

# Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club 9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

March 23, 2024

## Happenings

### April 2024

27-28: NAFA Flyball Tournament – No Speed Limit, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

### May 2024

3-4: AKC Scentwork Trial. Location TBA.

4-5: Agility Seminar with Cassie Schmidt, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

10-11: AKC Scentwork Trial – Oriole Dog Training Club, St. John's Church, Phoenix, MD.

11: USDAA Fun Match – Artful Dodgers Agility, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

12: CGC and Trick Testing Event, Oriole Dog Training Club, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

17-19: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

18-19: USDAA Agility – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

20: Potential Scentwork seminar/workshop – Location TBD.

24-26: AKC Rally and Obedience – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trials, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

### Upcoming Seminars:

[Click here for Seminars](#)

### AGILITY

*Upcoming Events 2024:*

**Cassandra Schmidt - 5/4-5/5**

**Annette Alfonso - 6/1-6/2**

**Rebecca Thrift - 7/1 & 7/3**

**Dudley Shumate - 7/27-7/28**

**Christine Tschech - 9/7-9/8**

**Rebecca Thrift - 9/14-9/15**

**Paula Goss - 9/28**

**Nancy Schilling 10/12-10/13**

**Stefanie Ranier - 11/9-11/10**

### Announcements!



*Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only)*

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

[ODTCC BOD Minutes](#)

[ODTCC General Meeting Minutes](#)

### Canine Language Perception Study

ODTCC member, Charis Smith, and her dog, Duke recently went to the University of Maryland to participate in a study in Canine Language perception. Duke had a fun time, and he got a cute dog-torate degree for participating.

A new study will be beginning soon about dogs' perception of background noise and ability to filter it, and one group they are focusing on is agility dogs. They also do lots of other studies with dogs in general, their website has some of their published papers and more info (<http://dogs.umd.edu/>). Charis shared flyers with us in case others would like to participate and contribute towards science!



## SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY!

### WE'LL MAKE IT PAW-SOME!

Your participation helps us learn more about how our canine companions think and learn, and the ways in which this is similar to (and different from!) that of young children.

The studies in our lab usually involve a single visit, lasting 30-45 minutes (including time for asking questions and filling out paperwork, and for your dog to become comfortable in the testing room). These studies are designed to be fun for dogs and their owners. You will be with your dog at all times.



DID YOU KNOW YOUR DOG CAN  
CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH?

## COME VISIT THE UMD DOG LAB!

Send us an email at [dogseumd.edu](mailto:dogseumd.edu) to make  
an appointment or learn more at  
[dogs.umd.edu](http://dogs.umd.edu)!



## AKC CGC and Trick Testing Event at ODTTC (AKC CGC and Novice thru Advanced Trick Testing)

Oriole Dog Training Club  
9 Azar Court  
Halethorpe, MD

**May 12, 2024**

CGC Ring 1: Start time: 9:30a.m.

Tricks Ring 2: Start time: 9:30a.m.

[for more details click here](#)

# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed and appreciated at all of our events. Here are some upcoming opportunities!

## May 2024

**3 – Friday – AKC Scentwork Trial** - volunteers for our AKC SCENT WORK trial needed on Friday May 3.

**Contact:** Deb Kaminski [dekamin@aol.com](mailto:dekamin@aol.com)

**10-Friday** - Oriole will be hosting an AKC Scent Work Trial on Friday, May 10 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3911 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131 (Baltimore County).

We are seeking volunteers to serve as timers, judge's stewards, to assist with exhibitor staging, and more. No experience is necessary, we're happy to train. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you're at all interested in K9 Nosework/Scent Work, this is your opportunity to see dogs in action! Please email Debbie Kaminski at [dekamin@aol.com](mailto:dekamin@aol.com).

**12 Sun.** – AKC CGC and Trick testing – volunteers appreciated. Contact Debby Brannan [dbrannancrs@gmail.com](mailto:dbrannancrs@gmail.com)

**18-19 - USDAA Agility trial** - Set up will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 17.

We will need help with:

- moving the blue panels & equipment from the field
- clearing the ring gating and obedience equipment
- bringing tables out for the trial secretary
- there will be other small/lightweight tasks

We will try to accomplish as much as possible without disrupting the Friday night flyball class. We will also need help with teardown on Sunday, May 19. Time to be determined. (An estimated class schedule will be posted at [artfuldodgersagility.wordpress.com](http://artfuldodgersagility.wordpress.com) that will show an estimated ending time). Janet Gauntt will be your point of contact when you arrive.

**24-26 AKC Rally & Obedience Trial** – stewards/volunteers needed. Trial Experience is not necessary. We are willing to train anyone who would like to volunteer. Fri. evening Rally/Obedience and Sat./Sun. Obedience. You may work a half day, if you wish. Contact: Debbie Kaminski [dekamin@aol.com](mailto:dekamin@aol.com)

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*Oriole is an all-volunteer club – thank you to everyone that volunteers!*

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## *Oriole Beginning Tracking Classes*

Oriole's *Beginning Tracking* course emphasizes building a partnership bond with your dog and having a great time outdoors in nature doing something dogs are naturally gifted at and love to do.

The classes teach the foundation concepts and techniques for the AKC Tracking Dog Test including understanding scent, designing tracks to develop tracking dogs with motivation, confidence, and skills, and developing handler support skills.

Recently, one course introduced Pre-Tracking Dog Tests that are proving to be educational AND a lot of fun!



**Melissa & Billie Jean**  
Tracking Dog Pre-Test 1



**Kerry & Maggie**  
Tracking Dog Pre-Test 1



**David & Abby**  
Tracking Dog Pre-Test 2



**Nicole & Miles**  
Tracking Dog Pre-Test 2

# congratulations!

★ **Milly Welsh** - Milly B Welsh and Graden's Cutting Edge, MH, QA2, UD, RE - known as Razor - completed the requirements for her UD on 3/3/24 at MD Sporting Dogs.

★ **Gina Lancaster** - Pooh earned his level 3 Strategy Title at ODT CPE trial.

★ **Felicia Wynn** - Kody got his last Q in Novice Buried, earning his Novice Buried Element and overall Scent Work Novice (SWN) titles!



★ **Linda Hulbert** - At OTCH's UKC nose work trials this weekend Porsche finished her Novice Interior, which finished her Novice Nosework title. Yesterday she got a 1st in Advanced Containers and a 3rd in Advanced Exterior. Today she 5th in Novice Interior and a 2nd in Advanced Vehicles.

★ **Linda Hulbert** - At OTCH's UKC Nosework trials this weekend, Rain went 4 for 4. Yesterday he got a 2nd in Advanced Exterior and 2nd in Advanced Containers. Today he got 3rd in Advanced Interior and 2nd in Advanced Vehicles. This means that he is half way to his Advanced elements titles.

★ **Sara Tagget** - Vivian's first AKC Scent Work trial and she did awesome. She competed at Novice level and earned 4 out of 4 qualifying runs with a 3rd and 4th place. Lucy competed at Advanced level and q'd in Interior and Exterior, 2 out of 4 qualifying runs! Desi ran at Master level and earned 3 out of 4 qualifying runs! She earned her Master Exterior Elite title!



★ **Trena Laswell** - Harvey, Lane, and Murray went to Ruffin' It's cwags trial this weekend and did great!! Harvey Q'd in: Level 3 scentwork, 2 rounds of Starter Rally, 2 rounds of Zoom 1, Colors 1, And got a Versatility award for the weekend! He got scores of 97, 98, and 99! Lane Q'd in: 2 rounds of Zoom 1, She had fun pretending to be an obedience dog and provided entertainment for all. She also got to be "dog in white" to test my Level 1 scentwork. Murray Q'd in: Level 2 scentwork, 2 rounds of Starter Rally, 2 rounds of Zoom 1, Colors 1, And got a Versatility award for the weekend! He had great runs as FEO in Level 1 scentwork and Ranger 1.



★ **Sally Josselyn** - Another good Barn Hunt weekend for Monkey 😊. She Q'd in 11 of 12 runs to earn her RATCHX6 and Crazy 8s Platinum 2 titles. The highlight of the weekend was her second Masters run where she cleared the course of 5 rats in a smokin' time of 1:08:81 which was good for a HIC too.

★ **Janet Gauntt** - Johnny B, RATCHX 9! I'm thinking this is a good time and title to end his Championship class runs on. At 13.5, climbing the bales on a challenging Masters course is becoming a little too precarious for my taste. And his advancing deafness is making the Distance Challenges.... challenging. So I think we're transitioning back to Open B and Crazy 8's where things are at a nice safe height for a senior.

★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain earned his Advanced Trick Dog title tonight.



★ **Dianne Harab** - Rocky earned his Rally Novice title on April 7, 2024 at Oriole Dog Training Club in Halethorpe, Maryland with scores of 99-1st place, 100-1st place, and 99 first place. This is his first title.

★ **Sara Tagget** - The Desilu Dogs have been busy in Florida. In St Petersburg, Desi earned her AKC Scentwork Exterior Master Elite title AND High in Trial for Master level. In Gainesville, Vivian earned her NACSW Odor Recognition Title (ORT). Lucy earned her AKC Scentwork Container Novice Elite title in Lakeland. In Clearwater, Lucy was one of 5 teams out of 41 teams to earn her NACSW NW2 title.

★ **Felicia Wynn** - Brave earned his AKC Advanced Trick Dog title, which consisted of 10 advanced tricks.



★ **Lorinda McKisson** - Hennessy and Diesel both titled in Starters/P1 Gamblers! On to Advanced/P2 Gamblers! Diesel also Q'd in his first P2 Gamblers and now has 2 Q's in P1 Standard!

★ **Sheila Saville** - Karma earned her CPE Full House Champion title on May 13 in Orlando, FL.

★ **Deb Knowles** - Maple got her CGC title\*\* today. Depending on how things shake out over the next week or so, I'm thinking of having her go for trick title (5 tricks) at rally trial as a quasi acclimation under trial conditions so we can feel better in trial ring...will see... But meanwhile she is very proud of being a Cute Good Canine. (\*\*pending my getting paperwork filed)



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain had a great day at OTCH's UKC rally trials today. He got a 3rd place in Level 2 (95) and 2nd place in Level 3 (99) for the first trial. In the second trial he got 2nd place in Level 2 (98) and 2nd place in Level 3 (99). The first trial also completed his URX title.




### 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](mailto:spies14632@aol.com) or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.*





## 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!

 **Milly Welch** welcomes - Graden's Lex Loci, call name Lexi. She was born 1/13/24 and is a Labrador destined to have a field trial career and obedience when she's older. She belongs to Milly B Welsh. Here she is on 3/9.

 **Deb Knowles along with Silver & Maple** - welcome Berwyn, a little brown Curly-Coated Retriever dude to our home.

 **Judith Hoffman** – welcomes Sammy, his breeder is Haven Cavaliers, in Maine.

 **Becky Moran** – welcomes Darby!



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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