

Circular No. 01/2008

3rd January, 2008

January, 2008 Championship Dog Show (CAC)

The Malta Kennel Club is pleased to announce that it will be holding its next Championship Dog Show on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January, 2008, at Cottonera Sports Complex, Cottonera. The Judge for this show will be the International all breed judge Prof.ssa Sonia Falletti from Italy.

Booking for entries for the show will be open at the Club's premises from Monday 7th January 2008, until Friday 18th January, 2008 from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Late entries will **NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

The registration fee for the show is as follows;

Members: - €7.00 per entry for the first three entries and €6.00 for all other entries.

Non-Members (foreign Nationals): - €14.00 per entry for the first three entries and €12.00 for all other entries. Foreign Nationals who handle dogs not entered by them will pay a levy of €10.00.

Registrations by post can be effected by cheque or money order payable to the Malta Kennel Club.

Certificates and prizes awarded during the Show may be collected from the Club's premises on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 7.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m. from Monday 4th February 2008.

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The winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded a voucher of €7.00, €4.66 , € 2.33 respectively. These vouchers are to be exchanged for dog food from Messrs Bonavia & Busuttil, Fgura if won in this order:-

1 to 3 entries in the same class:	€ 7.00 voucher to 1st placed
4 entries in the same class:	€ 7.00 voucher to 1st placed € 4.66 voucher to 2nd placed
5 or more entries in the same class:	€ 7.00 voucher to 1st placed €4.66 voucher to 2nd placed €2.33 voucher to 3rd placed

Trophies will also be awarded as follows:

GROUP WINNERS AND THEIR RESERVES
BEST PUPPY IN GROUP AND THEIR RESERVES
BEST COUPLE IN SHOW
BEST GROUP IN SHOW
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
BEST IN SHOW

May we remind members, that each exhibitor will receive a written report on their dog/s from the judge.

The Show Classes will be as follows: -

- Puppy Class: - 4 to 9 months of age (**No CAC awarded**)
- Junior Class: - 9 to 15 months of age
- Intermediate Class: - 15 to 24 months of age
- Open Class: - from 24 months upwards
- Veteran Class: - from 8 years upwards
- Champion Class: - This class is obligatory for those dogs, which have acquired 4 CAC certificates and are therefore classified as Maltese Champions with the exception of veterans.

N.B. each dog may not be entered in more than one of the above classes. Dogs entered in the Puppy Class will compete only for the Best Puppy In Breed / Best Puppy In Group / Best Puppy In Show.

Only those dogs which are entered in the Junior, Intermediate, Open, Veteran and Champion Classes will compete for the Best Of Breed / Best In Group / Best In Show.

Dogs, which have been awarded 4 CACs will be eligible to become a Maltese Champion Certificate within the prescribed period.

Exhibitors may also wish to participate in the following Classes :

- COUPLE CLASS: - A Male & Female of the same breed and variety of the same owner
- GROUP CLASS: - 3 dogs or more of the same breed and variety of the same owner.

N.B. To be able to enter in the COUPLE and GROUP Classes, the dogs must all be entered in one of the PUPPY, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, OPEN, VETERAN or CHAMPION Classes.

Members whose Dogs are competing for the first time are advised that they are to produce a valid vaccination certificate from their Vets when they register their dogs for the show. Bitches with obvious signs of "being on heat" will be disallowed entry into the show ring.

Junior members competing in the Junior Handler Competition who have not yet produced their Birth Certificate (that issued by the Public Registry) are kindly requested to do so immediately.

Only foreign nationals residing abroad are allowed to participate without being fully paid up members, however these are to pay the appropriate entry fees.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

According to FCI regulations that came into force as from 1st January, 2006 it is "forbidden to prepare a dog at the show venue using any substances or equipment; only combing and brushing are allowed (the use of sprays, powders and chalk are strictly prohibited). It is also forbidden to leave the dog tied up on the trimming table longer than is necessary for preparation purposes" Please note that FCI have directed us that these regulations are obligatory in CACIB shows and, consequently, these rules will be enforced in the MKC international show in November 2008. The above mentioned show classes are also obligatory in our CACIB/CAC International show in November 2008.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL DOUBLE HANDLING BE PERMITTED IN ANY CLASS. ANYONE FOUND TO BE USING THIS PRACTICE WILL BE PENALISED ACCORDINGLY.

Junior Handler Competition: Participation in the Junior Handler Competition requires the obligatory participation of the particular dog in the breed class competition. If, for whatever reason, the dog will not compete in the respective breed class, then the junior concerned will have his/her points forfeited. It is therefore understood that the next junior / juniors in line will be awarded the points of the previous placing accordingly. The junior handler under discipline, is further disallowed to compete in the subsequent show. **Any dog found to be unsuitable for handling in the Junior Handler Class will be substituted for the changeover at the Judge's discretion ONLY.**

May we remind you that membership fees for 2008 are due on the 1st January. All owners and handlers are reminded to pay their membership in order to be eligible to compete in this and forthcoming shows.

Members are also reminded to maintain a high standard of cleanliness in the Hall and in the surrounding Grounds. Bins for the disposal of litter will be provided. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure they have full control of their children at all times.

We thank our sponsor and wish all our members an enjoyable weekend at our Show.

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Mary Rose Spiteri
Secretary MKC