



THE DUMBBELL

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Happenings

December 2025

5-7: AKC Agility – Oriole Dog Training Club
Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building

5-7: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm,
Reisterstown, MD.

13-14: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility
Trial, Oriole Training Building
20: Agility Seminar with Tracy Riley, Oriole Training
Building, Halethorpe, MD.

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

Dec 27-28: NAFA Flyball Tournament –
Sallywags, Oriole Training Building

January 2026

3-4: USDAA Agility – *Mid-Atlantic MADness*,
Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

10-11: Agility seminar with Paula Goss, Oriole
Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

16-18: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater
Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

17: Canine CPR Training Class, Oriole
Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

17: Potential: Agility Workshop/Seminar,
Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

18: Annual Election and Awards Party

23-25: AKC Agility – Oriole Dog Training

Seminars Coming in 2025/26:

Tracy Riley ♦ 12/20/25

Paula Goss ♦ 1/10/26 - 1/11/26

Merritt Speagle ♦ 1/17/26

Christine Tschech ♦ 5/3/26 & 5/10/26

Christine Tschech ♦ 7/25/26 - 7/26/26

Cynthia Hornor ♦ TBD

Sheyla Gutierrez ♦ 9/12/26 - 9/13/2026

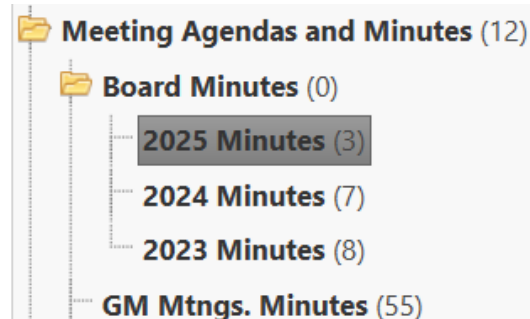
Annette Alfonso ♦ 10/10/26 - 10/11/2026



Announcements

Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only – login required).

Go to www.orioledogclub.org then select Club Members/Club Documents(Login Required)/Other Documents, where you will find these folders:



New Online Catalog Editor: Welcome Whitney Etchison who will be taking Felicia Wynn's place as the Online Catalog Editor. Felicia has enjoyed doing the online catalog for the past 10 years and it is time to hand it off to another. Thank you to Felicia and welcome to Whitney.

Contributing Member Position

Are you our next Agility Training Director?

We are seeking an experienced and passionate Agility Training Director to lead our team of instructors and to elevate ODTC's program.

If you have knowledge of agility and a passion for helping dog and handler teams succeed, we want to hear from you. The Agility Training Director will work closely with the newly created Assistant Training Director.

Please reach out to Rosalyn Dupont to learn more about the position president@orioledogclub.club

Join our team!



Your voice. Your vision.
OUR FUTURE!

Oriole Dog Training Club's
2026 Board of Directors Election

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

This is YOUR opportunity to suggest those members you feel will make a positive difference in the future direction of our club

Submit Your Nominations to the
Nominating Committee at
odtcnominatingcommittee@gmail.com
by **December 21, 2025**



Contributing Member Position (Lead Cleaning Committee): ODTC is looking to fill the Lead position on the Cleaning Committee. As the leader of the cleaning crew, you will be responsible for overseeing the supplies, including monitoring inventory levels, procuring necessary items, and ensuring timely delivery. The position entails monthly facility cleaning with a co-cleaner. In addition, the position involves effective communication with all team members to foster a cohesive working environment and ensure the facility is kept clean. It may also include organizing and participating in occasional special cleaning events as needed. Furthermore, attending ODTC Zoom meetings to provide updates and gather insights that help maintain a clean facility.

If you are interested in this position, please reach out to Ashley Donaldson at membershiipodtc@gmail.com

Congratulations

★ **Meredith Neubauer** - Havik (McElyea's McSchnauzers Midnight Waltz) earned his first FCAT title on November 2 with the Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club.

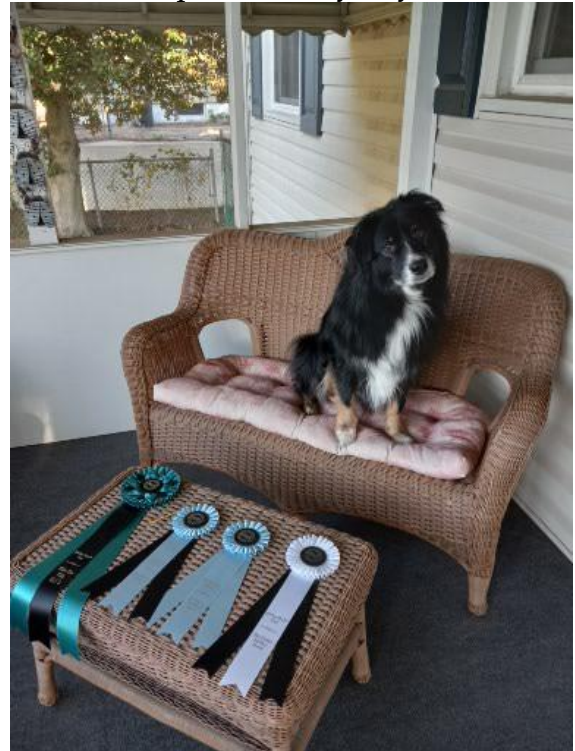


★ **Meredith Neubauer** - Onaga (Kamarich's naga) earned Best of Breed 2025 at the AKC Fast CAT Invitational in Dayton, Ohio on October 18. He has been named Best of Breed for both 2024 & 2025. He also earned his FCAT 10 while at the tournament.

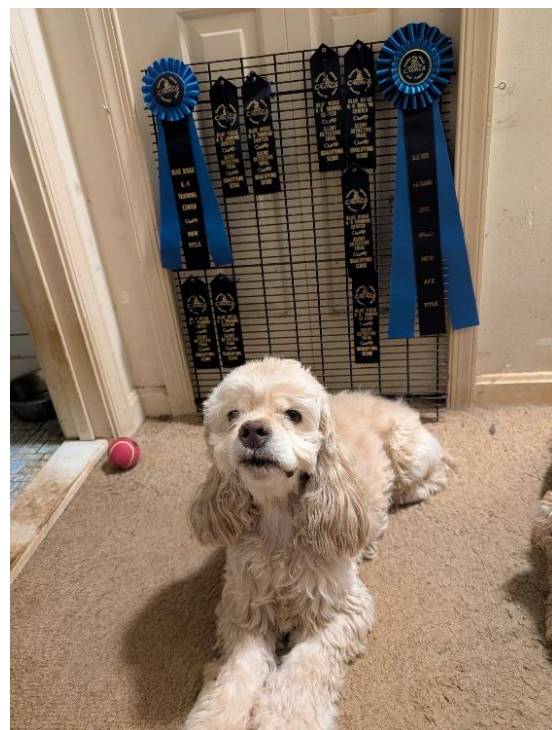


★ **Debbie Kaminski** - Just an update on some of Timber's recent accomplishments in K9 Nosework. At the Sniff Sniff Hooray Trial on October 19, he finished his ELT3 title and ranked 4th overall! Last weekend, at the Firezone GS

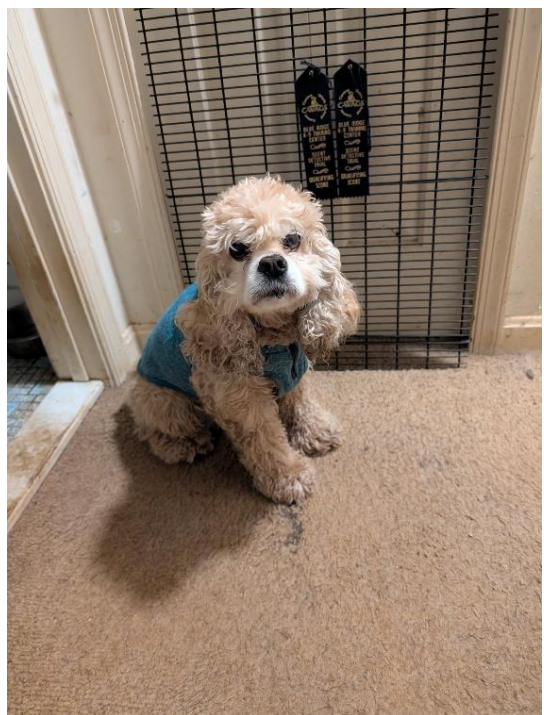
Trial, he earned another 80 points, placing in two of the four searches and ranking third overall!!! So proud of my boy.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain finished his Ranger 2 ACE and his Dasher 3 titles today at Blue Ridge K-9 Training Center's C-WAGS scent trial. He also got two more legs towards his Ranger 3 ACE and his Level 2 ACE.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Porsche got 2 more legs in Ranger 1 towards her Ranger 1 ACE in Blue Ridge K-9 Training Center's C-WAGS scent trial.



Volunteer Opportunities

Nov. 1-2 NADAC Agility Trial

Oct. 31 - Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday

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 also need help with teardown on Sunday, 11/2/25. Time to be determined.

Lorinda McKisson will be your point of contact when you arrive.

Sat., Nov. 8 - We need volunteers for the ORT on Saturday Nov 8.

Please contact Linda G. at lindobes@verizon.net to sign up, thanks. The ORT will be held at St John's Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Maryland.

Fri.-Sun., Dec. 5-7: AKC Agility

Fri. Dec. 5 Setup

Sun. Dec. 7 Teardown-time to be determined.

Contact: Linda Miles marfre@aol.com

News & Special Recognition

November Odor Recognition Test

By Linda Grskovich

Oriole Dog Training Club held an Odor Recognition Test at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweet Water in Phoenix Maryland on Saturday, Nov 8. This was our first time holding an ORT in a non- Oriole location. Thank you to St John's church for the use of their space. I think our prior skills in mastering ORTs at Oriole, use of knowledgeable team members and familiarity of the church from trials was a help in our ability to roll out the ORT at a new location. It was nice to know that we have such a strong team that we can pick up and go anywhere. Our Certifying Official was Donald Grkovich CNWI. The judge was Vinny Catalano CNWI from Coventry School Inc. The host was Dana Hoppes who represented both the church and ODTC. The trial secretary was Linda Grskovich CNWI. The rest of volunteer team were: Sue Cox, Kimberly Culp, Debra Dean, Helena Dahlen, Rosemary Hanes, Debra Kaminski and Linda Miles. Many thanks to them!!

Some of our attendees were new to dog sports. I got compliments on our kindness in providing direction and on our flow. We did 58 runs of either birch, anise or clove. The pass rates were as follows birch 69%, anise 58% and clove 81%.

The picture below is of the food donations collected to supplement the Amazing Grace lunch program and Good Trouble Church pantry and/or Thanksgiving Meal Kits. Folks were invited to help out during this tough time of food insecurity. The church also collected \$520 in funds for the pantry. It was a great day of dog fun and community support.

The next ORT is scheduled at Oriole on Sun April 12. Please consider volunteering and joining our great team.



Congratulations Reese Spindle and Havana on being selected to represent Team USA at the IFCS World Agility Championships in Valencia, Spain April 28 to May 3, 2026!



Treat Your Pup This Holiday Season



Applesauce and Oatmeal Cut-Out Cookies

This is the base recipe for perfect cut-out cookies. You can combine this neutral-colored recipe with the red and green cookie doughs below for dazzling cookie creations, or add natural food coloring to create any color cookies you like.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
 Cook Time: 20 minutes
 Total Time: 30 minutes
 Yield: 1 tray 1x

Ingredients

- 2 cups whole wheat flour (you can substitute with regular flour for a whiter dough)
- 2 cups rolled oat flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp melted coconut oil
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°.
 Combine all ingredients in food processor or stand mixer. Add flour as necessary until dough is no longer sticky and is ready to roll out.
 To create doughs of different colors, divide into separate bowls and add natural food coloring.
 Keep dough covered to prevent drying between batches. You can rehydrate dough with a little coconut oil as needed.
 Bake at 350° for 20 minutes and let cool before serving.
 Notes: This dough refrigerates up to 1 week, and freezes for 3 months.

Deep Turf Cleaning is Complete!

By Rosalyn Dupont

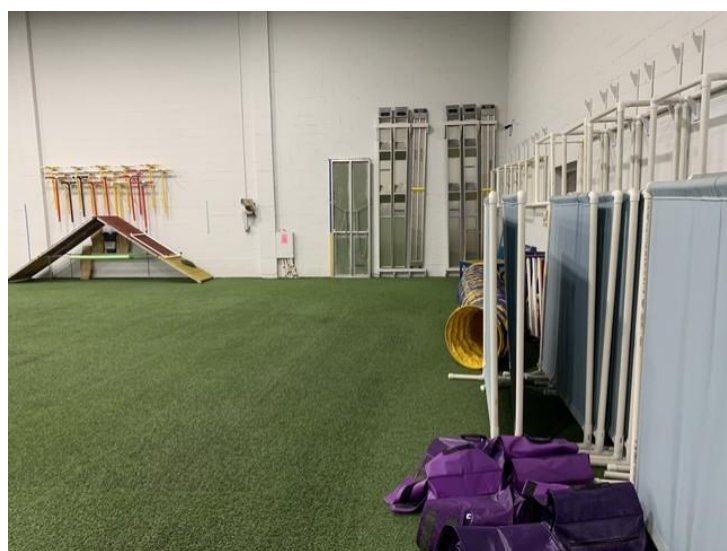
Capitol Sports Fields (CSF) owned and operated by Gabe Gammill came to our club for project “deep turf cleaning” from November 19 to 21. The job was a bit more than they expected, removing more than four bags of dog hair and fur.

They moved the equipment from side to side, ensuring the edges and corners we clear of debris, filling areas on the field where pitting was noticeable and affecting the dogs running. After cleaning and repairing the turf, the company sprayed disinfectants and applied microbials. These kill most germs, including bacteria, viruses, and fungi, on non-living surfaces.

Let's do our part to keep the turf maintained and clean. Be mindful of throwing treats, especially crumbly ones or treats that can get ground into the turf.

We would like to thank Capitol Sports Fields for their AMAZING work and professionalism throughout the process.

A HUGE thank you to Karen Keegin, Lorinda McKisson and Ashley Donaldson for being on-hand at the club to ensure things ran smoothly, to answer any questions, and making sure things were secure at the end of the day! Thank you, Karen Keegin, for taking the photos. We cannot operate without our volunteers!!!





AKC Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Title Recipients



Canine Good Citizen is a 10-skill test that teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners. CGC is open to all dogs—purebred and mixed breed. There are no age minimums or limits for dogs participating in the Canine Good Citizen program. Passing the CGC test will guide you toward responsible dog ownership and help prepare your dog for further training like AKC Trick Dog or AKC Therapy Dog. To learn more go to www.akc.org.



Karen Cizek and "LOKI"
CGC, Tricks Novice & Intermediate



Ty Rutherford and "Cedar"
CGC, Tricks Novice



Marie Bennett and "LILLY"
CGC, Tricks Novice & Intermediate



Amy Alsante and "STEALER"
CGC, Tricks Novice



Victoria Fietz and "VALKYRIE"
CGC



Lynda Folwick and "POCKET"
CGC



AKC Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Title Recipients



Erica Paulson and "PUMPKIN"
CGC and Tricks Novice



Jennifer Stevens and "VADER"
Tricks Novice



Alexandra Harrell and "KHEIRA"
CGC, Tricks Novice and Intermediate



Jennifer Hall and "Lizzie"
CGC

"Lizzie" is blind (and this was a tremendous accomplishment to pass the CGC)!!! She is "abled", not disabled! .

"I got her from Vindicated Pit-bull Rescue. Lizzie is 12 month old pocket pittie. She was pulled along with her brother from a Prince Georges County shelter. They reached out to me because they knew I did a lot of dog training. I wanted her set up for the best scenario for adoption. She's remarkable and fit in really well with my other dogs, Rayna and Phoenix. So when I got a new job that pays more I had to adopt her!"

AKC Family Dog Program

CGC is a core part of the AKC Family Dog Program, and includes the 4 levels of the Canine Good Citizen program: AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine, and AKC Urban CGC. AKC Family Dog also includes other fun activities like AKC Therapy Dog, AKC Trick Dog, AKC FIT DOG, AKC Fetch and the AKC Temperament Test.

Oriole Dog Training Club offers some of these test and trials. Check our webpage often for updates to these fun events.

New Puppies or New to You

If you have a new puppy submit pictures so that others may enjoy some puppy cuteness!



Betty Gardner welcomes Raven! She is a 7 year old SFT. She has been a kennel dog for all of that time.



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.



Raimi Quiton - Our sympathy to Raimi Quiton on the passing of her precious girl Chica. 2/3/2011-11/12/25. She lived her 14 years and 9 months fully. Run free you will be missed.





Oriole Dog Training Club's Pet Food Drive

to benefit the
**Baltimore Humane
Society's
Pet Food Bank**

Three ways to donate:

- Order food through their wish list links:
Access their Chewy or Amazon wish lists
here:

[Chewy](#)

[Amazon](#)

- *Bring donations to ODTC
- *Make a monetary donation to the
Oriole Pet Food Drive Donation Box

**There will be designated areas at the club to leave
donations and a lockbox for monetary donations.*

Collection Dates:
December 5-12, 2025

**Let's make a major impact and fill
their coffers to the brim!**



AGILITY SEMINARS & Workshops Seminar Feedback from Dudley Shumate seminars:

“I thought it was a very good seminar. Dudley provided tailored feedback and I liked her general information on having reward hierarchy and how to use it.”

“I was fortunate enough to participate in Dudley’s Young Dog seminar with my 1 year old. In my opinion, Dudley is a fabulous presenter. She doesn’t try to change the handlers technique but offers recommendations to improve it. She is able to adjust her courses to the level of the dog and handler making it challenging but still allowing for a rewarding and educational experience. She is also exceptional at problem solving.”

“I have taken her seminar before and look forward to her returning.”

“This was my first time working with Dudley and I would attend a seminar with her again.”

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and wish you and your pups much joy and happiness this Holiday Season!

From you 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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