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THE DUMBBELL

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ORIOLE DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Happenings

July 2026

- 4: Flyball Green Dog Training Event, Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 5: Nosework Seminar with Mary Ellen Grady, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 11-12: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 17-19: Hyattsville AKC Agility Trial – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 25-26: Agility Seminar with Cynthia Hornor, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD
- 27: Agility Seminar with Dudley Shumate, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

August 2026

- 1-2: NAFA Flyball Tournament – Scallywags, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 8: Obedience Show N Go – Oriole Training Building
- 9: CDSP Obedience Trial– Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 15-16: CPE Agility Trial – Artful Dodgers CPE Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building
- 21-23: AKC Rally and Obedience – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.
- 29-30: Agility Seminar with Christine Tschech, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

Seminars/Clinics Coming in 2026:

Future Agility Seminars:

- Cynthia Hornor ♦ 7/25/26 – 7/26/26
- Dudley Shumate ♦ 7/27/26
- Christine Tschech ♦ 8/29/26 – 8/30/2026
- Sheyla Gutierrez ♦ 9/12/26 – 9/13/2026
- Annette Alfonso ♦ 10/10/26 – 10/11/2026
- Dudley Shumate ♦ 11/7/26 – 11/8/2026
- Judy Kolva ♦ 11/14/26
- Nancy Schilling ♦ 11/15/26

Nose work/Scent Seminars

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

Seminar Obedience Seminars

- Marion Crane ♦ 9/26/26 - 9/27/26

HEALTH CLINICS

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

Oriole Dog Training Club
SUMMER SCHEDULE
 Agility Run-Throughs | 7:30-9:30pm
 Thursdays with Bethany Pontier and Chelsy Thompson

[EL AG510A]
 Agility Run-Throughs
 July 2
 July 9
 July 16

[EL AG510B]
 Agility Run-Throughs
 August 6
 August 13
 August 20

Celebrating America's 250th

As our nation celebrates its 250th birthday, this issue features the first in a series highlighting the remarkable relationship between dogs and the people who have served America throughout its history. We hope you enjoy this special addition while catching up on all the accomplishments and activities of our Oriole family.



Military Working Dogs: Unsung Heroes of America's 250 Years of Service

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, the contributions of military working dogs — and the Marylanders who serve alongside them — are part of the nation's rich history. These canines have stood beside U.S. troops since the Revolutionary War, guarding munitions, delivering messages, and saving lives in combat zones.

A Legacy of Service

According to retired Army Sgt. Michael Fletcher, military working dog Dasty served with him in Afghanistan detecting explosives and later supported Secret Service missions involving Presidents Biden and Trump. Their story was published by Fox News on Canine Veterans Day, March 13, 2026.

The Dasty Story

Dasty's journey began in 2018 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he underwent 60 days of explosive detection training. Deployed to Forward Operating Base Dahlke in Afghanistan's Logar Province, Dasty became a trusted partner to his handler, providing both tactical support and emotional comfort to fellow soldiers. His ability to detect IEDs and weapons under heavy fire exemplified the bravery and loyalty of military working dogs. After returning stateside, Dasty continued to serve in high-profile missions, even working alongside Presidents Biden and Trump.

Historical Context

By World War II, the U.S. Army's K-9 Corps had about 1,600 working dogs, marking a formal recognition of their role in defense patriotfetch.com⁺¹. From the Revolutionary War to modern operations, these dogs have adapted to changing warfare needs, from battlefield messengers to advanced detection units.

Did You Know?

- March 13 is celebrated as National K-9 Veterans Day.
- Approximately 1,600 military working dogs currently serve alongside U.S. forces worldwide.
- During the Vietnam War, military dogs are credited with saving thousands of American lives.

🐾 Thank you to all Military Working Dogs, past and present, for your service to our country.

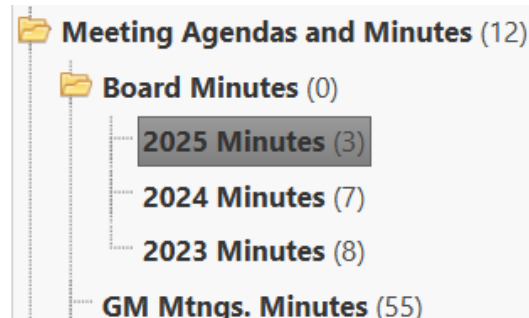




Announcements

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

Board of Directors Meeting (7:30pm):

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

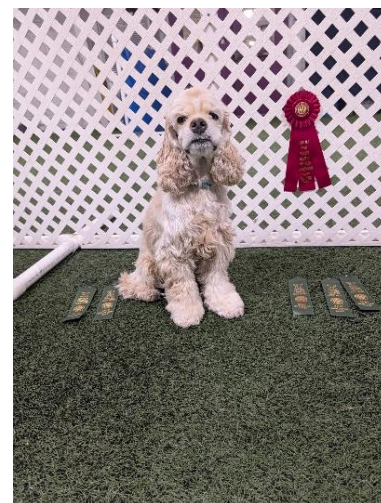
*Note: Oriole members may attend board meetings (although they may be asked to leave temporarily during Executive Session). If you are interested in attending, please contact a board member for information and/or check for Zoom meeting information sent via the Oriole club mailing list. * Meetings are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

Congratulations

★ **Sheila Saville** – Pearl earned her first agility title in Teacup Agility. She earned her TBAD which is Standard Beginner.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain was entered in the Mid NJ Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Association's rally trials (6/1/2026) and got 2nd in Advanced in the second trial. I learned that we shouldn't enter 3 days of double rally trials. I was so brain dead that I went right past a sign and NQ'd, so my best boy only got 1 more triple Q. Rain is such a good boy but 3 days is just too much for our team.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain was entered in the American Britney Club's Rally trials (5/30/2026). He finished his Rally Master 4 (RM4) and Rally Advanced Excellent 4 (RAE4) titles and got 2 more triple Q's



★ **Dana Hoppes** - Thanks to Chesapeake Search Dogs for holding an NW3 trial today at Oldfields School in Sparks, MD! I was so looking forward to this trial's lineup of Jacqui Reardon (Host), Jen Johnson (CO), and Judges Mary Ellen Grady and Sandy Banthem.

Jetson only needed a leg, meaning we could have one error over six searches, in this trial and still complete his NW3 Elite. But he said, 'hold my beer.'

He had a perfect day over six searches, finding 10/10 hides, navigating a blank search, and placing first overall time-wise out of 35 dogs.

A combined total of 16 minutes was allotted over six searches; Jetson finished error-free in 5:39.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain was entered in DOTC'S end of year rally match. He got 1st place in Master rally, the highest level rally class. He won the Golden's Rally trophy.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain was entered in DOTC's end of year match. He got 1st place in Preferred Open, the highest level obedience class in the match. He won the Whitehouse Walker trophy.



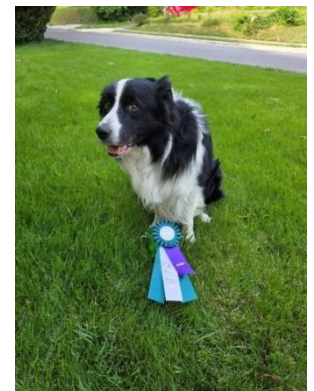
★ **Tiu Mayer** - Spencer aka Whippety-slick made a lot of friends this weekend at the UKI trial in Middletown NY. Judge Tatjana Salcedo had very fun courses and trial sec Paul Mount sponsored an informal games tourney. I was shocked to learn we won!!!!



★ **Judy Whitbred** - My baby Flashback Days (Daze) of Impressive Twilight was second in A1 Overall and it was his second podium ever at age three at the ISC Flamingo Cup trial at Walnut Hill. Super fun courses!!



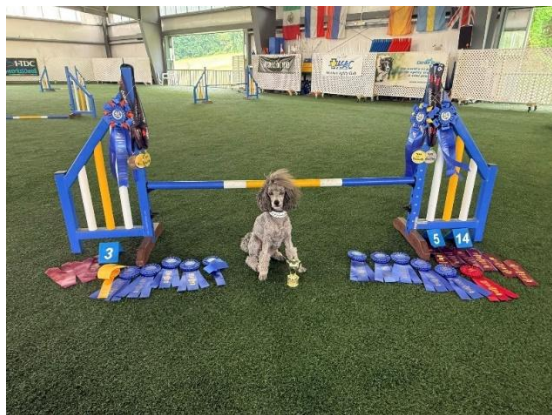
★ **Lorinda McKisson** - At the Artful Dodger NADAC agility trial, Hennessy earned three Q's (Novice Chances, Elite Gamblers and Novice Jumpers) and his Novice Jumpers title. JUMPERS!!!



★ **Reese Spindle** - Havana
 Came to Play at the USDAA
 Mid-Atlantic Regional
 Championship this weekend!!

PODIUMS IN ALL 5
 TOURNAMENTS

- Biathlon Overall:
DOUBLE CLEAN
- Strategic Games Overall
- 3-Dog Team Overall
- Steeplechase Finals
- Grand Prix Final

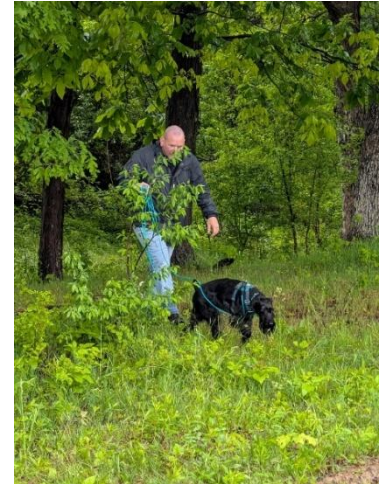


★ **Louise Griffin** - Marshall, GCHP Trio Hopes
 Legendary Lawman, CD, RE, TKN won his 12th Best
 in Show! Marshall is currently the #1 Brittany Breed
 & All Breed. His daughter, Mercy, finished her
 championship at 6 mos, 3 weeks old. Pending
 confirmation, she is CH Trios Mercy Me The Legend
 Continues. Both father & daughter are owned by
 Louise & Jim Griffin & Karen & Clint Livingston.



★ **Meredith**

Neubauer- The
 Schnauzer Boys, Onaga
 and Havik, earned
 their North American
 Sports Dog Association
 (NASDA) Trail and
 Locate, Level I
 Excellent titles on June
 20 and June 21. In
 addition, Onaga
 earned his Trail and
 Locate Level II title on June 21.



★ **Kelley Welch** - Hannie had her Fast CAT debut
 on 6/28. Pictured with Vanoy & Kelley Welch -
 Hannie, a Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, is off to a fast
 start.



★ **Carle Lee Detweiler** and her dog Dutch glowing
 after earning FM - 5K in Alaska!



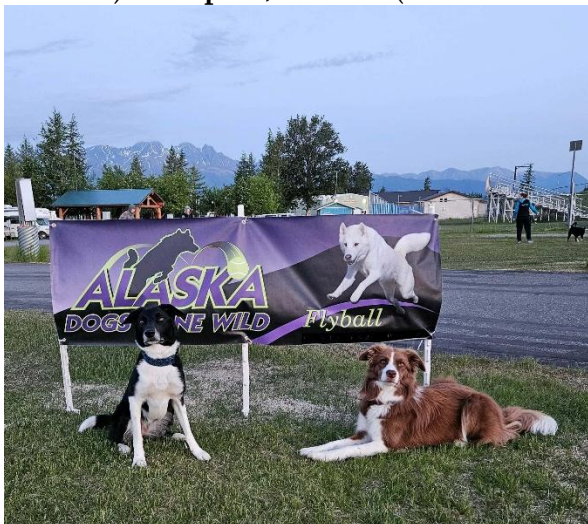
★ Kelley Welch – Yogi, FMX-10K in Alaska!



ORIOLE DOG TRAINING AKC FETCH TRIAL June 20, 2026 *A Good Time was had and Titles were achieved!!!*

By: Debby Brannan

★ Tina Hayden - Rhyme, FMX-10K (owners: Russ & Kate Bobb) and Spark, FM-80K (owner: Kate Bobb)



A Few of our Participants & Crew

★ Linda Hulbert - Rain finished his Novice Champion (NNCH) in UKC Nosework title at OTCH'S UKC Nosework trials.



**A Few of Our Participants with Titles, Q's, and NQ prizes!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**



Sue Ericson, ALFIE and TEDDY...both pups achieved their FETCH-Novice Titles!



Jerniece Ballard and NOM NOM had a great time and will be back to try again! Nom Nom was a very good dog and gained many fans!



Leanne Rohrbaugh and SHADOW achieved their FETCH-Novice Title!



Sharon Martinez and PHOENIX achieved their FETCH-Novice Title!



**Pat Parkent and BUCK
Achieved their FETCH-Intermediate
Title!**



**Pat Parkent and MAGGIE MAE Achieved
their FETCH-Intermediate Title!**



**Debbie Meekins and CODY
Achieved their FETCH-Novice Title!**



**Andra Shanley and WINSTON
Achieved their FETCH-Novice Title!**



Winston Shanley sharing his spotlight moment with his two judges...Winston says "all of us dogs liked THIS trial! We ROCKED IT!!!"



Sara Fox Chapman says "this is a good time!!!"

List of FETCH Title Recipients:

Pat Parkent & BUCK - FETCH Intermediate
Pat Parkent & MAGGIE MAE - FETCH Intermediate
Andra Shanley and WINSTON - FETCH Novice
Sue Ericson and ALFIE - FETCH Novice
Sue Ericson and TEDDY - FETCH Novice
Sharon Martinez and PHOENIX - FETCH Novice
Debbie Meekins and CODY - FETCH Novice
Leanne Rohrbaugh and SHADOW - FETCH-Novice

Thank you to ALL of our Participants and Volunteers!!!

We look forward to 2027...!!!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

July 2026

Fri. July 10 – USDAA Agility Setup help.

Sat./Sun. July 11-12: USDAA Agility – Trial Help.

Sun. July 12 – USDAA Trial Tear-down.

Contact: Janet Gauntt JLGauntt@aol.com

August 2026

Sat./Sun. Aug. 1-2: NAFA Flyball

Tournament – Scallywags, Oriole Training Building. Contact: Kate Bobb kathrynbobb@msn.com

Sat. Aug. 8: Obedience Show N Go – Oriole Training Building. Contact: Tamalee Kramp odtcobedience@gmail.com

Sun. 9 Aug. 9: CDSP Obedience Trial– Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building. Contact: Deb Jackson at dobegirl@comcast.net.

Fri. Aug. 14 CPE Trial Setup. Contact: Nancy Morris, meurig@qis.net

Sat./Sun. Aug. 15-16: CPE Agility Trial – Artful Dodgers CPE Agility Trial, Oriole Training Contact: Nancy Morris, meurig@qis.net

Sun. Aug. 16 CPE Trial Tear-down. Contact: Nancy Morris, meurig@qis.net

Fri.-Sun. Aug. 21-23: AKC Rally and Obedience – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trial. Contact: Carle Lee Detweiler cldetweiler1@yahoo.com

News & Special Recognition

A Cleaner, Brighter Ring: Turf Cleaning Day Success!

By: Rosalyn Dupont



A huge THANK YOU to the dedicated team of volunteers who spent their Sunday morning on June 21st cleaning and refreshing our facility's turf. Thanks to your hard work, our training rings look pristine, fresh, and ready for action!

We truly appreciate everyone who gave up their time to roll up their sleeves and help maintain the high-quality training environment we all enjoy.

Special shout-out and appreciation to the crew in attendance:

- Rosalyn Dupont
- Judith Eargle
- Bret Hassel
- Terry Herman
- Karen Keegin
- Sharon Martinez
- Richard Matthews
- Lorinda McKisson
- Robert Reinhardt

Our club thrives because of members like you.





AKC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY UPDATES

FROM AKC COMPANION EVENTS 6-8-26

Obedience: The AKC Board VOTED to approve a request of the Delegate Companion Events Committee to amend the *Obedience Regulations*, removing the words “must run” from the current statement(s) and replacing them with “Fast,” meaning that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. Effective immediately.

Obedience: The Norfolk Terrier has been added to the list of breeds in Appendix B approved to jump three-quarter jump heights. Effective immediately.

Rally Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 15. Collars. Special training collars and or harnesses are not allowed on the show grounds or in the ring, e.g., prong collars, electronic collars, head halters, and harnesses. In the rally ring, all dogs must wear a properly fitted collar approved by the judge. If necessary, the judge should physically inspect the collar. **Nothing may be hanging from the dog’s collar.** (This last sentence was inadvertently omitted in the newest printing.)

Canine Eye Clinic – CAER (OFA)/”CERF” EXAMS



Oriole Dog Training Club, Sat., Oct. 17, 2026

9:30 – 3:00pm, Blue Room

- ◆ Exams performed by Nancy Bromberg, VMD, MS, DACVO.
- ◆ Fee: \$75/dog for members//\$85 for non-members
- ◆ Registration opens August 17, 2026

For details click here: [Canine Health Screening Clinic Information Page | Oriole Dog Training Club](#)

Canine CPR and First Aid Training

Oriole Dog Training Club

Sunday, October 11, 2026

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Blue Room



For more information: [Canine CPR and First Aid Training | Oriole Dog Training Club](#)

Human CPR/AED and First Aid Training



Free for ODTC Members (Bring a non-member for \$85)

Saturday, November 7, 2026 9 am – 1 pm

Oriole Dog Training Club, Blue Room

The course will teach:

- Adult CPR and AED use
- First aid basics
- Injury emergencies
- Environmental emergencies
- Preventing illness and injury

Opens: August 24, 2026

Closing Date: October 30, 2026

Link to register: [Human CPR/AED & First Aid Training](#)



Chasing the Midnight Sun:

Oriole Flyball Teams Head to Alaska

By: Kelley Welch and Tina Hayden

Palmer, Alaska – What inspires 13 people and 15 dogs to travel more than **8,600 miles round trip** for a Flyball tournament? For members of Oriole Dog Training Club's (ODTC) Flyball teams, **Scallywags (SW)** and **No Speed Limit (NSL)**, it was the chance to check off a bucket-list adventure and live a dream years in the making.

After years of talking about attending the Alaska Dog's Gone Wild (ADGW) Summer Solstice Flyball Tournament, 2026 was finally the year it became a reality.

Held June 17–21 at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer, Alaska, the four-day outdoor tournament

attracted a record 17 teams from 11 states and Canadian provinces. While the spectacular mountain scenery made this tournament unlike any other, the competition was equally memorable.

Scallywags had an outstanding weekend, earning first place in their division all four days while celebrating three major title milestones:

Yogi, FMX-10K (owner: Tina Hayden)

Rhyme, FMX-10K (owners: Russ & Kate Bobb)

Spark, FM-80K (owner: Kate Bobb)

No Speed Limit also celebrated a milestone as **Dutch**, owned by **Carle Lee Detweiler**, earned his **FM-5K** title.

Getting to Alaska was an adventure in itself. Team members spent months planning routes, coordinating travel, transporting equipment, and arranging for most of the dogs to make the cross-country drive. Their journey included a stop in Minnesota for another Flyball tournament before continuing through Canada, the Yukon, and finally into Alaska. Other teammates chose to fly west and experienced a different challenge—adjusting to the time change and jet lag.

"It took endless planning and organizing while working through challenges along the way," said Tina Hayden of Scallywags. "But it was so much more than that. It brought us closer together as a Flyball family."

The tournament offered much more than racing. A scheduled flex day allowed teams to explore Alaska's breathtaking scenery with glacier boat tours, kayaking, ATV adventures, visits to the Anchorage Farmers Market, trolley tours, and unforgettable wildlife sightings. Evenings were filled with time to relax, socialize ringside, and enjoy a barbecue with fellow competitors.

Perhaps the most unforgettable experience came at **midnight**. With the sun lingering just above the

horizon behind the Chugach Mountains, competitors gathered to race Flyball under the glow of Alaska's Summer Solstice.

"There is nothing like playing Flyball on grass, at midnight, in Alaska!" said Judith Hoffman of No Speed Limit.

ODTC is incredibly proud of Scallywags and No Speed Limit for representing the North American Flyball Association (NAFA) Region 15, the state of Maryland, and Oriole Dog Training Club with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and outstanding performances. Their journey reminds us that sometimes the greatest adventures begin with a dream—and a team willing to chase it.

To learn more about the Alaska Dog's Gone Wild Summer Solstice Tournament and see ODTC featured in local Alaskan media, watch the segment by [AK News Source](#).



No Speed Limit



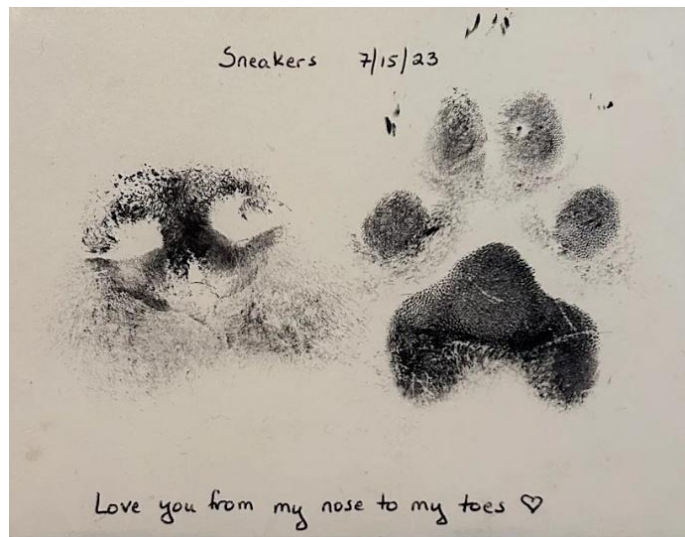
Scallywags

Fun Facts

Dogs are fascinating creatures with unique abilities, quirky behaviors, and surprising history that make them loyal and entertaining companions.

Unique Physical Traits

- Dogs have **sweat glands only in their paw pads**, which helps them cool down on hot days
- A dog's **nose print is unique**, much like a human fingerprint, and can be used for identification
- Dogs have **three eyelids**, including a protective third eyelid called the nictitating membrane
- Despite myths, dogs **see in color**, including shades of blue, green, yellow, and gray Their noses are **extremely sensitive**, with some breeds like Bloodhounds able to follow scent trails days old



New Puppies or New to You

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

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.

House Rules



- (1) As is normal practice for dog facilities with a sports field, **there is a \$10 cleanup fee** for any accidents that occur on the turf.
- (2) If crating indoors, waterproof covering must be placed underneath the crate.
- (3) Only non-crumblly, non-staining dog treats may be used on the sports field.
- (4) Food, gum, and drinks which would leave a stain or residue may not be consumed on the sports field.
- (5) Dogs are to be relieved in **designated outdoor areas** only.

Designated Areas to Potty Your Dog



Remember to pick up anything left behind (even if it isn't from your dog). And thank you for helping to keep our neighbors happy!

(6) No dogs are to be crated in the front of the building or the side of the sports field near the front of the building on the weekdays during business hours (7:30am – 5:00pm). Folks working elsewhere in the business park can hear them barking/whining and we need to be respectful of our neighbors.

(7) Club members and class attendees: crates located throughout the building are for anyone's use, however the owner of that crate does have first right to its use. Generally there will be a sign indicating which nights and times the owner will want to use it. Bring your own bedding (no bedding may be left in the crate) and leave the crate as clean or cleaner than you found it.

(8) If you use a crate, please wipe it down after you use it with the spray and towels provided near the crates.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM YOUR EDITOR

Many thanks to each of you who contribute to our newsletter. Your pictures, articles, and brags make each edition special!

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the Dumbbell. Your 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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