



Happenings!

March 2020

1: **Obedience Seminar** – Presenter TBA, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

14-15: **Agility Seminar** – Presenter TBA, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

21-22: **CPE Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. [This event has been cancelled for COVID-19 related reasons.](#)

29: **AKC Tracking** – Oriole Dog Training Club AKC Tracking Trial. [This event has been cancelled for COVID-19 related reasons.](#)

28-29: **NACSW K9 Nose Work** – Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Trial. Location TBD.

28-29: *USDAA Agility Trial hosted by Mid-Atlantic MADness, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD*
[This event has been cancelled for COVID-19 related reasons.](#)

April 2020

4-5: **AKC Rally** – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. [This event has been cancelled for COVID-19 related reasons.](#)

19: **NACSW K9 Nose Work** – Oriole Dog Training Club Odor Recognition Test, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

25-26: **NAFA Flyball** – No Speed Limit Flyball Racing Team Tournament, Format TBD, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

Note: *Italics indicate non-ODTC event at our building.*

Announcements!



Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only)

Minutes of all meetings can be found on the ODTC website - (Login is required):

[ODTC BOD Minutes](#)

[ODTC General Meeting Minutes](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICE – FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As you are aware, the current situation in this country, the state, and even the world has changed recently and continues to change rapidly. In response to this fluctuating situation, ODTC is taking the following measures to protect and ensure the continuing safety and security of our members and of ODTC:

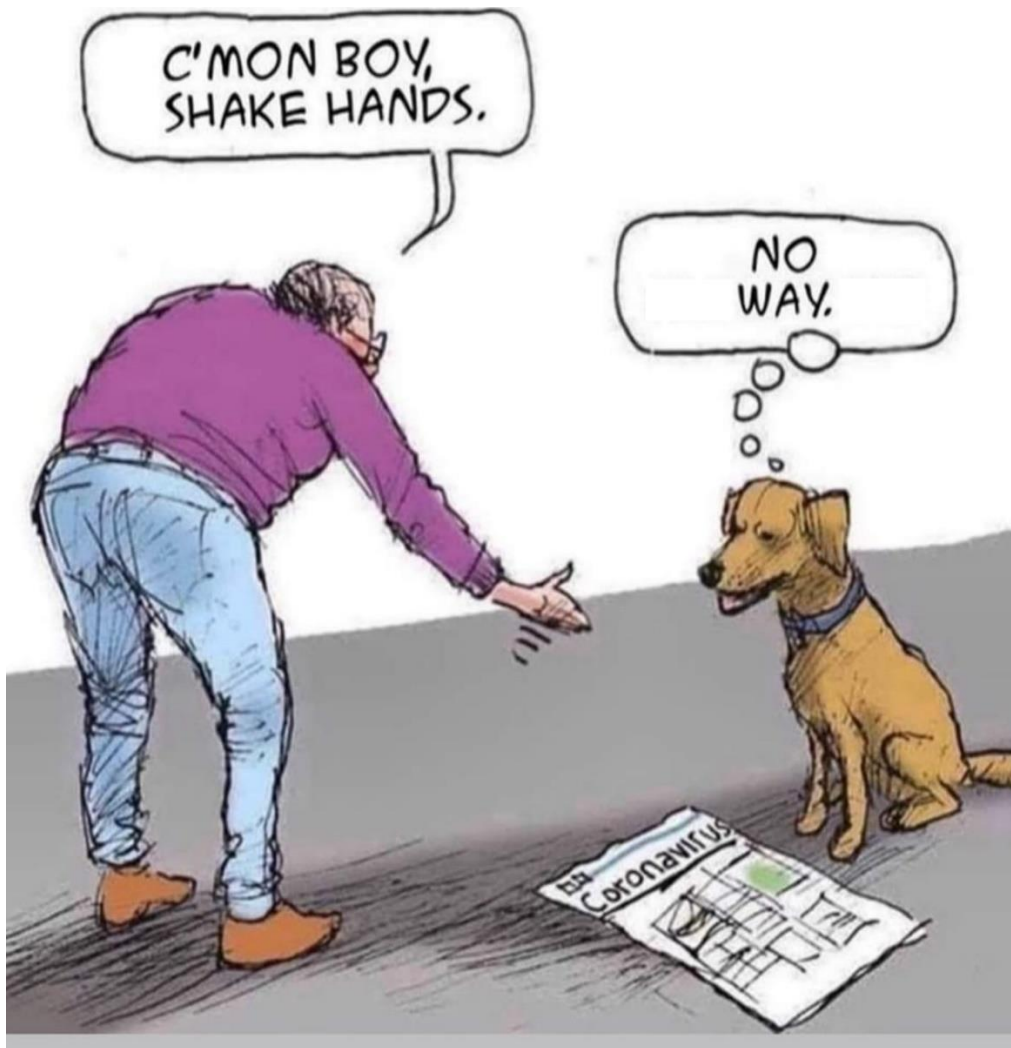
- Spring 2020 training classes, and registration for these classes, are suspended until further notice.
- All events earlier than mid-May are cancelled and/or postponed.
- The Board of Directors has voted and approved complete closure of our building at 9 Azar Court, Halethorpe MD 21227 until further notice. No persons are allowed in the building until such time as the Board lifts this closure.
- The Board will be monitoring the situation and will keep the membership informed as to new developments and/or possible cancellations/postponements.

Any concerns or questions may be brought to my attention or to the attention of the club's Vice-President.

The Board thanks you for your patience and understanding in this time of crisis.

Be Safe and Be Healthy,

Russ Bobb, ODTC President



Educational

Coronavirus: Keeping Your Pets Safe During the COVID-19 Crisis

March 13, 2020 from the ASPCA

Here is pertinent information that can help keep your pets safe during this crisis.

Can My Pet Contract the Coronavirus?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the disease is spread to humans through person-to-person contact. There have been no reports of pets or livestock becoming ill or spreading the coronavirus in the U.S. Likewise, the World Health Organization has stated that there is no evidence that dogs or cats have become ill with this particular virus.

Wash Your Hands

Although there is no current evidence that suggests the coronavirus can be transmitted to or from companion animals, it's always a good idea to follow basic hygiene practices around animals. This includes washing your hands thoroughly

throughout the day and before and after direct contact with your pets, their food or their supplies.

Stock Up on Pet Supplies

Prepare a kit with essential supplies to have on hand in the event of an emergency. Your emergency kit should include a 30-day supply of your pets' medications, as well as at least two weeks' worth of food.

Designate an Emergency Caregiver

Proactively identify someone who could help with their short- or long-term care in the event you are unable to care for your pet. Consider a family member, friend, neighbor or your favorite boarding facility.

Create a Pet Dossier

If your emergency caregiver's assistance is needed, make it easier for them by having all of your pets' information in one place. Consider including things like habits, food preferences, medical conditions and medications taken, veterinarian contact information, and any behavioral tendencies.

Coping with COVID – 19

March 19, 2020 from the AKC

To assist in navigating the current crisis, we created a hub for resources, ideas, and fun to keep both you and your dogs connected while you're at home practicing social distancing. Find expert advice on indoor fun and games, AKC.tv training tip videos, non-stop cute puppy footage to calm your nerves, and lots more.

We recognize the need for people to stay connected during this trying time. And what better way than through the dogs who stick by our sides throughout all of life's challenges? We encourage you to share what you've read, watched, or tried. Did you learn something new? Or teach your dog a new trick? Share it with us on social media with the hashtag #ThisIsAKC. We can't wait to hear from you.

Shout-Outs!

congratulations!

- ★ Linda Hulbert - Introducing UKC CH Be-Fit's Rain Dancer!
- ★ Sara Tagert with Desi ran Fastcat all 6 trials in Williamsburg and earned 6 first places for the small dogs. She ran her best time 9.03 seconds!
- ★ Deborah Dean with Iselin found all 8 rats in CZ8 and got her CZ8 Gold Title on 3/15.



- ★ Linda Grskovich and Laska RATO Barnhunt Open title.

New Puppies or New To You

If you have a new puppy (8 weeks – 1 year) submit pictures so that others may enjoy some puppy cuteness!

Thinking of You

Contact: The Sunshine Coordinator, Sharon Spies at spies14632@aol.com

If you know of a club member's loss or illness, please contact the Sunshine Coordinator or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.

***I Hope you enjoyed this edition of the Oriole Dog Training Club "Dumbbell" – 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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