

I am very honoured and humbled to be nominated for the position of Regional Director for BC, Alberta, and the Territories. For those who might not already know me, here is a little about me!

I am a Dog Trainer at DogWorks Training, living in Port Coquitlam BC with my two dogs, Rikki (8yo All Canadian) and Flint (4yo Border Collie). I train in Rally-Obedience (CARO), Agility (AAC and UKI), Disc Dog (UpDog), Nosework, and Tricks/Musical Freestyle. I am fun, positive, and love long walks on the - wait! Wrong bio!

I found Rally-Obedience about 6 years ago when I was looking for a class to help my nervous dog feel more comfortable in a controlled, and FUN! environment. It was exactly what we both needed! In 2014 she got her CARO number and we started competing! She currently has her CRVX-MCL, Bronze, and just needs one more exercise Q to finish her Elite II Working class title. Needless to say, I found a sport I was hugely passionate about!

I started organizing and hosting trials, bringing in Judges, and helping wherever I could at trials hosted close to me. In 2016, I even drove up to attend a trial 5 hours away from me (normally they are only 0.5-1 hour away) as it was the first Working Class Trial we had seen in BC, and I wanted to make sure we helped show support and demand for more working class trials! We later hosted our first Working Class trial in Burnaby! We also hosted the CARO AGM and Trial of 2017, where I was the Trail Secretary.

One of our local judges saw my passion, and spoke with me about becoming a judge! I was so excited! The opportunity to be an integral part of CARO and help grow a sport I am passionate about? HECK YA! I have been a judge officially since 2017 :)

Since then, I have either hosted or been a judge at all but one local trial held in our area of BC! I can't help myself, I LOVE the sport! I also started teaching Rally-O Classes, and am always so proud of my students achievements in Rally! I love growing the sport, and watching their own passion flourish!

Through all my classes, trial hosting, and judging experience, I stay engaged and active in CARO whenever I can, because that is the best way to grow the sport!

I frequently ask for rule clarifications, request new rules/signs, or handler/dog adjustment requests etc. For example, some may not know, but the request for V25 Start sign in versatility orange (for when starting dog on the right) was submitted by me :).

More recently, there is a blind dog that I have been working with who wanting to compete, and so I carefully thought out what I was thinking the adjustments could be for obstacles, tested them out with my student and then contacted CARO with the suggestions and we ironed out the details for official competition adjustments.

I am also active on the CARO Facebook page, where I frequently answer questions posted there, or spark conversation with different perspectives on a situation.

In the non-CARO side of things, I also have some prior committee experience. I was on the Fundraising committee for a dog rescue for 2 years, and I have sat on our strata council since we moved in - I joined only 1 month after moving in because I wanted a seat at the table! I have been looking forward to these elections as I would love to sit on the board and have a front row seat and be able to be involved more directly with CARO as a whole!

I could go on and on about my love for the sport and show my desire to continue growing the sport from a position on the board, but I think I may have already lost some of you back at HECK YA!

I would be honoured to be your BC/Alberta/Territories Regional Director, if you would have me, as it would allow me to continue engaging with CARO and it's members, and helping grow a sport I know and love!