

Canine Hoopers UK  
Accredited Instructors Course – Level 1

Scope of training: To provide instructors with the skills and knowledge to teach Canine Hoopers within the remit of Canine Hoopers UK to Starters and Beginner level students.

Duration: 1 day, usually 9am until 6pm Delegates will not ordinarily leave before the course finish time unless by prior arrangement

Format: Workshop format containing theory, practical and discussion sessions with final assessment

Training Style: Problem solving and discussion based with demonstrations and practice sessions. Following the theory and practice sessions there will be an individual assessment where you will lead a group training session and the other course attendees will stooge for you with their dogs. You will return the favour by being a stooge in other assessments. There is not a written test but you will be asked some questions as well as being asked to demonstrate your teaching skills. We only use positive, reward based, modern training methods.

Pre-requisite: Delegates should have experience of training in a group/1-2-1 environment and experience of working with dogs. This is an instructor's course, aimed at training people (to teach Canine Hoopers to others), it is not a dog training workshop.

What to expect: The course is quite intense, we aim to provide you with all of the training techniques and methodology to teach Canine Hoopers within the ethos of CHUK, to a wide range of people and dogs from absolute beginners to Starters and Beginners competition levels. We do not expect you to be able to complete a Beginners level course by the end of the day, but we do expect you to demonstrate the ability to teach the foundation behaviours to progress a training group to this level. There are several key exercises that we will focus on from the very foundations and progress them to a more advanced level.

Is it really 9 hours of training? Yes! There will be opportunities for comfort breaks as required during the day but with having so much to cover in one day we utilise all available time.

What can I do to prepare? You should download and read the latest CHUK rulebook, you aren't expected to memorise it but you do need to be familiar with the different class types, equipment, progression structure, measuring, age based rules and very importantly our code of ethics and how we want to progress as an organisation and how you will represent us as an Accredited Instructor.

Do I need a dog? Yes, you should bring a dog with you so you can learn first-hand what you will be teaching to others. Your dog doesn't need to have seen hoops before but they should be able to work off lead in a group environment. They should also be fit, healthy and appropriately insured. You may bring more than one dog if you wish to swap dogs in and out. You will be responsible for the welfare of all of your animals.

What else should I bring? Your host will give you more information specific to the venue, whether indoors or outdoors etc so you can dress appropriately, you will need to bring a packed lunch for yourself and PLENTY of kibble/treats for your dog, we recommend only feeding a very light breakfast beforehand due to the reward based training we will be practicing. You may like to bring a copy of the current rules and most people like to make notes throughout the day too, especially during the

theory sessions and as we discuss course plans and ideas. A sense of humour will also come in very useful!

Does everyone pass? As an organisation we pride ourselves on having a high standard of trainer carrying our Accredited status. If anyone isn't to the standard we require then unfortunately they will not be awarded accreditation on the day, though we are skilled trainers and assessors and are looking for you to demonstrate the ability to train the exercises that we have trained during the day and your knowledge of the methodology and foundation behaviours. We don't expect you to deliver dynamic, polished performances straight off the bat, we do appreciate your head will be awash with new information, we just need to see that you'll do things appropriately going forwards and that your training style and our ethos are a good fit for each other.