Happenings

November

22: **CDSP Obedience Trial** – Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. *This event has been rescheduled for COVID-19 related reasons to March 7, 2022.*

December 2020

4-6: **AKC Agility Trial** – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. 
6: – Cecil County Public Schools, Elkton, MD. *This event has been cancelled for COVID-19 related reasons.*

13: **NACSW Odor Recognition Test** – Oriole Dog Training Club Nosework Test, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

19-20: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Branchwater Farm, Severn, MD

Award Forms due by Dec. 31, 2020. For more information go to: [https://orioledogclub.org/member-awards/](https://orioledogclub.org/member-awards/)

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

**Highlights from the November 18, 2020 General Meeting**

- By-law changes were approved. Latest By-Laws may be found at [By Laws](#).
- Classes in the building will remain at a limited capacity and the Board continues to monitor the COVID 19 situation daily.
- Directors will be looking at adding more online/virtual class offerings.

**Winter 2021 Classes**

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**IMPORTANT AWARDS PARTY INFORMATION**

The awards committee, consisting of Betty Gardner, Jean Wilkins and Jo Kendig, have determined that none of us feel comfortable in conducting our awards party as we have in the past because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. After speaking with our president, Russ Bobb, the awards party for 2020, usually held in January 2021, will be canceled. It was decided that we will combine all 2020 titles with the 2021 titles earned next year, to be presented at the Awards Party in January 2022. *However, please submit this year’s Award Forms so*
that we may recognize your 2020 awards in the January issue of the Dumbbell!

All forms should be submitted by Dec. 31, 2020.  https://orioledogclub.org/member-awards/

FOR ALL FLYBALL PARTICIPANTS: It has been determined that as of this year and continuing into the future, Oriole will NOT be presenting Special Plaques for the flyball titles of ONYX and above. This decision was made because NAFA, the flyball parent club, awards special plaques for all of those titles as well as those for the higher Multi-breed titles. Our club will continue to award the black title plates for our Medallion Plaques if the member so chooses to receive them.

Barn Hunt – November 7-8

By: Connie Miller

In November we held a barn hunt. We had a great weekend, perfect weather, lots of beautiful runs, and good sportsmanship by all. I would like to express my appreciation of all the hard work by Oriole members, our exhibitors, and our Judges. Many thanks to Charlene, our trial secretary, for her willingness to go the extra mile. Sue Clark, Deborah Dean, and Margaret McDowell were our terrific course builders. Lorinda McKisson was our good will fairy. She made it possible for us to offer ribbons, worker raffle, and Q chews. Katrina Mauldin our worker goddess, and Melissa Avenius, our cleaning genie kept the trial moving. A special shout out to Ann Pribyl, and Debbie Quadri, for filling in last minute, to assist Melissa and Katrina. There were many other who pitched in and worked in the rings. My thanks to all. I’ve enjoyed being trial chair for Oriole and will miss all of you. Connie and Hulu

Educational

10 Winter Safety Tips for Dog Owners

AKC - By Randa Kriss  Dec 23, 2016

Snow, sleet, ice, wind… there’s a lot to prepare for when it comes to winter weather. Just like we’re affected by the cold, our dogs are, too. Here are a few simple measures you can take to make sure your dog stays happy and healthy throughout the winter.

Avoid Thin Ice

Too often we hear stories of dogs that had to be rescued from icy waters (and those are the lucky ones). It might look like fun to slide across that frozen pond, but ice can easily crack, and your dog, and you, could fall in. Slipping on ice can also lead to muscle strains and other injuries.

Protect Your Dog’s Paws

Look at the Iditarod sled-dog teams, and you’ll notice that their paws are covered by booties. Mushers know that the race may be lost because of injuries and abrasions from running on ice. Even if your dog isn’t dashing through 1,000 miles of frozen Alaskan wilderness, winter conditions can still do damage. Different retailers offer dog boots or paw protectors that work well to keep your pup’s feet safe.
Trim Foot Fuzz

Hair on the feet of long-haired dogs can form ice balls between pads and toes. Keep them well trimmed, cutting the hair so that it is even with the surface of the foot.

Clean Your Dog’s Feet

City streets are coated with deicing substances, such as sodium chloride (rock salt) and calcium chloride, which make sidewalks safe for pedestrians, but can damage paw pads. Make sure you wash off your dog’s feet. Some people keep a bucket next to the door to rinse their dog’s feet as soon as they come in from the cold. Use warm water and make sure to reach spots between the toes and pads. Some dogs will also need a moisturizer for dry skin. Learn how to make your own paw balm for the winter here.

Limit Dog’s Time Outside

Dogs can suffer from frostbite, especially on delicate earflaps and tail tips. In extreme cold, it’s a good idea to keep dogs inside, with the exception of the heavy-coated northern breeds that thrive in low temperatures. If it’s not possible to keep the dogs indoors, be aware of the major signs of frostbite, which include skin that appears white or blue.

Stay In

Even a big fuzzy dog that lives indoors will need some time to acclimate to freezing temperatures. Short romps outside will help your dog’s body get used to the change in the weather. Keep indoor activities fun with these ideas. Toys like the DogTwister Interactive Game give your dog a fun way to get both mental and physical exercise.

Bundle Your Dog Up

Sure, most dogs have their own coat, but you wouldn’t want to go out in a blizzard in a light spring jacket. Make sure small, delicate, and short-haired dogs, even large ones like Greyhounds, have an appropriate winter wardrobe. Bonus: You can have fun dressing them up.

Consider Your Dog’s Age

Where climate is concerned, age is more than a number. Like humans, very young and very old dogs have a hard time regulating body temperature, so they have more extreme reactions to changes in weather. Romps in the snow may be too much for their more delicate constitutions. Keep the oldsters and the puppies indoors as much as possible.

Beware of Antifreeze

As little as a teaspoon of antifreeze can cause kidney failure. Be alert to the signs that your dog has swallowed some of it, which include drooling, vomiting, seizures, excessive thirst, panting, lethargy and a drunken appearance. If you think your dog has ingested antifreeze, it’s important to get to a vet as soon as possible. Even if you keep your antifreeze safely tucked away, there is still a danger from residue in the streets. Most antifreeze is green ethylene glycol, but it comes in several different colors. So watch where your dog is snifffing.
Shout-Outs!

★ Deb Knowles with Anna earned her L1 Vehicles title on 10/25.
★ Felicia Wynn with Kody earned his Barn Hunt RATCH (Champion) 10/25 under judge Colin Ratcliffe.
★ Deborah Dean - Iselin earned her NW3 title our first time out at the ODTC NW3 held at Spencerville!!!
She got first place with a Pronounced in Exteriors!!!

★ Lorinda McKisson and Keanu earned a Rally Novice Title!
★ Sara Tagget and Desi did it again! She earn her Level 1 Elementary title.
★ Sara Tagget and Desi earned her FCat5! And Lucy her DCat!
Linda and Don Grskovich with Asher photo from his Best of Winners win at Doswell, VA.

Terry Todesco - Carter B. and his FCAT title. He ran 28 qualifying runs at an average of 19.3 MPH.

Janet Gauntt - Despite needing to have the RV towed out of our camping spot due to the amount of rain before and during the trial, we had a very successful weekend at the Talbot KC's Barn Hunt trial with both Johnny B and Sequel finishing their Barn Hunt Master (RATM) title. And... JB was able to find all 8 rats in time in Crazy 8's with 1 second to spare!

Michele Long with Ginger got her 2nd NW3 title in Glen Spey NY!

Terry Todesco - Huxx earned his C-ATE (CPE Agility Team Extraordinaire Title). It is the highest title in CPE agility.

Dana Hoppes with Koji ?? – Level 1 Element-Container Title and Interior Title.

Sheila Saville with Ruby earned their RATN title on 11/21!
To Connie Miller – On behalf of ODTC, thank you for all that you have done over the years and we wish you much happiness as you begin a new journey!

Barn Hunt (November) – thank you to all that helped during this event.

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!

Louise Griffin has a new puppy! Meet Marshall.

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.

It is with deep sadness that we must say farewell to a fellow club member, Patricia Ann Straat. Pat was a long-time club member.

Patricia Ann Straat, age 84, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2020 at her home in Sykesville, MD after a long battle with Lung Cancer. She was born in Rochester, NY on March 28, 1936 to the late Harold and Marcelline Straat.

Patricia attended Irondequoit High School and Oberlin College where she obtained her BA. She received her PhD from Johns Hopkins University where she had four years
of post doctoral studies.

She was a pioneering woman of science who was known for being the co-experimenter on a key NASA Viking experiment that detected life on Mars in 1976. She recently published a book about her experience with the first landing on Mars titled "To Mars With Love".

She is survived by Mary A. Grande, her life partner for more than 40 years; sister, Virginia Braun and husband, Tom; niece, Debra Cote' and husband, Mark; nephews, Robert Braun and wife, Tammy and Daniel Braun and wife, Laura.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the United States Equestrian Team Foundation, 1040 Pottersville Road, Gladstone, NJ 07934 or your favorite charity. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store.


Wishing Sheila Mehring a quick recovery after surgery.

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.