

SCENT HURDLE TRAINING AWARDS

TRAINING PASSPORT



The Dog Training Club
The National Dog Training Award Scheme



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The National Dog Training Award Scheme Foundation Scent Hurdle Training Award

	Skill Description	✓
1	The dog demonstrates attentive response to its name.	
2	Recall with dog on lead, held by an assistant, in any position whilst the handler moves 4 meters backward, turns and calls the dog.	
3	Dog on lead, the handler can introduce their dog to a placid unknown dog and to an unknown adult (both male and female).	
4	The dog should not be unduly startled by the sound of Scent Hurdle Racing lanes several meters away whilst in sessions.	
5	The handler and dog can together play; with a toy and without a toy in a controlled manner.	
6	The dog can take a dumbbell from the handler, hold it and give it up when instructed.	
7	The handler can throw a dumbbell 4m away, release the dog when the dumbbell is stationary and the dog will retrieve the dumbbell to the handler.	
8	Handler can demonstrate the controlled removal and refitting of dogs' collar, lead and/or harness.	
9	Handler carries with them some form of "poop scoop" and identifies suitable disposal points.	
10	Dog remains calm and relaxed whilst someone checks the dog's micro-chip number using a scanner.	





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Bronze Scent Hurdle Training Award


	Skill Description	✓
1	The handler can place a dumbbell 10m away, the dog will go to the dumbbell pick it up and return to the handler.	
2	The handler can send their dog to a scent box, 5m away, once the dog reaches the box they will call the dog back to them.	
3	The handler can place a dumbbell 5m behind a hurdle, the dog will start 5m in front of the hurdle and traverse it in both directions to retrieve dumbbell.	
4	The dog can do a restrained recall over one jump, from 2m away with a quick turn from a 90-degree angle, through finish line markers to handler.	
5	The handler can take the dog on lead to a group of people and dogs, remove the lead and leave the dog. Then run away calling the dog to them.	
6	Dog left in the sit position to wait, whilst the handler moves forward 4m, turns and calls the dog. Can be conducted on training line or netted lane.	
7	The dog can do a recall safe pass of another dog on a double width jump.	
8	As in Foundation 7) but dog will retrieve back through finish line markers and to handler who is running backwards, then give dumbbell to handler.	
9	The handler can identify and use a suitable food and non-food motivator for their dog.	
10	Handler can describe what is meant by the term "bloat" in dogs, common symptoms and ways to avoid this medical emergency.	





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Silver Scent Hurdle Training Award

	Skill Description	
1	An assistant can place a dumbbell at the end of a standard netted lane. The dog can complete the four hurdles in both directions to retrieve the dumbbell.	
2	The handler can place a dumbbell 10 meters away amongst three other non-similar articles, the dog will go to their dumbbell pick it up and return to the handler.	
3	Dog can accelerate quickly on lead from a standing position, in line with handler over 5m.	
4	The dog can do a restrained recall, from 4m away with a quick turn, from a 180-degree angle, through finish line markers to handler.	
5	Dog can accelerate quickly on lead from a standing position, in line with handler over 5m.	
6	Dog can complete recall through finish line markers to handler, with another dog and handler standing on the start line. Repeated with dog as start line dog.	
7	The dog can do a recall safe pass of another dog on a single width jump.	
8	Dog remains in stand position whilst the handler shape scores and measures their dogs' height.	
9	Dog demonstrates good starting position with head up and focus in front with a good response to starting stimulus.	
10	The handler can describe the importance of motivational drive to the dog, but understanding the negatives of a "cheerleader" approach.	





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Gold Scent Hurdle Training Award

	Skill Description	✓
1	An assistant places dumbbell at the end of standard lane, with 3 non-similar articles. Dog in both directions completes the four hurdles to retrieve their dumbbell.	
2	The handler can place a dumbbell 10 meters away amongst three clean dumbbells, the dog will go to their dumbbell pick it up and return to the handler.	
3	The dog can complete a run back over safely positioned "knocked down" jumps.	
4	Dog on lead, the handler should walk the dog close to dumbbells left of the ground at a sensible distance. The dog must leave the dumbbells.	
5	The dog demonstrates the fitness and stamina to carry out four runs on a netted lane, completing jumps in both directions, eight times in a 1 hour session.	
6	The dog and handler can demonstrate start line procedures including entry, signalling to box loader and exit/run back direction.	
7	The dog can do a full run from start line start on netted lane, completing jumps in both directions. Dog does not need to select or retrieve dumbbell.	
8	The handler can identify their dog single stepping between jumps and shorten jump distance to correct stepping action for training purposes.	
9	Dog remains in stand position whilst an unknown adult, shape scores and measures the dogs' height. Dog is wearing and fitted with a suitable harness for racing.	
10	Handler can demonstrate they can effectively carry out a warm up massage and cool down stretching routine on their dog.	





The National Dog Training Award Scheme Platinum Scent Hurdle Training Award


	Skill Description	✓
1	The dog can do a full run from start line start, on netted lane, including jumps in both directions, selecting correct dumbbell and returning dumbbell to handler.	
2	The dog can do a full run, with a safe pass on a netted lane. Handler can demonstrate team start positioning sequence to clear lane.	
3	The dog and handler can complete a full run on netted lane as a head to head against a dog on another single dog on lane set regulation width from the dog's lane.	
4	The dog can complete a run back over jumps with loose proofing dumbbell placed on lane, without the dog being distracted.	
5	The handler can identify starting positions, early passes, release points and their own dogs take off point.	
6	The dog and handler can demonstrate quick whistle starts, light signals, rerun signals and team routine.	
7	The dog and handler can complete a heat as part of a four-dog team on a single netted lane.	
8	The dog can do a full run, with a safe pass of another dog on an unnetted lane. Handler can demonstrate team start positioning sequence to clear lane.	
9	Unnetted lane: The dog set up facing a scent box, turn, get their dumbbell, return over two jumps through finish line with dumbbell to handler.	
10	On a netted lane, dog can demonstrate stamina to complete four consecutive runs of a full Scent Hurdle lane, including jumps and returning dumbbell each time.	





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Diamond Scent Hurdle Training Award

	Skill Description	
1	The dog can do a full run from start line start, on unnetted lane, including jumps in both directions, selecting their dumbbell and returning it to handler.	
2	The dog can do a full run, with a safe pass on an unnetted lane. Handler can demonstrate team start positioning sequence to clear lane.	
3	The dog can complete a full run on unnetted lane as a head to head against a dog on another single dog on lane set regulation width from the dog's lane.	
4	The dog can complete a full run with loose proofing dumbbells placed on unnetted lane, without the dog being distracted.	
5	The handler can demonstrate correctly adjusting starting positions and release points and their own dogs take off point after feedback from assessor.	
6	The dog can complete a full run on unnetted lane, including completing two safely positioned "knocked down" jumps.	
7	The dog and handler can complete a heat as part of a four-dog team on a single unnetted lane.	
8	The dog and handler can complete a best of three heats race as part of a four-dog team, as a head to head against a team on a neighbouring lane. Unnetted.	
9	The dog and handler must notice signals for reruns given by assessor, who will give random rerun signal over a set of heats. The handler must notice all signals.	
10	Handler to give, constructive feedback and an idea on team performance, which the team must implement on next runs, after handler to debrief the difference if any.	





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