



Terri Cesarek

Terri became addicted to agility after experiencing the confidence it gave her All-American Mandy, a rescue dog found wandering on a highway. Wanting to help her shy pup, Terri began obedience classes in search of a way to help Mandy overcome her fears. This was the beginning of a perpetual interest in canine behavior that has developed through experience and a natural gift in reading dogs. In 1993 while competing at an obedience match Terri and Mandy were introduced to agility when a local group presented a demo. Afterward the group let spectators try some of the equipment. That was it, they were

immediately hooked! Together Terri and Mandy learned how much fun the sport of agility was. It was the start of an amazing journey.

The journey continues with her Border Collies Chase!, Shine and Rise. Both Chase! and Shine have achieved their Agility Dog Championships (ADCH) and have been Grand Prix semi-finalists at the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships. Shine has also completed both his ADCH Silver and Lifetime Achievement Award Silver titles in 2010 and is very close to completing his ADCH Gold. Youngster Rise completed his ADCH in 2010 after being in competition just a short time and is nearing completion of his ADCH Bronze. Both Shine and Rise attended USDAA Cynosport World Games in 2010 with Shine being a semi-finalist in both GP and Steeplechase. Rise was a semi-finalist in Steeplechase after placing 2nd in the 1st round. Rise was 4th overall in individual scoring for the 22" Team classes. Terri attributes her continued success with Shine and Rise to the fundamental skills they work on as part of their regular training program.

Terri's dogs are wonderful teachers helping her understand the importance of the relationship between dog and handler. It is a key element in her training, as she helps her students realize the joy of playing the game of agility with their canine companions while strengthening their relationships with their dogs. She believes in positive training methods helping to create a dog that is confident and eager to learn. Her goal is to help students build a strong foundation and instruct them on how to maintain skills as the team develops. She coaches people helping them to find a clear, consistent handling method to provide the best communication to their dogs on course. Keeping the training fun for both the handlers and their dogs while creating an environment that cultivates learning is Terri's passion.

To further her own education, Terri attends seminars and camps with a select group of the country's top handlers striving to learn all she can to be both a better handler and instructor to her students. Whether teaching or participating herself as a student, she is constantly studying dogs, people and agility thereby honing her keen observation skills even more. Terri thoroughly enjoys teaching and offers weekly classes and private lessons at the Canine Sports Center. Additionally she gives seminars and skill building focus sessions as her time allows.

"I enjoy my dogs, they are my best friends. I do agility for fun and to be with my dogs. I am serious about this sport and love the competition, but no matter what, I try to leave the ring with a smile. We always have fun! It is the fun and enjoyment of working with dogs that I wish to pass onto my students." – Terri



Classes Taught by Terri:

- 🐾 Intermediate Competition Agility Handling
- 🐾 Competition Agility Handling
- 🐾 Agility Workshops and Seminars
- 🐾 Private Agility Lessons