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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ORIOLE DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Happenings

November 2026

6-7 Agility Seminar with Dudley Shumate, Oriole Dog Training Club, Halethorpe, MD

7-8 Pet Photos 10-5p

14-15: Agility Seminar with Judy Kolva (Saturday) and Nancy Schilling (Sunday), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

20-22: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

22: NACSW Odor Recognition Test – (setup begins at 6pm 11/21) Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Test. Oriole Training Building

28-29: NACSW Nosework Seminar with Jacy Kelley – Oriole Dog Training Club. Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

December 2026

4-6: **AKC Agility** – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building

8: Pet Photos 5-9p

12-13: **USDAA Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

18-20: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

19-20: Flyball Event. Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

Dec 26-27: The building is available.

Agility Run Throughs

Sunday, November 8

Saturday, November 21

For details click here

Seminars/Clinics Coming in 2026:

Current Agility Seminars:

Dudley Shumate ✦ 11/6/26 – 11/7/2026

Judy Kolva ✦ 11/14/26

Nancy Schilling ✦ 11/15/26

Agility Seminars Coming in 2027:

Paula Goss ✦ 1/9/27-1/10/27

Christine Tschech ✦ 1/23/27 – 1/24/27

Sheyla Gutierrez ✦ 5/8/27 – 5/9/27

Laura Dolan ✦ 5/22/27 – 5/23/27

Bridget Thomas ✦ 6/26 – 6/27/27

Courtney Moore ✦ 7/31/27 – 8/1/27

Claudette Mo ✦ 9/11/27 – 9/12/27

Merritt Speagle ✦ 9/25/27 – 9/26/27

Chris Tucci / Kris Seiter ✦ 10/23/27 – 10/24/27

Dudley Shumate ✦ 11/13/27 – 11/14/27

Cynthia Hornor ✦ 11/27/27 – 11/28/27

Nose work/Scent Seminars

Nose Work ORT – Nov. 22

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



Announcements

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Quarterly General Membership Meetings:
Sunday, January17, 2027

Board of Directors Meeting (7:30pm):

- Sunday, December 20, 2026

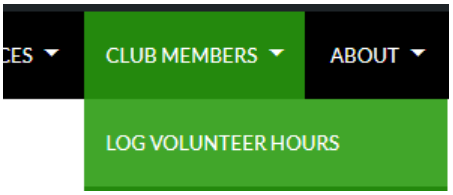
Meeting Minutes: https://odtc.clubexpress.com/ then select Member Login/Documents, where you will find these folders:



*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.orioledogclub.org then select Club Members/Log Volunteer Hours. Complete the form.



JANUARY 17, 2027 ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY

NEW FILLABLE Award forms are available!

✦ Members may apply for the following special awards:

Performance Dog Awards
Obedience Awards
Oriole Award
Blanche Saunders Award
Sniffers Nose Work Award

Applications and explanations of the requirements for each award are available on the ODTC website. https://orioledogclub.org/member-awards/

✦ All Annual Awards applications are due by December 5. The time period to include is December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026.

✦ When completing the Application for Medallion Plaques, please enter only one title per line. If you have more than two titles, use the Continuation Sheet on page 2 of the application. Space is needed beside each entry for processing notes.

Volunteers to coordinate the food and drinks for the party are needed along with some help to set up tables and chairs for the event. Contact: Pat Parkent - Awards Chairperson pparkent3@gmail.com

Contributing Member positions:

AKC Trial Chair needed for Jan. 29-31 trial.

Photo Contest

From **August through December**, ODTC 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 ODTC Calendar** featuring the winning photos.

Watch for our **November Photo Contest – "Thankful for our Dogs" on our Facebook page.** Entries will be accepted **November 1–21**, with voting continuing through **Nov. 25**.

Keep those cameras ready—we can't wait to see what November brings!

1st Place
- Full page photo included in the 2027 ODTC Calendar
- Featured in the ODTC Dumbbell newsletter
- Complimentary 2027 ODTC Calendar when available

2nd Place
- Half-page photo included in the 2027 ODTC Calendar
- Featured in the ODTC Dumbbell newsletter

3rd Place
- Quarter-page photo included in the 2027 ODTC Calendar
- Featured in the ODTC Dumbbell newsletter

Click for detailed rules

October Winners – "Autumn Adventures"



1st Place – Pearl & Karma – submitted by Sheila Saville



2nd Place – Wrigley- submitted by Jennifer Bloom



3rd Place – Zorro – submitted by Reese Spindle

Other Top Dogs



Spy – Jill Kronstadt



Ambush – Jill Kronstadt



Havana – Reese Spindle



Valkyrie - Victoria Fitez



Goose – Sadie Niles



Quilo – Carolynn Velas

SPECIAL NOTE: The last month for our photo contest will be December. It will be a shortened contest so that the Photo Contest Winners calendar can be finalized and printed. Submit your photos for 'The Look They Give You' December 1–6. If you have a 1st place win, you will receive a free calendar. Additional calendars, including copies for gifts, can be ordered December 1–10. Watch for the order link in the next newsletter.

Next Photo Contest - November



Final Photo Contest - December



Member Highlight

Jess Rennenkampf

Three Hounds, Three Personalities, and Plenty of Adventures



An "Excel-dwelling financial manager by day, and a dog fancier by night," Jess Rennenkampf shares her life with three hounds: Birch, a retired racing greyhound, and silken windhounds Bodhi and Teak.

Although Jess didn't grow up with dogs, she had wanted a greyhound since childhood. That wish came true in 2020 when she brought home Birch, whose racing career ended early during the pandemic. Jess soon discovered that her young retiree needed a new job, launching them into training and dog sports.

Birch became Jess's "gateway hound." Bodhi joined the family in 2022 at 13 months old, followed by Teak in 2023. Each brings a distinct personality to the household.

Birch is the undisputed queen: an easy traveler, a secret goofball, and a devoted companion for long walks and winery afternoons. A badly broken toe ended her participation in high-impact activities, but she still offers her tiny, gentle "Paw of More" whenever the petting stops.

Bodhi is a polite, friendly marshmallow who loves butt rubs and surprise zoomies—even during agility and Rally classes. Three-year-old Teak is the happy-go-lucky adventurer who considers everyone a friend and makes Jess laugh every day.

Jess joined Oriole in early 2022 after meeting members at American Sighthound Field Association coursing events in Pennsylvania. Their enthusiasm for the club encouraged her to join, and she has averaged a class each semester ever since. Her dogs have explored agility, obedience, Canine Good Citizen classes, Rally, conformation, and nosework.

"I've most enjoyed the partnership of Rally, and the fun of watching Teak discover the joys of nosework," she says.

Jess's proudest accomplishments reflect the different journeys she has taken with each dog. With independent-minded Birch, earning the AKC Community Canine and Urban Canine Good Citizen titles was especially meaningful. During one evaluation, Jess watched Birch consider chasing squirrels before choosing to return to her instead—a memorable demonstration of their relationship and trust.

With Bodhi, she treasures the effort they put into agility, even though competition wasn't their destination. The resilience they developed together continues to help them in Rally. Bodhi also shines in conformation: he is a UKC Emerald Grand Champion and was the number-three silken windhound in UKC in 2023.

Jess credits Paula's conformation handling class with helping build her confidence. Bodhi finished the semester with the superlative "Most Ring Ready," then earned the remaining competition wins needed for his UKC championship a week later.

Teak, meanwhile, is the household's "sporty noodle." A UKC champion himself, he has tried agility

Member Highlight continued…

foundations, Rally, coursing, and sprint events, and was the fastest silken at the 2025 spring specialty. Jess is particularly proud of his developing focus as he learns to work with her amid a world full of potential new friends.

For Jess, Oriole has provided both instruction and a welcoming home base. She appreciates the instructors who arrive with fresh ideas and encouragement, as well as the chance to reconnect with former classmates and hear how their dogs are doing.

At home, Teak supplies plenty of comedy. Too big now to sleep in Jess's lap while she works, he responds to "Wanna snuggle?" by resting his front legs across her lap while keeping his hind feet on the floor. A recent dog sitter discovered that this arrangement extends to other people, too—much to her husband's surprise and delight!

Members might also be surprised to learn that Jess grew up around airplanes. Although she isn't a pilot, she has enjoyed small-plane flights since infancy and hopes to celebrate her next birthday with a ride in a vintage World War II Stearman biplane.

Her advice to new members is to explore both familiar strengths and unexpected challenges.

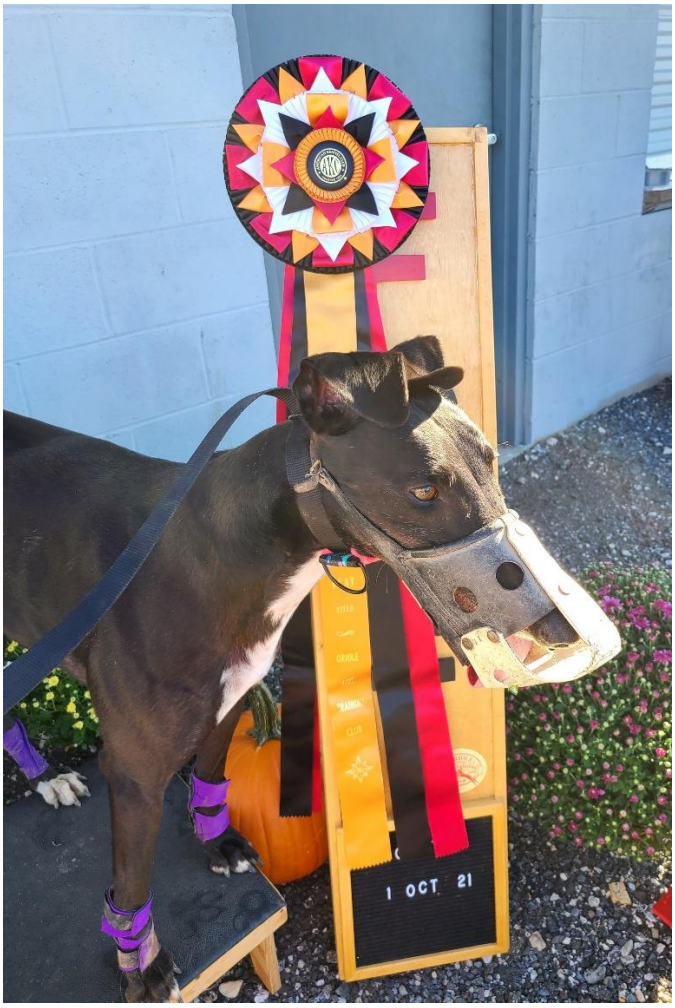
"The more you try, the more you learn, and the better your relationship with your dog can be."



Teak on the lure



Bodhi shown by Jess, with his Group 1 and Total Dog Qualifier



Birch, with the FCAT ribbon she earned at an ODTC trial in 2021

Volunteer Spotlight

A Heartfelt Thank You to Linda Miles!



We want to give a massive shout-out to **Linda Miles** for her incredible dedication and hard work organizing the health clinics at Oriole Dog Training Club throughout the year!

Running these events is no small feat. It takes countless hours of coordination, from initial booking to recruiting and organizing volunteers to keep everything running smoothly. Linda has met every challenge head-on, delivering fantastic events that benefit both our dogs and our members.

As if managing all of these health programs weren't enough, Linda is also our Trial Chair for the December AKC Agility Trials!

Linda, your commitment, energy, and generosity help keep our club thriving. **THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!**

Congratulations

Deborah Dean - Iselin traveled to Frederick, MD to compete at Nymeo Field. Small Blue Thing battled hard for her Cheeseburger, earning her NW ELITE P title with two second place searches, a P, and bonus points



Linda Hulbert – Rain was entered in Supporting Paws Foundation ' CDSP obedience trials this weekend. In Trial 1 on Sunday (09/27/2026) he got High Combined in Open and Novice. Thank you, Marguerite Plank, for judging my boy.



Linda Hulbert - Sunday (09/27/2026) at Supporting Paws Foundation CDSP obedience trials, Rain got 1st in both Open A and Novice C in the first trial. In the second trial he got 2nd in Open A and 1st in Novice C. He had a great day!!



Lynda Folwick - Petra earned her Open title (RATO) with first place and high in class. Pocket earned three Master legs, also with first place and high in class each time.



Lynda Folwick - Pocket earned his Barn Hunt Master title at Talbot Kennel Club's Barn Hunt trial on October 9th. He is really hitting his stride and we are starting to come together as a team.



Trena Laswell - Murray ran Fast CAT with the PWCCP at their annual Corgi vs Clumber Rumble, and came away with quite the loot!! DCAT Fastest Pembroke with an Obedience/Rally title, Fastest Pembroke, Fastest overall Corgis/Clumbers. He ran an 8.75 in the first event!





Linda Hulbert - Rain was entered in OTCH's UKC Rally trials (10/03/2026). He finished his ROM (rally Master) and got 2 more UROG legs in trial 1.

Linda Hulbert - Rain was entered in the Metropolitan Baltimore Doberman Pinscher Club's AKC Scent Trials (10/09/2026). He finished his Master Interior title, which finished his overall Master title.



Lane Thompson - Winston, Dunham Lake Smoke 'Em While You Got 'Em, was awarded Winners Dog at the prestigious Montgomery Terrier Show on Oct. 4. Winston is an Australian Terrier who loves coming to Oriole for Nose Work and Conformation classes.





Debbie Kaminski - Exciting news!!! Timber earned his ELITE CH title at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum!!! Words cannot express how proud I am of my boy. What a fun site to get some really cool pics.



Linda Hulbert - Rain finished his ARCHMX2 today (10/11/2026) at Breakaway Action Dogs WCRL Rally Trials. Thank you Melanie Parrish and Nicole Tate for judging my boy.



Shirley Harry - Team ZeZe and Team Rumble had a great time at the 100th Doberman Pinscher Club of America coming home with a lot of ribbons. Shirley Harry

Paula Waterman – Splash had a good week at ASCA National – thank you to Kyliee Kikuyama for expert handling along with Becky Lueth who stepped in for the National class win. The ribbons were for a 2nd in 15-18 bitches 1st pre show, a third in Open blue in the 3rd pre show, and 1st in 15-18 at National. (Somehow there wasn't a ribbon for sweeps, where she was 3rd in 15-18 puppy sweeps). She's a fun little girlie.



Louise Griffin - Marshall won his 14th Best in Show. Marshall is the #1 Brittany and is currently #5 in all time wins for Brittany's in AKC competition. Marshall is officially GCHP Trio Hopes Legendary Lawman, CD, RE, TKN and is owned by Louise, Jim & Sam Griffin & Karen & Clint Livingston.



Amy Vanderryn - Kinship had a perfect 7/7 runs over 2 days. Standard premier title 10/17 and my first premier title ever.

Jumpers premier title in preferred 10/17, went into it needing a super Q - he got 2 - and 2 clean runs, now my 2nd premier title.

For those that don't know AKC agility, premier courses are more technical and instead of 3 or 10 qualifying scores like you need for other titles, premier requires earning 25 Qs for that title.



Leanne Smith - Bina (aka Sabrina) finished her AKC Grand Championship at the Cherry Blossom Cluster in April and earned her CGC in May. She also finished up her Canadian Grand Championship in September. Am/Can GCH Willowglen Celtic Witch of Love CGC TKN VHMA VHMP Gordon Setters, a breed with Scottish origins, are known for their "Beauty, Brains, and Birdsense". She's now working on the brains and birdsense with tracking, rally and field work.





Pictured here with her handler and best buddy Emily.

Lorinda McKisson - Hennessy earned his OPEN Weavers title and his Outstanding Open Gamblers title.



Linda Hulbert - Rain was entered in Mount Vernon Dog Training Club 's AKC Rally trials (10/23/2026). He finished his rally choice title (RC), his RAE5, and his 20 triple Q's for his RACH 2



Sally Josselyn - Absolutely thrilled with our weekend at BHA Nationals. It was Monkey's circus for sure. 2nd place small dog on Course 1 and a Q in Team with **Doreen Suchting** and Fizz (Team Monkey-Fizzness) on Friday. Q on Course 2 on Saturday and a Top 60 medal to advance to Sunday's classes. Today she owned Course 4, taking 1st place over all heights. She also Q'd on Course 3 which earned us 1st place small dog in the Grand National (4 classes combined). So proud of my special little girl.



Ann Pribyl - Bailey earned his DCAT at the PWCCA National Specialty. Held at Purina Farms Missouri.



News & Special Recognition

Huge Thanks to Our Turf Cleaning Crew!

By: Rosalyn Dupont

Thank you to everyone who pitched in for our successful Turf Cleaning that took place on October 18th!

- Vanessa Andrews
- Ashley Donaldson
- Rosalyn Dupont
- Bret Hassel
- Odette Johnson
- Richard Matthews
- Barry Palmer
- Linda Reinhardt

We loved seeing and having new faces jumping right in to help, we are so glad to have you as part of the Oriole crew! Thanks to everyone's hard work the turf is clean, fresh, and ready for action.

The next turf cleaning will be Saturday, January 16, 2027, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.





All About Scent work

By: Meredith Neubauer



Photo Credit: Alyssia Greiner

Do you have one of those dogs who always has their nose to the ground? Does it take you an hour just to walk your dog because they have to stop and sniff everything? That's because dogs have between 125 to 300 million olfactory receptors, making smell their strongest sense (humans have only a measly 5 million in comparison). Dogs use their sense of smell the way humans use their sight – to identify and explore their world around them.

Now what if you could harness your dog's love and power into a sport? Well then, Scent work (also known as Nose Work) is for you! There are a number of organizations that sponsor Scent work trials, including the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), the American Kennel Club (AKC), United States Canine Scent Sports, Community Canine Companions – Working Agility Group (CWAGS), and Canine Performance Events (CPE). Each organization has different membership rules, fees, and requirements, but many people participate in more than one!

In a Scent Work trial, your dog must identify a specific scent in an environment. The environment could be cardboard boxes, an interior room, an exterior environment (think picnic table, under a chair, mailbox, etc.), a vehicle, even an airplane! The purpose is for your dog to identify and determine where the scent is located and notify their owner/handler (you!) that they found it and positively identified what you are looking for. As you progress in levels, the searches become more difficult – some even having "blank rooms" where no specified scent is present.

This sport is a great way to work on communication with your dog. Each dog has a different way of "alerting" their human that they have found the scent – some sit, some lift a paw, some give the side eye…it's all about learning how to read your dog.

Training before trialing is recommended (see below). To participate in NACSW trials, dogs must pass "Odor Recognition Tests" (ORTs) before they can progress to level I. ORTs consist of identifying three odors – anise, clove, and birch, in three separate trials of cardboard boxes. Only after all three trials have been completed successfully can the team move on to NACSW Level I.

In AKC, ORTs are not required, but dogs must begin with Novice level trials. The team can participate in containers (cardboard boxes), interior, exterior, and buried searches. If the team successfully completes three trials in all four elements, they will have successfully earned their Scent Work Novice (SWN) title.

Other organizations, like CPE, C-WAGS, and the Wildogs Canine Escape Room Association (WCERA) will also hold Scent Work games. There is a whole world waiting for you and your dog to explore…with their nose.

Oriole Dog offers a variety of Scent Work classes, beginning with Nose Work Foundations: Intro/Foundation to K9 Nose Work. If you wish to progress in NACSW, you may wish to take the "ORT/NW1 Preparation K9 Nose Work" class as well. From there, you may choose to progress through the

different levels of the courses. Although Oriole's classes are geared toward NACSW trials, AKC participants will gain valuable knowledge and ability to compete as well. You can find more information on registering for courses and their offerings at: https://orioledogclub.org/advanced-class-registration/.

And once you're well into your Scent Work training, don't forget to check out the various seminars Oriole periodically offers as well! These seminars provide students with the opportunity to dive deep into the sport with expert advice on handling, communicating with your dog, and more! You can see upcoming seminars here: https://orioledogclub.org/nosework-seminars-workshops/

So, what are you waiting for? Go out and sniff the roses (with your dog, of course).

Flyball

By: Kelley Welch

Bash, bash, NSL Monster Bash!
Dogs fly fast and humans dash!
Jump those hurdles, grab that ball,
Halloween themed flyball rules them all!

Flyball teams from the region came together 24-25 October 2026 to test their monster might. The action was lively and a good time was had by all. Over 20 NAFA titles were awarded and teams earned lots of points towards future titles throughout the weekend. The usual "great racing" salutation was heard above the din of werewolf calls after each race, reinforcing the camaraderie among all the witches and goblins.

A special part of the tournament was the Flyball Feeds Fido challenge where the teams brought in food, treats, and other essentials in support of ODTC's selected charity, MCQE - a local pet food pantry offering temporary assistance to families struggling to feed their beloved pets and keeping them out of the shelter. One competitor reflected on her experiences working in a shelter, saying "having the opportunity to donate was fulfilling for me," and another said "pet parents face difficult choices, I'm hoping our contributions help them keep their little furbabies." The unofficial winner was ODTC's own Scallywags team; the official winner - the pets and their parents.

Bash, bash, let out a howl!
Give a big cheer for every beast and its pal!
From the start line to the finish-line flash,
WE CAME TO RUN AT THE MONSTER BASH!



Photos by: Barking Mad Pet Pics



Hannie owner Kelley Welch



Bea & Lilibet owner Katrina Wallace



Maggie - owner Pat Parkent

Oriole Fast CAT

What a high-speed, tail-wagging weekend!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for Oriole Dog Training Club's AKC Fast CAT weekend hosted at Hog Dog Productions in Millersville, MD! We had an absolute blast watching so many amazing dogs (and their cheering handlers) tear down the 100-yard dash and chase after that lure.

Whether your pup set a brand-new personal best, earned a new title, or just had a blast running full speed, every single dog was a winner in our book.

Share your successes and photos with us!!











Can Dogs Detect Hemangiosarcoma?

Yes—trained dogs have detected a scent associated with hemangiosarcoma in blood samples, offering encouraging evidence for future detection tools. The research is preliminary.

At the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Vet Working Dog Center, researchers tested five trained dogs using blood serum from dogs with confirmed hemangiosarcoma, healthy dogs, and dogs with other illnesses. In double-blind testing with unfamiliar samples, the detection dogs achieved **70% overall accuracy**. Their sensitivity and specificity were also 70%, meaning they both missed some cancer samples and incorrectly alerted to some samples without the cancer.

Hemangiosarcoma is an aggressive cancer involving blood vessels that is often diagnosed at an advanced stage. Researchers hope that identifying its odor signature could eventually support a screening test,

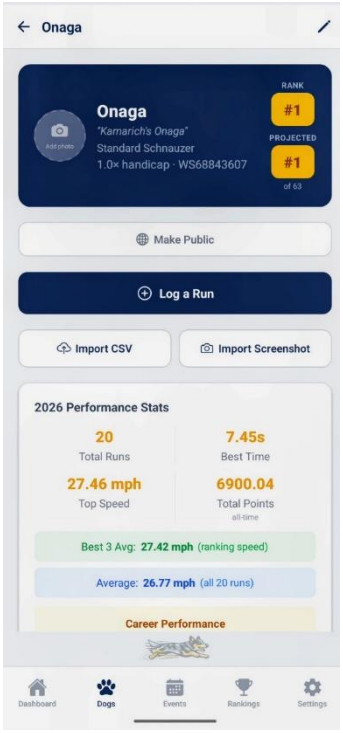
potentially using sensors that recognize the same compounds the dogs smell. PubMed

The study did not establish that dogs can detect the disease before symptoms appear, and its conclusions were limited by the small number of cancer samples. It provides a promising foundation for further research, rather than a proven early-detection test.

Source: Adapted from "Can Dogs Detect Hemangiosarcoma? New Research Offers Hope," by Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz, American Kennel Club.

Fast CATs and Dash Hound

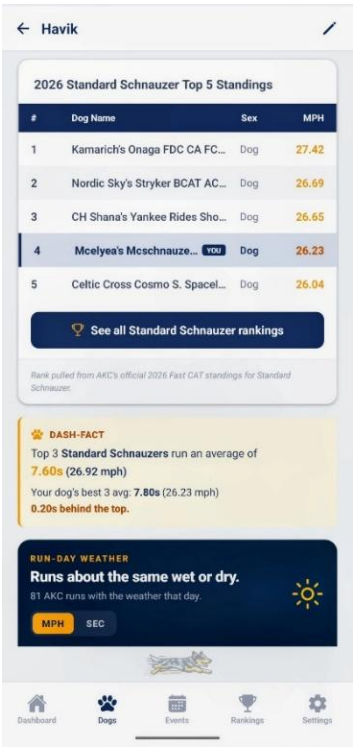
By: Meredith Neubauer



You've heard of Dachshunds, but what about Dash Hound? In the world of Fast CAT (Fast Coursing Ability Test), a new app has hit the market. For those Fast CAT'ing dogs, Dash Hound allows you to add multiple dogs of your own and even follow your friends' dogs.

The free version of the app syncs with your dog's AKC registered number, log runs as you go (ahead of the AKC), and imports runs your dog completed before the app came into existence. It maintains annual performance stats of total runs, best time, top speed, and total points. It also keeps track of those points, so you know how many runs your dog has to do before their next title.

The app also shows you where your dog ranks in the standing of their breed. It also provides "Dash-Facts," informing you of the average time and speed of the Top 3 Performers. For Standard Schnauzers, Dash-Facts reports that the Top 3 Standard Schnauzers run an average of 7.60 seconds (26.92 mph) and one of my dog's best three average is .20 seconds behind the top.



You can also look for local events within any range of your location, providing you with details on the event, registration information, even providing directions. All for free.

For the true Fast CAT enthusiasts, there is a premium version of the app. For $19.99 annually, you can gain insight into your dog's preferred weather conditions for running and which tracks your dog had their best times at.



The app is available on Google Play here. You can also access the desktop version here.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER

Seminar Setup: November 6 - 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***)

Course Building: November 8 - 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***)

Seminar Setup: November 13 - 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***)

Course Building: November 15 - 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***)

BHA Barn Hunt Trial: November 20-22 (Held at Branchwater)
POC: Katie Johnson (chsdrama2010@gmail.com)

NACSW Odor Recognition Test: November 21-22

Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, November 22
POC: Linda Grskovich (***lindobes@verizon.net***)

DECEMBER

AKC Agility Trial: December 4-6
Setup begins 2pm Friday, December 4

Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, December 6
POC: Cindy Deubler (rosiepup@verizon.net)

USDAA Agility Trial: December 12-13
Setup begins Friday, December 11 and takedown is needed on Sunday, December 13
POC: Janet Gauntt (JLGauntt@aol.com)

Building Setup after Trial on Sunday, December 13
POC: Beth Bond (mamabethof3in88@gmail.com) & Janet Gauntt (JLGauntt@aol.com)

BHA Barn Hunt Trial: December 18-20 (Held at Branchwater)
POC: Katie Johnson (chsdrama2010@gmail.com)

Flyball Event: December 19-20
POC: TBD



Community Outreach 2026

Outstanding Results

By: Fran Bethea

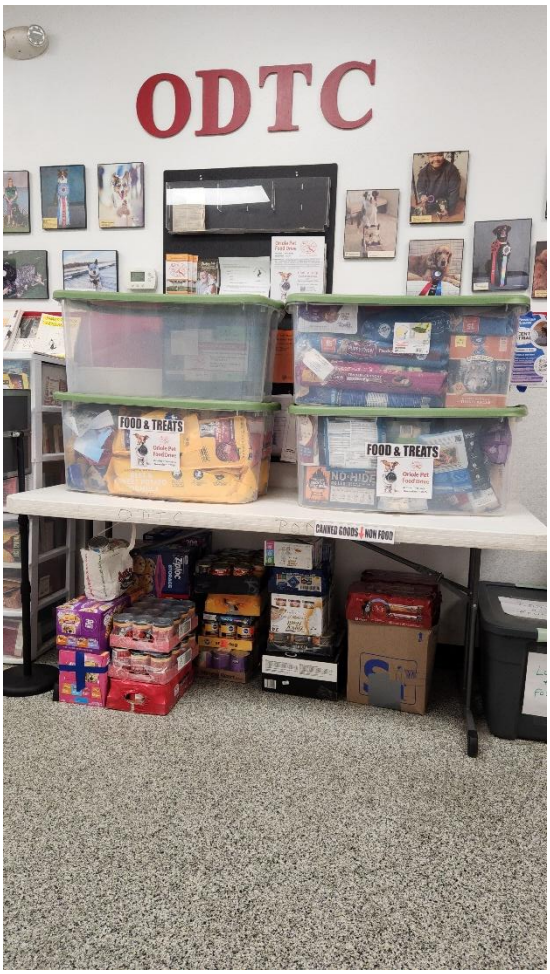
It is part of ODTC's mission to provide services to the community. Members were encouraged to nominate their favorite dog-related charitable organization at the October General Membership Meeting.

The amount of $2,000 was divided accordingly: BARCS - $1,000, Reeds Rescue - $500, and Small Miracles Cat & Dog Rescue - $500. Fran Bethea will hand deliver the checks to each organization at their convenience.

Oriole's Pet Food Drive closes November 1st. At the moment, the monetary amount stands at 64% of our goal of $2000. No Speed Limit's "Flyball Feeds Fido" made a great impact on the physical donations. See their story in this issue. The final results of donations will be announced in the December issue of The Dumbbell.

There aren't enough words to convey a heartfelt Thank You! to all of you who were so gracious and generous in contributing to this cause!







Training Tip

Say It Once

Do you find yourself saying "Sit, sit, SIT"? Repeating a cue can make it harder for your dog to learn that the first word matters.

Give a familiar cue once, then allow your dog a moment to respond. Reward promptly when they do! If they don't, make the task easier by moving to a quieter spot or practicing with fewer distractions.

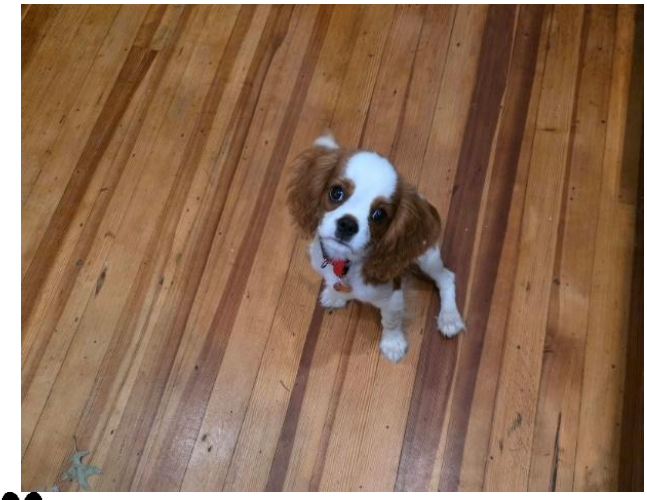
Try this: Practice five sits in a quiet room. Say "Sit" once for each repetition, pause, and reward when your dog sits.

Clear cues and achievable practice help build reliable responses.

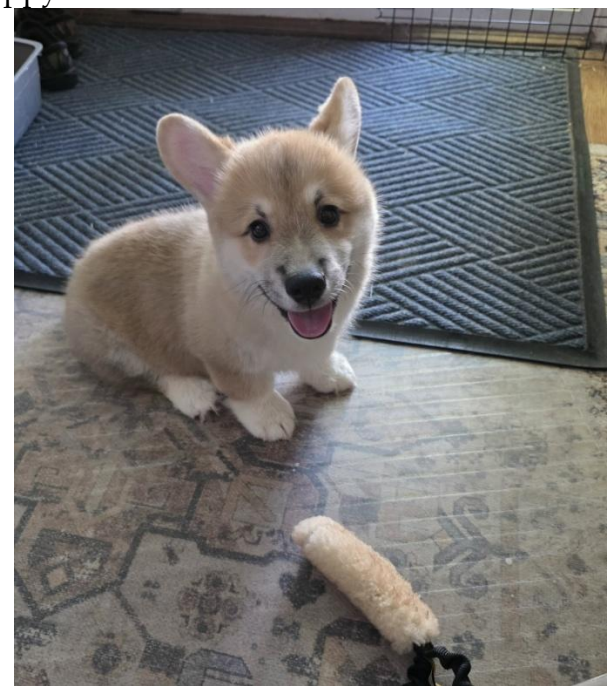
New Puppies or New to You

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

Judith Hoffman welcomes Augie who is 5 months old! Full name is Buddington August Bournonville, call name Augie.



Ann Pribyl - Introducing my new corgi puppy Cosmo.



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.***

Please keep Linda Grskovich in your thoughts and prayers. We hope she feels better soon.

Our sympathy to **Leanne Smith** on the passing of Stone.



Stone 5/14/2018 – 9/12/2026
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In Memory of Stone: A bigger than life personality in a huge blue Great Dane body. If you saw him, you'd remember him. He might have drooled, sat or leaned on you. He loved life and everyone he met. We will laugh at the memories and his antics and appreciate all the years we did get to spend with my huge hearted boy. He leaves a wonderful legacy of babies, grand pups and friends who loved him. He will be remembered. Loved by Leanne and Bina



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