

Raymundo W. Lo, MD, FPSP, FCAP, FASCP, FPSO Judge's Profile

Our judge for today is an American Board certified pathologist with a subspecialty in Immunopathology. He stumbled into dogs in 1970 when as a student, he met his first Pekingese. Since then, he has been enamored with this Imperial breed from China.

Along with a fellow medical student, he also ventured into Great Pyrenees, Shih Tzu, Afghan Hounds, German Shepherds, Lhasa Apsos and later owned Pugs, Pomeranians, Rottweilers, Belgian Sheepdogs, and Shetland Sheepdogs.

Dr. Lo's first judging license was for the Pekingese, of course, and he went on to his license for the Toy, then Non-sporting, Sporting and Working Group licenses. He has judged locally and internationally as well, being invited to Australia in 2002 to judge Toys and Non-Sporting Groups and a while back in 1997, to judge Pekingese Sweepstakes for the Pekingese Club of Central California with an entry of 64.

To his credit, Dr. Lo has bred more than 100 Phil. Champions, among them many Grand Champions and Hall of Famers. His Pekingese have won Best in Show All Breeds, Reserve Best in Show all breeds, Best Philippine Bred in Show, Best in Toy Group, numerous Group placements, Best Philippine Bred in Group, Best Baby Puppy in Show all breeds. For 2 consecutive years, Dr. Lo and his wife, Christine, were PCCI Breeders of the Year in 1999 and 2000.

Having done well locally, Dreamville Pekingese ventured onto the American dog scene in 1994. Within 9 years, working with Philippine-bred and American-bred dogs in partnership with dear friend Patty Metzger, he qualified and was awarded Breeder Register of Merit status by the Pekingese Club of America for having bred 12 or more American champions (the record now stands at 22 American Champions including Best in Specialty winners). As of this day, Dr. Lo is the only Philippine and Asian Breeder ever to have been accorded this prestigious award by an American Parent Breed Club.

Dr. Lo has won the respect of American Pekingese fanciers with the strong showing and winning his dogs made in National and Regional Specialty Championship Shows, and in recognition of his efforts and dedication to the Pekingese breed, he was elected to the Pekingese Club of America Board of Directors in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006 for another 4 year term. He was 1st Vice President of the Pekingese Club of America, a distinction he shares with no one outside North America.

Recently, in partnership with Mr. Edwin Chua of Singapore, he campaigned Asian Ch. Singapore Grand Champion and Philippine Hall of Fame Rarity's Idle Whispers (Han) to the number 2 spot in the 2007 Philippine Canine Club Inc. Dog of the Year competition and number 3 spot in the National Dog of the Year rankings. This feat was achieved in spite of Han arriving in May of 2007 with only 7 months of showing in the Philippines. Together, Dr. Lo and Han amassed 10 Bests in Show, 6 Reserve Bests in Show, and 29 Bests in Group with a slew of other group awards. Shown 55 times, Han was piloted to group placings 48 times.

For 2008, Dr. Lo is campaigning Han who is currently No. 2 in both PCCI dog of the year and national Top Dog rankings. In addition, he brought an 8 month old puppy, Phil. Ch. Dreamville Duke Ellington to Dallas, Texas where Duke, breeder-owner handled, was twice Best in Sweepstakes, Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Show at the Pekingese Club of Texas specialty championship shows and sweepstakes plus winning the same awards at the Dallas-Fort Worth Toy Dog Club show bringing him close to his American title.

Dr. Lo has been active in kennel club affairs having been elected to the PCCI Board of Directors and served as Corporate Secretary for one year. He writes regularly for the PCCI Quarterly and other publications.

On the professional side, Dr. Lo serves as Deputy Executive Director for Professional Services at the Philippine Children's Medical Center. He is also the Assistant Director for Clinical Pathology at the St. Luke's Medical Center Institute of Pathology and past Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine.