

## Susan Brogan

- WCFO Freestyle competition Judge – (World Canine Freestyle Organization)
- Executive Director, List Admin – World Canine Freestyle Organization
- Freestyle Instructor - Waggin' Tails Junction, Manassas, VA
- Freestyle Presenter – Camp Jackpot, Leesburg, VA 2004, 2005
- Freestyle Director – 2005 Virginia State 4H Dog Show
- 4H Freestyle Instructor/Coach – Fairfax County 4H since 2000
- Freestyle competitor since 1999

Susan Brogan has been training and competing in performance dog sports since the 1980's. Before dogs, her love was horses, both under saddle and under harness. As a youngster, Susan showed in pleasure riding and trained the family horses to harness, driving single horse/mule as well as teams. In recent years, Susan has earned multiple titles/certifications on her dogs, competing in obedience, rally, agility, flyball, disc dog, and freestyle.

Susan started doing canine musical freestyle in 1998 with her veteran golden and pembroke welsh corgi to entertain at nursing homes. She began competing in freestyle in 1999 and quickly became hooked on the sport. She has titled multiple dogs in the sport and now competes at the upper levels of freestyle with her Australian shepherds, Jazz and Ruby. In 2009 Susan and her PW corgi Obi won the Novice division in the first WCFO Worlds Video Competition in 2009. Her young PW corgi, Finn, is now in training.

Susan and her dogs have been featured in various publications, including Dog Fancy, Front and Finish, the Aussie Times, The Australian Shepherd Journal, and the Whole Dog Journal. They were filmed by various production groups, including the Tokyo Broadcasting System, The Discovery Channel, Breed All About it, and K9 To Five.



Susan has been a volunteer 4H Freestyle instructor since 2000. Her 4H students have competed in 4H freestyle events since 2001 and several of her students recently entered their first WCFO event and earned junior freestyle titles. She started teaching adult canine musical freestyle classes in 2003.

“I enjoy participating in a lot of different dog sports, but Canine Musical Freestyle is my passion. I love the challenge of thinking up and training new moves and putting them to music. It is so exciting and so much fun to see a dog/handler team and their routine come together. Sometimes I think I get more excited about my 4Hers' performances than they do!

I believe freestyle allows the personality of the dog to shine through, something that other dog sports don't seem to really encourage. It is an absolutely marvelous creative endeavor, whether you compete, do demos at schools and nursing homes, or just have fun in your living room!”