



GOOD HOOPERS AWARDS - GOLD

AIM: To promote good dog behaviour and responsible dog ownership. To have a good knowledge of the aspects of Hoopers as a low impact, fun sport for dogs. To encourage consistency throughout the training in a friendly and respectful manner. All training must be done using modern force-free techniques.

Eligibility: Any dog or bitch over the age of 12 months.

Criteria: Exercises should be carried out in surroundings with as little distraction as possible and off lead. Handler must be able to demonstrate their ability to deliver clear vocal and physical signals to their dog. Dogs showing aggression will not be successful, handlers need to show that they have control of their dogs and can prevent excessive sniffing or running away in order to pass the assessment. Reactive dogs who require extra space will be catered for.

When presenting dogs for this examination, dogs should be wearing suitable equipment. Flat collars, head collars, harnesses, lead are all perfectly acceptable. No choke chains, slip leads, prong collars, electric shock collars, electronic collar devices or any other aversive tool may be used.

Rewards/treats may be given on the completion of each exercise, no squeaky toys are allowed but others can be used to gain attention before or reward afterwards but NOT during the exercise.

In order to pass the Gold Good Hoopers Award all sections of the assessment must be completed to the satisfaction of the examiner, if some sections are not completed the assessment will be rated as NT – **nearly there** and the handler will be informed of which sections they need to work on.

Exercise 1- Forwards Drive.

- 1) Five Hoop Straight Line – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler.
- 2) Five Hoop Zig-Zag Line – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler.
- 3) Five Hoop Offset Line – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler.
- 4) Hoop Line with Central TanGo mat – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler.
- 5) Hoop Line with Central Tunnel – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler.

Exercise 2 – Circle Work

- 1) 5 Hoop circle – Dog must offer the circle behaviour whilst the handler is stood inside the circle but off to one side.

- 2) 5 Hoop circle – Dog must offer the circle behaviour whilst the handler travels around the inside of the circle in the opposite direction
- 3) 5 Hoop circle – Dog must offer the circle behaviour whilst the handler is on the outside of the circle.
- 4) 5 Hoop circle – Dog must offer the circle behaviour whilst the handler is on the outside of the circle and moving in the opposite direction.

Exercise 3 - Barrels

- 1) 4 Barrel Sequence 1 – Handler and dog must complete the barrel sequence from inside the centre of the obstacles.
- 2) 4 Barrel Sequence 1 – Handler and dog must complete the barrel sequence from outside the obstacles.
- 3) 4 Barrel Sequence 2 – Handler and dog must complete the barrel sequence from inside the centre of the obstacles.
- 4) 4 Barrel Sequence 2 – Handler and dog must complete the barrel sequence from outside the obstacles.

Exercise 4 – Figure 8's

- 1) Left Circle – Dog must complete the left hand circle twice consecutively with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 2) Right Circle – Dog must complete the right hand circle twice consecutively with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 3) Outside Loop – Dog must complete the outside circle twice consecutively with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 4) Figure 8 – Dog must complete the figure of 8 using Front Crosses with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 5) Figure 8 – Dog must complete the figure of 8 using Rear Crosses with the handler stood at the marked point.

Exercise 5 – TanGo 8's

- 1) Figure of 8 – Dog must complete the figure of 8 using Front Crosses with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 2) Figure of 8 – Dog must complete the figure of 8 using Rear Crosses with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 3) Figure of 8 (dumb-bell shape) – Dog must complete the sequence in a clockwise direction with the handler stood at the marked point.
- 4) Figure of 8 (dumb-bell shape) – Dog must complete the sequence in an anti-clockwise direction with the handler stood at the marked point.