

Augusto Benedicto Santos III

Philippines

FCI All-Breeds Judge

More familiarly known as "Dinky" amongst his peers, he was born in 1967 to a family of "Animal Lovers".

Dinky has been showing dogs for as long as he can remember. At an early age, he and his siblings often accompany their Father to the dog shows. Together with his family, he was involved with German Shorthaired Pointers, Japanese Akitas from Japan, Bull Terriers, and German Shepherd Dogs before personally getting engrossed with the Labrador Retriever in 1988.

Dinky's SUNSHADOW LABRADOR RETRIEVERS is one of the main forces behind the success of the Philippine Labrador Retriever today. He owned PCCI's #1 DOG for 1996, #5 for 1995 and #3 for 1997. He has owned and bred more than 130 Champions – at least 70 of which are homebred. He also owned the #1 All-Breed "Sire of Champions" in the Philippines who, as of this writing, has sired forty-six (46) Champions.

He is presently involved with German Shepherd Dogs that he shows both in Germany & the Philippines. He presently owns "VA1 Sammo di Casa Beggiato" – a famous GSD and a leading sire in Germany and is presently unbeaten in the Philippines.

Dinky is also very much involved with Horses – a known SANTOS tradition. He was a member of the Philippine Equestrian Team and is, presently, one of the Philippines' leading Polo Players. He is also involved with thoroughbred horse racing and has owned many Champions through the years.

Dinky was awarded the distinction "Life Member" of the PCCI in 2005. He was the founding President of The Labrador Retriever Club Incorporated (LRCI) back in 1994. He is a full-member of the prestigious Labrador Retriever Club (UK) and was bestowed "Honorary Life Member" of the Kennel Club of Pakistan.

He has been a Philippine delegate to the Asia Kennel Union Conferences in 2006, 2008 & 2010; Federation Cynologique International General Assemblies held in 2007, 2009 & 2011; FCI Asia and the Pacific Section Conferences in 2006, 2008, 2010 & 2012. He was the FCI observer for the FCI Asia and the Pacific Section Shows in 2009 & 2011. He was also a member of the FCI TASK FORCE that was formed in Bratislava.

He is presently a member of the General Committees of both the Asia Kennel Union (AKU) & the FCI Asia and the Pacific Section.

Dinky has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Canine Club since 2003. He has held the positions of Assistant Corporate Secretary (2003-2005), Corporate Secretary (2005) PRESIDENT and CHAIRMAN simultaneously (2005-2008) and CHAIRMAN (2008-2010).

He is presently the PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN of the Philippine Canine Club.

He has judged all over Asia, Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East and Africa. He has been contracted to judge the EuroDogShow in 2012 and he will be judging Pomeranians at the World Dog Show in 2013.