

Rhonda Koeske, Agility Focus



My Dog's Accomplishments

I have only had 2 dogs (Spike and Tack), both mixed breeds, both have achieved notable agility accomplishments

ADCH Platinum, PDCH-Bronze, NATCH, C-ATCH Tack,
Mixed Breed, 11 years old

- ❖ USDAA Cynosport World Games, First Place in PVP Gamblers 2013
- ❖ USDAA Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award
- ❖ USDAA Top Ten, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013
- ❖ USDAA Cynosport World Games Performance Versatility Pairs Silver Medalist 2012
- ❖ 3rd Place Individually in PVP Gamblers
- ❖ USDAA Cynosport World Games Performance Grand Prix Finalist 2012
- ❖ USDAA Cynosport World Games DAM Relay Finalist 2011
- ❖ Team USA and competed in England, 2010 IFCS World Agility Championships
- ❖ USDAA Nationals Grand Prix Finalist 2008
- ❖ Qualified for and Competed at USDAA Grand Prix / Cynosport World Championships 8 years
- ❖ AMBOR Nationals Agility Champion 12" and Overall Champion 2007
- ❖ 8th Place Overall Agility Association of Canada (AAC) National Championships 2007
- ❖ Tack is known for her fast running contacts

ADCH, NATCH Spike, Mixed Breed '93 – '03

- ❖ USDAA Top Ten: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
- ❖ USDAA Grand Prix Finalist 2002
- ❖ USDAA Steeplechase Finalist 2002
- ❖ Qualified for and Competed at USDAA Nationals 4 years
- ❖ AMBOR Nationals 12" Agility Champion 2002

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My Background

As a teenager, I played competitive tennis in both tournament play and high school athletics. During this time I found a love of competition which drives me in agility to this day.

Obtaining both a bachelors and masters degree in engineering in college, I went to work for Ford Motor Company. Ford gave me the opportunity to work in the design, review, and delivery of Technical Training for seven years, where I learned about maximizing adult learning through proper design of training. In 1995 I joined Canine Combustion Dog Agility Club in Michigan where I quickly went from student to teacher.

In 2006 I started teaching classes for Animal Activity Center.

In 2009 I began teaching seminars starting in Michigan and then in Florida.

Some of my favorite seminar topics are:

International Handling, Distance (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced), Motivation, Foundations, and The Mental Side to Competing At Your Best ... but I love designing new seminars to meet client's needs.



I like looking at each dog and handler team individually and working with their strengths to find the best handling solutions for them.

I have received feedback like:

"You taught me so much, you understand how to handle a big dog like my Doberman."

"The advice you gave me about my feet really helped me understand how I need to handle my little dog (papillon) so he knows where to go next."

I am committed to positive training and feel that a large portion of our success in agility is about our relationship with our dogs.

I love the study of dog training, operant and classical conditioning and have studied Kathy Sdao, Bob Bailey and other positive training mentors.

In 2009 and 2010 while I was first trying out for and then training for the IFCS World Championships I drove myself to be the best I could be through training hard and conditioning both me (physically and mentally) and my dog. It was a life changing experience that made me see what it takes to really push yourself to the next level.

Contact me for more information on seminars or private lessons.