

The Maltese National Canine Federation

Held a championship show on the 7th & 8th November 2015 at the Cottonera Sports Complex.

As this is my fourth and final time that I have judged in Malta, always a pleasure to judge these shows, some very good dogs to evaluate. And mostly the sportsmanship was admirable with quite a few younger exhibitors which is encouraging in any country.

I had an interesting discussion regarding training classes, as the Federation does not run training classes, I'm sure with a little help from you all, between you could arrange a monthly training session so those who have someone else to show your dogs could show your own, it is much more satisfying to do it yourself, with a little training this is possible, and much cheaper on the purse.

Best in Show was the Alaskan Malamute:- **Am Ch Palemoons Riverndell Fire Starter**. An extremely well balanced dog, strongly built yet athletic, he has correct proportions that gave him this wonderful balance that is required to succeed, good expressive head qualities particularly in eye, strong moderately arched neck, which gave him the true rugged Nordic look that depicts this type of dog, when he moved he move like a true draft dog with such power from the rear, when on the final gait for Best in Show he truly came into his own by stepping up a gear to secure the title he so well deserved, I would change nothing about him, prepared and presented in pristine condition and as his name suggests he truly did start a fire!! In more ways than one.

Res Best in Show:- The Afghan Hound **Ch Gold 'N' Copper Diamonds for Men**. A most handsome black male with a good outline, strong male head piece yet elegant in profile, reachy neck with good forehead, pleasing rib, good firm topline, delightful on the move with reachy strides, good ring to tail, presented in first class order.

Best Puppy in Show:- was the Whippet **Dew Princess Diana**. A most glamorous brindle bitch that catches your eye for her style and quality with lovely balance at only 8 ½ months of age, she still needs to drop more in chest at present, but her movement is a delight to watch, the most beautiful clean lines and presented in a very clam manner.

Res Best Puppy:- was the Siberian Husky :- **Return to Innocence Legend of the Spirit**, nice bitch of good balance with good athletic movement, lovely head and expression, ample neck with good forehead, excellent length to loin, firm rear quarters and a good coat covering.

Best Junior:- Boston Terrier:- **Deniro Ice Queen**, handled by a very capable young lady, portraying a most beautiful clean cut outline, compact in stance, lovely head piece, good neck & nice body for age, good on the move, presented in lovely order.

Res Best Junior:- Border Collie:- **Allymoon Fortune and rocky Glory**. A delightful B W bitch that oozed type, but needs to amitate herself more to gain advantage, feminine head with a good eye, excellent body length, firm mover in both directions, prepared and presented in good order.

Working Group:- the Alaskan Malamute

Res Working Group:- the GSD:- **Grixal Davina**:- Lovely bitch that had great balance and presence, all thought a would have liked a stronger head, lovely balance throughout, good rear quarters, a most beautiful gaiting action that could compete with the best.

Working Junior Group. Border Collie, see Reserve Best Junior In Show above.

Res Working Junior Group. Boxer, **Cilemm Touch In Time Fernando**, this was my best of breed, I felt the guy who shown this in the breed did not come to win? He needs to believe in his dog and it will come out in the dogs performance I think this boxer is a good dog with good attribute, he was in good condition.

Working Puppy Group:- Siberian Husky. **Return to Innocence Legend of the Spirit**. Res Working Group Puppy:- GSD. **Manicaro Bailey**. A really nice shepherd with bags of quality rather adolescent at present but the quality shines through. Extremely good mover for one so young, hopefully she will finish well when matured.

Terrier Group:- welsh Terrier:- **Terrierx Frances Mayes**. Compact bitch that had a strong head with parallel planes which I found encouraging as a lot are down faced, ample neck deep ribbing good colour, moved OK but need more connection with the handler.

Res Terrier. American Staffordshire:- **NW She is My Sin Sentinel**:- Smart looking bitch that was very sound and with good balance throughout, strong yet feminine head piece and expression, although I would have liked slightly deeper pigment, good sound mover in both directions.

Terrier Junior Group. Was the Am Staff I have already critiqued, res Terrier Junior was the Scottish Terrier, **Giselle Euri-Scott**, a very nice youngster that need time to develop and I'm sure she will be quite beautiful when finished but you can only judge on the day.

Terrier Group Puppy Fox Terrier (Smooth) **Karmgrav Nico**. Compact dog with a good head piece, still needs time to mature particularly in forechest, good strong topline, very well handled by a young girl

Res Terrier Puppy Group. Norwich Terrier. **Ragus Murray Mint**. Quite smart compact harsh coated youngster of nearly six months, good firm back, stood-up well but badly handled which was a pity as he could have gone better.

Toy Group;- Pomeranian:- **Ch Danstar Kom Perry Gold**. A most beautiful her of outstanding quality with a compact body , excellent outline , delightful head and expression, in good order but lack coat furnishings on tail due to excessive trimming and a little loose at times, short listed her for Best In Show but in the runoff he was pulling to one side away from the handler which spoilt an otherwise good performance which indicated lack of rapport with the handler, but when you are competing at this level these sort of things will come into play.

Res Toy Group. Pug:- **Gaba CK Dendrum Orchid**, Nice dog that has lots of virtues, good expressive head with good ears, firm body and workman like gait , presented to win.

Toy Junior Group. **Deandra Buttons**, a lovely Pug at the top end of junior, all things in the right placed and so well balanced, good head piece, lovely body, firm mover in both direction. Res Toy Junior Group. The Smooth Coat Chihuahua, **Malka Del Jaseba**, a nice black and cream bitch with a lot of attributes, well balanced outline, good head neat ears, well presented.

Toy Puppy Group. Chihuahua (Smooth) **George the Victorious Orlando Hof**. Smart young dog with an excellent attitude and he came to win and win he did, very well balanced throughout, with a good head and ears, very attentive, expertly handled to gain advantage over others, I did like his body length, good mover.

Res Toy Puppy Group . Pomeranian. **Danstar Kom Kevin**. Another smart pom , good coat covering but a totally different head piece than the BOB, but lots to like about him he has a good deportment and likes to please, needs to be free standing not stacked, good on the move.

Gundog Group:- Pointer:- **Chesterhope Kavallier Malti**. A well-developed male with a wonderful front forechest and very strongly made, I think he could have given more if pushed , good head piece , ample neck with deep ribbing.

Res Gundog Group:- Bracco Italiano:- **Dingli Gem Spider**. Super dog that excels on the move, handler tended to set him up too wide in front which did not help, Very well balanced with supple in all departments particularly on the move, presented in good order.

Gundog Junior Group was the pointer English bred **Pipeaway Enrico Donati**, royally bred with very good profile and good deportment, lovely head with good planes, ample neck. Good firm body, reach out well on the move, well presented.

Res Gundog Junior Group. **Eternal Glory Di Casa Biagini**, Retriever (Labrador) Black bitch lovely outline shown correctly on a loose lead, feminine head with a good dark eye, ample neck with good forehand, productive mover in both directions.

Gundog Puppy Group. Bracco Italiano. **Ciro Di Monte Ricco TBR**. A quality puppy very supple with a lovely head piece and a correct expression for this breed, not too long in body with lovely angles, very supple on the move with good reachy action, presented in good order.

Res Gundog Puppy Group. Spaniel (American Cocker) **Felicia Hardy**, nice black bitch that was good on the move, good proportions, very feminine head piece with good eye and ears, ample neck, maturing bodily, would have like a little more slope to topline. Well presented.

Utility Group. Keeshond:- **Ch Neradmik Late Night Lover**:- a most beautiful bitch that was in full coat which I find incredible in this climate, loved her head and expression, excellent body with good forehand, nice rear action, prepared and presented in good order.

Res Utility group:- French Bulldog:- **Novizala Black Bull**>. Lovely black dog with a beautiful head piece and excellent ears, good bone and feet, I would have liked him a little shorter in body to give better balance.

Utility Junior Group. **Deniro Ice Queen**, a really smart Boston terrier handled by a very capable young girl, I thought she was beautiful to view, very well balanced throughout with a feminine head piece that was very clean, loved her body, good on the move.

Res Utility Junior Group. Poodle (Miniature) **Definitive Cherish Rondo Veneziano**, very striking black dog with a lovely outline, pleasing head which was nicely chiselled giving a good expression, good on the move, does not want to be any bigger. Prepared and presented in pristine condition.

Utility Puppy Group . French Bulldog. **Deland the Rock**. What a smart little dog he was, so much wanted to please his handler, a delight to watch him on the move, brindle in colour, quite compact bodily with a good topline for on so young, good head piece strong neck, expertly handled to advantage. One for the future.

Res Utility Puppy Group. Akita. **Mooncry Sparkling Champagne Crystal**. Quite a sound bitch that has good proportions throughout, loved her head which was on a strong neck of good length, excellent ribbing, good rear quarter that produced good rear drive. Well presented.

Hound Group:- **Ch Gold 'N' Copper Diamonds for Men. (Reserve Best In Show)**

Res Hound Group. Bassett Hound:- **Yogi Bear Dos Sete Moinhos**. A most handsome dog of excellent quality with very clean lines throughout with a good deportment, nice head excellent front with good action, good topline and tail set, presented in very good order.

Hound Junior Group. **Baribal Idris**, a very nice saluki that had size and style, royally bred, good male skull with a good eye, ample neck and good forehand athletic body which gave him free movement.

Res Hound Junior Group. **Fonteposca's Open Your Heart**, lovely Beagle dog that was not too big and was very well balanced in profile good ears, productive mover, presented in a calm manner.

Hound Puppy Group. Whippet. **Dew Princess Diana. (Best Puppy In Show)**

Res Hound Puppy Group. **Dachshund (Mini Wire)** Ophelia Della Kafara. A most beautiful bitch with a lovely make and shape, I thought her rather charming with a good expression loved her topline so firm, good gaiting action throughout. Very well handled., sporting a good harsh jacket.

Junior Handling Class.

Winner **Kimberley Sciberras Scott**, A young lady that had no trouble showing her handling skills, started with a whippet which she did with calmness and confidence, changed to a GSD and she coup admirable.

Steve Hall.
Judge

