



GOOD HOOPERS AWARDS – EMERALD



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 aged 12 months and older.

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 Emerald 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- Hoops

- 1) Hoop Spiral – Dog must complete an 11-hoop spiral in both directions when cued by the handler.
- 2) Front Cross (hoops in S-shape) – Dog must complete the front cross when cued by the handler
- 3) Rear Cross (hoops in S-shape) - Dog must complete the rear cross when cued by the handler.

Exercise 2 – Crossovers

- 1) Hoops arranged in straight lines – Dog must complete the crossover whilst handler is stationary.
- 2) Hoops arranged in angled lines – Dog must complete the crossover whilst handler is stationary.

Exercise 3 - Barrels

- 1) Three Barrel Sequence – Handler and dog must complete the barrel sequence from inside the centre of the obstacles in both directions.
- 2) Three hoop, one barrel line – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler

Exercise 4 – Gates

- 1) Gate with lateral wait – Dog must complete the sequence with handler facing the gate from a distance.
- 2) Three hoop, one gate line – Dog must drive forwards when cued by the handler

Exercise 5 – Chutes / Tunnels

- 1) Choice – Dog must complete a sequence including 2 chutes and a tunnel with a choice at the finish.

Exercise 6 – Touch'n Go Mats

- 1) Angled Exit – Dog must complete the angled exit
- 2) Angled Exit including Rear Cross – Dog must complete the angled exit with handler performing a rear cross.