



After my first competition in 2004, I quickly became addicted to agility and became a member of the AAC. Three years later, I took on the challenge of becoming a judge and have been cheering on teams from centre ring ever since. Open, flowy courses with safe, appropriate challenges are what I always strive to create to give all teams, regardless of the dog's size, a chance at success without exhausting them both physically & mentally.

I'm a proud weekend warrior who has been supporting clubs from all over Alberta. These clubs have allowed me to hone skills and challenge myself and my dogs, while also earning a variety of titles, including the rare PLAA and VPX. Those trials were the principal contributing factor that enabled us to win multiple National and AB/NWT Regional Championships. As a result, we were asked to represent Canada 18 times across IFCS, FCI, EO, and WAO competitions, where we earned multiple medals and ribbons, including that of World Champion.

In 2009, I began coaching other agility handlers, helping them achieve their goals of winning or placing in the Top 6 at National and Regional Championships. For over a decade, I have co-hosted trials for OC Agility to give back to fellow competitors what other Albertan clubs gave to me: the opportunity to play and bond with my dogs.

I spent many years on the Standing Rules Committee, where I advocated for changes to ensure that agility is as safe and inclusive as possible for all dogs. I also joined the National Team Management Committee to help the next generation achieve glory at IFCS. I truly want AAC to be inclusive of all who compete under its banner, whether it's the 99% who enjoy the serious or more casual aspects of competition, or the 1% who aim to represent AAC internationally.

Over the last two years, I have worked hard to represent my region and bring about changes that benefit dogs of all sizes, not just a select few, while serving as an AAC Board member. If voted back in, I aim to continue this effort by providing clear communication and being a strong advocate for every member of our region and their dogs' needs.

Thank you for your consideration.
Cheers!

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