



# Online Good Hoopers Awards Equipment Advice



## **GENERAL**

For the **Online Good Hoopers Awards** it has been agreed that non-specification CHUK equipment may be used however, AT ALL TIMES, the dog's safety is paramount and certain rules must be adhered to.

There must be no sharp edges or protrusion that could constitute a hazard to the dog.

The equipment must be suitable for the size of dog; a large plant pot may be a suitable barrel substitute for a Chihuahua, however it most definitely would not be suitable for an Irish Wolfhound.

At all times common sense must prevail, if you aren't sure it's safe, ask your Accredited Canine Hoopers Instructor, but chances are if you aren't sure it probably isn't safe.

## **HOOPS**

These must consist of 2 uprights and may or may not have a connecting top however, if added, the top must be high enough that the dog will not attempt to jump it. The uprights must be no more than 34 inches apart and have no protrusion that could constitute a hazard.

*Examples:*

Plastic electric fence posts (positioned with the bottom foot section turned out), stick in the ground agility jumps, a cut hoola hoop would be acceptable for small dogs, but would require uprights for larger dogs, tall bottles. Agility jump wings, stick-in the ground weave poles water filled pop bottles with upside brooms/mops etc for sides of hoops, hose pipe sections stood in bamboo canes or pop bottles,

## **BARRELS**

These can be made of mesh, cloth or solid materials, and must be a suitable height and diameter for the dog using it; the larger the dog the taller and greater diameter the 'barrel' will need to be.

*Examples:*

Pop up laundry baskets/garden tidies, wheelie bins, kitchen bins, kitchen stools, chairs, traffic cones or similar large cone, 2 litre fizzy drinks bottles filled with water for stability - you could have numerous taped together to make the 'barrel' wider and/or taller, large cardboard boxes with the corners bent in to soften the edges etc. If more than 1 barrel is required for an exercise they do not need to be made of the same material.

## **Touch and Go MAT**

The Touch and Go (TanGo) mat must be of a reasonable size and rectangular in shape. There must be markers at each corner, these can have a dual purpose of holding the mat in place and marking the entrance and exit point for the mat. The mat should not create a trip or slip hazard for the dog.

*Examples:*

Heavy duty dirt catcher mats, yoga mats, upside down vet bed or bath towel (must be secured down).