

Paula Collins

I am from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I began agility in 1996 with my Belgian Tervuren. I have also lived in Denmark and Norway where I participated in agility with my Belgians. I've since had a series of rescues (mostly terrier mixes) and now Border Collies. We have competed across Canada from East to West Coast. Dogs are my life's work and I've been involved in the Veterinary world for over 25 years and am a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. Outside of Agility, I've started my work life as an Environmental/Safety and Health Specialist. I've also worked in Administration/Management of multiple Veterinary Practices. I've also started dog sports clubs and held various positions on Boards for multiple dog sports clubs spread across many years and across the Country.

I have competed at the Canadian National Level with several of my dogs. We've achieved Regional wins and multiple podium placements at our Regional and National level. We had the fun opportunity to compete at the Nordic Nationals with one of my Belgians when living in Norway.

I became an AAC judge in 2015. As part of being a judge I have taken personal responsibility to become as educated as possible as this is a "job" that I am being hired by clubs to do. I have attended 3 course design/judging clinics with Tamas Traj and completed the online OfCourse education twice with Tamas Traj, Jan Egil Eide and Peter Pupik. I am a National Level certified judge through the Global Judges Program, an independent judges training program. This program focuses on elements such as Safety, Course Design, Judges Path, Accurate Calls and more.

In addition to judging club trials, I have judged AAC Regionals in Alberta 2021 & 2023, BC 2022, Nationals 2022 AAC, and the US Open 2019.

Agility is a passion for me. Education is crucial in my judging career, and I seek out learning opportunities whenever available.