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Agility... the ability to move, think and understand quickly.

The ability to form a team with your best friend and to move through obstacles and challenging sequences. Why do we do agility? Why is it so addictive?

I started training our family dog at 13 years old (2003) and competing shortly after with her. But because she was 9 years old when we started, our competing career didn't last long. This is when I started running friends' dogs and moved quickly from running novice courses to master. The learning curve was fast, and I was hooked. The opportunity of teaching agility came when I was 18 years old (2008) and then I became a judge at 25 (2015).

There is only one word that comes to mind when I think of agility: Passion.

Over the years, my passion for this sport has kept growing. As a passionate competitor and humble judge, agility has provided me with so many lessons, pleasure, excitement, and happiness. It has taught me so much, on so many levels.

For me, applying for the board position of Regional Director was just a natural progression. I am excited to help progress the association, transmit my passion to others, and keep learning about this dynamic sport.