

Susan Byers

AB/NWT Regional Director - Nominee

Susan Byers has been competing in the sport of Agility since 2010, and has been an AAC member since 2013. She started in the sport with her first dog, Jerry, who is now enjoying his retirement. Susan currently trains and competes with two shelties, Cricket and Fizz. All three of Susan's dogs have earned their ATChC and Cricket recently won the 12" Specials division at this year's AB/NWT Regional Championship.

Susan has competed in AAC events at local, regional, and national levels, and greatly enjoys the camaraderie and challenges of the sport. She has watched the sport evolve over the past 8 years and has seen the influences of other agility organizations on the AAC.

Susan became an AAC Starters/Advanced Judge in 2015 and an AAC Masters level Judge in 2018. Becoming a Judge has given her a broader perspective on both the sport of Agility and the AAC organization.

Outside of the Agility world, Susan has had experience on several non-profit boards and councils. She has acted in both director and co-chair/chair positions. Susan has completed formal board governance training which has enhanced her ability to be an effective and responsible board member.

Susan's goals include training and trialing with her own dogs, designing and judging safe, challenging and fun courses for other competitors, and supporting the growth of AAC Agility in Canada. Addressing safety for all competitors, dog and human, through adjustments in course and equipment design is an area of particular focus for Susan.

As the AAC AB/NWT Regional Representative, Susan plans to advocate for the Region's membership, provide them with an effective voice at the Board table, and help the AAC move forward as a strong, member driven organization.