



BTAC DOG TRAINING INDEPENDENT HOOPERS COMPETITION

MAY 17th 2026

Oxford Secure Field, Shellgrove Farm,
Horton cum Studley OX33 1DE

Show opens 9am Beginners Course walking 9.15am
Beginners Judging from 9.30am

Intermediate course walking no earlier than 11.30am
Intermediate judging no earlier than 11.45am

Classes:

BEGINNERS - AM		INTERMEDIATES - PM
Class 1 Hoopers		Class 4 Hoopers
Class 2 Allsorts		Class 5 Allsorts
Class 3 Barrellers		Class 6 Barrellers

£15 for all 3 runs (no individual classes)
(Select Beginners 1,2,3 or Intermediates 4,5,6)

Each class is open to Small, Large, Veteran dogs.
The course for each class will be the same for all sizes.

NFC/Training runs will be allowed (max 60 seconds), a silent toy and non-crumbling treats fed from the hand may be used.
No Bum-Bags, Treat Pouches or Leads to be worn during your runs.

1 ring, fully double fenced and gated.

Conditions of entry:

This is an open, independent hoopers show. Entrants do not need to be a member of any hoopers club or organisation to compete, but all competing dogs must have received some formal training.

Entry

Dogs must be 15 months or over to enter.

Please choose small or large size category on entry.
Dog size is related to their ulna length.

Small = ulna length is 15cm and under
Large = ulna length is over 15cm

Measuring can be confirmed on the day.

Late entries are permitted on the day @ £5.50 per run, max 3 runs per dog - space permitting. Notice will be placed on Facebook pages.

Scoring

The fastest clear or qualifying FINAL time wins the class. The FINAL time is calculated as dog RUN TIME minus any BONUS seconds.

Bonus areas will be clearly marked.

Result example:

Dog A runs the course clear in 15 seconds. Handler A handles the dog from a bonus section worth 5 seconds. The resulting FINAL time = 10 seconds. Dog B runs the course clear in 12 seconds. Handler B does not handle from a distance section. Recorded FINAL time = 12 seconds.

RESULT = Dog A beats dog B.

Not For Competition

A Handler may choose to run NFC in any class providing they inform the scribe upon entering the ring. 60 seconds will be given for NFC runs.

Faults

Faults will be allocated as follows:

1. End-time will be calculated, and faults will be allocated separately on top. Faults will be allocated at the judge's discretion, but judging must remain consistent throughout the day.
2. Missing an obstacle – 5 faults will be added.
3. Refusal - 5 faults will be added if a dog is in a position to take an obstacle but turns or moves away from it and is clearly leaving the path of the course.
4. In case the first or last obstacle is missed, the standard course time (60 seconds) will be allocated and 5 faults recorded.

Elimination will occur in the following circumstances:

1. Starting course before given permission by judge or scribe.
2. The handler puts the dog back through a hoop which the dog has missed.
3. Three or more missed and/or refused obstacles.
4. Wrong course. Taking an obstacle in the wrong order or direction.
5. Fouling in the ring.
6. Food in the ring unless running NFC in which case non crumbly food is permitted.
7. Holding anything other than a walking aid in your hand. (Except in NFC runs; where using a silent toy and non-crumbly food in the ring is allowed.)

8. Wrong or disallowed equipment on dog whilst in the ring (body harness, coat/rug, head-collar, slipcollar, any kind of electrical devices, prong or choke-chain, multiple collars). Dogs are only permitted to wear a close-fitting collar with no dangling attachments when under test.
9. Harsh physical or verbal handling of your dog.

Welfare of Dogs

An exhibitor or competitor whose dog is entered in the event or is on site should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the needs of their dogs are met and should not knowingly put their dog's health and welfare at risk. Space must be allowed for yellow dogs and competitors are required to queue 2 meters away from other competitors and their dogs, and to stay 2 meters away from ring fencing. Bitches in season are allowed to compete. You must notify the show organiser and judge. Bitches in season may be asked to run last in the class. Harsh handling will not be tolerated, and you may be asked to leave the ring and or show without any refund.

Refund Policy

In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, BTAC DOG TRAINING will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. Refunds will be processed in the manner in which a competitor entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.

Awards

Trophies/Medals in each class/height for first place.

Second or third place rosettes to at least 15% of the class/height.

Clear Round Rosettes in all classes.

Results for each class will be split by size (S, L & V).

SHOW CONTACT:	Kirsty Lewis 07824 158912 info@btactrainingandagility.com
INSURANCE:	Pet Business Insurance
ENTRY FEES:	£15 for 3 runs
ENTRY CLOSES:	10th May 2026
ONLINE BOOKING:	buytickets.at/btacdogtraining
LOCAL VETS:	BICESTER VETS Victoria Road Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 6PJ Phone: 01869 252077

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1 . Dogs entered at this show must have received appropriate Hoopers training and be able to negotiate all equipment in a safe manner.
2. Entry fees £15.00 for three eligible classes per dog.
3. BTAC Dog Training Hoopers reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
4. Dogs under 15 calendar months of age on the day of the show are not eligible to compete.
5. Dogs aged under four calendar months may attend the show 'not for competition' but are not permitted ringside.
6. Bitches in season can compete but must notify show manager who will instruct you when to run. No pregnant bitch is allowed to compete.
7. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time.
8. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead, harness during a run. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e. not attached by a ring.
9. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
10. A dog shall be withdrawn from competition and removed from a Hoopers Show if it is:- a. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease. b. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent. c. Of such temperament or is so

much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal. d. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

11. Handlers observe the following: a. Do not allow your dog to approach unfamiliar dogs without permission by their handler. b. Do not tether your dog to the ring boundaries or equipment when walking the course or at any other time. c. Please make sure you arrive at the ring in time for your class. d. Please do not allow your dog to bark, lunge or stare at dogs in the queue or in the ring. e. When queuing please keep a minimum of 2 meters distance to dogs in front of you. f. Be mindful when playing with or warming up your dog in or around the queue as not to affect others. g. Do not obstruct the entrance or the exit of the rings and stay back a minimum of 2 meters from the ring boundaries. h. Dogs must be on lead at all times other than during competition or when safe to do so in the enclosed exercise area.

12. In the event that the show is cancelled, BTAC Dog Training will refund fees, less any incurred expenses, within one calendar month of the day of the show. Cancellation by the competitor after the closing date will not be refunded. Refunds will not be given for incorrect entries. Please ensure you thoroughly check your entries are correct before finalizing payment.

13. Training aids and toys are not allowed to be used in the ring until the last obstacle is completed (a silent toy and non-crumbling treats fed from the hand may be used for NFC/Training runs). No Bum-Bags, Pouches, or leads to be worn in the ring.

14. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function' and that they themselves are fit to take part. By accepting the declaration you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in Hoopers classes on the day of the show.

15. No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may attend the show.

16. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Full details of time slots and group information will be made available with your running orders.

17. Any handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s); failure to do so may result in removal from the show.

18. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

19. All dogs are entered at this show at their owners risk and whilst every care will be taken, the management of the show will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury however caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the show.

20. BTAC Dog Training reserves the right to limit or close entries before the published closing date if necessary.

21. BTAC Dog Training or their authorised agents may make results from this show publicly available and share results with third parties for the same purpose.

22. Children are the responsibility of a Parent or Guardian and must be always supervised.

23. Rosettes to the top 15% down to 4th and Trophies to 1st in every class and the top 15% down to 3rd. Class numbers will be counted at the time the show entries closed.

24. Please help us to keep using the venue: dogs are to be kept on a lead at all times when not competing in a ring, exercise area will be clearly marked