

# Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club 9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

February 23, 2025

## Happenings

### March 2025

1: [Waterwork/Land Training Seminar](#) – DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club, Oriole Training Building

2: [CDSP Obedience Trial](#)– Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building

7-9: *USDAA Judging Clinic*, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

14: [NACSW NW3 Trial](#) – St. John's Lutheran Church of Sweet Air, Phoenix MD.

14-16: [AKC Fast CAT](#) – Hog Dog Productions, Millersville, MD.

15: [NACSW L2I/NW2 Trial](#) – St. John's Lutheran Church of Sweet Air, Phoenix MD.

15: [Obedience Run-Through](#) – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

16: Turf Cleaning Work Party – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building

21-23: [BHA Barn Hunt Trial](#) – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

22-23: [CPE Agility Trial](#) – Artful Dodgers CPE Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

29-30: [USDAA Agility – \*Mid-Atlantic MADness\*](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. (*Corresponding date: event not yet confirmed*).

Note: Events held by outside clubs at the Oriole Training Building are shown in *italics*.

### Click here for Seminars

#### *Seminars Coming in 2025:*

Christine Tschech - 5/4/25

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Bridget Thomas - 6/22 - 6/23/25

Cynthia Hornor - 8/30 - 8/31/25

Courtney Moore - 9/13 - 9/14/25

Paula Goss - 10/11 - 10/12/25

Diane Patterson - 10/18 - 10/19

Dudley Shumate - 11/8 - 11/9/25



## 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](#)

### *Board of Directors 2025*

**President:** Rosalyn Dupont

**Vice President:** Janet L Gauntt

**Secretary:** Kara L O'Connor

**Treasurer:** Lee Carr

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**Other Activities Training Director:** Suzanne M Cox

**Membership Director:** Ashley Donaldson

**Communications Director:** Francine Bethea

**Board Member At Large:** Felicia Wynn

### *SPRING 2025 ROLLING REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:*

- 2/24 – Catalog Posted to ODTc Website
- 3/3, 6am – Registration begins for ODTc Contributing Members
- 3/5, 6am – Registration begins for ODTc Training Members
- 3/7, 6am – Registration begins for ODTc Provisional Members & Non-members
- Week of 4/7 – Spring Classes begin

# ODTC SPRING 2025 SPIRTWEAR

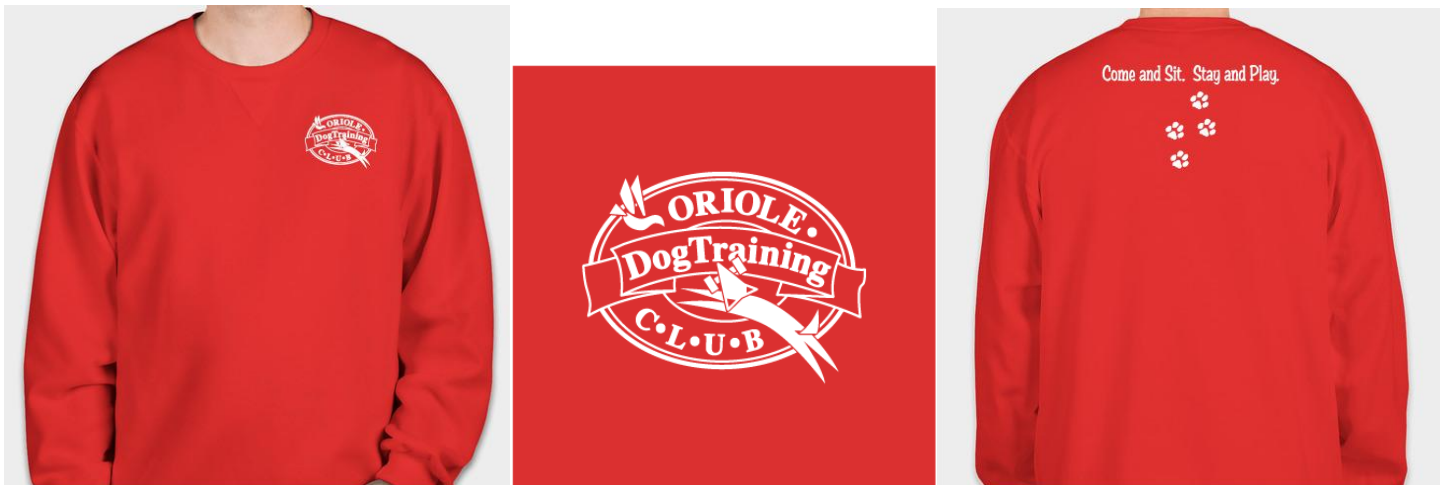
Order Now through March 16, 2025

(for mid-April delivery)

Softstyle T-Shirt (short sleeve)	\$25
Softstyle Women's V-Neck T-Shirt	\$25
Softstyle Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$33
Heavy Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$35
Unisex Softstyle Fleece Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt	\$50
DryBlend Jersey Polo	\$30

To order go to: <https://oriole-dog-club-spiritwear-spring-2025.spiritsale.com>

Note: We are excited to be using a local vendor, Taco Bird, for our spiritwear this year. We were able to keep the same brand of shirts as in the past and provide the same selection.

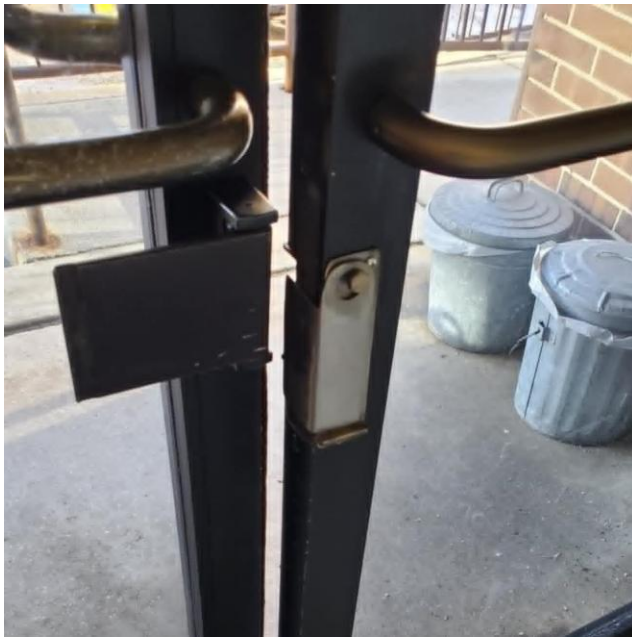


# New

*New Door Latch Guard:* I want to make all club members aware that we have a new Door Latch Guard on the front door.

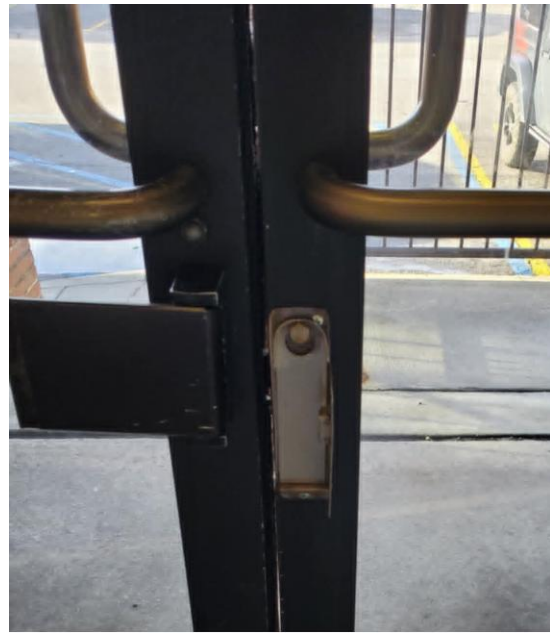
The lock system that we use at Oriole is usually configured to have the front door lock whenever it is closed. But that of course is inconvenient during those blocks of time when we expect people to be coming and going for classes. For some time, we have used a wooden door stopper to keep the door open. But that solution has the problem that it keeps the door cracked open wider than is desirable for keeping the heat or air conditioning in, and it is damaging the bottom of the door frame.

So we have replaced the stopper with a custom door latch guard. (Thank you Rob Novak for installing it this past week!).



## **"On Guard" Position**

When in use, the new lock guard hangs on the door in such a way that it sits flush against the strike plate and blocks the hole where the lock bolt would normally engage.



## **"Off Guard" Position**

When not in use, the lock guard stores on the door ready for its next use.

Instructors and other Contributing Members who are the last ones to leave the building should make sure that the lock guard is stored in the "Off Guard" position AND should test the door after closing to make sure it is completely closed and locked.

Thanks Everyone ! Janet Gauntt, ODTC VP

**Reminder to pick-up dog waste:** We have gotten complaints by trial participants of dog waste that had not been picked up in the potty area. Mini flashlights have been placed in the foyer of the building. Please use these flashlights if you are taking your dogs to potty in the dark and return them to their place for the next person to use. Cell phones are also handy to use to put some light on the situation. We are also asking that instructors and trial chairs announce their location and purpose in their briefings. See the pic of their location below and thanks for your help!



### **Reunited:**

So, we did a good deed during the seminar today. Leslie was out walking her dog, and this little guy came up to her. We took him into the club and crated him, posted quickly on social media and we were able to reunite him with his owner within a couple of hours.

**Rally News:** Exciting to see the progress of club members who joined the Rally run throughs Thursday mornings! Here is Nan Marks and Jilly ,who have improved in confidence and teamwork , qualifying yet again at Catoctin Kennel Club



**Newsletter Issue Date Changing:** Beginning with the next issue of the Dumbbell, the deadline for submitting brags and articles will be the last day of the month. The newsletter will issue on the 1st. This means that the next issue of the Dumbbell will be sent out on April 1, 2025 (with a deadline of March 31, 2025).

## PYRAMID PAN DOG TREATS

by Barbara Novak

Here is a way to make up to 1000 dog treats with no need to cut same up.

You can buy silicone Pyramid [Pans from Amazon](#). One mat makes 500 treats. I always double the following recipes since I have 2 mats. Take your mat and turn it upside down. Now you have a mold with 556 small cavities.

1. Mix up your favorite treat recipe, but adapt it in the following ways: If there is anything coarse in the recipe, put the batter through a food processor. It needs to be smooth.
2. Adjust the liquid so that it is more like a batter than a dough.
3. Put the silicone mold, cavity side up, on a large cookie sheet or baking pan.

Spread the batter around so that it fills all the little holes. This can take a while (but not as long as cutting them all up!).

You can use a spatula, egg turner, or even a table knife. As you finish this process, scrape the top so that the boundaries between the holes are fairly batter-free.

1. Bake it for about half to two-thirds the time you normally would .
2. Take it out of the oven, and when it's cool enough to handle, dump the treats out into a container.

Below is a recipe for peanut butter treats I use. I have also included a chicken recipe that I have never tried as I have a dog with a poultry sensitivity.

### PEANUT BUTTER TREAT RECIPE (1 Mat)

2 eggs, beaten

2 Tablespoons oil (I use olive oil)

1/2 cup peanut butter powder (I used "PBfit" brand. Its ingredients are peanuts, coconut palm sugar, and salt.)

DO NOT USE ANY PRODUCT WITH THE SWEETENER XYLITOL. IT IS TOXIC TO DOGS.

1/2 cup white flour

1/2 cup tapioca flour

1/2 cup water

Mix well. You want it smooth. I use a food processor. Put the batter in the middle of the pan and spread it outwards. It takes less batter than you think. I don't bother to fill every single hole in the pan anymore, i.e., not the outer rows, because of the time it takes. My apologies to the compulsive types! I do like the look of a neatly filled pan, but the time isn't worth it to me. But feel free!

Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the individual treats are still soft but starting to draw away from the sides of the pan. They should be firm but not hard.

Let cool a little and stretch the pan in both directions to loosen the treats. Dump them out. Peanut butter dog treats!

HINTS: I spray the mats with PAM cooking spray before adding the batter. Assures no sticking. You MUST use Tapioca flour as called for in the recipe or the treats won't hold together. Let the treats cool thoroughly before dumping them out. I portion the 1000 treats I make using a double recipe and 2 mats into baggies and

put them in the freezer. They keep for months when frozen and for 10 days in the fridge. These size treats work perfectly in a Treat n' Train/Manners Minder. Even though they are small, my Dobermans don't know that. LOL!

### CHICKEN TREATS

1 10-oz can chicken including liquid (it needs to be packed in liquid or the batter will be too dry)

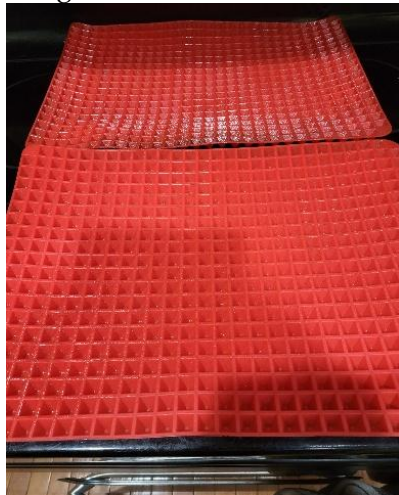
2 eggs

1 cup tapioca flour

1/2 cup white flour

1 tablespoon oil

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Blend the chicken, its liquid, and 2 eggs in a food processor.
3. Pour the mixture into a bowl and stir in the flours and oil. (You can adjust the ratio of tapioca to regular flour if you like. The batter should be a little thicker than pancake batter but still pourable.
4. Spread the batter onto the silicone mat on a cookie sheet. Take the time to get the batter into the holes. Scrape it off the dividers.
5. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees F.
6. Remove from the oven.
7. When the silicone sheet is cool enough to handle, turn it over and dump the treats out. This is the best part!
8. Bag them up and refrigerate or freeze.



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

### Sun., March 2 - Obedience Trial

We will be using three rings, Novice, Open and Utility. Each ring has different equipment that needs adjusting for each person in the ring.

Volunteer as a steward in the ring. A steward job would consist of adding or removing jump boards, rally signs for the BN runs, laying out gloves, articles, posts, table steward to make sure the participants are called to the ring to show their dog.

### Fri. – Sun. March 14-16 – AKC Fast CAT

Oriole is hosting a FastCAT trial at Hog Dog Productions on March 14, 15 and 16. We can use additional volunteers to help with the event, especially on Friday March 14, but helping hands are welcome on any day! Volunteers are usually onsite from 7:30am each day until about 2pm. All day or just a few hours is always helpful.

Contact: Judith Hoffman (judithahoffman@gmail.com)

### Fri. March 14 & Sat., March 15 Phoenix, MD – NACSW K9 Nosework Signup sheet to volunteer: [Sign-up Sheet](#). Contact: Sue Hayes

### Sun., March 16 Turf Cleaning

We will be cleaning the turf on Sunday, March 16th between 10:30am and 1pm

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.

Contact: Lorinda McKisson

### Fri., March 21 – 23 – CPE Agility Trial

We are having our CPE Agility trial on March 22nd and 23rd

Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, 3/21/25. We will need help with:

- moving the blue panels from the field
- moving the equipment from the agility field
- clearing the ring gating and obedience equipment from the obedience field
- bringing tables out for the trial secretary
- there will be other small/lightweight tasks that will need to be done.

We will try to accomplish as much as possible without disrupting the Friday night flyball class. We will also need help with teardown on Sunday, 3/23/25 Time to be determined. Nancy Morris will be your point of contact when you arrive.

Contact: Nancy Morris

# VOLUNTEER



## Sneak Peek at April

April 2025

5-6: AKC Rally – Oriole Dog Training Club  
Rally Trial, Oriole Training Building,  
Halethorpe, MD.

12-13: NACSW Odor Recognition Test –  
Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Test.  
Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe,  
MD.

19-20: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers  
Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building,  
Halethorpe, MD.  
Trial, Oriole Training Building,  
Halethorpe, MD

26-27: NAFA Flyball Tournament – No  
Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building,  
Halethorpe, MD.



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

*Instructors - Board Members - Cleaning Crew - Event Chairs - and many more...*

**congratulations!**

★ **Jean Wilkins** - So very proud of Autumn, at the Oriole Dog Training Club AKC Trial, we achieved our MACH! The 1st one for both of us. MACH Autumn!

★ **Sara Tagget** - Vivian did it again! She earned her Advanced Interior and overall Advanced Scentwork title today!

★ **Lorinda McKisson** - Hennessy earned his Novice Tunnelers title!! 🏆 First time running Open Gamblers and earned his Open title with two 15 point runs!





**Sallywags** - Flyball racing for the first time at Westminster was an unforgettable experience. We won our 1st three races and then it came down to a head to head race with Ready Set Ruckus. Ruckus took home 1st and we got a well deserved 2nd.



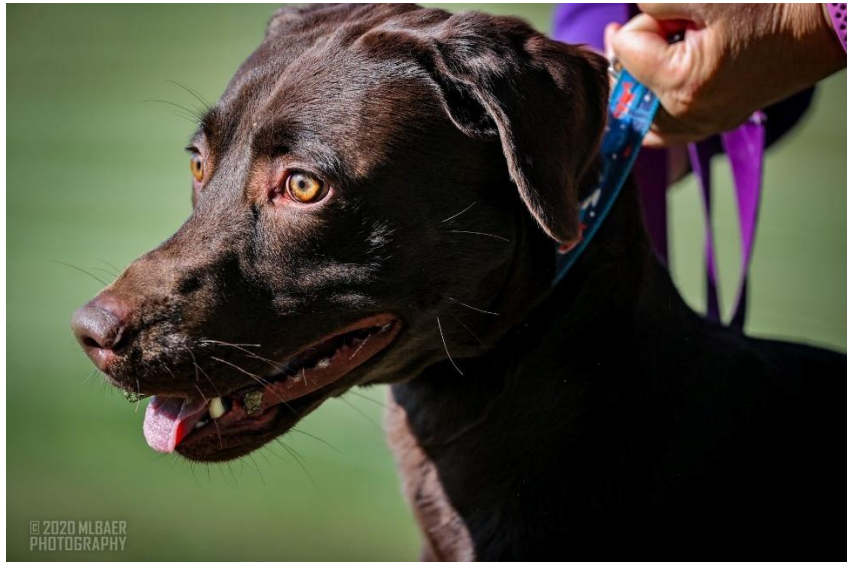
Tina Hayden with Yogi, Kate Bobb (team captain) with Quest and Charley Ruff, Leanna Carpenter with Lark, Whitney Etchison with Whisper Bobb, Judi Ruff with River, Joanna Josey (box assistant and props), Katie Belfield (flyball box), Debbie Meekins (pass coach), Ciara DiSeta (ball retriever), Jamal Bing (mattress)



## 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.*

- ♥ Our sympathy to Janet Gauntt on the passing of her kitty. Ares - Aug 2016 - Feb 2025.
- ♥ Our sympathy to Jacqueline Reardon on the passing of Hunter - Chilbrook Cosmic Hunter "Hunter" CAX FCAT3 SWNE SCA SIA DM DSX3 ASA HDSA TKI NW3 NW3-C NW3-C L1E L1V L2I L3C ORT 05/02/19-02/15/25



## 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!*

*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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