

Sherry Antonishen – Candidate for Regional Director – BC – Vancouver Island

My name is Sherry Antonishen. I have been involved in AAC agility for more than 15 years. I started running with my rescue Terrier and became hooked. I am a dog trainer by trade and have been teaching agility for 10 years. Currently I have many students between 65-75 years old, most of whom have been doing agility for over a decade! Other students are very new to the sport or junior handlers. Some love running, some need to walk. Dogs range from small and easily distracted to powerful and focused.

I also manage a club and have run AAC trials for 8 years. What I have enjoyed most about dog agility is the coming together of all levels of ability and interest. But that creates challenges that may require some creative thinking to accommodate the many players - that's something I can bring to the table. This is a relatively new sport that has gotten much faster over the years. There is a continuing need to make agility safe for dogs while still allowing for excellence in the pursuit of a timed sport. How can the AAC be inclusive of all levels of speed and abilities of dogs and handlers? I owe a service to those that have entered our trials, taken our classes or inspired with a fabulous run.

I am putting myself forward to represent our Vancouver Island agility community with integrity and to try to help AAC agility be a game we can all love to play.