

September 2024 Day 2 - Judge Report – Ms. Anne Macdonald – Hound – Utility – Working Breeds

Hound Group:

Best: W.Chetcuti's Whippet, Ch. Frontrunner's The Look – A very elegant dog with good top and under lines and an outline which flowed from head to tail. Had a good head with oval eyes and well folded ears. Had a good length of neck and well laid shoulders. A good front of moderate width and straight bladed boned forelegs. Back was well muscled and ribs well sprung. He moved truly with a long easy stride.

Reserve: Manicaro' Basenji Diesel Daf – A tricoloured dog of good size and type. Fine boned and high on the leg. He has a good head with some wrinkle on his forehead and small hooded ears set forward. Pleasing crest to his neck leading to a level back and high set tightly curled tail. Moved truly with a long swinging stride. Also Best Puppy Hound

Hound Junior Group:

Best: C.Cachia's Whippet, Suntach Give Me A Reason -A very promising youngster with a good flowing outline Has a good head and ears, good arch to his neck, and good firm topline. Moved well with an easy stride showing both front each and rear drive.

Reserve: I&A.Borg's Beagle, Portside Kennels Pip – A good representative of this breed who was showing and moving very well. Has pleasing head proportions with good ears and mouth. When moving, reached out well in front and showed good rear drive.

Hound Puppy Group:

Best. Manicaro' Basenji Diesel Daf (Repeat)

Reserve: C.Cachia's Whippet, Suntach He Is – A very promising puppy with a good outline which he held when moving. Has a good head and ears and a good topline and rear angulation. Moved truly and showed well.

Utility Group:

Best: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-N Della Baia Blu – I like this Miniature bitch very much. She has a beautiful head, with well chiselled foreface and good chin, dark sparkling eyes with an intelligent expression, long ear leathers and a good neck. Had well sprung ribs and well-developed muscular rear. Movement was sound and free and showed plenty reach and drive, and her coat was well presented, harsh and dense. Best Puppy in Group and later awarded Reserve BPIS by Jill Peak.

Reserve: B.Borg's Japanese Shiba Inu, Damyashi Bushi – Small well balanced dog with a good broad head and good eyes and expression. Strong neck. Good front with fore chest, straight forelegs and tight well knuckled feet. Good deep chest and spring of ribs. Rear has moderate angulation and slight bend of stifle. Tail high set and curved. Moved briskly.

Utility Junior Group:

Best: M.A'douria's Exploit on The Red Carpet Mittelpom. German Spitz. Moved well with brisk true action, dark eyes and small erect ears. Good front with straight forelegs. Level topline and high set tail.

Reserve: E.Meli's Miniature Poodle, Bomberman-N Della Baia Blu - Miniature poodle of nice size and type. Good head, top line and tail. Well-handled and moved well.

Utility Puppy Group:

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

Reserve: E.Gauci's French Bulldog, Ta Skonju Trixie - A very good exhibit with a good square head, broad muzzle, bat ears set on high and front facing. Forelegs set wide apart, Body cobby and back roached and rear legs well-muscled with hocks well let down. A free mover.

Working Group:

Best: O.Manicarò's Border Collie, Manicarò Paddington Bear. A most attractive youngster who was typical of the breed. Lovely head, eye and nose. Good neck and shoulders with neat elbows and a good depth of chest. Well ribbed back to a strong well angulated rear with hocks well let down. Tail set on low and well furnished. Moved freely with feet low and with good reach and drive. Later on, in the evening awarded Reserve Best In Show and Best Junior In Show by co-judge Jill Peak.

Reserve: R.Galea's Boxer, Ch. Brynhafod Sweet Pea – pleasing in head with good strong neck and body. Well angulated rear and a stylish mover.

Working Junior Group:

Best: O.Manicarò's Border Collie, Manicarò Paddington Bear. (Repeat)

Reserve: E.Micallef's Rottweiler, House Of Tirova Tina – Has a decent head, substantial body and good legs and feet. Moved well with drive from the rear.

Working Puppy Group:

Best: M.Powell's Border Collie, Silver Cliffs A Tribute To Old Hemp -A very nice puppy. Moves well holding his outline. Has an intelligent eye and expression and a good body and rear for his age.

Reserve: N.Zammit's Siberian Husky, Banelord Blaster Bomb –Good bitch of the breed. Needs time to develop fully. Best mover of the two in this class.

Any Variety Locally Bred Working – Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch. Banelord Lava Flowing Crest – very pleasing in outline and balance. Moved well with ease, showing good ground covering action. In good coat and condition.

Best Veteran Working/Utility: Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch.Banelord Rag Doll – Another good bitch typical of the breed who moved out well and in good condition for her age.

Anne Macdonald - Judge

September 2024 Day 2 - Judge Report – Ms. Jill Peak – Hound – Utility – Working Breeds

Toy Group:

Best: L.Delceppo's Maltese, Ivy Of Leara White Star – Very smart Maltese puppy shown in good coat and condition. Lovely head and expression, black pigment, good neck and shoulders, enough bone, body well balanced with correct set on. Moved well both ways and in profile holding topline. Went also all the way later on to Best Puppy In Show.

Reserve: E.Gauci's Pug, Stella Seasolaris – Nice type pleasing head and expression, nice eye, plenty bone, straight legs, nice body good depth of chest, moved soundly.

Toy Junior Group:

Best: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, Dan-Star-Kom Stella Pena – Nice size pleasing head proportions, dark eye correct expression, enough neck good front assembly, fine bone, plenty body, good outline, moved soundly.

Reserve: C.Tabone's Yorkshire Terrier – Safi Charms Golden Eva – Good colour pleasing head and expression, dark eye, good legs and feet body well balanced, needs to settle on the move.

Toy Puppy Group:

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

Reserve: R.Mizzi's Pomeranian, Thai Silk Forward In This Game – Pleasing type, correct head and expression, good pigment, straight legs, nice body and outline, moved soundly.

Terrier Group:

Best: J.Schembri's Lakeland Terrier, Ch. Under Pressure Foxhouse – Pleasing type shown well, good head shape, clean neck and shoulders, nice legs and feet, body well ribbed good set on, moved soundly.

Reserve: R.Cordina's Sealyham Terrier – Didgeridoo's Chicago Fizz – Shown in good coat and condition, nice head and expression, good pigment, enough bone, strong body giving pleasing outline, moved well. Also Best Junior Terrier.

Terrier Junior Group:

Best: R.Cordina's Sealyham Terrier – Didgeridoo's Chicago Fizz – (Repeat)

Reserve: L.Bartolo's Jack Russell Terrier, Millie – Young JR bitch nice head shape, typical eye, good pigment, enough bone, needs to settle on the move.

Terrier Puppy Group:

Best: ABSENT

Gundog Group:

Best: D.Busuttill's Pointer, Sh. Ch. Chesterhope Lady Lagertha – Outstanding bitch full of quality and type. Excellent head and expression, good pigment, clean neck and front assembly, straight legs, correct feet, body well ribbed back quarters enough angulation with correct set on. Moved well both ways and in profile.

Reserve: M.Powell's English Setter, Dingli Gem Elegy For The Arctic – Another nice one good head and correct eye shape, plenty neck going into well laid shoulders, straight legs, good bone, body well balanced moved soundly.

Gundog Junior Group:

Best: J.Galea's Spanish Water Dog, Dingli Gem Lovable Lucy – Nice type shown in good coat and hard condition. Pleasing head proportion, good eye and expression, enough neck, plenty bone, nice body and outline, went soundly both ways and in profile.

Reserve: J.Cross' Cocker Spaniel, Crosstree The One And Only – Another nice one, typical head and expression, good pigment, plenty bone, straight legs, good feet, body well ribbed, quarters well-muscled, went soundly.

Gundog Puppy Group:

Best: L.Shoemake's Labrador Retriever, Sevda Di Casa Lopresti – Still very immature just needs time. Good head shape, nice eye and expression, clean neck, good legs and feet, body well-muscled, went soundly when settled.

Reserve: C.Cauchi's Golden Retriever – Notable Desert Rose – Again needs time just a baby, good head and expression, enough neck, plenty bone, nice body and outline

AV Locally Bred Toy: C.Tabone's Yorkshire Terrier, Safi Charms Golden Eva – (Repeat)

Best Veteran Gundog: G.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever, Sh.Ch. Neville Open Heart – Very nice type, typical head and expression, dark eye, strong neck going into well laid shoulders, plenty bone, good legs and feet, body well ribbed back, loin well-muscled, moved soundly both ways and in profile

Best AV Locally Bred: Zammit & Grixti's Siberian Husky, Ch. Banelord Flowing Crest – Nice head and expression, good neck and shoulders, body well balanced, moved and showed well

Best Veteran In Show: G.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever, Sh.Ch. Neville Open Heart – (Repeat)

Best Puppy In Show: L.Delceppo's Maltese, Ivy Of Leara White Star – (Repeat)

Reserve BPIS: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, Abba Dabba-n Della Baia Blu –(Repeat) Lovely type good head clean neck enough bone, body well balanced, shown in immaculate coat and condition moved well. Awarded her also Best Puppy Utility.

Best Junior In Show: O.Manicarò's Border Collie, Manicarò Paddington Bear – (Repeat) Lovely type well balanced, correct carriage, good head and expression, nice eye, clean neck and front assembly, plenty bone, good legs and feet, body well ribbed, loin well-muscled going into strong quarters with correct set on. Moved well both ways and in profile

Reserve BJIS: J.Galea's Spanish Water Dog, Dingli Gem Lovable Lucy – (Repeat)

Best In Show: D.Busuttill's Pointer, Sh. Ch. Chesterhope Lady Lagertha – (Repeat)

Reserve BIS: O.Manicarò's Border Collie, Manicarò Paddington Bear – (Repeat)

Jill Peak - Judge