

## **THE MALTESE NATIONAL CANINE FEDERATION'S November Championship Show.**

### **Judge's Report – Day 1 – Saturday 2nd November 2024 – David Shields.**

#### **TERRIER GROUP:**

**Best:** Cordina's Sealyham Terrier, Didgeridoo's Chicago Fizz. Presents a very typical outlook and has very balanced appearance with the required oblong outline. Good strength in head, pleasing length and a keen eye and expression. Clean over the neck and shoulders, well sprung ribs and excellent strength of hindquarters. Good double coat and moved soundly with great reach and drive.

**Reserve:** Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Wildjack Bor To Be Special. Liked his size and workmanlike appearance and was on his toes at all times. Clean cut head, well set ears and an alert expression. Stands on good legs and feet. Good depth but easily spanned. Firm level topline that he holds on the move along with a well set tail. Moved well on a good stride.

#### **TERRIER JUNIOR GROUP:**

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

#### **TERRIER PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Cassar's Bull Terrier, Unique Passion Poison Ivy. Very much a character with that fun loving attitude which is such a trait of the breed. Pleasing head shape, good eye and expression and well placed ears. Strong neck and a well developed body for his age. Good strength of quarters. Once he settled move on a good stride.

**Reserve:** Grech's WHWT, Bonnie Fenella Forever Shine Roxy. Small and active as the breed standard asks for. Balanced head, dark eye and well set ears. Compact body with a pleasing depth of chest. Well let down hocks and pleasing width of hindquarters. Moved well but just needs to strengthen slightly in his hind movement.

#### **GUNDOG GROUP:**

**Best:** Loughborough's Labrador Retriever), Sh.Ch. Nevill Open Heart. Veteran dog who belies his age. Strongly built but shows no sign of coarseness. Liked his size and is so well balanced throughout. Very typical in head, good width of skull along with excellent strength of muzzle. Clean over his neck and shoulders. Stands on the best of legs and feet. Short coupled body, good bend of stifle and a pleasing tailset and carriage. Soundest of movers.

**Reserve:** Powell's English Setter, Sh.Ch. Dingli Gem Elegy For The Arctic. Pushed the winner close on the day. Elegant appearance with the cleanest of outlines. Good length of head with a pleasing eye and the softest of expressions. Well made front assembly, good layback of shoulder and a deep chest with plenty of heartroom. Short backed, level topline and well angulated quarters. Moved on a free and easy stride.

#### **GUNDOG JUNIOR GROUP:**

**Best:** Busuttill's Pointer, Berseydale Full House. Lovely youngster who if she continues on these lines will be a star of the future I am sure. Clean head piece with fine leathers and the brightest of expressions. Good reach of neck set in well placed shoulders, Straight front with correct oval bone, shapely body and well made hindquarters. Still needs to come together on the move but this will come as she matures.

**Reserve:** Briffa's Golden Retriever, Blue Lives Prince Benji. Pleasing type of good size and of overall good confirmation. Balanced head, good strength but is no way coarse in appearance. Clean over his neck and shoulders. Well developed body for his age, firm quarters with good width of second thigh. Put down in good coat and condition and moved on a positive stride.

### **GUNDOG PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Borg's Golden Retriever, Golden Aurora Love Story. Liked her overall shape, size and balance. Very typical in head, clean cut with a lovely dark eye and the kindest of expressions. Scores in neck and shoulders, well developed body with pleasing depth and well sprung ribs. Pleasing bend of stifle, well set tail that she carried well. Covered the ground on a positive stride.

**Reserve:** Shoemake & Chetcuti's Clumber Spaniel, Big Boom's Showman Stuarts. Very much a baby but lots to like about him and definitely more to come as he matures and develops. Correct square head, nicely balanced with good depth of muzzle. Well boned front legs, good spring of rib for his age along with well rounded hindquarters. Moved well if a little babyish at present.

### **TOY GROUP:**

**Best:** Delceppo's Maltese, Ivy Of Leara White Star. Headed a very strong and competitive Group on the day. Very smart young lady who just commanded the ring on the day with her presence and free flowing movement. Beautifully balanced head, good eye shape, dark with excellent pigmentation. Pleasing front assembly, short body with a good spring of rib and well angulated quarters. Presented in the best of coats.

**Reserve:** Galea's Pug, Ch. Gabra CK Unstoppable Louie. Fits the standard well, square and cobby in appearance. Very typical in head, round, large black nose, dark eye and the softest of expressions. Good strength of neck, best of fronts, good width of chest and a lovely spring of rib. Well bent stifles and correct high set tail. Moved with purpose on a very typical stride.

### **TOY JUNIOR GROUP:**

**Best:** Sultana's Pomeranian, Dan-Star-Kom Flay De Cristal. Has the required compact outlook along with great spirit and attitude, alert and on his toes at all times. Good eye and the brightest of expressions. Very well made front assembly, straight front, compact body and well ribbed for his age. Put down in good order and moved on a free and brisk stride as the standard asks for.

**Reserve:** Farrugia's CKCS, Calypso Nympha Azure. Pretty youngster with the required graceful and balanced appearance. Pleasing head, dark eye and a soft expression. Very clean over her neck and shoulders. Short coupled body with a firm back and well bent stifles. Well set tail of pleasing length. Once she got into her stride moved well in a positive manner.

### **TOY PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Delceppo's Maltese, Ivy Of Leara White Star. **(Repeat)**

**Reserve:** Bonett's Pomeranian, Ta Bonett Kelly Ann. There was strength in depth in the entry of Poms today and this young lady was up there with the best. Liked her size and very typical outlook. Good head, eye and expression along with neat well placed ears. Short compact body with a pleasing depth of chest. Good tailset and carriage and moved in a very positive manner.

### **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW:**

**Best:** Powell's Boprdor Collie, Silvercliffs An Affair To Remember. A very promising youngster. So well balanced with a smooth and clean outline. Typical in head with a correct oval eye and an alert and intelligent expression. Very clean over the neck and shoulders. Well ribbed for her age and pleasing quarters. Moved soundly on a smooth and easy stride.

**Reserve:** Delceppo's Maltese, Ivy Of Leara White Star. **(Repeat)**

*David Shields - Judge*