

# Dumbbell



Oriole Dog Training Club

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December 2020

## Happenings

### January 2021

2-3: **USDAA Agility Trial**  
hosted by Mid-Atlantic  
MADness, Oriole  
Training Building,  
Halethorpe, MD

17: **Annual Awards  
Party** - cancelled

29-31: **AKC Agility** –  
Oriole Dog Training  
Club Agility Trial,  
Oriole Training  
Building, Halethorpe,  
MD

### February 2021

13-14: **BHA Barn Hunt  
Trial** – Branchwater  
Farm, Severn, MD

### March 2021

7: **CDSP Obedience  
Trial** – Oriole K9 Lodge,  
Oriole Training  
Building, Halethorpe,  
MD.

19-21: **AKC Fast CAT** –  
Oriole Dog Training  
Club Fast CAT Trial,  
Millersville, MD.

**Award Forms due by  
Jan. 9, 2021. Awards  
will be recognized in  
the January Dumbbell.**  
For more information go  
to:  
[https://orioledogclub.org/  
member-awards/](https://orioledogclub.org/member-awards/)

## Announcements!

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

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

[ODTTC BOD Minutes](#)

[ODTTC General Meeting Minutes](#)

## Awards 2020

Hello everyone! In case you all have not gotten the word yet, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we will not be having our usual awards celebration in January. However, I would still like for you all to submit the titles that you have earned on your dogs during 2020 so that you can be recognized in our newsletter in January.

You may send me the applications as late as January 9th for inclusion in the January newsletter.

If you cannot access the forms via our web site, you may contact me and I will email the applications to you.

I know that many of you who have been bragging in our newsletter over this year have not reported these titles to me. So, if you want to be formally recognized in our January newsletter, please get those titles to me by January 9th!

Thank you!

Betty Gardner, Awards Chairperson

## ORT

by Linda Grskovich

The nosework program ended 2020 with a successful COVID restricted Odor Recognition Test. Many thanks to our Certifying Official Lori Kobayshi and our Judge Vinny Catalano for a well flowing event. We completed 50 tests. There was a first time for us and that was a 100% pass rate for the birch odor! WOO HOO!! Anise had a pass rate 65% and Clove at 99%. Needless to say, we have quite

a few people completing their Odor Recognition Title (title of ORT is awarded after passing all 3 odors).

Congratulation to Donald Grskovich and Asher, Jackie Reardon and Hunter, and Lisa Jones and Duey for their ORT titles.

Attendees were very favorable about the ORT testing and the COVID protections that were put in place. Test explanations, Waivers, Certifying Official and Host briefings, Staging areas and Potty area maps were all put online and/or sent to the competitors. These are typically presented at a face-to-face briefing. Waivers were collected at check in which was done at the entrance of the parking lot.

99.9% of the attendees were in the parking lot by 9am; arrival was scheduled for 9-930am so in the interest of assuring social distancing (you know we love to visit) we started testing early. The event was done by 11am, clean up, wipe down etc. and we were out the door by 11:30 am. This was done using a restricted number of volunteers. These organized and special volunteers (including night before set up): Shirley Harry, Sue Boswell, Donald Grskovich, Sara Taggett, Leslie Wharton, Debbie Kaminski, Sue Cox and Dana Hoppes and her dog Koji, who was our dog in white. Thanks so much for the work you all did, the exceptional attitudes and the special smiles.

## *Educational*

# 10 Winter Safety Tips for Dog Owners

*AKC.org By [Randa Kriss](#) Dec 23, 2016*

Snow, sleet, ice, wind... there's a lot to prepare for when it comes to winter weather. Just like we're affected by the cold, our dogs are, too. Here are a few simple measures you can take to make sure your dog stays happy and healthy throughout the winter.

## Avoid Thin Ice

Too often we hear stories of dogs that had to be rescued from icy waters (and those are the lucky ones). It might look like fun to slide across that frozen pond, but ice can easily crack, and your dog, and you, could fall in. Slipping on ice can also lead to muscle strains and other injuries.

## Protect Your Dog's Paws

Look at the Iditarod sled-dog teams, and you'll notice that their paws are covered by booties. Mushers know that the race may be lost because of injuries and abrasions from running on ice. Even if your dog isn't dashing through 1,000 miles of frozen Alaskan wilderness, winter conditions can still do damage. Different retailers offer dog boots or paw protectors that work well to keep your pup's feet safe. Check out Pura paw balm on the AKC Shop website.

## Trim Foot Fuzz

Hair on the feet of long-haired dogs can form ice balls between pads and toes. Keep them well trimmed, cutting the hair so that it is even with the surface of the foot.

## Clean Your Dog's Feet

City streets are coated with deicing substances, such as sodium chloride (rock salt) and calcium chloride, which make sidewalks safe for pedestrians, but can damage paw pads. Make sure you wash off your dog's feet. Some people keep a bucket next to the door to rinse their dog's feet as soon as they come in from the cold. Use warm water and make sure to reach spots between the toes and pads. Some dogs will also need a moisturizer for dry skin.

## Limit Dog's Time Outside

Dogs can suffer from frostbite, especially on delicate earflaps and tail tips. In extreme cold, it's a good idea to keep dogs inside, with the exception of the heavy-coated northern breeds that thrive in low temperatures. If it's not possible to keep the dogs indoors, be aware of the major signs of frostbite, which include skin that appears white or blue.

## Stay In

Even a big fuzzy dog that lives indoors will need some time to acclimate to freezing temperatures. Short romps outside will help your dog's body get used to the change in the weather. Keep indoor activities fun with these ideas. Toys like the DogTwister Interactive Game give your dog a fun way to get both mental and physical exercise.

## Bundle Your Dog Up

Sure, most dogs have their own coat, but you wouldn't want to go out in a blizzard in a light spring jacket. Make sure small, delicate, and short-haired dogs, even large ones like Greyhounds, have an appropriate winter wardrobe. Bonus: You can have fun dressing them up.

## Consider Your Dog's Age

Where climate is concerned, age is more than a number. Like humans, very young and very old dogs have a hard time regulating body temperature, so they have more extreme reactions to changes in weather. Romps in the snow may be too much for their more delicate constitutions. Keep the oldsters and the puppies indoors as much as possible.

## Beware of Antifreeze

As little as a teaspoon of antifreeze can cause kidney failure. Be alert to the signs that your dog has swallowed some of it, which include drooling, vomiting, seizures, excessive thirst, panting, lethargy and a drunken appearance. If you think your dog has ingested antifreeze, it's important to get to a vet as soon as possible. Even if you keep your antifreeze safely tucked away, there is still a danger from residue in the streets. Most antifreeze is green ethylene glycol, but it comes in several different colors. So watch where your dog is sniffing.

In case your dog does run into any unfavorable winter side effects, download our Emergency First Aid for Dogs e-book below, and always be sure to consult your veterinarian.

## Shout-Outs!

# congratulations!

- ★ Raimi Quiton - with Harvey Milk earned NATCH, Versatility-NATCH, and All-Around NATCH all in one messy-but-we-got-it-done Jumpers run!
- ★ Felicia Wynn with Kody earned his CPE CT-ATCH today!!! I absolutely love this boy's heart.
- ★ Colin Ratcliff - Little Eowyn did awesome this last weekend in her "8-months old birthday party" barn hunt at Bella Vista. She got her OPEN title 🤔 and 50 points each Crazy 8's run.



- ★ Louise Griffin - The girls have been busy ... Truly earned her UD and little sister Evie just had to play catch up. Evie finished her CDX and three weeks later, she earned her UD in just four tries!



★ Sara Tagget - What an amazing weekend we had. My American Hairless Terrier, Lucy earned her FCAT!! This has been an amazing 3 months for her. Lucy doesn't chase anything except live animals, is not toy motivated and sometimes she isn't treat motivated. She is anxious around other dogs so this is ONLY performance sport she does. She loves the bunny. I have never seen her so happy! And not to be left out, Desi earned her FCAT6 yesterday!!!! First AHT to do so!! We love the ribbons, look how huge they are!!!

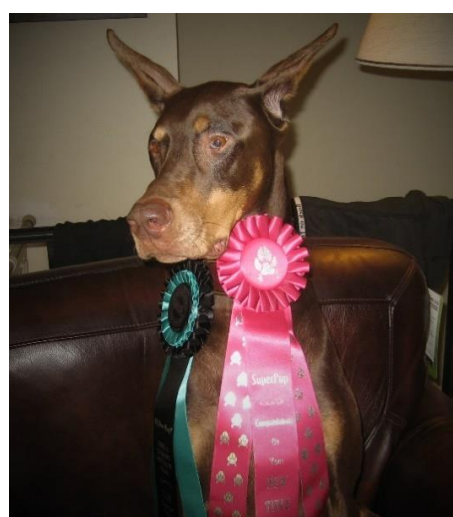
★ Tricia Dunseith with Tristan got an Agility Fast Novice title!



★ Don Grskovich and Asher with his CAX ribbon.

★ Chelsea Singer with Nikko earned his Masters Fast Preferred Title this weekend along with his very first Double and Triple Q!

★ Barb Novak with Team Trouble finished out the competition year with a hat trick weekend. On Friday, 9/11, he got another 67 points toward his NACSW Elite 1 title leaving just 15 points to go. Saturday, he finished his Barn Hunt Crazy 8's Bronze title (CZ8B). Today it was back to NACSW where he was perfect and earned his Level 3 Exterior Element Specialty title, he was 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the L3E trial and is only the second Doberman to get that NACSW title. These were his 7th and 8th titles for 2020.



★ Tracey Luggiero reports Mouse finally got her ADCH Diamond, LAA Diamond and Gamblers Diamond in September at Mid-Atlantic Madness trial by doing a lot of Gamblers Q's at home thanks to the USDAA@home. Mouse is the first Jack Russell to get all three titles. She also finished the Performance ADCH in November.

In October we went to the JRTCA Nationals (Jack Russells only), all five of our Jacks participated. And this is all the ribbons, plates and plaque we came home with. Mouse gets her name on the plaque for the 2020 High Score Agility Champion for Vets.



*Thank you!*

**To all of the Oriole Dog Training Club members - may you and your family have a very happy holiday season and Happy New Year!**



**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!*

None submitted

### *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 Linda Miles on the death of her Mother.



*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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