



THE MALTESE NATIONAL CANINE FEDERATION

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NOVEMBER 2024 – 25th ANNIVERSARY DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW & GALA DINNER

Venue: XARA LODGE - RABAT

SATURDAY 2nd November 2024 (11am) & SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER – 9:00AM

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER –PRE-JUDGING OF BPIS, BJIS & BIS @ 5:00pm

Immediately after the Gala Dinner will start, commencing with the announcements of the winners of BPIS, BJIS, BIS and Presentation of Awards.

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Judges: Mr. Steve Atkinson – Mr. David Shields – Ms. Marina White - Mrs. Maria Harding

SUPREME BEST IN SHOW (Winner of BIS (Saturday) vs Winner of BIS Sunday)

FIRST ENTRIES CLOSING DATE: 4th OCTOBER 2024

Entries can be made at the Club on Friday 4th October between 7:30pm – 9:00pm.

2nd & FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES (Additional fees apply): 11th October 2024

Entries can be made at the Club on Friday 11th October 2024 between 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Entries can also be sent by email to maltacaninesociety@gmail.com. Emails received after 9:00pm on Friday 4th October will be considered with the 2nd entries closing date entries. Collection of Ring tags, Passes and Payments for Entries sent by email must be made from the Club by not later than Friday 11th October 2024.

UNPAID ENTRIES AFTER FRIDAY 11th October 2024 WILL BE CANCELLED

Entry fees of retired or un-shown dogs are Non-REFUNDABLE

All dogs being exhibited must be registered with the MNCF (Except for Overseas entries).

Entries for newly registered dogs must be made at the Club so that the relevant registration papers can be sorted.

SHOW ENTRY FEES per Show (1st Closing date of entry): First 3 dogs (same owner): €15.00 per dog. Additional dogs (same owner): €10.00 per dog. Junior Handler Competition, A/V Classes & Veteran dogs (over 7 years of age): €10.00 per entry. Overseas Entries: €35.00

SHOW ENTRY FEES per Show (2nd Closing date of entry): An additional €3.00 per entry to the above rates will be applied.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 2nd & FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Payments can be made by Cash, Cheques payable to The Maltese National Canine Federation, Revolut or BOV Mobile to 9947 1413.

All Owners and Handlers of dogs being exhibited must be 2024 paid up members with the Malta Canine Society. Any exhibits found to have been handled by non-paid up members will be disqualified
Membership Fees: Single Membership: €25.00; Family Membership: €35.00; Juniors: €15.00.

GALA DINNER: Limited number of Tickets for the Gala Dinner at the Xara Lodge, Rabat, are available from the Club at the price of €50 per person. 4 Course Meal (see Menu below). Limited tickets are available on a first come first served basis, and **GALA DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE UPON BOOKING. WE ARE SORRY WE CANNOT RESERVE TICKETS WHICH ARE UNPAID! DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE / EVENING**

FINALS: BEST IN SHOW – BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW – BEST PUPPY IN SHOW ETC WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE GALA DINNER.

ONLY SEATED GALA TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DINNER HALL.

A PROFESSIONAL DOG PHOTOGRAPER FROM ABROAD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW

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Ribbons will be awarded to the winners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best Of Breed. Prize Cards for Best Bitch, Best Dog, Best Junior in Breed and Best Puppy In Breed. Special Rosettes will be awarded to the Group winners, Reserves etc. Special Trophies will also be awarded to the Best In Show, Reserve B.I.S, Best Puppy In Show, Reserve Best Puppy In Show, Best Junior In Show & Reserve Best Junior In Show. Certificates will only be issued upon order. Additional Prizes for Group Winners and BIS are being awarded by Royal Canin at their discretion.

- Entry passes: Only Exhibitors are given free entry passes. Members not exhibiting on the day must pay to enter the venue.
- Exhibitors must make sure to pick up after their dogs. Those caught not adhering to this will be disqualified from the show on the spot. This also applies to any dog hair or other rubbish being left lying around at the venue.
- Exhibitors are urged to arrive early at the venue
- Dogs arriving late or missing their classes will not be admitted in the ring even if they are the sole exhibit in their class or breed.
- Restaurant/Bar facility available at the venue.

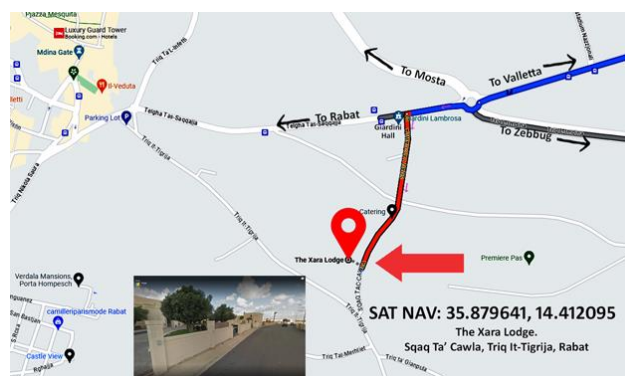
This Venue is used as a Wedding Hall – Act Responsibly – Keep the venue and surrounding grounds clean – Anyone being caught not picking up after their dogs will be disqualified from the show on the spot and further disciplinary actions will be taken.

Smoking is not permitted in the roofed ring areas. Those smoking in permitted areas should dispose of their cigarette butts in the provided tins.


WELFARE OF DOGS

All exhibitors should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not put the dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE:



SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2024. JUDGING STARTS AT 9.00AM IN BOTH RINGS

RING 1		RING 2			
JUNIOR HANDLER – JUDGE: Ms. MARIA HARDING					
HOUND (DAVID SHIELDS)		GUNDOGS (STEVE ATKINSON)			
BASENJI		BRITTANY			
BEAGLE		ENGLISH SETTER			
DACHSHUND LONG HAIRE		FLAT COATED RETRIEVER			
DACHSHUND MINIATURE SMOOTH HAIRE		GERMAN SHORT HAIRE			
DACHSHUND MINIATURE WIRE HAIRE		LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO			
PHARAOH HOUND		POINTER			
SALUKI		RETRIEVER (GOLDEN)			
WHIPPET		RETRIEVER (LABRADOR)			
		SPANIEL (AMERICAN COCKER)			
WORKING (DAVID SHIELDS)		SPANIEL (COCKER)			
ALASKAN MALAMUTE		SPANISH WATER DOG			
BORDER COLLIE					
BOXER		TOYS (STEVE ATKINSON)			
BULLMASTIFF		CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL			
CANADIAN ESKIMO DOG		CHIHUAHUA LONG COAT			
DOBERMANN		CHIHUAHUA SMOOTH COAT			
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG		CHINESE CRESTED			
GREAT DANE		LOWCHEN (LITTLE LION DOG)			
NEWFOUNDLAND		MALTESE			
ROTTWEILER		PEKINGESE			
SAMOYED		POMERANIAN			
SIBERIAN HUSKY		PUG			
		YORKSHIRE TERRIER			
UTILITY (DAVID SHIELDS)					
AKITA		TERRIERS (MARIA HARDING)			
CHOW CHOW		BULL TERRIER			
FRENCH BULLDOG		FOX TERRIER (WIRE)			
GERMAN SPITZ (KLEIN)		JACK RUSSELL TERRIER			
JAPANESE SHIBA INU		KERRY BLUE TERRIER			
JAPANESE AKITA INU		SEALYHAM TERRIER			
POODLE (MINIATURE)		WELSH TERRIER			
POODLE (STANDARD)		WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER			
POODLE (TOY)					
SHIH TZU					
		GROUPS JUDGING (GROUP, JUNIOR, PUPPY)			
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A/V LOCALLY BRED HOUND / WORKING / UTILITY		BEST VETERAN GUNDOG / TOY / TERRIER			
BEST VETERAN HOUND / WORKING / UTILITY					
 		BEST A/V LOCALLY BRED - DAVID SHIELDS			
		BEST VETERAN IN SHOW* - DAVID SHIELDS			
		5:30pm: Pre-Judging of:			
		BEST PUPPY IN SHOW* - DAVID SHIELDS			
		BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW* - DAVID SHIELDS			
		BEST IN SHOW* - DAVID SHIELDS			
		Winners of the BIS, BJIS & BPIS will be announced at the Commencement of the Gala Dinner at 7:30pm.			

The above is a provisional schedule. Any other breeds entered which are not listed above will be entered in their respective group according to alphabetical order. Exhibitors are urged to be at the venue on time to avoid missing their respective classes as the number of breeds can and may be less than what appears in this provisional schedule. Breeds will be judged according to the final schedule and no dogs will be allowed to be judged even if they are the sole exhibits in their respective breeds.

ON SUNDAY, GROUPS JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BREEDS JUDGING. PRE-JUDGING of the Best Puppy In Show, Best Junior In Show and Best In Show will take place at 5:30pm, followed by the Gala Dinner at 7:30pm, starting with the announcement of the Best Puppy In Show winners, Best Junior In Show and Best In Show winners.



THE MALTESE NATIONAL CANINE FEDERATION
25th ANNIVERSARY - SILVER JUBILEE GALA DINNER

Sunday 3rd November 2024 - 19:30hrs

Xara Semi-Buffer Menu at €50.00 per person

Plated Starter

Roasted Celeriac Soup
Forest Mushroom Croutons

Plated Intermediate

Ravioli alla Norma
Ricotta Salata, Crispy Aubergine

Hot Buffet

Pan-seared Sea Bass, Lemon Bruere Blanc and Baby Pak Choi
Palestinian Spiced Chicken Thighs with Yogurt Sauce
Grilled Beef Medallions, Pearl Onion, Grilled Eggplant, Mustard Jus
Roasted New Potatoes with Rosemary and Fennel Seeds
Panache of Seasonal Vegetables

Carvery

Slow-cooked Pork Collar, Mustard Jus

Plated Dessert

Sour Cherry and Almond Tart
Vanilla Crèmeux, Dried Meringue, Cherry Compote

Coffee

Price: €50.00 per person

Reservation will only be secured with payment - Limited seats available

Dress Code for this event: Black Tie / Evening



**The Maltese National Canine Federation - 25th Anniversary Championship Show
Silver Jubilee - 3rd November 2024**



Our Judges:

Steve Atkinson: I have been involved with breeding and showing dogs for over fifty years. Started with showing German Shepherd Dogs, Border Collies, Rough Collies, Bernese Mountains Dogs, Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Gronendaels and Tervuerens). Now, with my wife, Tracy Irving, breed and show Pembroke and Cardigan Corgis and Jack Russell Terriers. Having bred or finished champions in all three breeds worldwide, I awarded my first set of CC's over thirty years ago. Presently award CC's in 26 breeds over the Pastoral and Working groups and now judge both groups. Have been fortunate to have judged numerous times and breeds overseas. Been involved with Manchester Championship Show for more than thirty years and having worked my way through the ranks, I now hold the position of Chairman. I am also Chairman of the Royal Cheshire

Agricultural Society (dog section), Chairman and founder member of the North West Border Collie Club and also serve on the Breed Council. Chairman of Pennine and Yorkshire Welsh Corgi Association, Committee Member and officer on Welsh Corgi League Northern section, committee member and officer on midland and eastern counties Corgi club. Founder member of northern Belgian Shepherd Dog Club. I also serve on Heywood and Radcliffe Canine Society and also stewards at all the above shows. So as you can see, I am still very much actively involved in all aspects of dog shows, from showing to management. Having stood on both sides, I understand both the needs and requirements of exhibitors and also the same for the organisation of the event.

David Shields: I started showing Cocker Spaniels in 1971. Over the years the 'Wilholmes' have produced numerous Show Champions and CC winners. Along with my partner Irene Glen we have successfully shown German Shorthaired Pointers since 2001, winning the Bitch CC at Crufts with home bred dogs in 2011, 2012 and 2022. I also show Border Terriers as well as handling Italian Spinone for the Bessalone kennel who Irene is in partnership with. I first judged at Open Show level in the UK in 1978 and awarded my first set of CC's in Cocker Spaniels in 1987. I am now passed in the UK to award CC's to 49 breeds across three Groups and judge both the Gundog Group and Terrier Group and Championship Show level. I have also been approved by the Royal Kennel Club to judge BIS at Championship Show level and will fulfil my first appointment at the Welsh Kennel Club next August. As well as my judging in the UK, I have judged across Europe as well as in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan. Over the years I have served on a number of committees and presently I am the Show Manager for the Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland and Scottish Breeds Canine Club's Championship Shows.





MARINA WHITE – 25th Anniversary Show - Judge for Junior Handlers and Presenter/Commentator.

Marina has been showing and handling dogs for over 30 years and she excelled in the junior handling ring, winning the Scottish, British and World Junior Handling titles in 1998. In 2011, she won the Coventry Ladies KS' UK Adult Handler of the Year title becoming the first ever handler to win both junior and adult titles. As a result of her junior handling wins, she wrote and published the British best-selling book "*Junior Handling The White Way*" and produced and presented the DVD "*Marina Scott's Complete Guide To Junior Handling*".

She has made up champions in the UK in Border Collies and Dalmatians and has won over 100 CCs/RCCs in these breeds and others including Beagles, Basset Fauve De Bretagnes, Afghans, Siberian Huskie, Hungarian Vizslas and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers. She's also handled Finnish Lapphunds, Russian Black Terriers,

Dobermann and Borzoi to success in the UK and has handled all over the world including Europe and Australia.

Marina awards CCs in Beagles, Border Collies, Finnish Lapphunds, Bearded Collies, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Siberian Huskies and Newfoundlands. She has judged the prestigious UK Junior Handler Of the Year competition in 2010, also the Finnish Junior Handling Championships in 2015, Norwegian Junior Handling Championships in 2017, the Nordic Winner Championships in Denmark and Irish Junior Handling finals in 2022.

Marina is assistant to Liz Cartledge's Junior Handling Association (JHA) in the UK and also assists with the organisation of the International Junior Handler of the Year competition at Crufts.

Marina is a qualified Broadcast Journalist and is well known for her commentary and TV presenting work; she has commentated at Crufts for the past 8 years, the European Dog Show in Norway and the World Dog Show in Amsterdam and has been the host of the Eukanuba World Challenge four times.

