



Happenings

September 2026

5-6: NAFA Flyball Tournament – Scallywags, Oriole Training Building.

12-13: Agility Seminar with Sheyla Gutierrez, Oriole Training Building

19-20: USDAA Agility – Mid-Atlantic MADness, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

25-27: AKC Fast CAT – Hog Dog Productions, Millersville, MD.

25-27: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

26-27: Obedience Seminar with Marion Crain – Oriole Dog Training Club Halethorpe, MD

October 2026

3-4: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

10-11: Agility Seminar with Annette Alfonso, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

17: Canine Ophthalmology Clinic with Dr. Nancy Bromberg, Oriole Training Building

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

23-25: NAFA Flyball Tournament – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

30-Nov 1: NADAC Agility – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

Seminars/Clinics

Coming in 2026:

Future Agility Seminars:

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 Crain ♦ 9/26/26 – 9/27/26

Health Clinics

Canine CPR - 10/11/26
Canine Eye Clinic - 10/17/26
CPR health clinic - 11/7/26





Announcements

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Quarterly General Membership Meetings
(7:30pm): Sunday, October 18, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting (7:30pm):

- Sunday, September 20, 2026
- Sunday, December 20, 2026

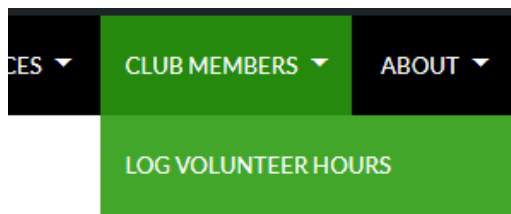
Meeting Minutes: <https://odtc.clubexpress.com/>
then select Member Login/Documents, where you will find these folders:



*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*

Logging Volunteer Hours

Go to www.oriolodogclub.org then select Club Members/Log Volunteer Hours. Complete the form.



Welcome New Members

Please welcome **Gail Spiro** and **Kathryn Dixon**.

Reminder – Tarp Under Crates

Please remember that when crating your dog on the turf, a tarp must be placed underneath your crate. Thank you for helping us protect and maintain the turf!



Fall Spiritwear

ODTC Fall Spiritwear (t-shirts, jacket, & sweatshirt) available for purchase now until September 17. An email with the link will also be sent to members.

[Order Here](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: Video Editor Wanted!

The President's Committee is preparing to create new video footage about the club to create promotional materials, and we need an experienced person to help bring the footage to life!

We are looking for a videographer(s) from the membership. Candidate must possess editing skills to create engaging, polished clips that showcase our club, classes, and dog sporting events.

Reasons to apply

- **Earn Your Volunteer Hours:** Complete the required volunteer hours on your own schedule.
- **Share Your Skills:** Do something you love while contributing directly to the club's growth and visibility.

If you have experience with shooting video and the ability to edit, please do not hesitate at this opportunity. Candidate must have their own equipment and video editing software. If you want to lend a hand with this project, please reach out to our Communications Director, Fran Bethea at fbethea@gmail.com. Help us show off everything our club has to offer!

Volunteer Needed – ODTCAwards Photo Wall

ODTC is looking for a volunteer to take over coordination of our Awards Photo Wall.

The Awards Photo Wall is a wonderful way to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and their dogs. Members submit an award photo along with their name, dog's name and titles. Photos are printed, framed in matching frames, and added to the wall.

The volunteer would be responsible for:

- Receiving digital photos and caption information submitted to ODTCAwardsWall@gmail.com
- Collecting the fee for printing and framing
- Coordinating the printing and framing of submitted photos
- Adding completed photos to the Awards Photo Wall
- Keeping track of submissions during the annual **February 1–November 30** submission period

The guidelines and procedures are already established, so you won't be starting from scratch!

Interested in helping keep this special ODTCAwards tradition going? Please contact Fran Bethea fbethea@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Photo Contest

From **August through December**, ODTCAwards will hold a **monthly photo contest on Facebook**, with a different theme each month. The contest is open to **EVERYONE**, so grab your camera and show us your dog's best side!

At the end of the year, we will publish a **2027 ODTCAwards Calendar** featuring the winning photos.

Watch for our **September Photo Contest – "Training in Action!"** on our Facebook page. Entries will be

accepted **September 1–21**, with voting continuing through **September 25**.

Keep those cameras ready – we can't wait to see what September brings!

1st Place

- Photo included in the 2027 ODTCAwards Calendar
- Featured in the ODTCAwards Dumbbell newsletter
- Complimentary 2027 ODTCAwards Calendar when available

2nd Place

- Half-page photo included in the 2027 ODTCAwards Calendar
- Featured in the ODTCAwards Dumbbell newsletter

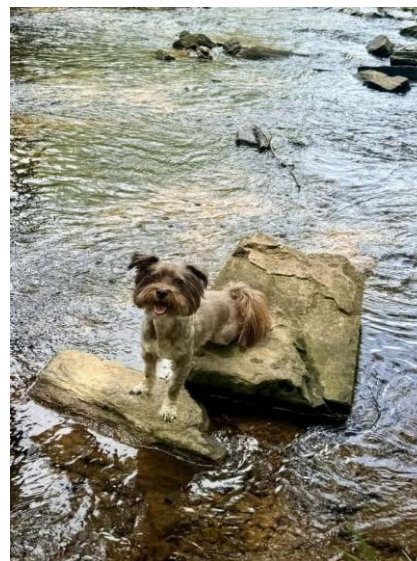
3rd Place

- Quarter-page photo included in the 2027 ODTCAwards Calendar
- Featured in the ODTCAwards Dumbbell newsletter

[Click for detailed rules](#)

August Winners – Summertime Fun!

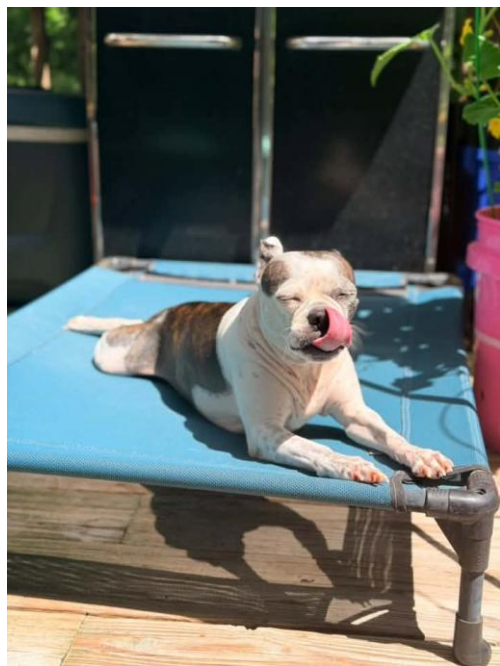
With 50 entries, our winners are:



1st Place – Zorro - submitted by Reese Spindle



2nd Place – Aston - submitted by Dawn McGlaughlin



3rd Place – Remy – submitted by Jaime Lyn



Best on Theme – Cody & Wish – submitted by Leanne Lohmeyer

Editor's Choice Awards

(a small image will be included in the calendar)



Made Me Smile – Denver - submitted by Bethany Pontier



Best Candid Moment – Maisie – submitted by Melody Wright

Other Top Dogs



There were so many wonderful entries, I can't show them all. If your photo did not make the cut for August, we have 4 more months to go!

Member Highlight

Lorinda McKisson



She Came for Flyball and Never Left

When Lorinda McKisson first came to Oriole Dog Training Club in 2008, she was simply interested in checking out flyball. As she puts it, she “**went to check out flyball and never left.**”

Lorinda became an ODTc member in February 2009, beginning what has now been an 18-year journey filled with dogs, dog sports, friendships, volunteering, and service to the club.

A Different Sport for Every Dog

Lorinda’s dog-sport journey began with Nani, a Dachshund/Shepherd mix who was three years old and, according to Lorinda, “needed a job.” Flyball turned out to be just the job for her.

Nani competed for seven years and earned numerous titles, including her **Flyball Grand Champion** and **ONYX** titles. They also gave agility a try, but Nani made it clear that agility was not her sport of choice.

Next came Mitzi, a rescued Chihuahua who had a very different role in Lorinda’s life. “She was my princess,” Lorinda says. There would be no dog sports for Mitzi!

Lorinda later rescued Keanu, a Cattle Dog/Sheltie mix, with hopes of doing flyball with him. Keanu had other ideas. His sport of choice was agility, and he went on to earn his **C-ATE in CPE agility** before retiring.

Today, Lorinda also has two Border Collies, Diesel and Hennessy. Diesel has made it known that his preferred activities are herding and Frisbee, while Hennessy enjoys agility, dock diving, and Frisbee.

Following the interests of each of her dogs has taken Lorinda into an impressive variety of activities over the years, including **hiking, flyball, FAST CAT, agility, Nosework, Barn Hunt, a little Rally and Dock Diving.**

Giving Back to ODTc

Lorinda’s involvement at Oriole has gone far beyond participating in dog sports. Over the years, she has taken on an extraordinary variety of volunteer roles.

She has served as a Member at Large on the Board, Class Registrar, Turf Cleaning volunteer, Seminar Registrar, Trial Chair for all four annual NADAC trials, Co-Chair for CPE trials, and Chair and Co-Chair for AKC trials. She has also taught agility and pitched in on many other club projects along the way.

While each role has brought special memories, Lorinda particularly enjoys serving as Trial Chair for ODTc’s four NADAC trials.

What has kept her volunteering all these years?

“**The sense of community.**”

That community is also at the heart of what Lorinda believes makes ODTc special—the diversity of the club, the camaraderie among its members, and the way members encourage one another throughout the journeys they share with their dogs.

Watching ODTc Grow

After nearly two decades at Oriole, Lorinda has witnessed plenty of changes. One that makes her especially happy is seeing how the club has grown and how many younger people are becoming involved.

She also remembers a time when ODTc members regularly took their dogs out into the community for flyball and agility demonstrations, including demonstrations at Druid Hill Park and other locations.

For newer members who may be thinking about becoming more involved, Lorinda’s advice is simple: first, she would welcome them—and then encourage them to get involved in whatever dog sport interests them.

It doesn’t have to be just one.

As Lorinda has certainly demonstrated, “**It could be one or many, like me.**”

Proud Moments—and One Big Trade-Off

Asked to choose an accomplishment with her dogs that makes her especially proud, Lorinda couldn't pick just one. Nani earning her Flyball Grand Champion and ONYX titles remains a special achievement, as does Keanu earning his C-ATE in CPE agility.

And what might fellow ODTc members be surprised to learn about Lorinda?

Some already know the answer.

She gave up riding her motorcycle for dog sports.



Considering that she originally came to Oriole just to “check out flyball,” it’s probably safe to say that decision changed much more than her weekends.

Eighteen years later, Lorinda is still here—training, competing, volunteering, encouraging others, and helping make ODTc the community that caused her to stay in the first place.



Would You Like to Be Featured in Our Member Highlight?

We’d love to learn more about **YOU!**

Earn **volunteer hours** while helping fellow members get to know you better. Simply submit a **500–1,000 word article** (or simply answer a list of questions) about yourself, your dogs, your involvement with ODTc, and the activities you enjoy.

📷 Include **one or two photos**, and you could be featured in an upcoming issue of **The Dumbbell!**

Share your story—we’d love to highlight you!

Contact Sheila Saville Dumbbell@Orioledogclub.club

Congratulations



Chelsea Tango - Crush & Gman made USDAA Top 10 during the 2025 season...not bad for a 10 yr old & his sweet/spicy sidekick that came along for the ride(& those that KNOW, understand how hard Gatsby & a Q comes). Crush also earned his LAA Bronze



Linda Hulbert - Rain's second day of WCRL rally at Breakaway Action Dogs (8/9/2026). 2 more triple Q's towards his MX2.



Deborah Dean - A certain Small Blue Thing stepped back into the Obedience ring today, 8/9. Iselin did not disappoint and much assholery ensued... But the girl still got her cheeseburger.



Reese Spindle - little bunny chaser, Zorro, earned a Round 2 invitation to represent the Havanese at the 2026 AKC Fast CAT Invitational in Branson, Missouri! Zorro finished 13th nationally among Havanese in 2025, following several impressive years in the breed's Top 20 - including three consecutive finishes at No. 7 or No. 8. Not bad for a little guy who turns nine in January!



★ **Sheila Saville** – Pearl earned her CPE Level 1 Fun and Handler Titles at the ODTTC August trial!



★ **Sheila Saville** – Karma earned her CPE Full House Champion Title at the ODTTC August trial!



★ **Gina Lancaster** - Remy earned his Level 1 strategy title and level 2 fun games title ! He's now completed all level 1 titles.



★ **Dianne Harab** - Rocky earned his Rally Excellent title on August 21, 2026 at Oriole Dog Training Club in Halethorpe, Maryland.



★ **Felicia Wynn** - Brave earned his AKC Time to Beat (T2B) title on Friday under a not so easy judge which made it even sweeter with a 2nd place and 9 points! On his 2nd T2B run on Sunday he earned his first 10 point T2B (first place) run!



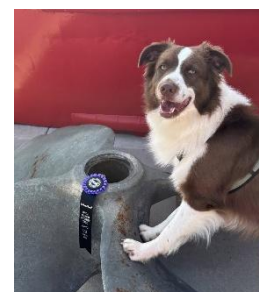
★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain finished his Container Master Elite title today (08/23/2026) at the American Cesty Terrier Fanciers Association AKC Scent trials.



★ **Dianne Hardy** - Sierra & Santana earned their Novice Obedience titles (the Companion Dog, CD) at Oriole Dog Training Club on Saturday Aug 22. They were entered in the same trial, I handled them both and was lucky because there were enough teams qualifying in the individual exercises and another handler was in the same situation and the judge was very kind and split us into two sets for the group stays.



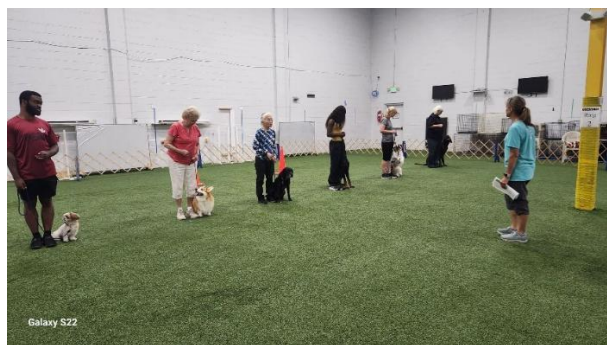
★ **Amy Vanderryn** - Tarot's turn this afternoon. He earned his level 1 interior title at the Fire Museum.



News & Special Recognition

August Show N Go

A lot of handlers took the opportunity to participate in the August Show 'N' Go. Participants came from all over the DMV area. Sign ups were full! All classes were covered and judged by our experienced instructors. Here the Novice group performed their stays.



Oriole Obedience/Rally Trials a Huge Success

By: Deb Jackson



Oriole held its summer AKC Obedience and Rally Trials on August 21-23 kicking off with a Friday evening Rally Trial, followed by two full days of Obedience Trials. Rally judge Mr. Michael Mooney from Maryland and obedience judges Cheryl Pratt from Virginia and Mr. Thom Igiel from New York were such a pleasure to work with and show under, making sure everyone had a great ring experience.

The trials were well-attended with large Open and Utility classes and Novice B (15! entries on Saturday).

I want to thank all those who helped make the trial run smoothly.

Setup: Barry Palmer, Joan Faltot, Linda Dean, Deb Kaminski, Pat Kavanaugh

Building Reset: Joan Faltot, Cher Snyder, Deb Kaminski, Barry Palmer, Tamalee Kramp, Debby Brannan, Ann Pribyl, Lorinda McKisson, Bob Brannan, Martha Badura and Colleen Nolan

Stewards: Pat Kavanaugh, Joan Faltot, Linda Dean, Martha Badura, Ann McCallum, Debby Brannan, Jane Terry, Tamalee Kramp, Fran Bethea, Barry Palmer, Elaine O'Carroll, Ann Pribyl, Andra Shanley, Linda Harrison, Carol Carr, Emily Burke, Julie Rovner, Kate Mazza, Colleen Nolan, Dawn McLaughlin, Deb Dean

And this all wouldn't be possible without the tireless effort of **Deb Kaminski**. She is the force behind all our obedience and rally trials. She was not only trial secretary, which is no small feat, but takes care of all the paperwork and kept us well fed. I am forever grateful for all her hard work and support in making sure the trials are so successful.

Oriole members did well: High in Trial and High Combined on Sunday went to Robyn MaGee and her BC Gio; HIT Preferred on Saturday and HIT/HC Preferred on Sunday went to Cher Snyder and her Golden, Bobby and HC Preferred on Saturday to Elaine O'Carroll and her sheltie, Brodie!

I saw many members trialing and hope to see their brags in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for our 2027 Trials – May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend) and August 27-29. More information on judges will be forthcoming.

Hope to see you stewarding or competing!



Critical Safety Notice: AKC's New Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy & The Reality of Heatstroke

The American Kennel Club (AKC) updated its Discipline Guidelines to establish a strict, zero-tolerance **Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy, effective immediately (July 2026)**. This policy is designed to protect dogs from preventable heat-related distress, injury, and death at trial and event grounds, this policy carries heavy penalties for handlers and owners.

As members of our club, it is vital that we understand both the harsh physiological realities of leaving a dog in a vehicle and the details of this new enforcement policy.

Why "Pet Mode" & Technology Are Not Enough

Modern electric vehicles (EVs) feature electronic climate controls like "Dog Mode" or "Pet Mode." While these features seem convenient, **electronic systems fail**. Software glitches, firmware updates, unexpected system reboots, and dead main batteries have caused HVAC systems to shut down while displaying an active status to owners. Dogs have died in EVs when owners mistakenly assumed "Pet Mode" guaranteed their safety.

The AKC policy explicitly clarifies this standard:

"Simply having fans, air conditioning, temperature monitors, remote alerts, or other electronic devices does not, by themselves, make a vehicle safe for an unattended dog. Vehicles must have continuous, reliable ventilation and conditions that actively protect the dog."

Electronic monitors and EV settings are supplementary tools; they **NEVER** replace human supervision or physical checks.

Key Facts: What Happens to a Dog in an Enclosed Vehicle

Even on an 80°F (27°C) day, the interior of a car acts like a greenhouse:

- **Rapid Temperature Spike:** Inside temperatures can reach **99°F within 10 minutes** and hit **109°F within 20 minutes**, even with windows cracked open.
- **Limited Cooling Physiology:** Dogs do not sweat through their skin like humans; they rely almost entirely on panting. When ambient air inside a vehicle approaches body temperature (101.5°F), panting becomes completely ineffective at cooling.
- **Cascading Organ Failure:** Body temperatures exceeding 106°F cause rapid heatstroke, swelling in the brain, internal bleeding, kidney shutdown, and irreversible tissue damage within minutes.

AKC Policy & Disciplinary Penalties

Under the updated AKC Discipline Guidelines, leaving a dog unattended in a fully enclosed vehicle or in conditions lacking proper airflow and cooling is treated as conduct prejudicial to the sport. Mandatory Event Committee hearings are required whenever a dog is seriously injured or dies at an event.

The disciplinary framework for violating the *Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy* includes:

- **Mitigated Violations:** 1-year suspension of AKC privileges and a **\$1,000 fine**.
- **Standard Violations:** 5-year suspension of AKC privileges and a **\$2,000 fine**.
- **Aggravated Violations (Extreme Distress/Death):** Up to a **lifetime suspension** from all AKC privileges and up to a **\$10,000 fine**.

Additional Safety Suggestion for Members

1. **Never rely solely on technology:** Always maintain open, secured physical ventilation points (*crated with open hatches, solar-powered exhaust fans, wire crates in open shade*).
2. **Perform frequent physical checks:** Walk to your vehicle frequently to verify climate controls, air movement, and your dog's hydration and breathing.

3. **Establish a buddy system:** Assign a handler or club member to check on your dog if you are stepping away to walk a course or working a ring.
4. **Have an emergency backup plan:** If power or air conditioning fails, know immediately where you can move your dog to a shaded, indoor, or cooled area.

Protecting our dogs comes before any title, run, or placement. Ensure your vehicle setup is ventilated, monitored, and physically verified at every event.

References: "Memorandum: New Akc Policy and Disciplinary Updates Focus on Dog Safety." *Canine Chronicle*, caninechronicle.com/breaking-news/memorandum-new-akc-policy-and-disciplinary-updates-focus-on-dog-safety/. Accessed 7 Aug. 2026.

Here is a club member's van, set up with heat-shield curtains and a fan to circulate air through the open windows and door.



You Asked, We Answered!

We're excited to announce that **nail clinics are coming to Oriole Dog Training Club!**

A huge thank you to **Dale Martins**, who has graciously volunteered to trim and Dremel nails for our canine companions.

Dates, times, and scheduling details will be posted on the club website and sent to members by email.

Taking A Gamble at the IFCS World Dog Agility

Congratulations to **Reese Spindle** and **Havana** ([read Purina Pro Club article here](#)).

CPR/AED and First Aid Training

Free for ODTM Members

(Bring a non-member for \$85)



Saturday, November 7, 2026 9 am – 1 pm
Oriole Dog Training Club, Blue Room

Oriole Dog Training Club is hosting an American Heart Association's (AHA) Heartsaver course on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the automated external defibrillator (AED) that we have in our building. This course is designed for anyone with little or no medical training or anyone who wants to be prepared for an emergency. It will also lead to AHA certification and will also serve anyone who needs a course completion card for their job, regulatory (e.g., OSHA), or other requirements. The course is free of charge for our active adult members only. Non-Members are welcome at a cost of \$85.

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](#)

Questions may be directed to Linda Miles at marfre@aol.com.
Registration issues may be directed to Lorinda McKisson at Lmckisson@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER

- **NAFA Flyball Tournament:** September 5-6
 - Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, September 6
 - POC: Carle Lee Detweiler (cldetweiler1@yahoo.com)
- **Seminar Setup:** September 11
 - Maximum of **4** Volunteers needed to move equipment
 - Must contact the POC ahead of time to confirm a volunteer slot
 - Start Time - 4:30PM
 - POC: Lorinda McKisson (lmckisson@gmail.com)
- **AKC Fast CAT:** September 25-27 (Held at Hog Dog)
 - POC: Kelley Welch (kelly2welch@gmail.com)
- **BHA Barn Hunt Trial:** September 25-27 (Held at Branchwater)
 - POC: Katie Johnson (chsdrama2010@gmail.com)

OCTOBER

- **USDAA Agility Trial:** October 3-4
 - Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, October 4
 - POC: Janet Gauntt (JLGauntt@aol.com)
- **Seminar Setup:** October 9
 - Maximum of **4** Volunteers needed to move equipment
 - Must contact the POC ahead of time to confirm a volunteer slot
 - Start Time - 4:30PM
 - POC: Lorinda McKisson (lmckisson@gmail.com)
- **Canine Ophthalmology Clinic:** October 16-17
 - Building Setup for Clinic on Friday October 16
 - Start Time: 8 AM
 - End Time: 2 PM
 - Jobs Include:
 - Registration
 - Placing Eye Drops
 - Managing Flow
 - POC: Linda Miles (marfre@aol.com)
- **Turf Cleaning:** October 18
 - Start Time: 10AM
 - Must be able to help move equipment including agility obstacles and blue panels
 - POC: Karen Keegin (kkaren2014@gmail.com)
- **NAFA Flyball Tournament:** October 23-25
 - POC: Carle Lee Detweiler (cldetweiler1@yahoo.com)
- **NADAC Agility Trial:** October 30-Nov 1
 - Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, November 1
 - POC: Lorinda McKisson (lmckisson@gmail.com)



Community Outreach

Charitable Organization Nominations

Giving back to the community is an important part of ODTc's mission. Each year, ODTc makes donations to dog-related charitable organizations, and members are encouraged to nominate organizations they would like the Club to support.

Please note: Breed-specific organizations are not eligible for nomination.

All eligible nominations will be compiled and presented to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting in January. The annual charitable donation budget will be divided among the **top six vote-getters**, based proportionally on the number of votes each organization receives.



Use the Google form below to submit your nomination and the required information.

[Click to select charities](#)



Oriole Pet Food Drive 2026

October 1 thru November 1

We will be assisting families that may be struggling to feed their pets during these uncertain times. We will choose an organization that receives no operational funding from any government or national humane society. Our goal is to choose a non - profit that relies on donations from the community. We hope that by helping families through these difficult situations, their pets are able to stay in their home, and we can

prevent abandonment or the heartbreaking choice of surrendering them to a shelter. More information will be provided soon.



Training Tip

Reward What You Want to See Again

It's easy to notice when your dog does something *wrong*—but how often do you notice when they get it right?

When your dog is lying quietly, walking nicely beside you, keeping four paws on the floor, or calmly watching another dog, **reward it!**

A treat, praise, a favorite toy, or even a little attention tells your dog, *"Yes! That's exactly what I want."*

The simple rule: Behaviors that are rewarded are more likely to happen again.

This week, try catching your dog being **good** at least five times a day. You might be surprised how quickly those good behaviors become habits!

New Puppies or New to You

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

Jean Wilkins welcomes Marbles to her household!



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 Sharon Spies and Jim on the passing of MACH Langford You Are My Sunshine, Maxine, the beloved companion of Jim and Sharon Spies. Maxine was successful not only in Agility and Rally, but loved competing in Scent Work in retirement. Maxine was also a certified therapy dog and brought joy to so many. Run free, sweet Maxine. You will always be loved and missed.



Our sympathy to Felicia Wynn on the passing of Kody.

From Felicia: Kody 6/30/2014 - 8/7/2026

I had to say goodbye to my partner, my companion, my teammate, my world for the past 12 years. Kody was the sweetest boy, with an infectious grin and sweet smile. He had the most beautiful soft, gentle chocolate almond eyes that reflected his spirit. He was sooo smart and was such a fun teammate to learn dog sports with. He was a great Trick Dog, and especially loved tricks with props. He earned the top trick titles, his AKC Elite Trick Dog Performer title and DMWYD Champion Trick Dog title. He loved agility and earned many titles. He earned his NACSW NW1 in

Nose Work and AKC SWN in Scent Work, and RN in Rally. He loved finding his rats in Barn Hunt and earned his RATCHX 11 and CZ8B (Crazy 8 Bronze) before I retired him. He came out of retirement to find more rats in Happy Ratters and it made him very happy to pounce on them again! My biggest joy was seeing his big grin at the end of our runs, whatever sport they were in. In 2024, Kody and I were honored to be awarded the Oriole Dog Training Club Prince Memorial Award and I am so happy he is part of our club's history. He was the best partner, and co-babysitter for the grandbabies. He was a great puppy trainer and brother to Brave. Run free of pain, my love. Until we meet again...



Avatar's Kodiak Dream Catcher of Bayshore "Kody" CT-ATCH
TChJP TChFH RN NAP NJP NF MFP SWN NW1 CGC TKE
TDCH RATCHX11 CZ8B XRAT HRRR1 CW-SP CW-SD



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