



## **PROFESSOR MA. ROCIO A. DE VEGA**

Professor Ma. Rocio A. De Vega belongs to a family of dog lovers. Her maternal grandfather was a pioneer in the importation and breeding of German Shepherd Dogs from Germany in the 1930's. During her childhood and adolescence she has also owned and loved different breeds, especially Toy Poodles.

Professor De Vega has been a member of academe having been a professor of Philosophy, Psychology and English for many years, first at the Lyceum of the Philippines and later at the University of the East in Manila. She has also held various positions in the Philippine government, principally as Chairman of the Movie and Television Review and Censorship Board a position to which she was appointed to succeed her husband Dr. Guillermo C. De Vega upon his death in 1975. She remains a consultant for various government and non-governmental organizations and a such has participated in various international conferences in Europe, the United States and South America.

Professor De Vega joined the Philippine Canine Club, Incorporated during its early years and has served in various capacities in its Board of Directors, culminating in the position of President for seven (7) straight years from 1975 to 1982. It was during her tenure as President that the club purchased two condominium units at the Hillcrest Bldg. Quezon City, which remain the club's present headquarters.

At various times, she has been a breeder of German Shepherd Dogs, Shih Tzus, Dachshunds, American Cocker Spaniels, Toy and Miniature Poodles. Lately, she has gone into the breeding of Whippets which she finds are ideal companions and are well adjusted to the Philippines' tropical climate. She is credited with having been the person to bring in the very first Shih Tzus and West Highland White Terriers from Melbourne, Australia in 1973, from which stock she started a breeding program for both breeds. But because Poodles are her first love, she still continues to own and breed Toy Poodles.

Today, Professor De Vega remains active in Philippine Canine Club, Inc. affairs and is busy judging All Breed shows for PCCI and its affiliates all over the country. She has also judged All Breed shows in foreign countries in Southeast Asia particularly in Thailand and Indonesia and also in India and in Australia.

