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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**Awards applications must be received by December 20th.**

**Return applications to Betty Gardner, 205 Otis Drive, Severn, MD 21144-1132**

**\*\*\*If you wish to have an Artful Dodgers Agility Obstacle Plaque, use the appropriate form and mail it to Jean Wilkins at 6125 Hunt Club Rd., Elkrige, MD 21075**

**You must be a member of ODTC, in good standing with the club, to receive an award!**

## **Oriole Medallion Plaque Award**

This is our standard title awards plaque. It has an ODTC Logo Medallion on it and will accommodate 9 title plates. It can be used to display titles from ANY ODTC eligible activity which includes Agility, Barn Hunt, Conformation\*, Disc, Flyball, Freestyle, Fast and Regular Lure Coursing, Nose and Scent Work, Regular and Rally Obedience, Tracking and Tricks. CGC and FDC titles are eligible for TAGS ONLY if the dog already has a Medallion Plaque! A total of FOUR of these plaques may be awarded PER DOG at no cost after which a \$10 fee per additional plaque will be charged. Titles acquired in any of the above activities but from other Kennel Clubs and Registries are also eligible for awards. Awards will be presented at the club's annual meeting and awards party on the third Sunday in January. Please use the appropriate awards application to record and submit titles.

**INSTINCT, TESTING OR CERTIFICATION TITLES are NOT eligible to receive awards!**

\*See Special Requirements for Conformation Award!

## **Performance Dog Awards**

The Performance Dog Awards were established to recognize handlers who have exhibited dogs that have achieved titles in a variety of performance activities, including those for which ODTC does not offer training classes or trials. Titles earned **prior** to becoming a member of ODTC **may** be included for eligibility. These are **ongoing** awards, so when the dog obtains titles in more activities, you may apply for the appropriate level award, **even if** you already have one from a **previous** level. To be eligible, the dog only needs **one** title in **each** activity. Titles in one activity but from different registries still only count as one activity! Similar activities will be listed as ONE, such as Rally/Regular Obedience, Fast CAT/Regular Lure Coursing and NACSW Nose Work/AKC Scent Work! Other non-ODTC activities such as Dock Diving, Earth Dog, Herding, Carting, Field and other breed related activities are also eligible. Rescue and Therapy Dog titles may be used IF the dog has participated in at least ONE rescue mission or has performed at least **50 hours** of therapy visits. CGC, FDC, Instinct and other Testing titles are NOT eligible for a Performance Dog Award!

**Special requirements for the PD awards have CHANGED! Please read carefully!**

**Performance Dog: two to three activities, two must be Oriole activities**

**Performance Dog Excellent: four to five activities, four must be Oriole activities**

**Performance Dog Champion: six or more activities, six must be Oriole activities**

**NOTE:** You **may** receive one of the Performance Dog Awards **regardless of when** your dog earned its respective titles! (Even IF the titles were earned PRIOR to becoming an ODTC member!) **ALSO...**If you are adding an additional activity to your original Award, you can receive a NEW **plate** for your **existing** award.

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### **High Score in Novice-B**

This award will be presented to **ALL** handlers in the Novice-B Class who obtain a score of 190 OR above. This is NOT an average of three scores! **ONLY ONE** score of 190 OR above is required....your highest one! Rosettes will be given to **EACH** member achieving this goal!

### **Highest Average in Open-A**

This award will be presented to the handler whose dog obtains the highest **AVERAGE** of **ANY** three scores from the Open-A Obedience class. ODTC Medallion Plaques will be given for this award.

### **Highest Average in Utility-A**

This award will be presented to the handler whose dog obtains the highest **AVERAGE** of **ANY** three scores from the Utility-A Obedience class. ODTC Medallion Plaques will be given for this award.

**ANY SCORES CAN BE USED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE AWARDS. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE FOR THE DOG'S TITLES! ALSO, ANY REGISTRY IS ELIGIBLE!**

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**NOTE**.....A TOTAL of FOUR plaques Per Dog may be awarded to each member free of charge. (You may mix or match any combination of the two, Medallion/Artful Dodgers, plaques until you obtain a total of **four** plaques!) After the first four, there will be a \$10 charge per plaque, per dog! Championship and other Special Plaques are NOT included in the four allowable plaques and there will be no charge for any of those plaques.

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### **Special Plaques for Obedience and Rally Higher Titles**

Oriole will be offering Special Plaques in Regular Obedience for all UDX and higher titles, along with Championship titles in Rally Obedience. Titles in all Registries are eligible! We will also award a Special Plaque for all AKC Versatility Companion Dog titles.

### **Conformation Breed Championship Plaques (Please read these Requirements Carefully!)**

Oriole is now offering Special Plaques for Conformation Breed Championships. All CH titles from all Registries are eligible for this award. You **must** have completed a handling class with ODTC. You **MUST** have **partially** handled the dog yourself for at least **HALF** of the points needed for the title. That includes at least **ONE** major point win. ***No CH titles earned exclusively by a Professional Handler will be recognized for one of these plaques. However, a title earned in this way may still be used as an activity for one of our Performance Dog Awards! A title plate may be awarded if the dog already has a Medallion Plaque!***

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### THE BLANCHE SAUNDERS AWARD

This award was originated by the ODTTC to honor Blanche Saunders who is considered to be one of the founders of dog obedience in the U. S. This award will be presented to the handler whose dog has achieved the highest average of **any three scores** in either the Open-B or Utility-B Obedience classes. **These scores need not be for the dog's title. However, all scores must be from the same class! They cannot be combined!**

### THE ORIOLE AWARD

This award is for the handler who is exhibiting their **FIRST** dog in **ANY** of the "A" Obedience classes. This award will be presented to the handler whose dog has achieved the highest average of the **FIRST three qualifying scores that earned its title EVEN IF there were subsequently higher scores later!** The SAME dog may win this award through each of the classes as long as it is the handler's FIRST dog!

**Special note to mixed breed and rare breed handlers:** Scores obtained at Licensed UKC, ASCA and other registry events may be used for the Blanche Saunders and Oriole Awards.

### THE PRINCE MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was originated to honor Major Wilson Davis, founder of the Oriole Dog Training Club, and his German Shepherd Dog, Prince. This award will be presented to the club member who has given **outstanding** service to the club. In addition, **this member must own a dog that has obtained at least one title in ANY of Oriole's eligible activities.** The dog should also possess the temperament and disposition that make for the kind of canine companion that anyone would love to have!

**The Prince Award cannot be applied for!** The recipient is determined by the club's four training directors. You may consider recommending someone to one of the training directors if you think that person and his/her dog would qualify for this award. Since there are **many** members in our club and many activities, you could possibly lead the directors to consider someone who might otherwise be overlooked!

### Flyball Special Awards

Our club has a very special plaque that is presented to the member whose dog has earned 40,000 points and above. It is a **large** plaque with a tiny, wooden flyball racing lane on it complete with starting lights, jumps, balls and a dog! For every 10,000 points earned after the 40,000, a plate will be given to attach to this original plaque. There is NO specific application to fill out for this plaque so if your dog is eligible and you would like to have one of these special plaques, please put a notation on the Medallion Plaque Awards Application. If you DO NOT wish to have one of these plaques, please note that as well. A Medallion Plaque title plate will be awarded **instead**, if you wish, but you must request it!

**\*\*\*\*Our club will no longer be awarding Special Plaques for flyball ONYX titles. Medallion Plaque title plates will be awarded instead!**

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### **THE SIDEKICK FLYBALL AWARD**

Since flyball is a team sport, the winner of this award will be decided by a team vote. The team captains and the Flyball Training director will nominate a dog/handler pair from either of Oriole's two flyball groups. Team members may offer suggestions to any captain or the training director on whomever they think should be nominated. All current flyball training members in good standing are eligible to vote. The dog/handler pair that is nominated should be outstanding team players. They should be a dog and handler that you would want on your team, who attend practices regularly and who goes above and beyond working for the team.

### **THE JO KENDIG AGILITY AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a club member for his/her service to the Oriole/Artful Dodgers agility program and their positive representation of what the sport of agility is all about. The recipient is a club member that volunteers his/her time selflessly, someone that works at every trial, volunteers to work extra classes, shows up early for set-up and stays late to help break-down the trial site. He/she often contributes as an Agility instructor, assistant instructor or in other ways on a regular basis. In addition, the recipient is a good example of what agility participants are supposed to represent: that is....good sportsmanship on and off the field, a positive attitude towards their canine teammate and the ability....at all times....to remember that "agility is fun"!

### **THE K9 SNIFFERS NOSE WORK AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to recognize an Oriole member and dog team who has demonstrated exceptional technique and teamwork during nose work competitions as determined by at least two different judges. It acknowledges their professionalism, handler and dog safety, observational skills, leash handling technique, off leash control, speed, efficiency, accuracy, stamina, enthusiasm, clarity of alert and odor obedience. The decision for this award is based on trial results as rated by official trial judges while the team searches the (sometimes multiple) elements of containers, exteriors, interiors and vehicles. This Special Plaque will be presented to the member who has achieved the highest number of Pronounced RIBBONS **OR** the Highest AVERAGE of "Ps" from NW1, NW2, NW3 or Elite trials over the past year. In case of a tie, the Highest Overall Ranking will be the deciding factor.

**NOTE: The Blanch Saunders, Oriole and Prince awards are engraved and kept by the recipient for the entire year. At the next year's awards party, the original award must be returned and a replica will be presented as a keepsake! The Sidekick, Jo Kendig and K9 Sniffers awards are Perpetual Awards which means the original award is kept by the recipient and a plate is made for a plaque that hangs in our building.**