

THE MALTESE NATIONAL FEDERATION
2016 ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW - 12th & 13th NOVEMBER 2016.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Frank Borg & the Maltese National Canine Federation for kindly inviting me to Judge their Show. I thoroughly enjoyed judging your well run show. Thank you to the exhibitors for allowing me to judge your lovely dogs and accepting my placings. Thanks also for the kind hospitality we received over the weekend.

Terrier Group

Best in Group : J.Schembri & I.Calleja's Wire Fox Terrier, CH Mastini Di Rihana Goes To Casino. Super dog of 5 years has a lovely head & dark eye with good bite, an impressive dog with substantial bone well balanced body giving square outline, masculine all through well muscled neck into good shoulders, straight forelegs to well rounded feet, good ribs with forechest to match, has muscular thighs well bent stifles & low set hocks gave this dog all the strength to power around the ring & could not be denied the Group 1,

Reserve: J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Osmio 11 months dog pleasing head with a lovely eye & expression neat ears correct bite, a good harsh coat, strong body with good round ribs, well arched neck to good topline pleasing front & rear, good tailset, lovely legs and feet, well balanced body good mover & handled well. Later on to be awarded **Reserve Best Puppy In Show**.

Terrier Puppy Group:

Best was J.Attard's Jack Russell Terrier, Royal Di San Ruffino Jack Osmio

Reserve: A.Mallia's Staffordshire Bull Terrier - Neterex Ella, Lovely 11 month bitch with a feminine head & dark eye strong jaw with good bite, she just screamed class & potential at me she is maturing nicely with enough bone & substance for her age, is well developed all through, strong clean muscled neck into shoulders & firm topline, good depth of chest well sprung ribs with a short strong well muscled loin, moved with a ground covering reach of stride & powerful drive from behind lovely type.

Working Group.

Group 1: C.Camilleri's Newfoundland - Joy To The Word Tender Ebony - 3 years dog of good type, no mistaking what this boy was bred for a big powerful imposing Newfoundland, that still retains a balanced shape in profile, masculine head, chest deep to elbows, well angulated fore & aft moved with power round the ring. On Sunday sadly did not move as well in the final and paid the price.

Reserve – R.Galea's Boxer - Roylark Red Baron Boxer. 2 years dog of quality & type, of good size & substance that gives a pleasing shape in profile, masculine head, with good width of muzzle & rise of skull, dark brown expressive eyes, lovely crested neck of ample length into firm slightly sloping back nice over croup & tail well set on, front legs viewed straight with muscular well angulated rear quarters positive on the move with power shown to advantage.

Working Puppy Group.

Best Puppy in Group: C.Cilia's Boxer, Cilemm Man in Black. 8 month old good size & square in profile, head developing, clean neck to defined withers, ribs well sprung & front legs viewed parallel with ample bone compact feet well angulated rear quarters with muscles developing. Moved free & covered ground well to win the group good type.

Reserve: P.Mallia's Rottweiler, Brabus Vom Hause Furimer. Strong 9 month old dog, well grown puppy lovely shape to head, good dark eye, good dentition, ears well set, excellent bone good legs & feet, he moved with ease in the big ring quality & lovely type dog.

Gundog Group:

Best in Group: V.Cuschieri's Pointer, Sh.Ch. Highpoint Carpe Diem, quality 3 years bitch with a lovely feminine head, very well angulated throughout, straight sturdy well boned front well

proportioned head with a good stop eye shape & hazel colour, good ears shape, well balanced throughout & all constructed in proportion with super arched neck into well angulated shoulders & front, this bitch impressed me for her sound & very true movement front & rear also being compact & very well balanced in body, she was very well handled by her young handler, later on to be awarded **Reserve Best In Show**.

Reserve: – G.Loughborough's Labrador Retriever, Io Sono Leggenda - 2 years dog of good size & type, with plenty of substance, good shape head with dark eye & correct bite, strong neck to good shoulders, straight front, well ribbed body & firm topline, well balanced body strong hindquarters, good otter tail, sound mover.

Gundog Puppy Group

Best Puppy Gundog was D.Busuttill's Pointer, Berseydale Flying Carol - Pleasing 5 month baby of lovely type with a good shaped feminine head, Lovely make & shape with good front construction with lovely legs & feet, body developing nicely for age, good loin, rear well let down well presented in lovely coat & condition, sound on the move for one so young, well handled.

Reserve: E.Grech's Labrador Retriever - Dora - 11 month old bitch with a lovely feminine head strong neck into good shoulders strong bone she is well balanced all through, big ribs, good outline lovely feet on strong legs & well made hindquarters steady on the move.

Toy Group:

Best Toy: S.Bonett's Pomeranian Dan-Star-Kom Lux Card - 2 years old dog of lovely type & quality he was just outstanding all through who today gave his all, short well barrelled & compact with a deepish chest, short neck into well laid shoulder, firm quarters with straight legs & small neat feet which propelled him soundly round the ring with a lovely profile, his coat was harsh & stood away crisp to the touch, his quality head had the required wedged muzzle with ears almost hidden in his head coat, oval eye & good scissor bite, pleased to award him **Best In Show**.

Reserve: M.Cassar's Smooth Coat Chihuahua - Uniqie Passion Hypnotic Jagger. Just 2 years super little dog of quality, good shape head with lovely dark eyes, good bone with good legs & feet, good ribs, clean outline pleasing type & construction, balanced all through, good coat & condition super mover

Toy Puppy Group.

Best Puppy Toy: C.Delia's Smooth Coat Chihuahua , Exkas Ariel of The Ocean - Pleasing 4 month old with a sweet head, good shape eye she made the most of herself, lovely make & shape strode out in profile, adequate bone on good feet, well balanced all through really impressive mover with drive & reach one to watch most have a bright future – **Best Puppy In Show**

Reserve: K&C.Galea's Pug, Gabra Ck Danger Zone - 6 month old dog with a lovely head, has good substance with strong bone on nice legs & feet, well ribbed body with the right amount of condition, good quarters, sound happy mover.

Hound Group.

Best Hound: O.Manicaró's Basenji - Honra Itapuca - 18 month bitch with a feminine head, dark eye & good bite, strong neck with good reach into a very well made forehead assembly, straight legs & good tight feet, plenty of substance, good ribs & short loin, super rear construction which really showed on the move fore & aft, her movement was a joy to watch.

Reserve: K.Flores' Basset Hound - Terra D'Orifili Folco, 2 year old who has the strength & power of a good working hound, good shape head planes with dark eye & correct bite & excellent leathers, strong arched neck & good shoulders, excellent front with good length of body & well sprung ribs, well handled, moved with a powerful easy action.

Hound Puppy Group:

Best Puppy Hound: J.Blundell's Basenji - Naslediye Etera True Devotion - 11 months with a feminine head & dark expressive eyes, well balanced with good forechest & front, firm arched neck to good shoulders, good length of ribs well off for bone and tidy feet, moved well

Reserve: S&C.Mercieca's Whippet - Chebec Georgia On My Mind, 8 months young, feminine head with good dark eye & strong arched neck with good shoulders front & length of ribs, correct tail set, nice arch over the loin she was positive on the move, in great condition for age a credit to her owner.

Utility Group:

Best in Group: P.Pellegrini's French Bulldog, CH Vianac Pasha 18 month old bitch, very tidy, who stood out as she entered the ring, square but feminine head with well placed ears & a good dark eye, good open nostrils, compact body with good spring of rib & gentle roach nicely put together with no exaggeration, moved well, expertly handled.

Reserve: J.Harms' Shih Tzu - Jun.Sw Ch Ang-Ki Von Lao Tingri - Lovely 4 years old dog of quality & lovely type, shapely head with dark expressive eyes, correct ears, well made front assembly, well muscled shoulders deep chest, strong loin & quarters, impressive on the move really commands attention going around the ring.

Utility Puppy Group:

Best Puppy Utility: P.Pellegrini's French Bulldog, Jewels Of Patrial Diamond Dice - 5 month dog with a good head & eye shape, correct bite, good length of of back & gentle roach with good bone standing on lovely feet, she looked super on the move so sound and confident as she went around the big ring must have a bright future.

Reserve: Eaton & Millward's Bulldog, Maghull Paws Ice Man. Lovely 4 months baby who I really liked, lovely head nice eyes, flat face, good bone & nice big feet he moved around the ring as a baby should, I wish him luck for the future.

BIS Any Variety Locally Bred.

C.Cilia's Boxer - Cilemm Born To Love You Blue - Strong 2 years old dog compact square boy, lovely head, alert expression, square muzzle with good depth, long lean neck into good shoulders leading to firm topline, deep brisket with good angulation fore & aft, moved with drive and covered the ground with ease.

Best Veteran In Show.

A.Mallia's Staffordshire Bull Terrier, CH Dazmarnic Maltese Falcon - Lovely 8 years dog of good type, good head piece with a typical Stafford expression he scored well in his overall body construction, ample bone & lovely feet, presented in good condition all rounded off with a pump handle tail, sound mover.

Best Junior in Show.

Best: O.Manicar's Basenji – Honra Itapuca - nice type & quality sound mover.

Reserve: T.Bonnici's Pomeranian, Dikiaia Staia Vanessa - lovely type with a feminine head, good expression, lovely legs & feet, super coat and condition, sound on the move

BIS – Pomeranian - Dan-Star-Kom Lux Card

RBIS - Pointer - Sh Ch Highpoint Carpe Dim

BPIS - Chihuahua Smooth Coat - Exkas Ariel of The Ocean.

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Colin Woodward - Judge