

Dumbbell

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

June 1, 2025

Happenings

June 2025

1: Turf Cleaning Work Party – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

6-8: [AKC Agility](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

14-15: [NADAC Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

21: [AKC Fetch \(2 Trials\)](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

21-22: [AKC Scentwork Trial](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, Pomfret, MD 20675

22-23: [Agility Seminar with Bridget Thomas](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

28-29: [NADAC Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

July 2025

5-6: [NAFA Flyball Tournament](#) – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. *Corresponding date: event not yet confirmed.*

12-13: [USDAA Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

18-20: *Hyattsville AKC Agility Trial*

26-27: *AKC Agility Judges Continuing Education Clinic*, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.



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](#): Celia Fernandez and Elise Glunz.

[Summer classes now posted online.](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There will only be 2 days between member types to register and no reminders except for the initial opening and closing date.

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| May 29, 2025 | Preregistration for graduating students of the following introductory classes: OB101, OB110, OB105, AG050, AG100, AG110, and NW102, etc. |
| June 2, 2025 | Registration opens for Contributing Members at 6am |
| June 4, 2025 | Registration opens for Members & Contributing Members at 6am |
| June 6, 2025 | Registration opens for Provisional Mbrs, Non-Mbrs, Mbrs. & Contributing Mbrs at 6am |
| June 13, 2025 | Primary registration closes for all classes and electives. Registrations remain open for those classes which are not yet full, however classes that do not meet minimum attendance requirements by this deadline may be cancelled. |
| June 14, 2025 | Late Registration (postmarked on or after this date) - Member discounts no longer applicable & no placement priority |
| See course Description | Most classes begin week of June 30, 2025 Note: start date may vary |
| See course Description | Most classes end week of August 18, 2025. Note: end date may vary |

Volunteers Needed

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

June

1: Turf Cleaning Work Party – 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: lmckisson@gmail.com or Beth Pointer beth.pointer@gmail.com

13-15 NADAC Agility - Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, 6/13/25.

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

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, 6/15/25. Time to be determined. Lorinda McKisson will be your point of contact when you arrive.

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Upcoming Seminars 2025:

Christine Tschech ♦ 5/4/25 &
5/11/25 Bridget Thomas - 6/22 -
6/23/25 Cynthia Hornor - 8/30 -
8/31/25 Courtney Moore - 9/13
- 9/14/25 Tracy Riley - 9/27/25
Paula Goss - 10/11 - 10/12/25
Diane Patterson - 10/18 - 10/19
Dudley Shumate - 11/8 -
11/9/25 Paula Goss - 11/22/25
Tracy Riley - 12/20/25



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

CGC/Trick Testing

Thank you to Felicia wynn, Lorinda McKisson, Lori Bessenhoffer, Rosalyn Dupont, Tamalee Kramp, Sue Hayes, Sue Carlton, Fran Brethea, who put together the on-line registration/payment process, and to advertise the CGC/Tricks Event! Please know how much everyone is truly appreciated!!! We do believe the event went well, we had LOTS of titles, we believe we provided a welcoming and supportive environment...we had carnations (in honor of Mother's Day...as they were ALL great Dog Moms and Dog Dads). Also, a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to Linda Pitelli, who was our volunteer and SHE ROCKED IT!!!!

The Memorial Day Rally and Obedience Trials are a wrap!

Oriole held its Friday evening Rally Trial and Obedience trials followed by two full days of Obedience Trials on May 23 -25. Our judges, Mr. Michael Mooney from Maryland and Ms. Ellen Beasley from NC were such a pleasure, making sure everyone had a great ring experience.

The trials were well-attended with large Open and Utility classes and representatives from all the breed groups (except Misc.) Many club members showed, I hope they will post their brags in this newsletter.

I want to thank all those who helped make the trial runs smoothly. Those that came early on Friday afternoon to set up the rings: Joan Faltot, Debbie Kaminski, Barry Palmer and Colleen Nolan

All the stewards who worked tirelessly so that the rings stayed on time and provided such excellent service to our exhibitors and judges: Louise Griffin, Jim Griffin, Linda Pitelli, Joan Faltot, Sandi Atkinson, Tamalee Kramp, Deb Brannan, Jen Spratt, Linda Miles, Deb Taylor, Sheila Mehring, Colleen Nolan, Marcia Bresson, Barry Palmer, Emily Burke, Meredith Neubauer, Sharon Martinez, Marta Coursey, Dawn Hicks, Fran Bethea, and Dianne Harab

And those that stayed after the trials on Sunday to help put the rings back together: Diane Orth, Deb Brannan, Jen Spratt, Joan Faltot, Emily Burke and Deb Kaminski

A huge thank you to Deb Kaminski for her excellent job as trial secretary and hospitality chair. She worked tirelessly all three days keeping the volunteers and judges well-fed, and always on top of the paperwork and results for the judges and exhibitors.

Mark you calendars for August 22 – 24 for a Friday evening Rally trial followed by two days of Obedience. Hope to see lots of members in the rings!

congratulations!

★ **Dianne Harab** - Willy earned his RAE title at the Greater Washington Bouvier des Flanders show on Saturday, May 3, 2025. He finished his title with a score of 99, 1st place.

★ **Sally Josselyn** – Monkey had a perfect weekend with 7 Qs from 7 runs. Friday - 2nd Small Dog in Hurdles Rd 2, FIRST in Teams with Brad and Wynnd (thanks so much for being our accommodating partner!), 1st Small Dog Games, Silver (2nd overall) Games. Saturday - 2nd Small Dog Master 1, 1st Small Dog Master 2. Sunday - 1st Small Dog and High In Class Master 4. The icing on the cake was that she finished her RATCHX11 in her last run of the weekend and got a beautiful customized rosette!



★ **Linda Grskovich** - Asher and Laska had a busy Saturday at the AKC Scentwork trial held by York County Kennel Club in PA. Asher got 2 qualifying scores. He passed both Advanced Interior Hides with one 4th place. Laska passed her Master Interior (3 rooms) twice with a 3rd and 4th place and her overall Masters Interior Scentwork title. Laska also got her first qualified run in Exterior Master.

★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain ran in Novice JWW at Capital City Cocker Club's AKC agility trial today (5/24/2025). He got 1st place and high scoring Cocker in Novice JWW.



★ **Gina Lancaster** - Manny's veteran run 5/25/25 officially retired . What a great journey it has been . I'm so lucky to have the best steady Eddie to learn agility with.

★ **Felicia Wynn** – We had a great Memorial Day! Brave got his AKC Open JWW title with a 1st place run at 21.94 seconds.

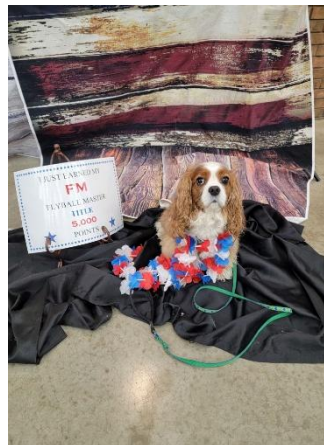
★ **Barbara Novak** – Bally earned her Elite 1 title which requires a total of 150 points.



★ **Sue Cox** - Villain and I traveled to Rockaway New Jersey today to compete in an elite premier trial at Camp Winnebago. He was absolutely awesome, with placements in two of the searches, two pronounced searches, and overall first place!

★ **Alicia Moore** - Conn earned his RACH2 last month as well as his RAE4. (no photo)

★ **Judith Hoffman** - Louie earned his Flyball Master title this weekend.





CONGRATULATIONS!!!
to our
CGC/TRICKS EVALUATION DAY
MAY 10, 2025
TITLE RECIPIENTS!!!



Renee Fox and "ERIN" (CGC)
Liz Strobel, John Peters and "ELLIE"
(CGC)



Cathy Burkett and "TUCKER" (CGC)
Baylee Teaster, Jason Scoville, and "CLEMENTINE" (CGC & Tricks -Novice)



Lynda Folwick and "PETRA" (Tricks-Novice)
Matt Leibowitz and "LEO" (CGC)



Debra Hardie and "CHARLOTTE"
(Tricks-Novice)

Hannah Folks and "DAISY"
(CGC, Tricks-Novice & Intermediate)



Noelle Hollenger and "CURRY"
(Tricks-Novice, Intermediate & Advanced)



Thank you to ALL for a WONDERFUL event!

Sincerely,

Sue Carlton, Debby Brannan, and Sue Hayes

Special thanks and "SHOUTOUTS" to those who helped with building reservation, registration, advertising, and assisting: Linda McKisson, Felicia Wynn, Tamalee Kramp, Ros Dupont, Linda Pittelli, Lori Bessenhoffer, Michele Long, and Sheila Saville. Your assistance provided dogs and handlers the opportunity to earn new titles and celebrate their successes!



**CONGRATULATIONS
CGC/TRICKS
SPRING 2025
Title Recipients:**



Katie Nilsen-Johnson and "WILLIE"
(CGC, Tricks-Novice, & Tricks-Intermediate)
Renee Williams and "TRUDY"
(CGC & Tricks -Novice)



Lindsay Visser and "BRUSCHI"
(Tricks-Novice)

Mona McMahon and "SULLEY"
(CGC and Tricks -Novice)



Erika McClammy and "TRIPP"
(Tricks -Intermediate)

Rebecca Salzman, Matt Leibowitz and "LEO"
(Tricks -Novice, Intermediate, & Advanced)



Jessica Cades, Chris Tennesen and "STELLA"
(CGC, Tricks-Novice and Intermediate)
John Peters and "FREYA"
(CGC and Tricks -Novice)



Justin Bass and "RADAR"
(CGC and Tricks -Novice)
Cricket Goodall and "RAY"
(CGC and Tricks -Novice)



Lynda Folwick and "PETRA"
(CGC)

Sarah Strobel and "ELLIE"
(Tricks -Novice and Intermediate)



Pat Parkent and "BUCK"
(CGC)

Cathy Burkett, Clyde Cheek and "TUCKER"
(Tricks -Novice and Intermediate)



Linda Miles and "SHEBA"
(CGC)

Barbara Novak and "PLAYER"
(CGC and Tricks-Novice)
(not pictured)

Thank you all! We truly enjoyed having you in our classes this spring!

*Fondly,
Judi Ruff, Tina Hayden, Debbie Meekens, Leanna Carpenter, Debby Brannan, Sue Hayes, and Aimee Pharr*



Educational

Canine Summer Safety Tips from AKC

Health Tips

We may know our canine companions better than anyone else, but it is important to remember most of us are not medical professionals. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. It is important to keep the following information in mind with the arrival of summer:

- Have your dog's vaccinations updated if necessary. Diseases such as rabies, distemper and parvo are ever-present dangers and necessary precautions should be taken.
- Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.
- Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.
- Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.
- Most lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.
- The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.
- No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.

General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.
- Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water.

- All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.
- Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.
- Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

Beach Tips

Taking your dog to the beach can be a great way to spend a beautiful summer day. However, as a responsible dog owner there are certain precautions you should take:

- Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.
- Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.
- Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions — dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea *lice*.
- If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.
- Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.
- Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water.
- Not all beaches permit dogs. Check local ordinances before you begin your excursion to the beach.

Does Your Doggy Paddle?

The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But dogs entering the water for the first time should be tested. Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim:

- Never throw your dog into the water.
- Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy — but always keep your dog within reach.
- Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.
- If your dog begins to doggy-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.
- Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly.
- Be careful of strong tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.
- Never leave your dog unattended! You should always be in a position to help him get out of the water.

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 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!

Alicia Moore added a home bred puppy February 17, 2025. There were 5 in the litter, and we kept one girl, whom we named Keely. She is by my homebred boy Connlaodh out of my young girl Eadan. Pictures are of Keely herself, Daddy Connlaodh and Mommy Eadan.



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 for inclusion in the next issue.

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