, Exploit On The Red Carpet Mittelpom – Needs time enough bone, body well ribbed, good quarters.

Utility Puppy Group:

Best: : M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-n Della Baia Blu –(Repeat)

Reserve: E.Gauci's French Bulldog, Ta Skonju Trixie – Pleasing type, like cleaner head, nice eye, good body and outline, moved well.

Working Group:

Best: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, Manicaro Paddington Bear – Lovely type well balanced, correct carriage, good head and expression, nice eye, clean neck and front assembly, plenty bone, good legs and feet, body well ribbed, loin well muscled going into strong quarters with correct set on. Moved well both ways and in profile. Was also Best Junior Working, and later on was Anne Macdonald's choice for Reserve Best In Show and Best Junior In Show, and same on the next day when it was my turn to do the honours.

Reserve: A.Grixti's GSD, Ch. Carly Di Poggio Del Sol – Nice type, pleasing head proportions, ears well set, good legs and feet, body well balanced, moved soundly.

Working Junior Group:

Best: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, Manicaro Paddington Bear – (Repeat)

Reserve: E.Micallef's Rottweiler, House Of Tirova Tina – Good type, pleasing head and expression, plenty bone, nice body and outline, went well.

Working Puppy Group:

Best: N.Zammit's Siberian Husky, Banelord Blaster Bomb – Sweet puppy full of confidence head needs to break, straight legs, good feet, nice body and outline, time on his side.

Reserve: M.Powell's Border Collie, Silver Cliffs An Affair To Remember – Again nice type just needs time, pleasing head shape, correct eye, clean neck, good body and outline, moved soundly.

Hound Group:

Best: K.Galea's Saluki, Ch. Gabra CK Alexander Helios – Pleasing type, moved and showed well. Good head and expression, clean neck and front assembly, straight legs, nice body and outline.

Reserve: O.Manicaro's Basenji, Manicaro Diesel Daf – Very smart basenji, head needs time to break good pigment, nice legs and feet, body well balanced and ribbed back, tail set on high giving shelf behind, moved and showed well. Awarded also Best Puppy Hound, and later on was Anne Macdonald's choice for Reserve Best Puppy In Show.

Hound Junior Group:

Best: C.Cachia's Whippet, Suntach Give Me A Reason – Nice type, pleasing head proportions, nice eye and expression, clean neck, straight legs, outline covering ground, could move better behind.

Reserve: I&A.Borg's Beagle, Portside Kennels Pip – Smart Tri colour male, pleasing head, dark eye, good pigment, like more neck and better front assembly, nice body and outline, moved well behind bit untidy in front.

Hound Puppy Group:

Best: O.Manicaro's Basenji, Manicaro Diesel Daf – (Repeat)

Reserve: C. Cachia's Whippet, Suntach Hello Darlin' - Promising puppy well-constructed, good head proportions correct eye shape, clean neck and front assembly, straight legs, body well balanced, moved well. One I feel will have good future.

Any Variety Locally Bred Working: Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch. Banelord Lava Flowing Crest – Pleasing type, good head shape, straight legs, good feet, body well ribbed, moved soundly.

Best Veteran Working: Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch. Banelord Rag Doll – Nice type bit out of coat, good head and expression, plenty bone, nice body and outline went well.

Jill Peak – Judge

<u>September 2024 Day 1 - Judge Report – Ms. Anne Macdonald – Terrier – Gundog – Toy Breeds & Finals</u>

I was delighted to have the opportunity to judge at the Malta Canine Society's 0PEN AIR double Championship Show on Saturday &Sunday 7th and 8th September this year, which encompassed the Eukanuba National Championships and 2025 Crufts Qualifier. The quality of the entry was very good and many decisions were close ones. All dogs were in excellent condition and well handled.

Terrier Group:

Best: J.Schembri's Lakeland Terrier, Ch.Under Pressure Foxhouse – (BIS) – This dog was outstanding and never put a foot wrong. He was presented in good coat which was dense and harsh. His type, head qualities, outline and true movement won him the group and later also Best in Show.

Reserve: R.Cordina's Sealyham Terrier, Didgeridoo's Chicago Fizz – Well-proportioned in body with a good head and dark nose and eyes. Good length of neck, broad chest, well boned legs and round well-padded feet. Moved well with good drive from his rear. Also Best Junior in Group.

Terrier Junior Group:

Best: R.Cordina's Sealyham Terrier, Didgeridoo's Chicago Fizz (Repeat)

Reserve: L.Bartolo's Jack Russell Terrier, Millie Smart little dog, well-constructed and moving very well .Still young and her best still to come.

Terrier Puppy Group: Best: W.Grech's WHWT, Bonnie Fenella Forever Shine Roxy – Totally out of coat but she had a typical head with good strong muzzle and small erect ears. Good level back and strong hindquarters. Good tail.

Gundog Group:

Best: J.Cross' Cocker Spaniel, Crosstree The One And Only – A well balanced red dog who was shown in very good coat and condition. He had a lovely head and ears of good shape and length. . Good eyes with a gentle expression. Good forequarters and a well-muscled rear with low hocks giving great drive when moving. Also won Junior Group.

Reserve: M.Powell's English Setter, Dingli Gem Elegy For The Arctic – A handsome, elegant dog who moved really well striding out showing good drive behind. Good lean head with fairly deep square muzzle. When moving held his head high. Front straight with good bone and rear well-muscled. Tail medium length, well feathered and carried almost in line with the back when moving.

Gundog Junior Group:

J.Cross' Cocker Spaniel, Crosstree The One And Only (Repeat)

Reserve: J.Galea's Spanish Water Dog – Dingli Gem Lovable Lucy – Very appealing youngster. Well-constructed and in good densely mainly white curled coat. Typical head and balanced front and rear which made for true and easy movement.

Gundog Puppy Group:

Best: L.Shoemake's Labrador Retriever, Sevda Di Casa Lopresti – Very well constructed bitch with good head and strong neck, good ribbing and a well angulated rear. Moved with purpose holding her topline.

Reserve: B.Borg's Golden Retriever, Golden Aurora Lovestory Puppy dog showing much promise. Has a good head and outline and a good front with neat elbows and well angulated rear. Moved well for his age.

Toy Group:

Best: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Ch.Dan-Star-Kom Stella Pena – A really eye-catching litle dog full of her own importance. Has correct head proportions with small thick ears, bright eyes and good mouth. Straight front legs and a well angulated rear. Good level topline and high set tail carried flat over her back. Excellent coat and moving very well. Reserve Best Junior in Show.

Reserve: L.Delceppo's Maltese – Ivy Of Leara White Star – In full coat and which was well presented. Good dark pigment of nose and eye rims. Moving really well both front and rear holding her topline. Reserve Best In Toy Puppy Group.

Toy Junior Group:

Best: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Ch.Dan-Star-Kom Stella Pena (Repeat)

Reserve: C.Tabone's Yorkshire Terrier, Safi Charms Golden Eva – Has a typical head with erect ears,good neck and topline with good tailset. Coat straight with correct distribution of colour and well presented. Best A.V. Locally Bred Toy.

Toy Puppy Group:

Best: V.Sultana's Pomeranian, Dan-Star-Kom Flay De Cristal – Very good head with a fairly short neck and compact body. Good legs and feet.Very active and sound on the move.Good size and type. Best Puppy In Show

Reserve: L.Delceppo's Maltese – Ivy Of Leara White Star (Repeat)

Best Veteran Gundog: G.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever, Sh.Ch. Neville Open Heart – A strongly built dog with a good broad chest. Broad, deep and strong in body and with a well-muscled rear and thick rounded tail. Moved really well and also won Best Veteran in Show.

Best AV Locally Bred: Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch. Banelord Lava Flowing Crest – A well balanced dog with good body proportions..Good bone for his size, good legs and strong well-padded feet. Had a nice foxy head with good eyes, high set triangular ears and a strong muzzle.Tail well furred and carried over the back in a curve.

Best Puppy In Show: V.Sultana's Pomeranian, Dan-Star-Kom Flay De Cristal (Repeat)

Reserve BPIS: O.Manicaro's Basenji, Manicaro Diesel Daf – A tri dog of good size and type. Fine boned and high on the leg. He has a good head with some wrinkle on his forehead and small hooded ears set forward. Pleasing crest to his neck leading to a level back and high set tightly curled tail. Moved truly with a long swinging stride.

Best Junior In Show: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, Manicaro Paddington Bear.A most attractive youngster who was typical of the breed. Lovely head, eye and nose. Good neck and shoulders with neat elbows and a good depth of chest. Well ribbed back to a strong well angulated rear with hocks well let down. Tail set on low and well furnished. Moved freely with feet low and with good reach and drive. Best in Working Group.and Junior WorkingGroup.

Reserve Best Junior In Show: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Ch.Dan-Star-Kom Stella Pena (Repeat)

Best In Show: J.Schembri's Lakeland Terrier, Ch.Under Pressure Foxhouse (Repeat)

Reserve.Best In Show: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, Manicaro Paddington Bear. (Repeat)

Anne Macdonald - Judge