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10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MALTA KENNEL CLUB
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP WITH FCI

ACCEPTANCE OF MALTA AS FEDERATED MEMBER WITH FCI

December, 2009 International Championship Dog Show
(CAC) (CACIB)

The Malta Kennel Club is pleased to announce that it will be holding its next International Championship Dog Show on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th and Tuesday 8th December, 2009. On Saturday and Sunday the breeds will be judged up to Best of Breed at the **Cottonera Sports Complex, Cottonera**. The judge for this show is the International All Breed judge Mr Luis Pinto Teixeira from Portugal.

On Tuesday Best Puppy in Group, Best in Group, Best Couple in Show, Best Group in Show, Best Veteran, Best Puppy in Show, Best in Show and Best in Show Overall Winner 2009 will be judged during a Gala Night Dinner which will be held at the Grand Ballroom of The Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana. Judging will start at 6.00 p.m. Booking for the Gala Night Dinner

THIS SHOW IS A CRUFTS QUALIFIER FOR 2010

Booking for entries to the show will be open at the Club's premises from Wednesday 4th November, 2009 until Friday 20th November, 2009 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: - Euros 9.00 per entry for the first three entries and Euros 6.00 for all other entries.

Non-Members (foreign Nationals): - Euros 25.00 per entry for the first three entries and Euros 18 for all other entries.

Registrations by email will be accepted and they have to be confirmed by return email. Registrations by post can be affected by cheque or money order payable to the Malta Kennel Club.

During this show, the Malta Kennel club will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary of The Malta Kennel Club as Associate Member and the winners of the Groups and Breeds will be receiving the awards in the form of a commemoration of this Event. The awards will be handed to the winners during a dinner celebrating the 60th Anniversary and the festive season. The date and venue will be advised to the members by a separate circular.

The awards will be given to the following :

BEST OF BREED AND BEST OPPOSITE SEX
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

Written reports for each dog will be available only at the judge's discretion.

The Show Classes will be as follows: -

- Puppy Class: - between 4 to 9 months of age (**No CAC CACIB awarded**)
- Junior Class: - between 9 to 15 months of age
- Intermediate Class: - 15 months to 24 months
- 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.

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, 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 provided with the Maltese Champion Certificate on application.

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Foreign dogs which are already Champions in any FCI country need only two CACs to become Maltese Champions.

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, OPEN, VETERAN or CHAMPION Classes.

In our commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Club, this year we will be holding a special competition at the end of the show for the Best In Show Overall Winner 2008. The dogs eligible for this competition are the seven Best in Show winners during the period November 2007 to October 2008. These dogs are eligible to register for this show. The entry fee of this show is 15 euro.

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 venue.

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 as per above.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

According to FCI regulations that came into force as from 1st January, 2007 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 necessary for preparation purposes'. FCI have directed us that these regulations are obligatory in CACIB shows.

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.**

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES

MEMBERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK TO THE JUDGE. THEY CAN ONLY DO SO AFTER THE SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENING.

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.

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

Mary Rose Spiteri
Secretary MKC