



## Donna Rohaus

**2004 IFCS World Team Member, 2009 USDAA Finalist,  
2009 AKC Finalist**

Since 1998, Donna Rohaus has been a successful USDAA and AKC competitor and professional agility trainer. She currently teaches group classes and individual lessons in the Pittsburgh area and teaches seminars and camps in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Donna specializes in teaching handling fundamentals, thorough sequence analysis and solid obstacle performance. She emphasizes the basics of agility handling including how to execute a particular cross, how to use handler motion as a cue, and how to establish the proper foundation needed to successfully move on to advanced skills.

Donna is personally invested in helping each student to handle sequences the best way for their particular dog. Her goal is to encourage handlers to perform each sequence as efficiently as possible by showing the handler how to give clearer information to their dogs.

Donna's students range from a European Open Team member to people who simply want to improve their agility relationship with their dogs. She teaches a wide range of breeds (including All-Americans) of varying sizes and drive. Many of Donna's students have earned multiple MACH and ADCH titles. Five of her students are currently ranked in the top five in their breed (including three who are number one in their breed) and have been invited to the prestigious AKC invitational.

While Donna concentrates primarily on USDAA agility, she also competes in AKC. Her dogs have earned both ADCHs and MACHs, and routinely place in the highly competitive USDAA Top Ten rankings, both on an annual and a lifetime basis. During their long and successful careers, Cap and Katie achieved the highest USDAA award, the Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA); Mick and Keegan have achieved the Gold LAA and have many more competitive years ahead of them.

Cap and Donna's most memorable accomplishments are two silver medals at the IFCS World Agility Championships, held in Valencia, Spain in May 2004. She and Cap placed 2nd in the Biathlon, a combined score of Jumpers (placing 1st), and Standard (placing 5th); and a 2nd in the individual Jumpers. Cap and Donna have also competed in the ESPN Great Outdoor Games.

Donna has been a USDAA Grand Prix, Steeplechase, and DAM Team finalist 16 times with four different dogs. Mick placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 2009 AKC National Agility Finals. In the 2009 Cynosports World Games (the USDAA Nationals), Mick and Keegan were Grand Prix finalists and Keegan's DAM Team placed third. Keegan's team placed second at the Cynosports World Games in 2008.

Mick's competitive success is particularly meaningful for Donna because Mick had a near career ending shoulder injury in 2005. His triumphant return to competition, after over a year of extensive rehab and conditioning, is a testament to Donna's determination and dedication to her dogs and the sport of agility. Donna's training and life philosophy is simple: Above all else, have fun with and enjoy your dog.