



Avonlea Martin- Nominee for Regional Director- Ontario East

For years, I've proudly trialed with the Agility Association of Canada and even more proudly embraced being part of its community. My dog Gus and I have shared many joyful—and humbling—moments, from competing at local trials to standing on podiums. As a self-confessed agility addict, I've put more kilometres on my car than I care to admit in pursuit of Qs, teamwork, friendship, and the occasional detour for good coffee. Along the way, I've built strong connections with AAC members across Ontario, whether we're cheering ringside, swapping stories, or commiserating over the one tunnel our dogs thought was optional.

Although I've lived in Kingston for 20 years, my roots in Northwestern Ontario remain strong. I return to trial in Thunder Bay at least twice a year, giving me the opportunity to maintain ties and perspectives from both Southern and Northern Ontario. This dual connection allows me to represent a wide range of voices within Ontario East and to ensure that every member feels included in the conversation.

I bring enthusiasm and organization to this role. I thrive on structure (yes, I'm the person who finds joy in a colour-coded spreadsheet) and have served on the Kingston Humane Society and Anna Lane Condominium boards, gaining governance and collaboration experience. Writing has always been one of my great loves, and I'm eager to contribute to *On Course* by sharing stories, updates, and perspectives that celebrate our sport.

I'll work hard to ensure all voices are heard, all dogs and levels of agility are celebrated, and to act as an agent for positive change as we move forward together as a strong and vibrant community.