

Malta – Eukanuba Nationals & Crufts Qualifier shows – June 2017

I would like to thank the Malta Canine Society & The Maltese National Canine Federation for asking me to judge there lovely 2 day evening show.

It is always a pleasure to judge in Malta. There were some lovely dogs for me to go over and I'd like to thank the exhibitors for the sporting way in which they took my decisions.

I would also like to thank my co- judge Mrs Patsy Hollings for sending through to me some lovely exhibits in her groups and making this a very memorable weekend.

The show organisation was excellent and the hospitality second to none. The venue was in a football ground with plenty of space. The rings were outside and very spacious. There was more than enough space for the exhibitors to relax around the rings.

1st Day

Utility Group winner: The lovely French Bulldog puppy, P.Pellegrini's Jewels Of Patrial Diamond Dice, head and expression and typical outline for the breed, what a lovely mover and oozes attitude. I'm sure he will have a very exciting future.

Reserve Utility Group: I see this Keeshond puppy's parents were from the famous Keeshond kennel of Jean Sharp Bale. Mr V.Gatt's Keeshond, Samkees Arrow To The Heart, typical of the breed, beautiful head and expression, in excellent coat and condition, so well handled to get the best of her.

Another that will have a very exciting career.

Utility Junior Winner: Mr Pace's Akita, Rolex Of Wolfpoint, Big upstanding boy, beautiful head and correct set and carried ears, excellent outline, well carried tail, in excellent coat and condition, moved well.

Res Utility Junior Winner: Mr F.L Borg's Dalmatian, Mondo Dalmata Fairytale, Lovely head and expression, good outline, moved well.

Utility Puppy Winner: Mr Pellegrini's Bulldog, Jewels Of Patrial Diamond Dice.
Res Utility Puppy: Mr Gatt's Keeshond, Samkees Arrow To The Heart.

Gundog Group Winner: V.Cuschieri's Gordon Setter, Lofty Ontario Black, Mature for age, beautiful head and expression, ex neck , strong topline, moved well.

Reserve Gundog Group: N.Xuereb's Golden Retriever, Too Good To Be Truth Sun Of My Heart, lovely puppy, full of quality, lovely head and expression, ex neck and front, strong topline, lovely tail set and carriage.

Gundog Junior Winner: N.Xuereb's Golden Retriever Too Good To Be Truth Sun Of My Heart.

Reserve Gundog Junior: F Cochetti Pointer Misty Meadows Be My Girl, quality girl, lovely head and neck, strong topline, good croup, well carried tail, moved well.

Gundog Puppy Winner: J.Galea's Spanish Water Dog, Zorraso Gosh I'm Gorgeous, lovely puppy, very well balanced for age, ex coat, moved well. Very well handled by her young handler.

Reserve Puppy Gundog: N.Xuereb's Golden Retriever Boston Perfect Forever.

Toy Group Winner: L.Delceppo's Maltese, Carlos Of Angela White, what a cracker, put down to perfection and beautifully handled, beautiful head and expression, lovely neck into well laid shoulders, ex topline, glided around the ring

Res Toy Group: K&C.Galea's Pug, Ch. Gabra CK Dendrum Orchid, full of quality, ex head and general outline, can he move, very impressed with him.

Junior Toy Group Winner: K&C.Galea's Pug Gabra CK Danger Zone, Lovely head and expression, correct wrinkle, good neck and cobby outline, strong topline and correct carried tail, moved well.

Res Junior Toy: E.Rodo's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Tal-Hussy Tri Bruce, quality cavalier in excellent coat and condition, moved well.

Toy Puppy Group Winner: T.Bonnici's Pomeranian, Top Doll's Geronimo Happy Devil. Beautiful, so much quality, lovely head and expression, ex neck and front, square outline, in excellent coat and condition, so full of personality, loved him. His handler made my day.

A/V Locally bred Toy: J.Joyce's Chihuahua Smooth Coat, Ch. Cragarnat Steward Little, lovely head, good ears, ex neck and front, good topline, moved well.

Best In Show: Calleja/Schembri's Wire Fox Terrier, Travella Sneak Preview, beautiful head and expression, lovely markings, full of Terrier attitude, beautifully presented and handled.

Reserve Best In Show: The lovely Maltese, L.Delceppo's Carlos Of Angela White, pushed winner very hard for the top stop. I though he was beautiful.

Best Junior In Show: N.Xuereb's Golden Retriever Too Good To Be Truth Sun Of My Heart.

Reserve Best Junior In Show: K&C.Galea's Pug Gabra CK Danger Zone.

Best Puppy In Show: This was the one the judge would have loved to take home. Exquisite Pomeranian, owned by T.Bonnici, Top Doll's Geronimo Happy Devil.

Reserve Best Puppy In Show: J.Galea's Spanish Water Dog Zorrasso Gosh I'm Gorgeous.

2nd Day

Junior Handling. Moved her dog with precision in every direction. On changing dogs she handled her new charge very professionally.

Hound Group winner: J.Attard's Pharaoh Hound Jataburu Sand Dog Oscar quality, very elegant, moved beautifully, very professionally handled.

Reserve Hound Group: O.Manicarò's Basenji, Manicarò Aaron, Lovely head, excellent make and shape, moved well. Handled very sympathetically by his young handler.

Hound Junior Group: S.Sant's Beagle Sweet Fable Holly, pretty, girl, melting expression, lovely outline, strong topline, well carried stern. Moved well.

Reserve Hound Junior: B.Lofreda's Whippet Chebec The Sky Is The Limit, Good head and ears, good neck, moved well

Hound Puppy Group: Pharaoh Hound Jataburu Sand Dog Oscar.

Reserve Hound Puppy: O.Manicarò's Basenji Manicarò Aaron.

Terrier Group: Calleja/Schembri's Wire Fox Terrier Travella Sneak Preview.

Reserve Terrier Group: M.Brown's American Staffordshire Terrier Capri Of Vagabond Staffs, Strong, powerful boy, ex head, ex shape, moved well.

Terrier Junior Group: A.Mallia's Staffordshire Bull Terrier Devil's Delight Over Neterex, good youngster, nice head and expression, good topline moved well, just needs to mature

Terrier Puppy Group: J.Pace's American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Du La Vallet Comte D'Artagnan, lovely youngster, lovely head and expression, strongly built, moved well.

Reserve Terrier Puppy: N. Scicluna's West Highland White Terrier Rain Harbour Ruffo, good head and neck strong topline,

Working Group: P.Malia's Rottweiler Rick Vom Hause Niveksue, beautiful head,

strong neck, ex front, deep chest, firm level topline, good length to back, good croup and tail, powered around the ring with great extension and drive.

Reserve Working Group: J.Borg's Bullmastiff Cane Guardiano Mr. Boombastic Quality male, ex head, ex expression, small neat ears, strong neck, good body, strong powerful youngster, moved well

Working Junior Group: J.Borg's Bullmastiff Cane Guardiano Mr. Boombastic

Reserve Working Junior: O.Manicarò's German Shepherd Dog Manicarò Dux, lovely head and expression, well set and carried ears, long neck, ex front, strong topline, good group, moved with flying gait.

Working Puppy Group: R&C.Farrugia's Alaskan Malamute Rivendell Malls The Return Of The Prodigy. Typical outline for the breed, strong boy, ex head piece, well set and carried ears, deep chest, strong level topline, ex tail set and carriage, moved well.

Reserve Working Puppy: Zammit/Cassar's Siberian Husky Banelord Rag Doll. Still a baby but has a lot of potential, very balanced, ex head and expression, good neck and topline, moved well for one so young.

AV Locally Bred Hound/Terrier/Working: O.Manicarò's Border Collie Manicarò Cunning Faith, lovely, typical for the breed, ex head, bite and ears, good neck and topline, deep chest, moved really well.

Judge: Gordon Rual