

# Dumbbell



Oriole Dog Training Club

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September 23, 2021

## Happenings

### October 2021

1-3: **AKC Fast CAT** – Oriole Dog Training Club Fast CAT Trial, Gamber, MD.

2-3: **USDAA Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

22-24: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD

24: National Specialty AKC Agility Trial – Weimaraner Club of America, Oriole Dog Training Club Building, Halethorpe, MD

30-31: **NAFA Flyball** – No Speed Limit Flyball Racing Team Tournament, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

### November 2021

6-7: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Splashdown Farm, Severn, MD

6-7: **NADAC Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

### December 2021

3-5: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD

5: **AKC Tracking Test** – Location TBA

10-12: **AKC Agility** – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

Note: Italics indicate non-Oriole events

## 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](#)

Next General Membership meeting **will be held via Zoom** and is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm**. An agenda and Zoom Meeting details will be shared soon.



## New ODTc Used Agility Equipment Auction Facebook Page!

Oriole Dog Training Club will be auctioning off used agility equipment from time to time on our new ODTc Equipment Auction Facebook page. The page and auction are open to ODTc members only. You must ask to join the Facebook group to participate. A link to the page is here:

[ODTC Equipment Auction](#)

Payment for items won must be made within 7 days of the end of the auction by cash or credit card. The winner of the auction is responsible for scheduling removal and transport of the equipment within 14 days of the end of the auction.

Questions may be directed to Lori Bessenhoffer at [loriwoof@gmail.com](mailto:loriwoof@gmail.com) or Felicia Wynn at [goldenfw@comcast.net](mailto:goldenfw@comcast.net). Happy bidding!



## Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors of ODTc

**PLEASE** consider serving on the board or nominating someone for these duties. The Club needs your help.

# HELP WANTED

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

*Oriole is an ALL VOLUNTEER club.*

**Member and Provisional Member** help is necessary and appreciated!

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 2-3 Looking for our chiefs - USDAA trial

Need a Chief Scorer, Chief Course Builder and Chief Ring Steward. Chief gets a \$60 a day credit for your dog for this trial! Contact Lee Carr at [fluple@hotmail.com](mailto:fluple@hotmail.com) to sign up!

The following positions are open for nominations this year,

### President

The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Club or of the Board of Directors.

### Vice President

The Vice-President shall have such duties as may be assigned (e.g. event calendar) & shall carry out duties of the President when needed.

### Treasurer

Receive and disburse all funds of the Club, ensure receipts are deposited in an account in the name of the club, maintain the books, report at each regular Board meeting and General Membership meeting.

### Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a complete set of minutes of every meeting of the Club or of the Board of Directors.

### Obedience Training Director

### Agility Training Director

### Other Activities Training Director

### Tracking Training Director

The four Training Directors shall define and coordinate the training programs and methods in each respective domain, schedule new classes or changes in schedules or activities whenever deemed necessary or advisable.

### Communications Director

The Communications Director shall define and coordinate the communication program, and shall manage and coordinate both internal communications (e.g. email notifications, newsletter, website) and outreach/community communications (e.g. brochures, flyers, demonstrations, etc.)

### Membership Director

The Membership Director shall define and coordinate the membership program and shall, with the advice and consent of the Board, define member requirements and contributing member positions and track compliance.

**Note:** See ODTIC By Laws for detailed list of duties

**What's required?** 1 BOD meeting a month, 4 GM Meetings per year, support for sub committees, etc.

Candidates should be a member of ODTIC in good standing.

We will be accepting nominations until December 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

The election will be held at the January 2022 meeting,

Please submit your nominations to anyone on the Nominating Committee

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## Educational

### *Paws Off Xylitol; It's Dangerous for Dogs*

Source: US Food & Drug Administration, Consumer Updates

*This sugar substitute, found in some human foods and dental products, can be poisonous to your dog.*

Your six-month-old puppy, Hoover, will eat anything that isn't tied down. Like many dog owners, you know chocolate can be dangerous to your pooch. But you may not know that if Hoover sticks his nose in your handbag and eats a pack of sugarless chewing gum, the consequences could be deadly.

Sugarless gum may contain xylitol, a class of sweetener known as sugar alcohol. Xylitol is present in many products and foods for human use, but can have devastating effects on your pet.

*If you think your dog may have eaten a product containing xylitol, call your vet, emergency clinic, or animal poison control center right away.*

Over the past several years, the Center for Veterinary Medicine at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has received several reports—many of which pertained to chewing gum—of dogs being poisoned by xylitol, according to Martine Hartogensis, a veterinarian at the FDA. The most recent report was related to "skinny" (sugar-free) ice cream.

And you may have heard or read news stories about dogs that have died or become very ill after eating products containing xylitol, which also may be known as birch sugar or wood sugar.

#### Other Foods Containing Xylitol

Gum isn't the only product containing xylitol. Slightly lower in calories than sugar, this sugar substitute is also often used to sweeten sugar-free candy, such as mints and chocolate bars, as well as sugar-free chewing gum. Other products that may contain xylitol include:

- breath mints
- baked goods
- cough syrup
- children's and adult chewable vitamins
- mouthwash
- toothpaste
- some peanut and nut butters
- over-the-counter medicines
- dietary supplements
- sugar-free desserts, including "skinny" ice cream

Xylitol can be used in baked goods, too, such as cakes, muffins, and pies — often because the baker is substituting another sweetener for sugar, as in products for people with diabetes. People can buy xylitol in bulk to bake sweet treats at home. In-store bakeries also are selling baked goods containing

the sweetener. Some pediatric dentists also recommend xylitol-containing chewing gum for children, and these products could end up in a dog's mouth by accident. It's a good idea to keep all such products well out of your dog's reach.

### Why is Xylitol Dangerous to Dogs, but Not People?

In both people and dogs, the level of blood sugar is controlled by the release of insulin from the pancreas. In people, xylitol does not stimulate the release of insulin from the pancreas. However, it's different in canines: When dogs eat something containing xylitol, the xylitol is more quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, and may result in a potent release of insulin from the pancreas.

This rapid release of insulin may result in a rapid and profound decrease in the level of blood sugar (hypoglycemia), an effect that can occur within 10 to 60 minutes of eating the xylitol. Untreated, this hypoglycemia can quickly be life-threatening, Hartogenesis says.

A note to cat and ferret owners: Xylitol does not seem to be as dangerous for cats and other pets. Cats appear to be spared, at least in part, by their disdain for sweets. Ferret owners, however, should be careful, as ferrets have been known to develop low blood sugar and seizures, like dogs, after eating products containing xylitol.

Symptoms of xylitol poisoning in dogs include vomiting, followed by symptoms associated with the sudden lowering of your dog's blood sugar, such as decreased activity, weakness, staggering, incoordination, collapse and seizures.

If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, take him to your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately, Hartogenesis advises. Because hypoglycemia and other serious adverse effects may not occur in some cases for up to 12 to 24 hours, your dog may need to be hospitalized for medical monitoring.

### What Can You Do to Avoid Xylitol Poisoning in Your Dog?

Dr. Hartogenesis says, "Check the label for xylitol in the ingredients of products, especially ones that advertise as sugar-free or low sugar. If a product does contain xylitol, make sure your pet can't get to it." In addition:

- Keep products that contain xylitol (including those you don't think of as food, such as toothpaste) well out of your dog's reach. Remember that some dogs are adept at counter surfing.
- Only use pet toothpaste for pets, never human toothpaste.
- If you give your dog nut butter as a treat or as a vehicle for pills, check the label first to make sure it doesn't contain xylitol.



## Shout-Outs!



Oriole is an all-volunteer club – your help is not only part of being a member, but it is greatly appreciated – “thank you”.

**congratulations!**

### ★ Summer Advanced and Urban CGC Class (CGCA and CGCU titles)

John and Toshi. Mary and Hope. Melvin and Ollie. Joan and Bailey. Barb and Bally. Dana and Koji. Fran and Chula. Barbara and Sallie. Janet and Banner. Not Pictured: Susan and Rio. Picture courtesy of Mirah Ippolito.





★ **Dianne Harab** - Bosco earned his UD on August 28, 2021 at Oriole 's trial with a score of 193, 2nd place!

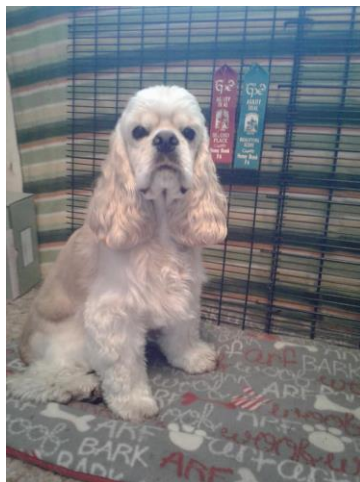
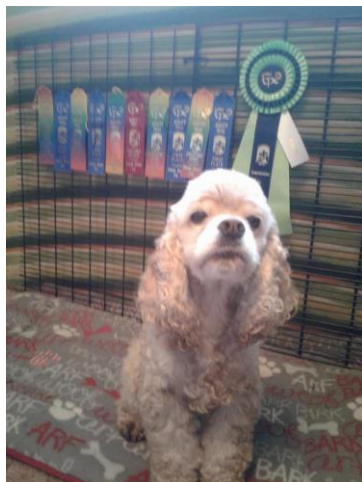
★ **Lorinda McKisson** - Hennessy earned his DJ (Dock Junior) on 8/29!

★ **Sue Cox** - Quinn- L1E!



★ **Linda Hulbert** - At Flexible Flyers last weekend (8/27-29/21) Porsche Q'd in 5 of her 6 runs, finishing her Jumpers Extraordinaire title (30 perfect runs in level C jumpers). Rain Q'd in level 1 wildcard.

★ **Sara Tagget** - Another awesome weekend of scent work for Desi! She earned 12 qualifying runs out of 16 earning 5 C-Wags-Ace titles for Ranger 1, Ranger 2, Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. For an Ace title you have to earn the title for that element plus 10 more qualifying runs!





★ **Felicia Wynn** - Kody was a very good boy for my bday weekend, earning his RATCHX2 at Oriole Dog Training Club's Barn Hunt trial at Branchwater. In addition to this huge ribbon, we got a cool 3D printed mini rat tube.

★ **Jean Wilkens** - Super proud of Autumn for earning her NATCH; VERSATILITY NATCH; & ALL AROUND NATCH. She achieved these back in July & we just got these beautiful ribbons from NADAC.



★ **Linda Grskovich** - Laska got a L1I title today, searched 4 rooms for one odor. She is now Ch. Kerwynd's Forever and Always ROM NW1 RATN CAX SWN SAI SAE SAC L1E, ORT L1I

★ **Debbie Kaminski** - Timber earned his NW2 title on September 5 with a pronounced in two of

★ **Deb Knowles** - Maple's first time at NW3 went really well! TITLE!!!!





★ **Sally Josselyn** - Somepuppy had 5 Crazy 8s runs & Q'd in all, finding 4-5 rats in each run.

★ **Michele Long** - On Saturday she got Q/High In Class in both Senior runs to finish her RATS title. It's been a long wait from our last Elite trial in 1/2020 but I am thrilled that Ginger and I got to trial again and she achieved her NACSW ELT-1 title (Elite - level 1) on 9/6/21 at the Lancaster, PA trial.

★ **Nancy Morris** - Roarke got his NACSW NW2 at the Upper Marlboro nose work trial on 9/11/21.



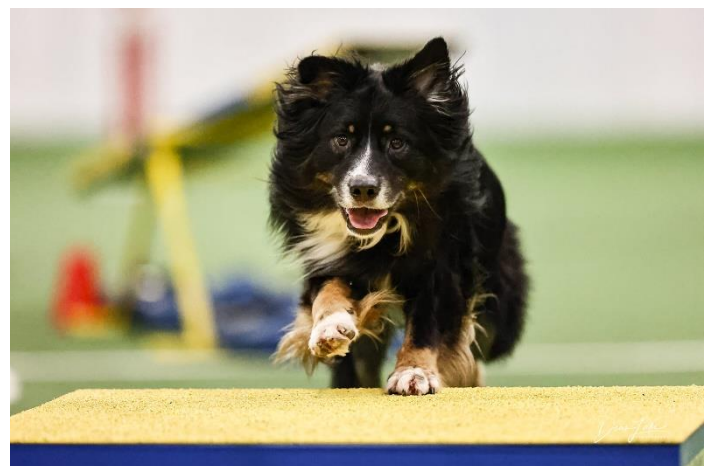
★ **Don Grskovich** - Don and Asher on their NW2 (no picture)

★ **Francine Bethea** - Q'Chula Von Delacruz earned her BN, CGCA and CGCU in August (Q'Chula Von Delacruz BN CGCA CGCU FDC TKI SN-C).

★ **Sue Cox** - Villain had a good time hunting rats today! New Crazy 8 Gold title with a 70 point run and another Q toward the RATCH - we're halfway there!!

his searches!! So proud of my nosy boy!

★ **Debbie Kaminski** - Timber earned his Novice Standard Preferred agility title on Saturday and his NACSW Level 1 Vehicle title on Sunday.





★ **Susan Boswell** - Sunshine earned her NACSW NW1 title at our first nosework trial in Upper Marlboro in September. (no photo)



**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!*

★ Rose Kane's new puppy, SoStar Sweep!

★ Janet Gauntt and her new puppy Emmett!



## 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.***

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