

Judge's report

It was a great pleasure to be back in Malta, and at the end of the two days I had a line up of six top quality dogs. From the Working Group, the Alaskan Malamute, Ivramwoodland Continue The Legend, full of breed type with correct topline, sloping slightly from withers. Strongly made and holds up himself when on the move. The runner up was the GSD, Rafaye Hakan, a beautiful example of the breed, without exaggeration and skilfully handled to show his smooth outline and excellent gait. It was unfortunate that the fireworks display in the area took place whilst the group was being judged, and he became a little over excited by the noise and was not as steady as the Malamute.

The Terrier Group was won by the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Dazmarnic Double Trouble, classy, feminine and full of type and very true at both ends on the move. Runner up was the Bull Terrier, Ch.Esprit De Corps The Joker, very good headed coloured bitch with great temperament. A touch flamboyant in her front action.

The Toy Group had some strong contenders and pressing for top spots were the Pug and Yorkshire Terrier. However, the top spot went to the Pomeranian, Am.Ch.Char's Cruisin' For Hotties – filled the eye for type and balance with lovely foxy face, fine bone and movement, in superb coat, I gather a new arrival in Malta but I think destined for a great career. The same needs to be said for the runner up, the junior Pekingese, Kansai Little Big Man, wonderful type, low slung body of excellent shape, correct rolling movement and topped by an excellent head – very typical of her English bloodlines.

Gundogs were led by the Bracco Italiano, Ciclone, great moving dog with correct lean head, correct proportions and full of type. I felt that he is not yet fully mature and is destined for even higher things. Reserve was the Labrador bitch, Saturnia Di Casa Biagini, good headed bitch in good coat, well ribbed, tailset could be a little higher.

The Utility group was won by the French Bulldog, Ch. Gold Sierra Giorgio, lovely size and type and very sound on the move, full of quality. Reserve was the junior Keeshond, Neradmik Late Night Love – she has great quality and type and I see has two lovely parents of whom she is very worthy.

In the Hound group I liked the junior Whippet, Absolute Mann I'm Lovin It, for his smooth flowing lines and clean slopy movement. He held his shape well. Runner up was another junior bound for a good career, the Beagle Dialynne Make My Day. This tricolor dog is a lovely shape and full of quality. He needs to mature in body and then can go further.

So from this line up I chose the Pomeranian as Best In Show with the Bracco Reserve.

In the puppy groups I chose the Siberian Husky in the Working Group, Ayuka's Magic Dreamer – of correct size and proportions, he was in good coat and was accurate and sound on the move.

The Toy puppies were led by the Cavalier, Call Me Lucky Scarlett Team – what a pleasure to find him – lovely size, correct topline, croup and tail carriage, so difficult to find these days and a very good head and beautiful eyes. He and his owner are new to showing but should have a good future.

Gundog puppies were led by a beautiful Bracco Italiano bitch, Ofelia Del Tavuliddaro, wonderful type and when she gains confidence will be a top winner – she was pressed by the 7 month old Pointer bitch, Jewel Del Galeazzo – wonderful type and style – just needs to grow on now.

Hound puppy winner was the Beagle dog, Isoria Agassi, smart, balanced tricolor carrying up himself well, shown in hardy condition.

The Utility puppies were topped by the French Bulldog bitch, Jewels Of Patrial Endless Love, lovely body shape and movement. The baby Akita, Ruthdales Bullet Proof was the reserve – full of quality and promise.

My choice for Best Puppy In Show was the Siberian Husky, Ayuka's Magic Dreamer, and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Call Me Lucky Scarlett Team as Reserve BPIS. Best Veteran was the Boston Terrier, Int.Ch.Bogerudmyras Pajo. Best Any Variety Locally bred was the Bulldog, Ch.Elonas King Of Clover who is wonderfully sound and active on the move.

Many thanks to all the exhibitors for making me feel so welcome and being so sporting throughout the show.

Frank Kane

Judge