

# Dumbbell



Oriole Dog Training Club

9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

July 2020

## Happenings

### August 2020

**2: Obedience Run-Through** – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. This event has been **cancelled** for COVID-19 related reasons.

**8: AKC Virtual Novice Rally** – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. **This event will be held!**

**8-9: NAFA Flyball** – Scallywags Tournament, Format TBD, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. This event, like all NAFA flyball events through the end of September has been **cancelled** for COVID-19 related reasons.

**15-16: CPE Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training. This event has been **cancelled** for COVID-19 related reasons.

**21-23: AKC Obedience & Rally** – Oriole Dog Training Club Obedience and Rally Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. [Premium Available](#)

**29-30: NAFA Flyball** – Scallywags Tournament, Format TBD, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. This event, like all COVID-19 events through the end of September has been **cancelled** for COVID-19 related reasons.

## Announcements!



### *Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only)*

Minutes of all meetings can be found on the ODTc website - (Login is required):

[ODTC BOD Minutes](#)

[ODTC General Meeting Minutes](#)

### Dear ODTc Members,

As Maryland continues to move into phased openings, the Board has decided to open the building for Contributing Member use in groups no larger than three people. In July, Oriole will also resume hosting private agility lessons with Terry Herman and renting to Bridget for agility classes. As we discussed in the June General Membership Meeting, the Board has drafted a policy that all club members and building guests must sign and adhere to when participating in any activity at Oriole.

Each time people enter the building, they must sign a waiver attesting that they understand the rules and that they are to their knowledge currently clear of any COVID-19 symptoms. The waiver has been placed online so that everyone can easily do it beforehand at home (no more than 24 hours ahead) or on their phone at the building. Paper waivers will be available for those who forget, however we encourage use of the online waiver in order to minimize the number of surfaces people will have to touch at the building.

To access the waiver, look for the COVID-19 waiver button prominently at the top of both the public and private club web pages <http://www.orioledogclub.org>

To ensure the policy is comprehensive, we'd like to do a "soft opening" for CMs to reserve the building starting today until July 6th. The building layout has already been rearranged to accommodate and encourage social distancing and increased sanitization protocols. If you are a CM and would like to participate in this, please reply to this email and we will add you to the approved list for reservations and work to assign you a unique pin code for building access. As part of the approval process, you will be required to view a video tutorial and complete a short quiz

demonstrating you understand the policies being enacted to keep everyone safe.

Also if you participate in this soft open, you are agreeing to complete a brief survey on your experience so that the Board can assess how the new policies influence your experience in the building.

Contributing Members may bring with them 1-2 Members or other Contributing Members during their building reservation. Reservations can be made for up to 75-minute blocks and must have 15-minute gaps between them to ensure proper entry and exit protocols are followed. At this time, CMs will be limited to two reservations on the calendar at a time rather than the normal three to ensure all CMs have access to the building. The Board will review these changes to our reservation policy on an ongoing basis to ensure its reasonableness and equity. Starting July 6th, reservations will then be made with Michelle as they previously were, but will be subject to the limitations just listed.

At this time, the Club will remain closed to non-members, except those in a class or private lesson.

All Contributing Members (who do not participate in the soft opening) will receive an email in the coming days from Janet Gauntt to set up a custom building access pin code. We also have a limited number of key fobs that may be requested but are not guaranteed.

The Board continues to regularly meet, to assess the current situation and review how we can best ensure Oriole safely operates. Our Training Directors are currently working with instructors to develop possible course offerings between now and the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued partnership. As always, the Board values your feedback. Happy training!

Rose Kane, Communications Director

#### **BUILDING OPENING UPDATE AS OF 7/19/2020:**

The soft opening of the building has been both successful and well received. Some improvements to procedures based on what we have learned are being worked on now so that the opening can be extended further to all Contributing Members in advance of resumption of classes, always providing the pandemic status does not worsen significantly in this area.

#### **TRIAL UPDATE AS OF 7/19/2020:**

Trial committees have worked very hard to research and define procedures in order to safely hold a new reduced format Barn Hunt trial at the end of this month at the Branchwater Farm location, a by appointment only AKC Virtual Rally trial, and a reduced format for our traditional Aug AKC Rally and Obedience trial.

- As of this writing, it looks like Trial 1 (of 4 trials) of the Barn Hunt is full with a few runs remaining in Trials 2/3; it is likely that day of show entries will be available in Trial 4.

- The AKC Virtual Rally trial is almost full with 1 entry remaining.

- Entries are currently open for the AKC Rally and Obedience trial.

## Time to Tell America's Dogs This Arrangement Won't Last Forever



Bloomberg Business Week By: Arianne Cohen For full article:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-13/working-from-home-getting-your-dog-ready-for-your-office-return>

As hard as it might be, now's when you have to enforce some separation, experts say.

**Your attitude.** As painful as this process might be, realize that it's for your best friend's own good. And also yours: If you don't help your dog readjust, you'll have a problem when you return to the office.

**Your strategy.** Incrementally reestablish your office workday schedule, including when you'd walk, feed, play with, and be apart from your dog.

- **Step 1: Separate.** At least twice a day for an hour, put her in a room (or a crate in a room) and close the door. "They'll protest, they'll scream, and you just have to let them cry it out," says Berloni, who's also director of animal training and behavior for the Humane Society of New York. When you come back, act like you're having a normal, boring interaction.
- **Step 2: Separate some more.** Extend the alone time from one hour to three to four hours. Try different forms of isolation, such as putting your dog in a crate in the kitchen or tethering her with a leash in the living room. "Use as many different tools as possible, because it means that the dog has more flexibility and opportunities to get really good at this skill," Arden says.
- **Step 3: Buy toys.** Put your dog's meals in toys that dispense food when pushed around. "That means the dog has something to occupy his time when you're not around," Arden says. She likes the Comfort Bone, the Busy Buddy Twist 'n Treat, the West Paw Zogoflex Toppl Tough Treat dispenser, and the Petstages Carrot Stuffer Dog Toy.
- **Step 4: Bring the noise.** Many dogs, particularly in cities, have adjusted to a quieter life with less traffic, shorter walks, and minimal socializing. Translation: Loud car and truck noises and other dogs may freak them out. "The dogs are like, Wait a minute, this is not the world I got used to. I don't have experience with this," Arden says. Reacquaint them. Start by finding an outdoor spot near lots of activity, take a seat, and let your dog watch the world go by. Expect him to need slow reintroductions to dog parks and house guests.

**Your time frame.** How long it takes to get your dog comfortable with alone time will vary from days to months. "Each dog is responding to the owner's cues, so the owner may be cuing that anxiety," .

## Shout-Outs!

**congratulations!**



Congratulations to **Jacqueline Reardon** on completing all the components of the NACSW Instructor class. She is now Certified Nosework Instructor (CNWI).



Jacqueline Reardon with Hunter earned his BCAT title today and also ran a new personal best of 8.05 seconds or 25.41 miles per hour.



Terry Todesco with Carter B - After trying multiple sports and activities, we finally hit on something Carter B. really likes! Nothing brings more joy than watching him run with glee! He earned his BCAT today at the Basenji Club of Maryland Trial.



Dana Hoppes and Koji have been making up for lost time during the pandemic! He received his RATM (Masters) Barn Hunt Title at Bella Vista on June 21st. We then spent the 4th of July in Mt. Laurel, NJ where he received his Nosework 1 Title, receiving Pronounced designations in both Containers and Exteriors. Last, he received his Novice Trick Title. Busy little man!



Sara Tedesco -- Desi did it again, she earned her NACSW ELEMENT LEVEL 1 CONTAINER. This is where you have 4 searches and must find the hide (scent) in 90 sec or less. Two of her searches were super-fast - 7 sec and 9.5 sec! She was so tired on the ride home she had no energy to eat her bully stick



Desi also earned her C-Wags Ranger 2 and Scent Investigator 3 titles at Breakaway Action Dogs. She also earned her NACSW Level 1 Interior and Level 1 Container titles. She is only the second American Hairless Terrier to do so!



★ Deborah Dean with Iselin got her Level 1 Exterior NACSW!!!! She also came in 1st place with a combined time (of 4 searches) of a quick 33:50 seconds!!!!!!!!!! Go Small Blue Thing!!!!!!!!!!

★ Deborah Dean with Iselin got her CDSP Novice title. AM trial 2nd place with a score of 194! PM trial 1st place with 194.5!!!! So proud of this Small Blue Thing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

★ Deborah Dean - Someone earned her NW2 today♥♥♥♥♥. Iselin placed 4th overall with a Pronounced Vehicles with 2nd place at the Newfoundland PA NW2 trial.



★ Linda Grskovich and Laska earned her CAX - Coursing Ability Excellent.

★ Don Grskovich and Asher got his CAA (Coursing Ability Advance) title.



★ From Felicia Wynn - Kody received his DMWYD Trick Dog Champion Title! This is their highest tier title for tricks and is awarded "to exceptional dogs who demonstrate outstanding skill in performing a large number of difficult tricks, and who also demonstrate skill in every facet of foundation behavior." I am so proud of my boy!





Sue Cox with her dogs earned 3 titles, Quinn (NW1) and Villain (L1C & L1E). Great teamwork!



Shirley Harry and ZeZe (Team ZeZe) achieved the Dock Diving Senior Excellent Title and she also got her CAT Title also in June for Lure Coursing.



## New Puppies or New To You



*If you have a new puppy (8 weeks – 1 year) submit pictures so that others may enjoy some puppy cuteness!*



Congratulations to Rose Kane on her new pup, SoStar's Rise to the Occasion "Moxie" who is now 10 weeks old.



Congratulations to Ashley Musser on her new pup, SoStar's Cherry on Top "Sundae" (sister to Moxie).



**FOR SALE!**

Crate - 42 L x 21 W x 30 H fits a large breed. In excellent condition. Crate has a front and back door. Made to fit easily into the back of a SUV and side by side with another SUV crate. \$50.00 or best offer. Contact Mariann Hein [UdxDobeRom@gmail.com](mailto:UdxDobeRom@gmail.com)



## Thinking of You

Contact: The Sunshine Coordinator, Sharon Spies at [spies14632@aol.com](mailto:spies14632@aol.com)

***If you know of a club member's loss or illness, please contact the Sunshine Coordinator or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.***



Our sympathies to Cindy Deubler whose Mother, Judy Deubler, passed away on June 28.



Continuing good thoughts and prayers for Jackie Sheridan-Moore after her surgery.



Our sympathies to Kimberly and Jason Culp on the death of Jason's father, Al DeFontes, who passed away on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

*I Hope you enjoyed this edition of the Oriole Dog Training Club "Dumbbell"*

*Newsletter Editor: Sheila Saville*

**Submit your brags/accomplishments or new puppy info to [Dumbbell@Orioledogclub.club](mailto:Dumbbell@Orioledogclub.club) for inclusion in the next issue.**

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