

A Perfect Judge for the month of March

Susan Zimmerman, Ohio

I first met Susan when she was judging an ASCA trial in Los Angeles. She's an easy going gal from the Midwest who loves to meet new agility people and watch them having fun on course. She has been a judge for ASCA and CPE going on 10 years. When asked if she would be the agility judge for our March trial, the answer was a swift, YES! Right now, Ohio is cold with snow on the ground. Coming to San Diego will give her a reprieve, but I hope she still brings a winter jacket.



Born in Pittsburgh, Susan grew up in Warren, Ohio. She has 4 dogs and 3 cats. As a child, Susan was a competitive swimmer. Later, she started racing sailboats with her family. They always had a dog in the house and Susan eventually got a Dalmatian. She began showing her Dalmatian in Obedience and Agility. Her dogs have done well in the competitive sports. She competes in many organizations including, but not limited to; AKC, USDAA, CPE, and ASCA.

Spencer (Dalmatian) – UD (almost), CDX, RE, AD, OA, OAJ - Over the Rainbow Bridge

Zeke (Whippet) – CDX, SC, RE, MX, MXJ, ADCH, CATCH

Connor (Whippet) – CD, RA, SC, NA, OAJ, Therapy Dog

Ripley (Dalmatian) – CD, RE, RD, RDX

Twister (Dalmatian) - RN



One of Susan's passions is deeply rooted in the sport of **Road Dog**. Road Dog is not the same as taking a dog on a road trip. You need a horse, the rider, and a dog to form a team and then cover large distances. Mounted up, Susan rides up to 25 miles with her Dalmatian running alongside. The dog needs to perform 5 obedience exercises while off-leash. Her most recent accomplishment was with Ripley, who earned a Road Dog Excellent.



Susan's philosophy on agility course design is to make them flow. She wants the dog to move from obstacle to obstacle, continuing forward motion, without the need to stop. She really likes the Pinwheel and Serpentine jump patterns.

BTW – Susan's favorite color is blue. So what does that have to do with anything? Well, I happen to like that color too. People who like blue tend to enjoy the outdoors. Most days of the year, the skies in San Diego are blue. The Pacific Ocean is blue. And to top it off, most of our agility equipment is blue. How is that for the perfect storm? Either way we want Susan's visit to San Diego and La Jolla to be an enjoyable one. We welcome her and look forward to a weekend of agility with her.

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