

Carolyn Heide – Candidate for Regional Director - Ontario East

I started playing agility in 2006, and very quickly became hooked. To help me understand the rules and course theory, I have audited 3 AAC judges' clinics, at all levels. For 6 years I judged, as an amateur mentored by experienced AAC judges, in a non-sanctioned trial series that Ottawa area people are familiar with, K9 Kup. I enjoyed judging and thought about taking the AAC judge exam, but decided when I retired and had time to give, to instead give back to the sport I love through volunteer work.

As the AAC is a not-for-profit that *“is committed to promoting inclusive, competitive agility at a local, regional, national, and international level, for all handlers and dogs, without regard for pedigree”*, with the philosophy that *“The main elements of the sport are good sportsmanship and fun for the dog and handler”*, it is the organization that I selected to support with my time and entries. I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of Directors of Paws4Fun Agility, an AAC focused, not-for-profit agility club near Kemptville, ON. I have also been AAC Trials Secretary at Paws4Fun for the last 5 years and have found that this a job I really enjoy. In June this year I volunteered for and was appointed to the AAC Standing Rules Committee.

I live and play agility mostly in the Ottawa area, but I frequently load my Papillons into our trailer and head out to trials around Ontario and Quebec.