

Maltese National Canine Federation - Annual Championship Dog Show November 6th & 7th 2021.

It was a pleasure to return to Malta to judge for I remember my last visit nearly 25 years ago as being exceptionally enjoyable. Malta is a beautiful island, the Maltese are lovely people and the food (and the wine) is delicious so 2021 was equally pleasurable, for the hospitality is exceptional. I was also delighted with the overall quality of the winning dogs and I was particularly pleased that most of my winners were home bred on the island.

Best Working and Best In Show was D.Grixti's Siberian Husky, BANELORD MONKEY D LUFFY. She is a really lovely example of the breed with beautiful proportions, excellent construction, exceptional movement and a lovely head. One of the dogs you cannot take your eyes away from.

Best Hound and Reserve Best in Show: S&C.Mercieca's Whippet, Ch. CHEBEC GEORGIA ON MY MIND. I was really torn between these two. This to my mind is what a Whippet should look like. The right size, stylish, incredibly elegant but well muscled providing super movement. I really loved her.

Best Terrier: N.Scicluna's West Highland White Terrier, MECHTA NATALY SHINING STAR. This is a lovely bitch, shown to perfection with a super eye and near-perfect chrysanthemum head who moved exceptionally well.

Reserve Best Terrier: J.Schembri's Lakeland Terrier, Eng.Ch.SAREDON ENIGMA. This is another lovely dog which was clearly in contention for best terrier. He is of exceptional breed type, we moved very well but I felt that his styling was a little overdone

Reserve Best Working and Best Junior Working: K.Caruana's Newfoundland, HIMERA CORA NEOS IKELOS ENA PROFITICO APOLLON TBR. This is a young dog but a cracking example of the breed with an exquisite head, excellent construction and outline moving extremely well

Reserve Best Working: C.Cilia's Boxer, MEJERIC RUBY RED. There was an exceptional entry of Boxers but I felt that this young bitch was outstanding. She has an excellent shape, a super head and move very well.

Best Puppy Working: K.Baldacchino Caruana's Samoyed, SAMSPRING THE WATER MAN. What a lovely puppy this is. I hope he does not grow any taller, but for the present he is exceptional with a fabulous coat and a lovely head. He moved very well too

ReservePuppy Working: O.Manicaro's Border Collie, MANICARO MACEY. A really nice Border Collie bitch with a very good head of the right shape and size. She moved very well, keeping low to the ground .

Best Gundog and Best Junior Gundog: E.Grech's Labrador Retriever, GRECH LAB KENNEL SOPHIE. She is a lovely example of the breed in exactly the right shape and build, lovely head, excellent outline and graceful on the move

Reserve Best Gundog : D.Busuttil's Pointer, Sh.Ch. CHESTERHOPE LADY LAGERTHA Another exceptional gundog with a fine shape and very good confirmation evidenced by her lovely movement

Best Junior Gundog: E.Grech's Labrador Retriever, GRECH LAB KENNEL SOPHIE

Reserve Best Junior Gundog:: I.Spagnol's German S/H Pointer, HIGH HIGH BACCHUS. He has a very typical outline, head and moved confidently and smoothly around the ring

Best Puppy Gundog: B.Borg's Golden Retriever, GOLDEN AURORA SUPER STAR JAX . A very promising puppy. Definitely one to watch as he matures

Reserve Puppy Gundog: K&S.Vella's German S/H Pointer, JOGURT Z CZARNEGO DWORU A promising puppy. Confident on the move. Another one to watch

Best Toy and Best Junior Toy: O.Manicaró's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, DJ COOKIE MARADECO KING. I really liked this dog from the moment he entered the ring. He was beautifully handles and immediately demonstrated the best qualities of the breed. A lovely head, excellent outline and with very good construction and movement - he well deserved his placings

Reserve Best Toy: L.Delceppo's Maltese, KOKO OF ANGELA WHITE KR This charming little bitch is so typical of the breed - and so confident too. A great pleasure to handle and watch her float around the ring

Reserve Best Junior Toy: S.Bonett's Pomeranian, BONETT POM TEREITA A cracking , typical Pom who strutted around the ring as if she owned it. Super outline and lovely construction. A little star

Best Puppy Toy: D Ellul's Havanese, ALFREDO JAMES PACINO. A super dog showing a great deal of promise. Very well constructed and very confident in the ring

Reserve Best Puppy Toy: C.Galea's Pug, GABRA CK UNSTOPPABLE LOUIE. A real 'clown': cocky and confident so showing all those characteristics that make this breed so special. Clean head - a promising puppy

Best Hound and Reserve Best in Show : S&C.Mercieca's Whippet, Ch. CHEBEC GEORGIA ON MY MIND. Gorgeous! - see above

Reserve Best Hound: E.Spagnol's Basenji, THOMAREMAN BAILEY. This is a truly lovely Basenji. He absolutely fits the standard in shape, construction, movement and those all important breed characteristics. A very promising puppy and a real pleasure to go over.

Best Junior Hound: O.Manicaró's Beagle, MANICARO LUCY The best of a very good, quality entry - 'Another Beauty' is absolutely right. He has an excellent outline and construction, typical head and moved a treat

Best Puppy Hound: E.Spagnol's Basenji, THOMAREMAN BAILEY See above

Reserve Best Puppy Hound: C.Axisa's Beagle, MILA DI TORRIMPIETRA Another promising puppy: well proportioned, with good angulation and typical head

Best Utility: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, LOVE ME DO-N DELLA BAIA BLUE. What a stylish little bitch she is. She carries herself beautifully, has excellent construction, a lovely head and skimmed across the ring - gorgeous.

Reserve: K.Caruana's Japanese Shiba Inu, CRISTAL. A very nice head and moved well. Perhaps a little long in body

Best Junior Utility: J&B.Vassallo/Cauchí's Chow Chow, PRESLEY TEDDY The best of the Chows. Moved typically and has a good eye not set too deep.

Reserve: N.Spiteri's French Bulldog, LONSDALE OF MY SWEET MOMENTS. He has a good head and moved well but is a little long in the back for the breed

Best Puppy Utility: M.Aquilina's Miniature Poodle, LOVE ME DO-N DELLA BAIA BLUE (see above)

Reserve Puppy Utility: V.Gatt's Keeshond, ALMAZNIY ISTOCHNIK RUSSKAYA ZIMA Lovely, typical Keeshond with a excellent head and coat. Moved very well

Best Veteran In Show: C.Cilia's Boxer, Ch. CILEMM TOUCH IN TIME FERNANDO Super example of the breed with a typical outline, ideal conformation, excellent head and good on the move

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