

## **Mary Federici – Nominee for British Columbia Mainland/Yukon Regional Director**

I was introduced by a friend to Flyball and my involvement with competitive dog sports began. I have been addicted to agility for over 20 years and began competing in 2006. Now 5 Aussies later I regularly compete in as well as judge at local trials. I have also competed in multiple AAC Regional and National Championships with my dogs. One of my proudest memories was running with my rescue Aussie Avis and winning the 2017 BC Regionals and 2017 AAC Nationals in her Veteran division. She could read my mind when my handling was lacking – such an awesome little girl.

Being a member of local clubs, I have served as club vice president, secretary & treasurer. I currently work with a with another long-time agility addict putting on trials in the Lower Mainland as Q-Ball Agility. I serve as trial secretary, head course builder and any other job that needs to be filled. I am currently also a member of the Dogwood Pacesetters Dog Sports Club and assist with running agility trials and performing with the club in agility demos at public events.

While teaching agility lessons for all levels for over 15 years it was my pleasure to introduce many new handlers to the sport. It was so rewarding to see brand new teams master simple jump grids or learn a front cross and see how absolutely thrilled they were at the end of the class with their dog's progress every week. I also enjoyed pushing experienced handlers to try new handling techniques and share in their joy when they were able to master something they thought was too difficult.

In 2015 I became a Starters/Advanced Judge and then moved up to a Masters Judge in 2018. I enjoy creating courses for all levels. I enjoy the camaraderie of our local trials that are filled with our regular 'weekend warriors' and welcome seeing new faces in our Starters level classes.

My vision for the AAC is to keep it an agility organization that is enjoyable and accessible to satisfy all levels of competitors. I will encourage members in my region to bring forward their ideas and concerns so that I can keep the lines of communication open between the members and the board.

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