

Dog Angels

Lesley Young

Lesley is the founder of *fracas* (Fun and Reward ~ Ashridge Canine Ability Society, established in 2003) where she is a Senior Instructor. Because of her Agility background, Lesley's approach is **positive** and **founded on fun**. She is **BIPDT certified** (1st Grade), an **UK Agility Club Accredited Instructor**, has the **COAPE Diploma** and is a **Kennel Club Accredited Instructor**. Lesley has more than **10 years experience** as a Dog Training Instructor including a variety of breeds, puppies and rescued dogs. She has trained 8 of her own dogs over 30 years.



History

Her agility 'career' began on a rainy morning in 1993, with Aylesbury Canine Training Society (ACTS) and a curmudgeonly, Lurcher type, rescued crossbreed named Barnaby. A year later, a second rescued cross-breed dog, Tommy, joined the 'pack', winning them out of 'Starters' level and qualifying into a National Final. Lesley began to instruct for ACTS in the mid 1990s and passed the UK Agility Club Instructor accreditation course in 1999.

By this stage, Lesley was training Star, her first Border Collie pup, who, despite a broken neck aged 15 months, has continued to enjoy some fantastic agility successes. Star has achieved over 20 trophies at Novice category before winning into Senior in 2005. She qualified for several show 'finals', the pinnacle probably being the Supadogs national Intermediate final in October 2005. Star came 6th overall. Lesley's younger dog, Mace, also qualified into Senior level during 2006.

During her 15 years or so Agility experience, Lesley has been fortunate to be trained herself by some excellent and leading Coaches, to whom she is forever indebted and thankful.

Lesley formed 'fracas' in 2003 and the club emphasis on 'fun and reward' reflects her training principles across both obedience (Puppy and Adult dog training) and agility. She is also accredited with the British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers, qualifying at 1st Grade, and in 2007 obtained both the COAPE (Centre of Applied Pet Ethology) CD Diploma and status as a Kennel Club Accredited Instructor.

In her corporate Career, Lesley has focused on the field of Learning and Development with a 20 year career in Human Resource Management. She has a Masters Degree and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.