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# MEET THE OBEDIENCE AND RALLY JUDGE

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Obedience and Rally Judge Nancy K. Withers: It's hard to believe how much an ad in the "Pets for Sale" section of our local newspaper in February, 1978 has changed my life! From that ad I bought my first Shetland Sheepdog who along with three other of my Shelties earned their American and Canadian Utility degrees. For some time I only owned Shelties, but now I can proudly say I also have owned two Pembroke Welsh Corgis to pair with a Sheltie. A good combination of breeds for both the dogs and their owner!

Prior to becoming a judge I put obedience titles on a Pug, Kuvasz, Border Terrier, Golden Retriever and a Corgi. Several other of my own dogs have also earned CD's Rally titles, herding titles and a tracking title. My current Corgi, Ozzie, just completed his AKC Herding Championship, expertly trained and handled by my good friend Amanda Nickle. I judged my first AKC obedience trial in 1992, and am approved for all obedience and Rally classes, with a judging schedule that keeps me quite busy.

I have been an active member of the Berks County (Pennsylvania) Dog Training club since 1978, and have served in most every office and club position. Have been a member of Interstate Shetland Sheepdog Club since 1978, and ASSA since

1984, as well as a member of the Del Bay Herding Club. I've also been very active in both organizing and behind the scenes work in various tournaments and regional obedience competitions

Enjoy the camaraderie of your friends, old and new these next few days, and best of luck to all exhibitors! Thank you for inviting me to judge!