

# Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club

9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

July 25, 2023

## Happenings

### July 2023

1-2: **NADAC Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.  
8-9: **NAFA Flyball Tournament** – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.  
15-16: **Agility Seminar with Nancy Schilling**, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.  
21-23: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD  
21-23: **AKC Agility** – Hyattsville Dog Training Club, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

### August 2023

5-6: **NAFA Flyball Tournament** – Scallywags, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. *Corresponding date: event not yet confirmed.*  
12: **Obedience Run-Through** – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. Halethorpe, MD.  
13: **CDSP Obedience Trial**– Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.  
15-16: **Agility Seminar with Jen Pinder**, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.  
19-20: **CPE Agility Trial** – Artful Dodgers CPE Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building  
25-27: **AKC Rally and Obedience** – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

#### Upcoming Seminars:

[Click here for Seminars](#)

#### Flyball - PAM CASSELMAN BOOTCAMP -

Hosted by No Speed Limit / Oriole Dog Training Club July 29 / 30, 2023

#### Agility - COME JOIN US FOR SEMINARS WITH JEN PINDER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023



## 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](#)

## Welcome New Members:

Taryn Montoya, Jane Andraka, Vera Glazkova

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

**Are you handy?** Are you willing to help/coordinate contractor estimates and visits for repairs and projects at the club? We need volunteer(s) to assist the Facility Committee. The number of hours invested in this job may qualify you for a Contributing Membership position. Please email President Russ Bobb if you're interested. [president@orioledogclub.club](mailto:president@orioledogclub.club)

## NEEDED – Nominating Committee Chair

Are you interested in giving back to the Club but don't want to run for a Board Position yourself? Do you know members who you think would be great on the Board? Would you be willing to ask people if they are interested in serving on the Board? Are you active in Oriole activities? If so, the Nominating Committee Chair is right for you! Each year, the Nominating Committee Chair gathers a small committee to seek out club members interested in running for the Board of Directors. As the 2024 election approaches, we are seeking to fill this role immediately. You will be trained and assisted by the previous Nominating Committee Chair. Please email President Russ Bobb if you're interested. [president@orioledogclub.club](mailto:president@orioledogclub.club)

## Canine Minds Collaborative at Johns Hopkins University:

Johns Hopkins University now has a dog lab, the Canine Minds Collaborative, where you and your dog can participate in studies, learn about science, and contribute to our understanding of canine minds! This is a great enrichment and socialization opportunity for dogs, and all our work relies on positive reinforcement and voluntary participation. Owners are always either involved directly in these activities or able to watch their dog's participation through a live video feed from the next room. If you'd like to sign up, please fill out the survey at: <https://www.tinyurl.com/dogsJHU>

You can also read more about our work at <https://www.social-cognitive-origins.com/participate-in-dog-studies.html> and ask us any questions you may have by emailing [dogs@jhu.edu](mailto:dogs@jhu.edu)

A promotional poster for the Canine Minds Collaborative at Johns Hopkins University. The poster has a light blue background with a darker blue border. On the left, there are four light blue paw prints. On the right, there are four teal paw prints. In the center, there is a circular image of a dog's head. To the left of the dog's head is a purple speech bubble containing white text. Below the dog's head is a QR code. At the bottom left is the URL 'tinyurl.com/dogsjhu' and at the bottom right is the text 'Questions? Email dogs@JHU.edu'.

**CANINE MINDS COLLABORATIVE**  
PARTICIPATE IN DOG COGNITION RESEARCH AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY!

DO YOU HAVE A PET DOG? SIGN THEM  
UP TO PARTICIPATE IN FUN  
COGNITIVE GAMES THAT HELP US TO  
DISCOVER HOW DOGS THINK!



We are looking for participants! Dogs of all breeds and ages welcome. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to complete a brief (5-10 minute) survey about your dog.

[tinyurl.com/dogsjhu](https://www.tinyurl.com/dogsjhu) Questions? Email [dogs@JHU.edu](mailto:dogs@JHU.edu)



**It's That Time Again!**

**Get Ready for the 2023 AKC Trick Dog National Competition!**

**It's Virtual!**

**You Could Win Best Trick Dog for Your Breed!**

We are excited to announce the AKC Trick Dog National Competition for 2023.

All AKC Trick Dogs who have earned the Elite Performer title can enter the competition. As long as their dogs have a Trick Dog title, Juniors may enter the competition at any level.

Because the competition is virtual (i.e., the judging will be done via video), trick dogs everywhere can participate.

For questions, email: [trickdog@akc.org](mailto:trickdog@akc.org)

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed and appreciated at all of our events. Here are some upcoming opportunities!

**August 12 – Show N Go** - Judges & stewards needed. Please email Sue Carlton at [trainrotts@hotmail.com](mailto:trainrotts@hotmail.com)

**August 13 - Obedience trial** requesting volunteers. We are in need of stewards for this event. Experience is not necessary. We are willing to train anyone who would like to volunteer. You may work a half day, if you wish.

Contact Debbie Kaminski if interested in volunteering. [dekamin@aol.com](mailto:dekamin@aol.com)

**August 18-20: CPE Agility Trial** – Artful Dodgers CPE will need volunteers for setup Friday evening and tear down on Sun. evening. Nancy Morris [meurig@qis.net](mailto:meurig@qis.net)

**Sept 1-3: Barn Hunt** – setup and tear down help needed at Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

### September 10 – Turf Cleaning

We will need help with:  
- moving the blue panels  
-moving agility equipment  
moving ring gating and obedience equipment

**We will be using the gas-powered turf cleaner on the field. All doors and the loading dock bay doors will be open for ventilation, but the machine will throw fumes while in use.**

More details in the next newsletter. Contact: [lmckisson@gmail.com](mailto:lmckisson@gmail.com) or Beth Pointer [beth.pointer@gmail.com](mailto:beth.pointer@gmail.com)



*Oriole is an all-volunteer club – thank you to everyone that volunteers!*

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### *Best Heartworm Prevention*

**The most effective way to prevent a heartworm infection in your dog is to use a FDA-approved heartworm preventative regularly.**

By: Eileen Fatcher, DVM Published: June 30, 2023 from the Whole Dog Journal.

As mosquitoes feed on your dog's blood, they can infect him with heartworm larvae. The risk of heartworms is too great to ignore using an FDA-approved preventative.

The most reliable way to protect your dog from heartworm disease is to administer a veterinarian-prescribed, FDA-approved heartworm preventative, at the recommended dose and interval, all year round. These medications are very safe at these dosages (yes, even for your Collie, Sheltie, Australian Shepherd, or other breed with a MDR1 mutation) and highly effective when given as directed.

There are about a dozen preventative drugs that are FDA-approved. All of them are made with a drug that will kill both developing heartworm larvae as well as other parasites; *which* other parasites are killed depends on the drug. Some of these products are given orally monthly, some are administered topically monthly, and others are given as a subcutaneous (under the skin) injection by a veterinarian, at either six-month or 12-month intervals. All of them each equally capable of protecting your dog from a heartworm infection – as long as you ensure they are given as directed, on schedule. You should use whichever drug you are most likely to reliably procure and deliver to your dog on schedule.

A further consideration may be to use whichever drug also addresses infestations of other parasites that may be a concern for your dog, or in your area. For example, if flea infestations have been a problem for your dog, using a heartworm preventative product that also kills tapeworms (which are transmitted to dogs via infected fleas) is a good idea. Dogs who have been rescued from hoarding situations or shelters may have been exposed to hookworms, roundworms, and whipworms (which are transmitted via feces from infected dogs) would benefit from the drugs that address those infections.

### The Heartworm Life Cycle and How Preventatives Work

Adult heartworms are the most life-threatening of the nematodes (round worms) that infect dogs, causing severe disease and even death if not treated.

Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes. When a mosquito bites an infected dog, it ingests the tiny immature larvae (microfilariae) circulating in the infected dog's blood stream. Over the next couple of weeks, these microfilariae mature to an infective larval stage inside the mosquito. When the now-infective mosquito bites another dog, it injects the larvae into that dog. These larvae continue to mature inside your dog as they start their journey from the point of the bite, through the body tissues, to their final destination as adult worms that reside in the dog's pulmonary vessels and heart. This whole process takes about six months, at which time these adult worms start producing baby heartworms (microfilariae), which circulate in your dog's bloodstream, waiting for the next mosquito to ingest them so they can leave home and infect another dog. And around it goes.

Most infected dogs end up with multiple worms, each measuring 10 to 12 inches in length, and living inside the dog's heart and pulmonary vessels for up to seven years.

Heartworm preventatives work by killing the sensitive larval stages of the heartworm that are developing in your dog before they become adults. In other words, the preventatives don't stop your dog from becoming infected; they kill the infection at the larval stage, *before* the larvae can go on to become reproducing adults. This is why preventatives must be given repeatedly at the recommended intervals, or a long-acting timed-release product used. If the larvae are allowed to mature past the sensitive, susceptible stage, the medications have little to no effect on the more mature stages. So if you miss a few doses, don't be surprised if your dog tests positive next year, even if you got back on track with the prevention.

### *Natural Heartworm Prevention*

Holistic veterinarians often make the case that vibrantly healthy animals are able to withstand an infection of heartworm larvae, injected into the dog by infected mosquitoes. They may further posit that the healthiest dogs are those who have been fed a home-prepared or fresh commercial diet, only lightly vaccinated, and not treated with any pesticides – and that the immune systems of these dogs will be able to eliminate the heartworm larvae (somehow). They may also recommend the use of herbal or homeopathic remedies to help the dog control a heartworm infection.

This is a great idea – but there is no scientific evidence, only anecdotal evidence from some of these practitioners, to support these claims. Studies have shown similar heartworm infection rates among wild wolves and coyotes – who eat “natural” diets and are unexposed to vaccines and pesticides – as in unprotected dogs.

For more information on How to Strengthen Heartworm Prevention, Drug Resistance and Why Heartworm is growing, see the full article at [Best Heartworm Prevention - Whole Dog Journal \(whole-dog-journal.com\)](http://whole-dog-journal.com).



# congratulations!

★ **Diane Myers** - Comet earned his Beginner Novice obedience title at the May Oriole rally/obedience trial with three back to back first place finishes. Way to Go Comet Kazi !! He also earned his AKC Master Courser Title in April.

★ **Carle Lee Detweiler** - Great weekend playing barnhunt. Calli earned her Senior title (RATS). With 3 out of 4 Q's, 3 First Places and 3 High in Class. Lessa ran well but was only finding 3 of her 4 rats. Especially good as I almost didn't go today and realized late last night the it was silly not to go as she seems to do well at Bella Vista and they have a great crew so did the day of entry for both dogs.



★ **Barbara Novak** - Bally's title streak continued tonight. She finished her Senior Barn Hunt title! She needed 3 passes to get this title. She has had 2 passes for awhile but the third one has been elusive. The key to this title was convincing her to slow down long enough when she found the rat tubes to tell me about them. (no picture)

★ **Jean Wilkens** - Shhhh don't tell my doctor but I (sorta) ran at the Artful Dodgers NADAC trial, 11 weeks out of a total right knee replacement surgery. Autumn & I earned our Gambler & Platinum NATCH 3 under Becki Umberger who came with some really fun courses. I was able to move well enough for Wit to get a Q too. Very happy with how well I am doing & how great both dogs have been during my recovery.

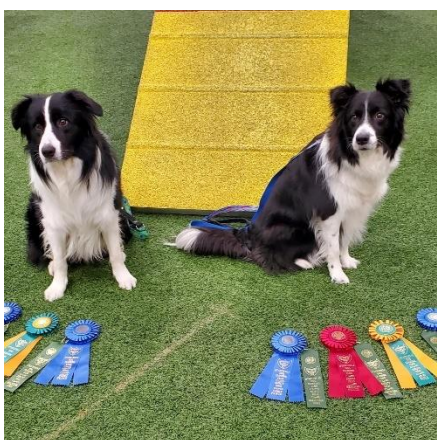




★ **Lorinda McKisson** - The boys and I had a fun weekend playing agility at the Hyattsville DTC AKC Agility Trial! Diesel earned Novice STD title! He is now in Open for everything! And Hennessy earned his Novice FAST title! Oh and this is Hennessy's first AKC title

★ **Janet Gauntt** - And just like that, at Oriole's Barn Hunt today, Emmett is out of Senior in only 4 tries and 3 Qs. What a good boy! Thank you to our instructor Colin Ratcliffe who got us there from nothing to Masters in only 8 lessons since Sequel's retirement from Barn Hunt, and judge Scott Minke for good hides on very doable courses.

★ **Sally Josselyn** - Somepuppy earned her RATCHX3 this weekend 🥰. We had lots of fun but after 3 days, I'm wiped out. Tomorrow will be a veg day for sure.



★ **Teresa Razzaque** - Havana earned her AKC Open Jumpers title and had several gorgeous speedy runs!!! To top it off, I got to run our good friend Ken Briefel's Max for 3 runs today and we triple Q'd! He was such a good boy, but of course dad had to stay out of sight. (no picture)

★ **Jessica Lewis** - Kudos earned his Open FAST title and Novice Standard titles in AKC agility! Just before his 3rd birthday. We are ready for all 12 weave poles in Open Standard. We are still struggling to stay

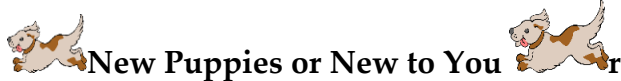
connected through the speedy JWW courses, but I am working on being clearer and I'm happy Kudos is having fun. Thanks for all the support Oriole!

★ **Sheila Saville** – Karma earned her AKC JWW Novice title!



## Thinking of You

*If you know of a club member's loss or illness, please contact the Sunshine Coordinator, Sharon Spies at [spies14632@aol.com](mailto:spies14632@aol.com) or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.*



**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!*



Sue Augat welcomes to her pack, Crew almost 4 months old and he is a Miniature Poodle.



*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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