

Debby DaCosta lives in the quaint town of Vanessa, Ont. and by day is a Certified General Accountant. DaCosta and her husband Alan operate The Poodle Farm Canine Sport Facility and Equipment Supply [www.thepoodlefarm.com](http://www.thepoodlefarm.com) offering a wide range of services including training instruction using positive motivational training techniques, Sanctioned Obedience, Freestyle and Rally Trials, as well as manufacturing dog sport equipment. Well known in: rally, freestyle, obedience, agility, field, conformation arenas. DaCosta's name is synonymous with the Poodle breed and currently owns six accomplished and versatile dogs.

DaCosta has over 25 years of experience with many different breeds diagnosing dog behaviour, training, structure and nutrition, teaching, competing and showing. DaCosta is always eager to volunteer her time and efforts to support clubs/organizations such as The Poodle Club of Canada, Gotta Dance! Canine Freestylers' Association, World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO) and the Agility Association of Canada (AAC), Canadian Association of Rally Obedience (CARO) just to name a few. DaCosta's career in the obedience, agility, rally and freestyle rings have earned her and her dogs multiple High in Trial awards, High in Class, Freestyle High Artistic, Freestyle High Technical, Top Dog Awards, Versatility awards, and placements in agility in Regional and National events across Canada and the USA. She has titled her dogs to the OTCh level in CKC obedience, ATChC level in AAC Agility, CRMCH-Caro Rally Masters Champion & CSVCH-CARO Supreme Versatility & Excellent in Rally Obedience with multiple dogs, earning high scores, many of them perfect. In 2014/5/6/7 DaCosta was on the World Agility Teams travelling 3 times each year with three dogs making the teams competing with two at any one time.

Her Apricot Toy Poodle, Chercan's Wee Golden Brittany, OTCH, ATChC, RAMCL, NGC, OJC, OAC, Am. CDX, AGMX, Am. NAJ (Brittany 1993-2008) was a competitor into her 14<sup>th</sup> year and was the first dog DaCosta trialed and campaigned in obedience. Brittany had the AAC Bronze Award of Merit and was one of the only three toy poodles to get her ATChC in agility in Canada at that time. In 1997, 1998 and 2000, Brittany placed in the Top three toy poodles and Top seven toy dogs in Obedience. Brittany has the honour of being the first toy poodle to get her Versatility Award from The Poodle Club of Canada. She now holds this title alongside Tyme, who is also owned by DaCosta.

DaCosta has a broad range of accomplishments to her credit in various canine sports and disciplines including her Judges Certificate for CARO Rally Obedience for all levels, Poodle Club of Canada Second Vice President & Vice President, Regional's & National's Club Treasurer to name a few. DaCosta is a well-rounded open minded positive based trainer, teacher, competitor and judge.

DaCosta would now like to focus her efforts towards CARO as Vice President. A competitor since 2005 currently competing with 4 dogs in regular, team and working class at all levels soon to include brace, a judge since 2010, helped create the Brace Class, assisted with the Working Class, currently Rules Committee Chair a true CARO, and mentored judges and presented at multiple AGM's. She believes members should have a voice, and wants to help CARO continue to grow across Canada. If you know Debby you know she truly loves the organization and what it stands for, she is helpful to all who compete at her facility and people she judges at other facilities. She continues to help people on FB and other networks to help them understand and grow with the sport a true ambassador for CARO.