

# Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club

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May 2020

## Happenings!

All Oriole events for the month of June have been cancelled.

All events scheduled in the ODTC building are cancelled through July.

**You thought  
DOGS  
were hard to  
train...**

**Look at the  
HUMANS  
that can't  
SIT & STAY!**

## 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 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Oriole Dog Training Club Board of Directions, I am writing to provide you an update from our most recent Board Meeting, held on May 7, 2020. Our thoughts continue to be with you, your dogs, family, friends, and dog-sport communities as we navigate these challenging times.

The Board continues meeting remotely on a regular basis to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Oriole's operations. As we would typically have our General Membership meeting in late May/June, the Board is planning to host this virtually via Zoom video conferencing. A date for this has not yet been determined. We also want to inform you that regular membership renewal is coming up soon and if you have signed into Club Express, you will see this flag. Lori, our Membership Director, will be sending out more information on this next week.

All agility trials that Oriole originally had scheduled in June 2020 have been cancelled. All scheduled Oriole Events in July 2020 have also been cancelled. The Board continues to monitor the situation and has been proactively planning for a gradual re-opening of the building after the stay at home order has been suspended. The Board also agreed to delay the summer semester by one month, meaning that planning will occur in June if it is deemed feasible to have classes in

the building in the latter half of the summer. The current semester of online classes has been going well overall and the Board is exploring expanding our offering of online classes in obedience, agility, and nosework.

If you haven't already seen them, Oriole has launched three online communities via Facebook to bring our Members together. If you would like to join them, simply create a Facebook account if you do not currently have one, sign in, and visit [this site for Obedience and Tricks](#), [this site for Agility](#), or [this site for Flyball](#). Connect with fellow members, post videos of your own at-home training, share ideas for things to work on in small spaces, and ask for help if you find yourself struggling on a skill.

Thank you for your continued support of Oriole Dog Training Club. We'll update you on the evolving situation as there are changes and announcements to be shared, including an updated summary of summer event cancellations after our Board Meeting tomorrow. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns about club operations, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Stay safe and stay healthy - Rose Kane for the ODTC Board of Directors

*The next Board Meeting is June 3*

*Quarterly General Membership Meeting (members should attend):*

June 2020 General Membership Meeting

**Time:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time

**Meeting ID:** 850 1803 6538    **Password:** 566686

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85018036538?pwd=R0RuT1VJSWF4bUxLVG9VcXVFSGRuQT09>

This meeting will be held online via Zoom and you will need one of the following to attend:

- a computer, or
- smartphone/tablet running the Zoom app, or
- just a regular telephone to call in with no video.

An email will be sent via ClubExpress to all club members with detailed information on how to join the meeting.

If you are not familiar with using Zoom, here is a link on how to join a meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

*Membership Renewal Time*

We are currently in the timeframe for club dues renewal. The Oriole membership "year" is from 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021. If you log into your Oriole account you should already see the red "RENEW" or "PAYMENT DUE" in the upper right corner of your window on the webpage. Please renew as soon as possible but no later than 30 June 2020. If you have financial concerns related to COVID-19 please let our Membership Director (Lori) know.

## Educational

### Dogs Trained to Detect COVID 19

Scientists are training dogs to identify COVID-19 by following their noses.

A new program at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) is putting noses to the grindstone for disease detection. Researchers are working with dogs to see if the canines' superior sniffers can help with early detection of COVID-19 in humans. See more at <https://www.livescience.com/dogs-smell-covid-19.html>

### COVID 19 – IF YOU HAVE PETS (from the CDC)

#### Key Points

- CDC is aware of a small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19.
- Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.
- It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations.
- Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people or animals outside the household. If a person inside the household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets.
- This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

#### *Shout-Outs!*

**congratulations!**

★ Deborah Dean and Iselin got email!!!! During the shutdown Iselin obtained a new Title in the sport of Parkour!!! The Dog Parkour Quarantine PKQT-COVID Level 1 Title! We have also been doing lots of Nose/Scent work practice and Obedience!!! We hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing all of the Oriole folks soon!!!!

★ From Felicia Wynn – Kody already has his AKC Elite Performer Trick Dog Title, but we missed working on tricks, so I decided to work on DMWYD (Do More With Your Dog) titles. In the past 2 days, Kody earned his Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert DMWYD titles! We'll be working on Champion Dog next. He is such a fun boy!





## 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](mailto: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.



Wishing Lorinda McKisson a quick recovery from her recent surgery!

*From the Oriole Dog Training Club*



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](mailto:Dumbbell@Orioledogclub.club) for inclusion in the next issue.

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