



THE DUMBBELL

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Happenings

April 2026

- 4: [AKC Rally](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
 5: *The building is available.* (Easter weekend)
 11: [Agility Runthrough](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Test. Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.)
 12: [NACSW Odor Recognition Test](#) (*setup begins at 6pm/4.11*) – Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Test. Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.)
 18-19: [USDAA Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
 25-26: [NAFA Flyball Tournament](#) – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

May 2026

- 1-3: [BHA Barn Hunt Trial](#) – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD
 2: [Obedience Show N Go](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
 3: [Agility Seminar with Lori Napoli](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD
 9: [CGC and Trick Testing \(Nov-Int-Adv\) Event](#), Oriole Dog Training Club, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
 10: [Agility Seminar with Christine Tschech](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD
 15: NACSW NW3/NW1/L1I Trials – Phoenix, MD.
 16-17: [USDAA Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
 22-24: [AKC Rally and Obedience](#) – Oriole Dog

Seminars/Clinics Coming in 2026:

Agility

Current Seminar:

Lori Napoli ♦ 5/3/26

2026 Seminars

- Christine Tschech ♦ 5/10/26
 Cynthia Hornor ♦ 7/25/26 - 7/26/26
 Bridget Thomas ♦ 8/29/26 - 8/30/26
 Sheyla Gutierrez ♦ 9/12/26 - 9/13/2026
 Annette Alfonso ♦ 10/10/26 - 10/11/2026
 Dudley Shumate ♦ 11/7/26 - 11/8/2026
 To Be Announced ♦ 11/14/2026 - 11/15/2026

Nose work/Scent Seminars

- Nose Work ORT – April 12
 Nose Work ORT – Nov. 22
 Jacy Kelley (Nose Work) – Nov. 28 & 29

Seminar Obedience Seminars

- Lara Avery ♦ 5/30/26 - 5/31/26
 Marion Crane ♦ 9/26/26 - 9/27/26

HEALTH CLINICS

- Canine CPR - 10/11/26
 Canine Eye Clinic - 10/17/26

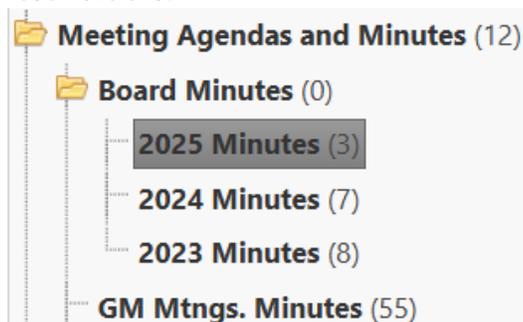




Announcements

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:



Upcoming Meetings:

Quarterly General Membership Meetings (7:30pm):

- Sunday, April 19, 2026
- Sunday, July 19, 2026
- Sunday, October, 18, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting (7:30pm):

- Sunday, May 17, 2026
- Sunday, August 16, 2026
- Sunday, September 20, 2026
- Sunday, December, 20, 2026

Note: Oriole members may attend board meetings (although they may be asked to leave temporarily during Executive Session). If you are interested in attending please contact a board member for information and/or check for Zoom meeting information sent via the Oriole club mailing list.

* Meetings are subject to change

Welcome New Members:

Please welcome new members Diane Hardy & Paul Bunting.

Turf Use Notice: The use of the turf for Nosework practice is prohibited beyond March 27th. This action will eliminate the possibility of contamination and confusion for the dogs taking the NACSW ORT (odor recognition test) on Sunday, April 12th. For any inquiries pertaining to the possible use of the building in other areas for Nosework practice, please contact Sue Cox at suecoxmsw@aol.com

Note: Entries Close for the NACSW ORT Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time or when entry limits have been met (100).

To sign up to volunteer or for other information about the tests contact: Test Secretary: Linda Grskovich lindobes@verizon.net

Premium: <https://orioledogclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/ort-premium-april12-2026-2.pdf>

Congratulations

★ **Deb Knowles -**

Maple has a brag!
Turns out that she is the 4th ranked Collie in the Delaney** ratings for 2025 in AKC obedience. That's pretty good for a Worried Little Collie (tm) with an extremely nervous handler!!



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★ **Linda Miles** – NW 1 for Arya 3/1/26.
NW 2 on 3/1/26 too!



★ **Felicia Wynn** - It was a beautiful day to trial in UKI and my lucky charm Brave earned his Beginner International Dog (BID) title with a first place in UKI agility (standard). The pickle he won in the raffle was a big hit too. On to UKI Novice!



★ **Sue Cox** - Ani - L1I!



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain finished his Buried Master title (SBM) today (4/8/2026) at Talbot Kennel Club's AKC Scent Trial. He looks so proud!



★ **Felicia Wynn** - I thought Kody's titling days were over when he retired almost 2 years ago, but today he earned his Road Rage level 1 and Happy Ratters Expert titles! It was fun running my boy again.



★ **Louise Griffin** - Marshall, aka GCHP Trio Hopes Legendary Lawman, CD, RE, TKN, won Alamo Brittany Club specialities 1 & 2, four Group 1's and 3 Reserve Best in Shows all in one weekend! Marshall is owned by Louise & Jim Griffin & Karen & Clint Livingston.



★ **Deborah Dean** - Iselin earns her L3C. This completes all NACSW L3 titles! Iselin placed 3rd overall. Iselin also rocked out at the Street, MD Elite P trial on Friday- First place in the Feelin' Groovy search! Small Blue Thing made it to the top ten and earned an extra 10 points for a total of 94 points.



★ **Sherry Ralls** - mini-poodle, Teddy, earned his DCAT at Oriole's FastCAT trial.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sat., April 4 – AKC Rally to volunteer, please contact Debbie Kaminski dekamin@aol.com

Sun., April 12 – ORT - Looking for volunteers for the ORT. We start at 730 am and typically are out of the building by 3p or earlier. No training needed, great experience. Please contact me Linda Grskovich lindobes@verizon.net

Fri. April 17 USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial Setup – contact Janet Gauntt jgauntt@aol.com

Sat. & Sun., April 18-19 USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial – contact Janet Gauntt jgauntt@aol.com

Sat. & Sun., April 25-26: NAFA Flyball Tournament – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD – contact Carle Lee cdetweiler1@yahoo.com

Fri.-Sun., May 1-3: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD. Contact: Katie Johnson, chsdrاما2010@gmail.com

Fri. & Sat., May 15 & 16: NACSW NW3/NW1/L1I Trials – Phoenix, MD. Contact: Sue Hayes shayes7396@outlook.com

Fri. May 15 USDAA Agility Setup – contact:
Sat. & Sun. 16-17: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. Contact: Janet Gauntt jgauntt@aol.com

Fri. – Sun., May 22-24: AKC Rally and Obedience – Oriole Dog. Contact: Debbie Kaminski dekamin@aol.com



News & Special Recognition

From Sunshine to Snow: Fast CAT Dogs Race Through Maryland's Mood Swings

By: Meredith Neubauer, Catch Pen Extraordinaire

Anyone who has ever lived in or experienced Maryland weather, knows it can be categorized as “temperamental” at best. And for many of us, March kicks off the beginning of sports season, as we look to put the long cold winter behind us. Maybe our dogs don’t mind the cold, but many of us humans do! So when on March 11, 2026, the region experienced record-high temperatures, the volunteers of the Oriole Dog Training Club rejoiced. And then the next day...it snowed.

Enter the first day of the Fast Coursing Ability Testing (CAT) competition at Hog Dog Productions, in Millersville, MD. The volunteers, many of them

new, were met with the unpleasant surprise of snow and ice on the track. At the first huddle up session, the Trial Secretary, Kelley Welch, announced all the volunteers must practice their “calisthenics” in order to help the sun melt the ice, so the competition could be on.

Amid minimal grumbling, all the volunteers got to work. Tables, ribbons, papers, and tents were assembled, snow was removed via boot or rake. The competition had to start a little late, but a group of volunteers got together to make sure it could happen...with some sugary munchkin motivation, of course.



The competition was a bit delayed, but when the sun came out, the dogs were ready to rock and roll. Friday brought out the seasoned professionals of Oriole Dog Fast CAT, from Schnauzer siblings Onaga and Olive, to Ozzy, Rockey, Jaime, Bella, Deao, Louie, Callie, and Dutch. Babies Havik and Sammy now have an official year of racing under their belts too. Once the competition kicked off, favorite competitors came out to cheer on their dogs, including: Barbie, Eli, S'more, Renegade Riley, Naughty Nitro, Prince, Hondo, and Blue.

But the highlight of Friday were all the new competitors! Stand out was the European Rottweiler named Matteo, who wasn't too sure what his parents brought him to at first. But not to worry or one to disappoint his humans, by Saturday, he understood (and loved) the assignment!



Matteo's father, Hector, explained why he brought Matteo to the competition, "Dog shows are great, but the more I spend time with Mateo, playing with him, running with him, watching him sprint, hiding toys that he finds by sniffing (find the toy game), and just seeing his zest for activity, the more I thought, 'I need to find an activity where he can display his physical and mental attributes.' I went on the AKC website and started looking at dog sports and events, and I stumbled on Fast Cat. I looked for events near me (Silver Spring, MD) and this past weekend's event popped up and we signed up! And I'm so glad we did!"

Saturday saw the return of some local favorites to Fast CAT, the Swedish Vallund Breda, the Great Dane Harley (#1 GD in 2025), the All American favorite Hondo, Border Collie's Ari and Ziva, the Peruvian Inca Orchid Kaya (#2 Inca in 2025), and the All Americans, Molly and Gus. All celebrities in the eyes of the Fast CAT volunteers. Saturday also brought out relative newcomer, but addict, Buggy the Miniature Bull Terrier, who quickly won the hearts of all on premise. Buggy earned her DCAT and won cutest Miniature Bull Terrier in the (not real) costume contest!



Clare had this to say about the event (and the too-cute Buggy):

I just want to say that was the best run, friendliest, Fast CAT at the nicest facility we have ever run. We haven't been doing it forever, but I've got 3 dogs that all have titles on them, and we've done runs in MD, PA, VA, OH, MI, TN. Your event was hands down the best. Your check-in staff was super friendly and helpful, your staff at the catching pen were great. I have a notoriously hard to catch MiniBull Terrier, and I got nothing but laughs and help from your volunteers, rather than eyerolls, attitude and threats of NQ. It was also awesome to have actual escape-proof permanent fencing, made me feel less nervous about the run and catch. The visible timer was great,

and the speed and efficiency of getting our times and q and title ribbons was top notch. good job. we will be back in the fall!

Barbie, the American Foxhound, scored a new personal best (PB) on Saturday. Her Mom, Sherri, had a theory on why it transpired. "We had a marvelous time. The events were so well run and everyone was super friendly! It was fun to watch some speedy dogs run. Barbie thanks you for the most excellent treats... they might be the reason for her personal best time on Saturday!"



By the third day of the trial, all the "new" volunteers are now old hats – seasoned professionals. The volunteers were tired, cold, but ready to make the experience the best for any human and dog who entered the competition. Really, everyone was just thankful there was no more snow or ice! The check-in table was decorated with St. Patrick's Day décor, and doggie treats for the most important in the game – all those good doggos who came to play.





Saturday and Sunday brought forward some personal bests at Hog Dog amongst the group. Onaga (#1 SS since 2024), ran the track in an astounding 7.48 (27.34 mph) and 7.49 (27.30mph) seconds. Not to be outdone by his big brother, little Havik broke 8 seconds on the Hog Dog track for the first time with 7.98 (25.63mph), and 7.92 (25.82mph) seconds. Both Schnauzer boys will debut at the top of the leaderboard as #1 and #2 Standard Schnauzers for 2026.



Fast CAT weekend also brought about fan favorite, Prince a.k.a. Fabio (as dubbed by the catch pen). Prince is a beautiful Afghan Hound who just wants to be seen in his court amongst his people. Prince received the nickname Fabio for his predilection to pose for the camera, and his subjects...even while on the course. Prince needs a only a few more points until he earns his FCAT Title, but he will enjoy every moment interacting with his lowly subjects until then.



Overall, the volunteers were praised for putting on one of the best Fast CAT events in town, from regulars to the newbies. It was a focus of the volunteers to provide the most customer-oriented and positive experience, and boy did we deliver! From the check-in table (with treats!) to assisting with releasing dogs, to provide instructions from the catch pen, the Oriole Dog volunteers treated every competitor with the upmost respect, encouragement, and snuggles (for the dogs only).

The phenomenal volunteers at the event were Maddie Barnes, Todd Davis, Carle Lee Detweiler, Mary Anne Dresler, Jumahl and Lynda Folwick, Kathleen Gregorieff, Alaina Grubb, Judith Hoffman, Michelle Klales, Lauralee McGuire, Debbie Meekins, Bridget Mobley, Meredith Neubauer, Shari Ralls, Susan Rosenvold, Jen Spratt, Denise Tootle, and Kelley Welch.

Photographs were professionally captured by [Barking Mad Pet Pics](#) and are available online or by [contacting the owners](#). We are grateful to Barking Mad for generously donating most of the photographs used in this article.

Finally, new competitor Heidi demonstrated how dogs, their humans, and volunteers alike felt at the end of the trial weekend. Her owner, Amy W., said

this to express her gratitude for the sport and the event:

"Heidi, our yellow lab, had a wonderful time as a first-time FastCAT fun run racer last Saturday. We were so excited to give her the opportunity to stretch her legs and challenge both her body and mind on the course. She did an awesome job with a run of 7.45 seconds—not bad for a first-timer! She was so energized by the anticipation of her run and moved at lightning speed."



We all took a nap when we got home, Heidi, it's okay. There's no shame in working hard, napping hard.

The dedicated Oriole Dog volunteers will see everyone again in September for another Fast CAT trial!

Volunteer Spotlight!

We want to send a special shout-out to **Kelley Welch** and **Meredith Neubauer** for their incredible work with our Fast CAT program.

Running a successful event is more than just what happens in the field; it's about building a community. Kelley and Meredith have gone above and beyond by:

- **Engaging the Community:** Their active presence on social media has kept both our members and the public informed and excited.
- **Welcoming Newcomers:** They have served as the friendly face of the sport, patiently answering questions and making beginners feel right at home.
- **Representing the Club:** Their dedication ensures that everyone, from seasoned competitors to first-time spectators, has a positive experience.

We are so lucky to have such passionate volunteers leading the way. Please join me in thanking Kelley and Meredith for their tireless efforts and for being such fantastic ambassadors for the club!

CGC/TRICKS Title Recipients WINTER 2026 CLASSES

(Judi Ruff, Tina Hayden, Debby Brannan, Aimee Pharr, Sue Hayes)



Megan Tschudy and "OSITO"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Chris Schroeder and "LILIBET"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Tom Dixon and "STANLEY"
CGC and Tricks-Novice



Lucy Hebner and "MONI"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Steve Case, Amanda Dinsmore, and "NERF"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Pamela Reiter and "BOOMER"
CGC and Tricks-Novice



Mary Rose O'Brien and "BOSS MAN"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Madeleine Taylor-Neidhardt and "YOSSARIAN"
CGC and Tricks-Novice



Elena Heys and "PEPPER"
CGC, Tricks-Novice,
Tricks-Intermediate



Pepper says: "thanks mom! Look what I did! And, ...I think I like this training thing after all!!!!"



New Puppies or New to You

If you have a new puppy (or new to you dog) submit pictures so that others may enjoy!

Congratulations to Louise Griffin on "Mercy" joining the family – Mercy is sired by our Marshall (GCHP BISx11, BISSx21). She is officially named Trios Mercy Me The Legend Continues.



between the shoulder and neck. Though cancerous there were clean margins so we were hopeful. Then another one showed up rapidly the size of my fist on the right shoulder side with a smaller one on the left shoulder this week. We decided to just keep him comfortable because he was being his usual self until this weekend. He died on the 16th, my husband George's birthday. I lost my last Westie 2 years ago and now Tyr, so for the first time we are without any terriers which we had for 30 years. It was a very sad day. We will miss Tyr greatly. I truly thank Molly Wilder for letting us have him. He was a fun and happy dog doing agility, obedience, earth dog and his favorite nosework.



Our sympathy to Janet Gauntt on the loss of Sequel (Dec 17, 2007 - March 18, 2026).



Janet posted – my best boy ever. He never failed to give me his best as an all-around

companion and did everything I ever asked him to do in the many sports we titled in at the highest levels (agility, rally, and barnhunt) or just plain did well and had fun at (flyball, disc, and herding). He lived to experience 18 travels around the sun, but it is never long enough and I will miss him.

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.



Our sympathy to Sheila Mehring and George on the passing of Tyr (Whetstone's North Star of Ravenswolf 11/12/12-3/16/26). Sheila posted that Tyr had a Tumor removed early December



I hope you enjoyed this edition of the Dumbbell

From your 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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