



John Nys began his love of animals over twenty-five years ago when he began riding and training horses. He competed competitively with horses for twenty years earning numerous awards and titles, including Massachusetts Barrel Racing Champion in 2002. While on "road" at a rodeo, he saw an agility competition. The following day, he began training his first dog, Casey, and the rest is history.

John has achieved seven American Kennel Club MACH titles on two different dogs. He has also competed in the AKC National Championships where he earned six final round placements. John finished 3rd overall at the AKC National Agility Championships in 2008, 5th overall at the AKC National Agility Championships in 2009, and 2nd at the AKC National Agility Championships in 2010. John co-owns Rush with Paulette Swartzendruber who has been on the AKC World Team in 2008 and 2009.

John was presented the opportunity of a life time when he began showing Rush in 2009. His dreams came true in 2010 when he made the AKC World Team with Rush in the Medium Dog Division and with his Sheltie, Blink, as an alternate, in the Small Dog Division. John and Rush went on to win the Individual Silver Medal in the Medium Dog Division in the 2010 FCI Agility World Championships in Reiden, Germany. Within a few weeks of returning from Germany, John and Rush competed in Kentucky at the USDAA National Championship and became the 2010 USDAA Grand Prix National Champion!