

Jackie Gardner



I have been training dogs for over 35 years now. I started in Obedience and breed showing with my family German Shepherd Dogs. At the age of 14 I decided to buy my first dog for competing in Obedience. She did exceptionally well and took me from beginners to 'C' by the time she was just 3 years old. Unfortunately she then got a serious disease and was no longer able to sit up straight, so I decided to have a go at Agility with her instead. She was a wonderful dog and she taught me everything that I know.

I have to date owned and trained six dogs that have all reached the top level in agility, including five of which competed internationally and three who have competed for Team GB. I run my own training club, Smart Paws Dog Agility, which is for dogs of all levels. I really enjoy training the new handlers and dogs and seeing the progress they make.

I have also been a judge and have been judging for over 30 years. Again I started my judging with Obedience and then went on to judge Agility. I was one of the first ever Championship judges and I have had the honour to judge many finals. My aim is to one day judge the Olympia and Crufts Finals.