

Anna Lupacchino – Candidate for Regional Director – BC/Vancouver Island

My involvement in agility began in 1996 when I started with my rescue dog, Zeena, and I have been a proud AAC member for over 20 years. I currently own and operate Allstar Agility where I teach weekly classes in Langley as well as in Coombs on Vancouver Island. Since 2015, I have worked as an Advanced-level Judge and I thoroughly enjoy spending time in the ring with my agility community.

My professional background includes 24 years working as a paralegal before transitioning to a full-time obedience and agility instructor. That legal experience, combined with my involvement at every level of our sport through teaching, volunteering, competing and judging, has given me strong foundation in the practice of diplomacy, fairness, listening and problem solving.

Over the years, my volunteer roles with the AAC have included.

- serving 6 years as Chair of the Appeal Committee.
- assisting various BC Clubs with sponsorship of 12 BC/Yukon Regional Championships; and
- helping with sponsorship of the 2017 Nationals.

Through this work, I have seen both the challenges and opportunities that come with growing our sport.

I currently run two Shelties, GO!-Mez and ALDO!, who remind me daily why I continue in this sport. The sense of community and the joy of watching handlers and dogs work together are what keep me dedicated to agility.

If elected, it would be an honour to represent Vancouver Island. My priority will be to ensure that all members – newcomers, seasoned competitor, judges and clubs – feel represented and supported.