

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

### **Judge's Report – Day 2 – Sunday 3rd November 2024 – David Shields.**

#### **HOUND GROUP:**

**Best:** Galea's Saluki, Ch. Gabra CK Alexander Helios. Such quality throughout. He has that graceful and balanced appearance the standard asks for. Lovely headpiece with the best of expressions. Excellent reach of neck set in fine sloping shoulders. Good depth of chest with plenty of heartroom. Very well developed hindquarters. In super coat and condition. His movement was a joy to watch, so smooth and effortless.

**Reserve:** Cachia's Whippet, Suntach He Is. Was really taken by this young man. Liked his size, shape and overall balance. Has the cleanest of outlines and he just flows from head to tail. Best of heads with brightest of expressions and neat ears. Excellent front assembly standing on good legs and feet. Shapely body along with a good bend of stifle. So sound with a very typical action.

#### **HOUND JUNIOR GROUP:**

**Best:** Cachia's Whippet, Suntach Give Me A Reason. Another good one from this kennel. Has a very shapely appearance combining pleasing strength and power with the required elegant outlook. Good head, eye and expression. Very clean over the neck and shoulders, Firm body with good depth of chest and the required tuck up. Nicely rounded quarters. Moved well.

**Reserve:** Saliba's Dachshund (Standard Smooth), Tal-Kraw's Siri. Pleasing shape and size and of overall good confirmation. Balanced head, dark eye and well set ears. Good length of body but is not exaggerated in anyway. Well muscled hindquarters. Moved on a pleasing stride.

#### **HOUND PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Cachia's Whippet, Suntach He Is (Repeat)

**Reserve:** Manicaro's Basenji, Manicaro Diesel Daf. A quality puppy. So typical in appearance, alert at all times and has the aristocratic outlook the standard asks for. Clean cut head, dark eye and small well set ears. Pleasing front assembly with a good reach of neck set in well placed shoulders. Sort backed and a level topline. Sound on the move.

#### **WORKING GROUP:**

**Best:** Grixti's Siberian Husky, Banelord Fire Fist Ace. Headed a very competitive Group on the day. Took your eye as soon as she entered the ring and is so well built throughout. Beautifully balanced head, lovely eye and well placed ears of good shape. Strong neck, excellent layback of shoulder and a straight front with quality bone. Good depth of chest and a firm topline. Correct tailset and carriage. Soundest of movers on a free and easy stride.

**Reserve:** Galea's, Ch. Brynhafod Sweet Pea. Quality bitch who pushed the winner close on the day. Liked her size as she is not overdone in anyway but still has the required bone and substance to complete the picture. Her head has that balance of skull and muzzle that is so essential. It has a very feminine outlook with a good eye and expression. Squarely built, good depth and well angulated quarters. Moved soundly.

#### **WORKING JUNIOR GROUP:**

**Best:** C&K.Cilia's Boxer, Cilemm Blessed In Time Jovi. Pleasing sort who presents a very typical outlook and appearance, compact with good strength and substance. Balanced head with a good eye and bright expression. Stands on good legs and feet. Good depth of chest for his age. Short backed and a firm topline. Pleasing width of hindquarters. Moved well.

### **WORKING PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Powell's Border Collie, Silvercliffs An Affair To Remember ( Repeat )

**Reserve:** Mansueto's Boxer, Limubox Red Pepper. Top quality puppy who was unlucky to meet the winner on such form on the day. There is nothing that I would change on her at this stage of her development. Best of heads, so beautifully balanced with a very typical outlook. Excellent front assembly, best of legs and feet and pleasing depth of chest for her age. Firm body and good strength of quarters. Sound on the move.

### **UTILITY GROUP:**

**Best:** M. Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-N Della Baia Blu. Super young lady with a touch of class. Lovely balance throughout with the required elegant outlook. Good length of head, fine and clean cut with a dark eye and an expressive eye. Strong neck set in well placed shoulders. Good spring of rib, pleasing quarters and well let down hocks. Super coat and first class presentation. Such a sound and positive mover.

**Reserve:** M.Aquilina's Toy Poodle, Drusilla Foer-N Della Baia Blu. Another very good one from this kennel. So well made throughout and has that proud carriage the standard asks for. Very typical in head with a lovely eye and expression. Pleasing front assembly, good depth of chest, short backed and well angulated hindquarters. In tip top order on the day. Moved well.

### **UTILITY JUNIOR GROUP:**

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

**Reserve:** M. Aquilina's Toy Poodle, Drusilla Foer-N Della Baia Blu. (Repeat)

### **UTILITY PUPPY GROUP:**

**Best:** Spiteri's Shih Tzu, Sweet Sensations Endless Love. Promising puppy of good make and shape. Pleasing head, dark eye and a soft expression along with well set ears. Well boned legs, with a straight front along with a good width of chest for her age. Level topline that she holds on the move. Good tailset and carriage. Moved on a smooth and easy stride.

**Reserve:** Gauci's French Bulldog, Ta Skonju Trixie. Sturdy compact youngster. Typical in head, good eye shape, dark and expressive. Pleasing strength of neck. Good body shape, cobby and well rounded. Her quarters are nicely developed with the required moderate angulation. Presented in good coat. Moved well.

### **BEST IN SHOW:**

**Best:** M Galea's Saluki, Ch. Gabra CK Alexander Helios. (Repeat)

**Reserve:** M. Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-N Della Baia Blu. ( Repeat )

*David Shields*

*Judge*