

**Maltese National Canine Federation – Annual Championship Show – Cruft’s 2015 Qualifier**  
**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Judge’s Report**

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge their championship show giving me the pleasure of judging many lovely dogs.

**Best in Show** was an outstanding Irish Terrier, Barker’s Am GCh Kells Touch Of Fleet ST., beautifully handled, an outstanding example of the breed excelling in breed type, head and expression and overall balance and movement.

**Reserve Best In Show** was G.Xuereb’s Alaskan Malamute, Ivram We Will Rock You. An outstanding male shown in good coat and hard condition. Good masculine head, correct eye and expression, excellent bone, legs and feet, good body and outline, moved and showed well

**Junior Handler** – Kimberley Sciberras Scott with her smart Whippet, well handled and put down, always in control of her dog, has a good future I expect.

**Terrier Group:** Irish Terrier (Best In Show) Am. GCh. Kells Touch Of Fleet ST.

**Reserve** - Calleja/Schembri’s Wire Fox Terrier, Mastini Di Rihana Goes To Casino. Very smart shown in excellent coat and condition. Good head shape, good body and balance, went well both ways and in profile.

**Terrier Puppy Group:** Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Neterex Dolce Vita (tbr) owned by A.Mallia – very promising puppy, good type, good body and outline, went soundly.

**Terrier Junior Group:** Staffordshire Bull Terrier – Neterex Checkmate owned by A.Mallia – pleasing type, good head and expression, needs to settle on the move.

**Reserve** – D.Sciberras’ Scottish Terrier, Filiste Brash Time With You.

**Working Group:** Alaskan Malamute, Ivram We Will Rock You (Res.BIS).

**Reserve** – Siberian Husky – Ambrogia’s Banelord Fire Cracker – very nice type, full of quality, excellent head and expression, good front, nice body and balance, good set on moved and showed well.

**Working Puppy Group:** Mallia’s Rottweiler Vom Hausse Valgibs Ace – still very immature, needs to settle on the move. Good head shape, nice body and outline.

**Reserve** – Stafrace’s Yellowstone Just Stunning – smart puppy bitch, good type, pleasing head and eye, good neck and shoulders, strong body, went soundly.

**Working Junior Group:** Mallia’s Rottweiler – Kikka Vom Hause Valgibs – another nice exhibit from this kennel, good head and expression, nice neck, good bone, nice body and ribbing, went well both ways and in profile.

**Reserve** – Siberian Husky – Ambrogia’s Banelord Firecracker.

**Working Veteran** – Baducci’s Border Collie, It.Ch Allymoon Crocodile - not making the best of himself- good type had typical side gate with correct head carriage, good head, nice body and outline.

**Gundog Group:** Best in Group was the American Cocker owned by A.Hili, Very Vigie Iron Man - well presented, very nice type, shown in good coat, nice head and expression, good bone, legs and feet, good body and outline, strong well muscled quarters, moved and showed well.

**Reserve** was the Pointer – Galea’s Highpoint Carpe Diem – only 10 months old but had lovely breed type, good head and eye, correct dish not exaggerated, good neck, nice body, good quarters and set on, went well.

**Gundog Puppy Group:** A.Hili’s American Cocker Spaniel, Very Vigie Iron Man – winner of the Gundog group so automatically Best Puppy Gundog.

**Reserve** was Galea’s Pointer –Highpoint Carpe Diem, winner of Reserve Best Gundog so again automatically Reserve Best Puppy Gundog.

**Gundog Junior Group:** Pointer bitch, Galea’s Franzini Uvetta – another nice one from this exhibitor – good head and eye, nice body and outline, went soundly when settled.

**Childrens Class:** The winner was Gareth Joyce who I am sure will have a great future handling dogs. He worked with his Whippet from entering the ring and thoroughly deserved his first place in this class.

**Toy Group:** Best in Group was an outstanding Pug bitch, Deandra Strawberry Cake owned by J.Spiteri. Very sound lovely breed type, good head and expression, strong well balanced body, good legs and feet, went well with typical action.

**Reserve in Group** was the Griffon Bruxellois male, Ch Chocolate Kiss Van Griffondor owned by J.Attard. Well coated male, good head plenty chin, good large eye, nice legs and feet, strong body and quarters, moved soundly.

**Toy Puppy Group:** Smooth Coat Chihuahua owned by J.Joyce, Cragarnat Oreo, excellent type, good head and expression, used his ears to his advantage. Good body and topline went soundly both ways and in profile.

**Reserve** was the Pug bitch, Deandra Emma, owned by J.Spiteri, another nice one from this kennel. Good head proportions, nice legs and feet, good body and outline went well.

**Toy Junior Group:** The Smooth Coat Chihuahua – M.Cassar’s Unique Passion Hypnotic Passion, lovely type very smart, shown well good head and eye, excellent ear carriage which he used to his advantage, very sound on the move should have a good future.

**Reserve** was Galea’s Pug, Par Excellence Topgun – nice type, pleasing head, nice bone, moved and showed well.

**Best Veteran Toy:** Plant’s Ch.Yorone Itl’l All End In Tears - very nice smooth Chihuahua, excellent head and expression, good body and outline, good quarters with correct tail. Moved well.

**Hound Group:** Best in Group was a very smart Beagle male, Ch.Niko Vom Hause Niveksue owned by R.Spiteri. I liked his head and soft expression, clean neck and shoulders, good bone, legs and feet, good body and ribbing, strong well muscled quarters and good set on. Never put a foot wrong on the move, sound fore and aft using himself in profile.

**Reserve Best Hound** was S.Mercieca's Ch Absolute Mann Full Of Joy – well made Whippet bitch, good head, shape, like touch more underjaw nice neck, good legs and feet, strong body good ribbing, came at soundly both ways.

**Hound Puppy Group:** Grech & Zahra's Beagle bitch puppy Barbican Pack Stars And Stripes. Very sweet puppy bitch with a lot going for her. Good head and expression, nice neck and shoulders, good body and balance, good topline and set on. Just needs to settle.

**Reserve** was J.Attard's Pharoah Hound, Franel Leyla (tbr), nice type bit still very immature – good head and expression, good ears, nice neck, bit thin through, needs time but a nice one.

**Hound Junior Group:** Basset Hound Ure My Fellow V.Grunsven owned by Zammit & Mifsud, young male with a lot going for him. Good head proportions, good eye, ears well set good bone, nice body and outline, went well.

**Utility Group:** Best in Group was P.Pellegrini's French Bulldog, Ch Jewels Of Patrial Amber- had no hesitation in awarding this bitch the group, I thought she was lovely – excelled in breed type, lovely head and expression, good straight legs, nice body, good width of chest, correct topline, moved well both ways and in profile.

**Reserve** was R&I.Sammut's bulldog bitch, Ira's Bulls Grace Kelly. This bitch although still a junior excelled in breed type – no exaggerations – good head, lovely eye, good chin, plenty width, good body and quarters, went well.

**Utility Puppy Group:** Another lovely French Bulldog, Novizala Black Bull, also owned by P.Pellegrini – excellent head and expression, correct bite good legs and feet, good body and ribbing, well muscled quarters, moved soundly behind, bit loose in front pastern but deserved his place.

**Reserve Best Puppy Utility** was the black Chow puppy bitch, Fenech's Klaar Kimming Enk – very immature, needs training and time to settle.

**Utility Junior Group:** Ira's Bulls Grace Kelly, the bulldog winner of the Reserve in Group.

**Reserve Best Junior Utility** was the Boston Terrier, Sciberras' Clayzet Asiadeniro, good head and expression, good eye shape, nice body and outline, moved soundly.

**Best Veteran Hound/Utility** and **Best Veteran in Show** was Gatt & Mifsud's Keeshond, Samkees Keys Of Heaven - smart male, good head shape, nice eye and spectacles, nice body and balance, went well.

**Reserve Best Veteran** was Baducci's Border Collie - It.Ch Allymoon Crocodile.

**Best Any Variety Locally Bred** was D.Cassar's Siberian Husky - Banelord Black Magic – nice type, pleasing head, good eye, nice legs and feet, went well.

**Reserve** was the J.Attard's Griffon Bruxellois, Attjo Jack Sparrow - nice type – good head nice chin – shown in good coat.

**Jill Peak**  
Judge