

Maltese National Canine Federation
December 2017 Championship Show

This was my first visit to Malta. I was looking forward to judging the dogs as I had heard a lot of good comments back in the UK. I was not disappointed at the quality of the dogs and professional handling. I was also grateful for the entry and the sporting exhibitors who gave a pleasing atmosphere around the ring over the two days. The show was well organised by Frank and his hard-working team of helpers.

It gave me a break from the cold, wind and rain back in the UK and I enjoyed a bit of sun and the excellent hospitality that I received from the organisers.

It gave me great pleasure to award Best In Show to S&C. Mercieca's Whippet CHEBEC GEORGIA ON MY MIND. She combines strength, elegance and a graceful outline. Beautiful clean head with a bright and alert expression. Nicely arched neck fitting into a well laid shoulder with a firm back and slight arch over loin. Her front and rear angulations gave excellent balance. She excels in movement with good front reaching action making some long and easy strides while having nice rear driving movement. Her presentation was first class.

Res BIS was S. Bonett's Pomeranian CH DAN-STAR-KOM LUX CARD. A real little star who makes the most of himself. Beautiful compact body and well knitted frame to give an excellent outline when standing. Foxy type head with a bright and intelligence expression as he is a real showman. Neck set well into his shoulders that was well laid back. His tail set high and carried correctly to give a perfect picture of style and glamour. His presentation was outstanding.

Best Junior was V. Gatt's Keeshond NERADMIK CUPID LOVES. I am always pleased to judge this breed as they are so happy and lively. This boy is a lovely example of the breed with his foxy type head which is well proportioned, with a good stop and well-placed ears to give a very expressive expression. Moderate neck well covered with profuse coat. Good compact body with lovely size and balance. Moving straight and sound.

Best Puppy in Show. J. Cross' Cocker Spaniel. CROSSTREE MR ICEMAN. Only four-month-old baby that caught my eye for his breed type and overall quality. Sweet head and expression with correct eye and ear placement. I liked him for his bone and substance with lovely balance to giving a smart profile when standing. Moved freely and steady.

Kevin Young.
Judge