

Biographical Information for Susan Perry

Susan Perry has been involved in dog training for more than 16 years. She started out in competitive obedience earning among other titles, a Utility title on her Beagle mix, Callie. She soon added agility to her obedience training and agility became her passion. Callie and Susan earned four NADAC Agility Trial Champion titles, an ASCA ATCH and the USDAA APD title. They competed in five NADAC Championships and placed every year including a first place finish in her class in the 2000 Championships.

In 2002 Susan and her Australian Shepherd Lacey won the West Coast Invitational Incredible Dog Challenge. They also took High in Trial at the Australian Shepherd Club of America National Agility competition in 2002, something they would do again in 2004. Lacey and Susan have competed in six NADAC Championships and have place in the top three every time including being the 20+ "Grand Champion" (winning the Regular class) for four years in a row, 2004, 2005, 2006 and most recently, 2007. The NADAC Versatility Champion Award has to this date only been earned by one dog. Lacey won the award in 2003. Lacey's current titles include NATCH-16, Versatility NATCH-8, ADCH and S-ATCH. In addition, she has earned two Platinum Speed Star Awards in NADAC as well as a Platinum Versatility Speed Star Award. In 2005, Lacey took some time out from her busy agility schedule and earned a U-CD and made a television commercial with former Seattle Sonics basketball star Ray Allen!

Harley (Australian Shepherd) and Susan have earned numerous titles including NATCH-10, Versatility NATCH-7, ASCA O-ATCH and the USDAA MAD. At the 2003 NADAC Championships Harley took first place in the Pre-Elite Regular class (20") as well as the Weavers and Jumpers class and placed high enough in the other two classes to be the only Pre-Elite dog to receive a Versatility Award. She placed 2nd at the 2005 Championships in the 20" Regular class and at the 2006 and 2007 NADAC Championships, Harley won the 20" Grand Champion Award. Harley has also earned two NADAC Platinum Speed Star Awards and a Platinum Versatility Speed Star Award.

Susan's youngest dog, Chevy, is Harley and Lacey's niece. She and Susan are currently competing in NADAC, ASCA, USDAA, and CPE in Elite, PIII and Level 4 (CPE). Chevy has earned NATCH 2 and a Versatility NATCH in NADAC.

Susan and her dogs have competed in several agility venues including NADAC, ASCA, USDAA, CPE and AAC.

In 2001 Susan started her own agility training center—Blue Lightning Agility Sport Training (BLAST) in Gig Harbor, WA. She teaches all levels of agility classes and gives private agility lessons. She also gives seminars locally as well as around the country including Hawaii and Alaska as well as in Canada. She has also judged and given seminars in Australia. Susan judges for NADAC and ASCA and is a member of Rainier Agility Team.