

# Oriole Dog Training Club Membership Form

(Please fill out completely)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Note:** The current **Membership Directory** can be accessed by ODTc Members at the club website.  
 Check here if you would prefer to receive the current **Membership Directory** mailed to you.

## New Applicants

Provisional Membership

1. Each person applying for provisional membership must complete a separate Membership Form, even if they reside in the same household.
2. Provisional members are **not charged dues** until accepted as full Members

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITIES:

ODTC Members are **required to attend two membership meetings and volunteer to assist in club activities** in exchange for reductions in class fees. Please indicate which tasks you can do.

Instructor:	<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation
Asst. Instructor:	<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation
Work at ODTc Trial:	<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking	
Work at ODTc Show & Go's:			<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience		
Hospitality:	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Awards				
Administrative:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Trophies	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone	
Facilities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Handyperson			
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Canine Good Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> _____			

## AGREEMENT

I understand that I must participate in ODTc activities to keep my membership status current. ODTc reserves the right to change membership status for members that fail to comply with this requirement.

I agree to hold harmless the Oriole Dog Training Club, Inc., and/or its Officers, Board of Directors, Members, Instructors, ODTc Volunteer Workers and property owners on which classes and workshops are held from any claims or loss, injury or death that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to me or my dog(s) while participating in the sport of Dog Obedience, Agility, Flyball, Tracking, Conformation, or other ODTc activities. I personally assume all responsibility and liability when entering the ODTc activities/premises for whatever purpose at my own risk. I hereby warrant that the dog(s) I will train or exhibit are sound, physically and temperamentally, and pose no threat to any other person or dog.

I agree that any cause of action, controversy or claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at any club event between the event-giving club and myself, or as to the construction, interpretation, and effect of this agreement, shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: **Lori Bessenhoffer, 1534 Jackson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230**

## ***How do you become a member of Oriole Dog Training Club?***

Oriole Dog Training Club is an entirely volunteer organization. We need volunteers to teach, help put on events, and help with running our two buildings. As an incentive to work for the club, we provide benefits such as lower class fees. Usually the membership process begins with someone taking an introductory or upper level training class at Oriole, but enrolling in a class is not required in order to apply for membership. However, first you must become a Provisional member, and the procedure is as follows:

- Obtain a Membership Application Form, available at Oriole DTC's website at **www.orioledogclub.org**, or you can request a mailed copy by calling the Membership Secretary, **Lori Bessenhoffer** at **410.539.5940**. No dues payment is required at the time of application.
- Then you must ask an Oriole Member in good standing to act as your Sponsor. This person is expected to answer questions about the club and introduce you to other members, and to provide input to the Board of Directors in reviewing your application. A Member may sponsor only two applicants per year.
- Once the application has been received by the Membership Secretary, you become a Provisional member for 6 months. During this Provisional period, you are required to perform some volunteer activity for ODTC. The Board reserves the right to continue Provisional membership for an additional 6 months if more time is needed to decide. Provisional members can help with club activities and can teach, but cannot vote or hold office.
- Once your 6 months are up, the Board will vote on your full membership, and you will be notified of the results. If you are voted in as a full Member, you will be asked to send in your dues payment at that time. Once dues are received, you will be eligible for all member benefits.
- Membership categories for Oriole are listed below. To apply for membership, or to earn Contributing Member status, you may download application forms from the club website or call the Membership Secretary for a mailed copy.

### ***Membership Categories***

- **Provisional Member:** This is the first step in becoming a member of Oriole Dog Training Club (ODTC). New applicants must be sponsored by a Contributing or Training member in good standing, and approved by a vote of the Board of Directors. This status lasts for at least 6 months, after which they are voted on again for full membership. No dues are required until individual is accepted as a full Member. Each person applying for provisional membership must complete a separate Membership Form, even if they reside in the same household
- **Member:** Members must attend two membership meetings and help at club activities as needed, and in return receive discounts on classes and other benefits.
- **Contributing Member:** Contributing members must take substantial responsibility for some aspect of club activities, and in return receives discounts on classes and other benefits.
- **Household:** If more than one person in a household is a member of ODTC, they may renew in this category. This does not affect their status as a Member or Contributing Member, but recognizes reduced expenses due to sending only one copy of club mailings to a particular address. Training class fees are based on membership status. Each person in the household must complete a separate Membership Form.
- **Honorary and Lifetime Members:** Honorary and Lifetime members are appointed by the Board for outstanding service to the club. Honorary members are appointed for a period of one year, and Lifetime members for life. During these periods they do not pay training fees.

*For questions about membership, contact:*  
**Lori Bessenhoffer**, Membership Director  
Email: **membership@orioledogclub.org**