

# **Dianne P. Ford, B.A. (Hons, Psychology), MBA, PhD (Management)**

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**Dianne Ford** has been training, instructing and competing in agility since 1994 across Canada (AB, SK, ON, NS, NL). Dianne's background includes several years as a competitor in equestrian show jumping, hunters and dressage, Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Management, all of which she uses in her training of club instructors and handlers. She has trained with many of the top handlers and instructors Internationally and within Canada.

**Training Philosophy:** Dianne's teaching philosophy focuses on maintaining a fun and safe environment for the dogs and handlers, while striving for quality and strengthening the communication and relationship between dog and handler through the use of non-force training techniques.

## **Degrees & Certifications:**

- Agility Association of Canada Advanced Judge (2014-November 29, 2017 – resigned due to insufficient assignments and saturation of local competitions)
- Ph.D. in Management (Organizational Behavior and Management Information Systems) from Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada (2004)
- Master in Business Administration (MBA) from University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada (1999)
- B.A. (Honours) in Psychology from University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada (1994): includes course on Psychology of Learning (1994), and Comparative Psychology (animal behavior; 1993).

## **Agility Partners (Canine):**

Jenga (2015-present), KC and CKC registered working English Cocker Spaniel from UK

- AG.N., AG.N.J., SGDC
- Qualified for AAC Nationals June 2017 (score 384.70) at age 23 months
- Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Games Challenge aggregate (UKI Atlantic Fall Cup) at age 27 months.
- Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Speedstakes Challenge aggregate (UKI Atlantic Spring Cup 2019)
- Traveled to UK (via CDG, France) for workshop with Lisa Frick and Tereza Pospěchová Králová June 2019.

Kelsey (2010-2016 retired), AKC registered Welsh Springer Spaniel from Trystyn's Welsh Springer Spaniels

- ADC, SGDC, AADC, AGDC, MADC, MJDC, MSDC plus 2 MG legs
- Started in 22" Regular, moved to 16" Specials end of 2013. Retired at that height.
- Made Top Agility Dogs in Canada list in 2014
- Placed 9<sup>th</sup> in 2013 Canada Cup Snooker in the 22" height division
- Placed in three Nationals events in 2014 in the 16" Sp division (first time Newfoundland represented at AAC Nationals)

- Qualified for AAC Nationals: 2014, 2016
- Qualified for Canada Open 2016: Masters Series and Games Biathlon
- #3 Welsh Springer Spaniels in the AAC Database for most titles
- CKC's CGN certificate
- Retired from agility August 2016 due to dehydrated discs and bulging disc at LS joint showing in static MRI. She might return 8" DDV if health improves.

Baxter (2003-2012 passed away), AKC registered Welsh Springer Spaniel from Trystyn's Welsh Springer Spaniels

- ADC, SGDC, plus legs in Advanced games
- Heavily interrupted agility career due to my pregnancies and move to locations where no agility existed (North Bay, ON, and Newfoundland)
- Founding dog of agility in Newfoundland
- Started competing at 16" Sp at Rat Pack, April 30, May 1, 2005. Was running 10" DDV at last trial prior to passing away.

Brooke (AAC #411; birth year 1993; agility 1994-2003 retired; passed away in 2006), All Canadian (Shepherd/Doberman/Lab cross)

- ADC, AADC, retired competing in all Masters games (progressions predated database and games titles)
- Competed in 30" Regular, then 26" R, 1 year at 22" Sp, retired in 16" DDV.
- Won Horse-Dog Relay Race 1996.
- A lot of socialization training and fear-based aggression issues addressed in her lifetime
  - Nominated for "Most Improved Dog Award" in 1996 at Saskatchewan Agility Assoc., Inc. for her significant turnaround on behavioral issues.

### **Memberships:**

- Saskatoon Pony Club (1986-1990) – President of Junior Executive (1989-1990)
- Saskatoon Riding Club (1990-1992)
- Saskatchewan Agility Association, Inc. (1994-1999) – President 1995-1997, Trial Chair, Instructor
- Agility Association of Canada: member (1995-August 2019)
- Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association, Inc. (2007-present) – co-founder, President (2007-2009, 2018-2019), Vice President (2017-2018), Treasurer (2010-2012), AAC Trial Chair, UKI Trial Manager, UKI Trial Secretary, AAC Split Regionals Chair (2017), Instructor (and Chair of Agility Training Committee)
- Member of IC Peeps from 2012-2016 – online training group in which training theories and ideas are discussed. Includes guest lectures by Bob Bailey and other experts in the field.
- Owner of DPF Leading Agility (2015-present)

### **Judging Assignments**

- AAC – Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association, Inc. multiple trials between 2015-2017

- AAC – Fetch Inc (Halifax, NS, 2016)
- CKC – guest judge – Newfoundland Kennel Club’s CKC Sanctioned Match (July 2019)

### **Courses Developed & Taught:**

#### *For DPF Leading Agility*

- Course Analysis & Memorization
- Gamblers Course
- Training Groups:
  - Weaves
  - Handler-Only Mechanics
- Online Workshops:
  - Core Agility with New Found Movement’s Claire Miller Murphy
  - Hip Agility with New Found Movement’s Claire Miller Murphy
- In-Person Workshops
  - Agility Dogs in the Park – trial preparation sequences/handling/dog training
  - Evening with DPF Leading Agility – sequencing and skills challenges
  - Skills Hours – skills development for dog and handler
  - Gamblers & Snooker Strategy
  - Weaves Workshop
  - Jump Skills Workshop
  - Contacts Workshop
- *International Guest Lecturer*
  - Time Management and Training Goals – UK – July 2015
  - Course Memorization and Visualization – UK – August 2017
  - Stress Management for Agility Handlers – Live Video Presentation for international Facebook Group “Agility Mental Prep,” June 19, 2018.
  - Goal Setting for Agility Competitors. Live Video Presentation for international Facebook Group “Agility Mental Prep,” October 12, 2018.
  - Emotional Awareness. Live Video Presentation to for international Facebook Group “Agility Mental Prep,” March 28, 2019.

#### *For Newfoundland Athletic Dog Assoc., Inc.*

- Pre-agility foundations class
- Beginner/introductory agility (exposure to equipment and learning skills)
- Handler-Only
- Intermediate agility (introduction to sequencing)
- Advanced agility
- Masters agility
- International agility
- Jumps & Tunnels: beginner & advanced
- Triple Double (basis was H360 Triple Double with additional exercises included to target class needs): basic, advanced, masters

- Workshops:
  - Play Workshop,
  - Reading and Running Workshops (workshops on course reading from starters up to masters/international level),
  - Handler-Only Skills Workshop,
  - Jump Workshop,
  - Weaves Workshop,
  - Verbals Workshop,
  - Directionals Workshop,
  - Drive & Motivation Workshop,
  - Mental Game (sports psychology) Workshop, and
  - Instructor Development Program (Class Management; Theory of Learning; Power & Influence; Pre-agility; Beginners).

*For Other Individuals' Businesses in Canada*

- Sequencing and Handler Maneuvers – Kingston, ON (2001-2002)
- Beginner/introductory agility (exposure to equipment and learning skills) – North Bay, ON (2004-2005)
- Sequencing and Handler Maneuvers – North Bay, ON (2005)
- Instructor Development Program – Saskatchewan (2012)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Notable Competitions as Competitor:**

- 2019 UKI Canada Open
- 2019 UKI Atlantic Spring Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> place podium result in Speedstakes Challenge with Jenga
- 2017 UKI Atlantic Fall Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium result in Games Challenge with Jenga
- Q-Me Agility KC Trial – August 2017 (handled Becci Chant's Chara in Any Size)
- Welsh KC Champ Show – August 2017 (handled Kathryn Stickney's Crave (wocker) in non-standard Speedstakes)
- NL (Split) Regionals 2017 – qualified for Nationals with Jenga (2<sup>nd</sup> highest overall score in province, 1<sup>st</sup> place height category)
- NADA's UKI Trial May 2016 – qualified for Canada Open (UKI Nationals) Masters Series and Games Biathlon with Kelsey (16" Select)
- NS/NL Regionals 2016 – qualified for Nationals with Kelsey (16" Specials)
- UKI Atlantic Fall Cup 2014 – qualified for Games Biathlon with Kelsey
- AAC Nationals 2014 – individual event placements: 4, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> with Kelsey \*first time Nfld represented at Nationals
- \*Kelsey: Top Agility Dogs in Canada 2014 list in Canada

- NS/NL Regionals 2014 – qualified for Nationals, with Kelsey \*first time Nfld represented at NS/NL Regionals
- Canada Cup: 2013 (9<sup>th</sup> in Snooker, 50% in Jumpers 2), with Kelsey \*first time Nfld represented.

#### **Notable (International) Competitions as Groom/Ring Crew/Spectator:**

- FCI AWC– Czech Republic 2017: Kathryn Stickney groom
- KC Agility International Fair – UK August 2015: ring crew (timer) and spectator
- Gillingham KC Trial – UK 2014: spectator (quasi-groom/videographer/photographer for Dave Munnings)

#### **Coached by:**

- David Munnings: 2012-present (handling and skill training)
- Claire Miller: 2014-present (movement coach, fitness, Pilates, Yoga Tune-Up)
- Susan Garrett: 2011-2018 (handling, skills training, training theory)
- Lynda Orton-Hill: 2011-2018 (problem solving for skills training)
- Chris Kerton: 2018-2019 (agility fitness coach)
- Katarina Podlipnik: November 2018 – March 2019 (dogwalk running contacts skills training)
- Lynda Yielding: 2004-2005 (with Baxter – sequencing)
- Shirley Ann Redl: 2004 summer (with Baxter – beginner agility)
- Adrian Rooyackers with Jessica Martin (assistant): 2004 winter (with Baxter – beginner agility)
- Kim Anderson & Cheryl Bartlett: 1995-1999 (with Brooke – operant conditioning, sequencing, competition strategies)
- Danica Rhodes (now Danica George): 1995-1997 (sequencing)
- Diane Mapes: 1994 (with Brooke – beginner agility)

#### **Workshops Attended**

- Lisa Frick (Austria) & Tereza Králová (Czech Republic) at Q-Me Agility (UK) in the G6/7 group – June 2019 (handling my own dog, Jenga, who traveled internationally to UK for workshop)
- Gary White (Canada) – Handling workshop – June 2019 (Jenga)
- Tamas Traj (Hungary) – Handling workshop (SK, Canada) – November 2018 (Jenga)
- Kathryn Stickney Camps (Foundations, Starters, Masters) – April 2019 (Jenga)
- Kim Collins (Canada) – Jumping workshop – June 2018
- Aaron Froude workshop in the Masters group (NL) – November 2018 (Jenga)
- Kathryn Stickney Camps (Foundations, Starters, Masters) – April 2018 (handling Jenga, working cocker)
- Christine Neklia-Thibodeau (Canada) – Spring 2018 (Jenga)
- Zeljko Gora (Croatia) workshop (NS, Canada) – October 2017 (handling Jenga, working cocker)
- *Audited:* Barrie James (Wales), Bonnie Quick (England) at KS Training Camp (UK) – August 2017
- *Audited:* Charlotte Harding (England) puppy class – August 2017

- Lisa Frick (Austria) & Tereza Králová (Czech Republic) at Q-Me Agility (UK) in the G6/7 group – August 2017 (handling Kathryn Stickney's Crave, working Cocker)
- Tamas Traj (Hungary) workshop (NS, Canada) – Spring 2017
- Christine Neklia-Thibodeau (Canada) and Aaron Froude workshop in the Masters group (NL) – May 2017 (handling Jenga, working cocker)
- Kathryn Stickney Camps (Foundations, Starters, Masters) – April 2017 (handling Jenga, working cocker)
- 2x Dave Munnings Camps – (SK and NL) January 2017 (handling Jenga, working cocker)
- Susan Garrett, Justine Davenport, Jessica Patterson in the Experienced Masters group at Say Yes Summer Camp– August 2016 (handling Sangie Brooks' Vette, USA World's team, large border collie)
- Lucy Osbourne, Martin Reid, Dan Shaw, Dave Munnings and Naarah Cuddy at Naarah Cuddy's Easter Camp – March 2016 (handling Kathryn Stickney's Crave, working cocker)
- *Audited* Susan Garrett, Justine Davenport, Jessica Patterson at Say Yes Camp: February 2014
- Dave Munnings Camp (NL): October 2014 (handling Kelsey, Welsh Springer Spaniel)
- Susan Garrett Say Yes Handling Camp in NL: May 2014 (handling Kelsey, Welsh Springer Spaniel)
- 2x Dave Munnings Camp (SK, NL): September, October 2013 (handling Kelsey, Welsh Springer Spaniel)
- IC Peeps Camp: 2013
- One camp over in UK with a variety of instructors: 2013 (handling Lauren Langman's Snip and Tiz, working cockers)
- Dave Munnings & Sian Illingworth Camp (SK): November 2012 (handling Cheryl Bartlett's Ivy, 22" border collie)
- Audited workshop with Greg Derrett & Laura Derrett Camp (UK): September 2012
- Operant Training for Dogs with Cheryl Bartlett (SK): August 2012
- Gamblers & Handling Workshops with Kim Anderson (SK): August 2012
- Say Yes Easter Camp with Mathew Rouse and Lauren Langman: April 2012 (handling Kelsey, Welsh Springer Spaniel)
- Assortment of 1-day workshops with judges/instructors from Maritimes: Carolyn Dockrill (2008, 2009, 2010), Rick Whiting (2010), Lynda Yielding (2008), Stephen Dahr (disc dogs, 2009).
- Canine First Aid Workshop: January 31, 2009

#### Online courses:

- Fenzi Dog Sport Academy – N101S: NW101 – Introduction to Nosework – with Stacy Barnett; August 2019.
- Fenzi Dog Sport Academy – CC290: Dogs with long backs: Things you need to do – with Debbie (Gross) Torraca; June 2019
- Q-Me Agility – Q-Me Crew (first cohort working spot: June 2019-present)
- Q-Me Agility – Warm-up / Cool-down for Dogs (June 2019)
- Q-Me Agility – Acceleration Module with Chris Kerton (2019)
- Q-Me Agility – Proofing Weave Exits (2019)

- Q-Me Agility – Handler Warm-Up with Chris Kerton (2018)
- FUNtastic DOG – Running Contact (Dogwalk) Course with Katarina Podlipnik Capuder (Slovenia) – Participant spot (November 2018-March 2019)
- Karma Fitness – agility handler fitness with Chris Kerton (Fall 2018, Winter 2019)
- Pawsitive Steps Online – Proofing Weaves with Kim Collins (2018)
- Pawsitive Steps Online – Jumping Foundations with Kim Collins (2018)
- WinAgility – Strength to Succeed (handler fitness)
- WinAgility – The Need for Speed (handler fitness)
- Naarah Cuddy – Jump Grids
- Q-Me Agility – G6/7 Handling Module
- Q-Me Agility – Tunnels (Wrong Ends) Module
- Q-Me Agility – 2 on 2 off Contacts Module
- Q-Me Agility – running contacts (A-Frame only)
- Q-Me Agility: Full Foundations Course
- Handling 360 – 2014-2018 (first cohort)
- Puppy Peaks – 2012-2017 (first cohort)
- Recallers (since 2.0) 2011-2017
- Say Yes to Contact Success
- Say Yes Shaping Success
- Say Yes Agility Nation – 2016 to present
- Greg Derrett’s Course Analysis
- Greg Derrett’s Handler and dog warm-up and cool-down
- AbsoluteDogs Training Academy (2014-2016)
- John Cullen – sports psychology, pre-competition routine (2013)
- John Cullen – Fleet Feet (online videos/book) 2009