

Hoopers



Dogs
NEW ZEALAND
AGILITY



What is Hoopers?

- One of the fastest growing dog sports in the world.
- Well established in the UK, Europe and USA.
- Recently established in Australia.
- Demonstrated at Crufts.
- Introduced at FCI (August 2023).

What is Hoopers?

- Dogs navigate a course of hoops, barrels and tunnels.
- The courses are flowing and generally don't involve tight turns.
- Low impact.
- No jumping, elevated equipment or weaves.



Why Hoopers?

- An option for dogs not physically suited to Agility.
- Handler mobility is not an issue.
- Creates a great connection between dogs and handlers.
- Suitable for young dogs and older dogs.
- Can be used to build fitness and added to rehab programmes.
- Promotes confidence and independence.



Who Can Do Hoopers?



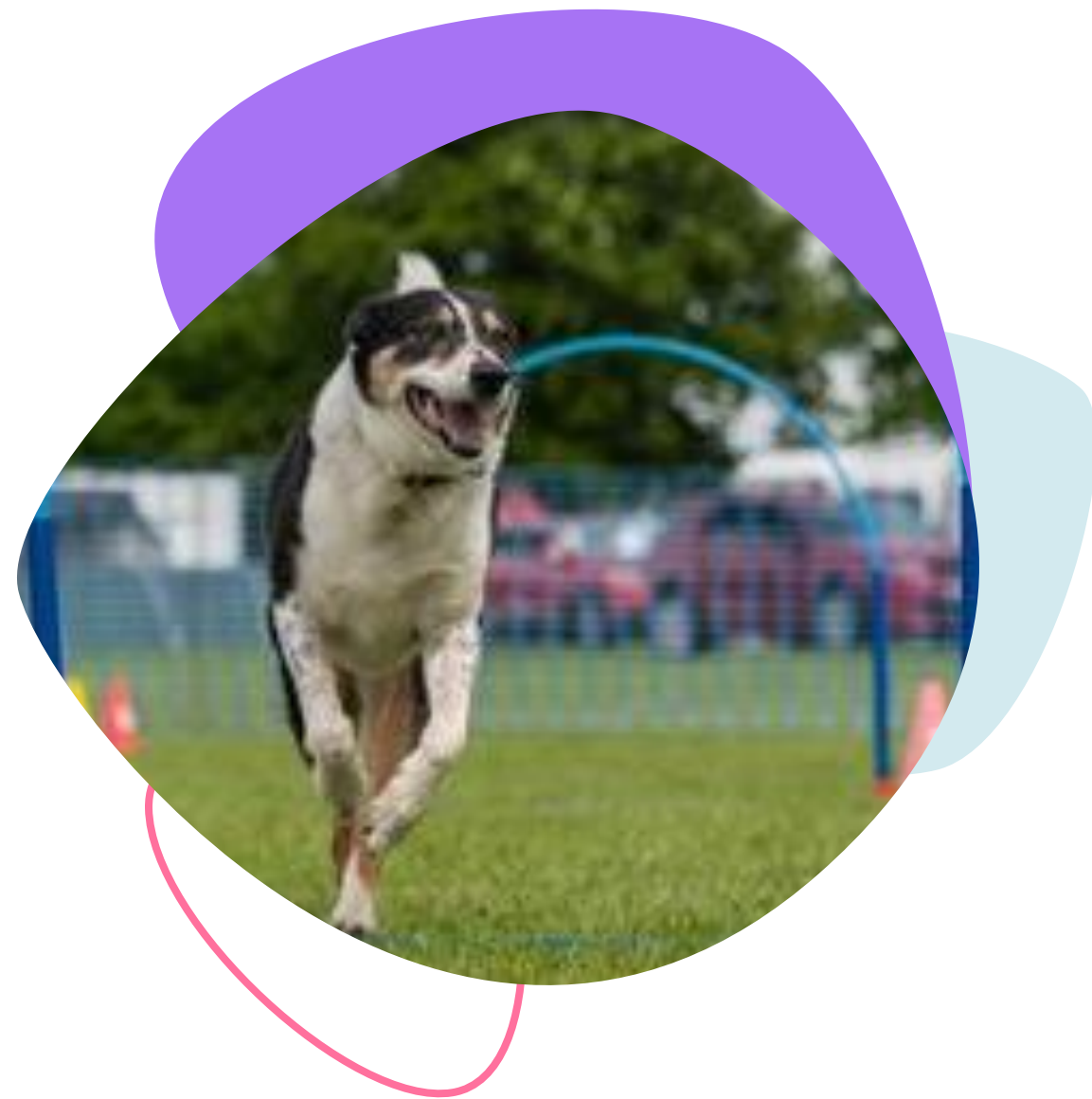
Handlers with limited mobility



Young dogs



Older dogs



Heavy breeds



Hoopers is for Everyone!



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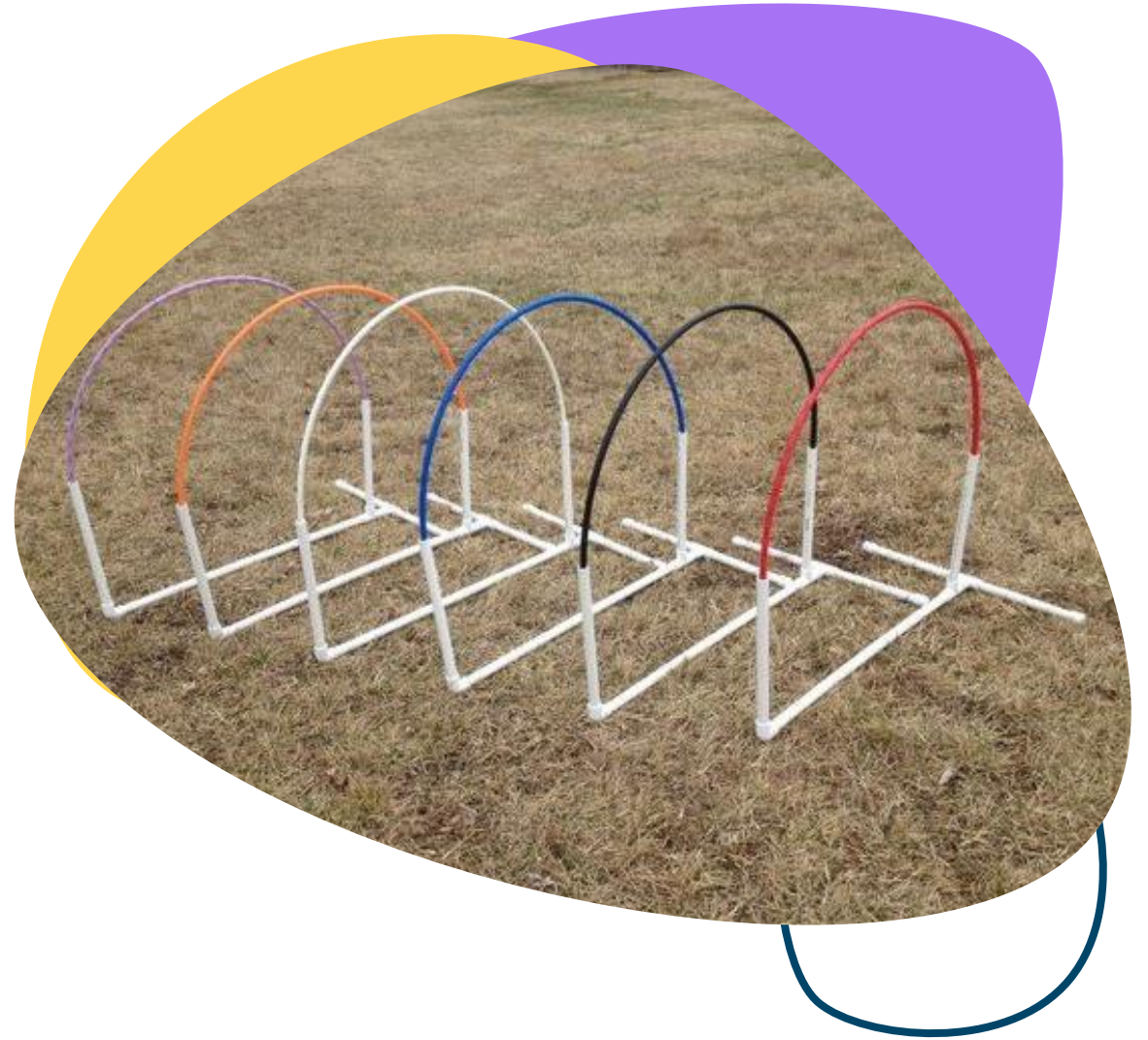


Heavy Breeds

Equipment

Hoops

- Constructed from PVC pipe and hula hoop or flex
- Easy to DIY



Equipment

Barrels

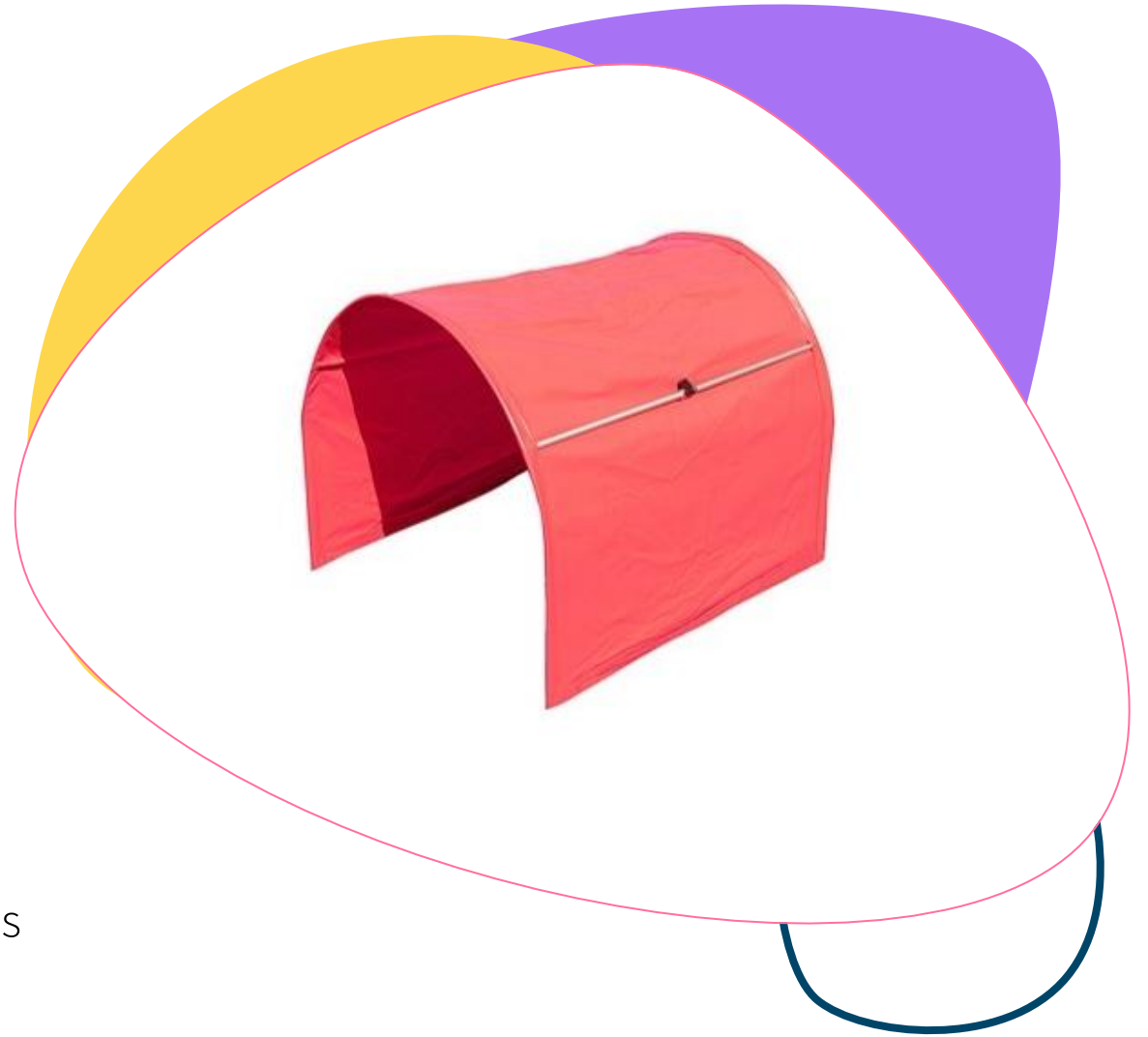
- Rigid plastic barrels *or*
- Pop-Up bins



Equipment

Tunnels

- 80cm diameter
- 1-2m long
- Can be as simple as a tarpaulin secured over hoops
- NZ manufacturers coming online





Implementation

- Regulations in place since January 2024.
- Competitions begin July 2024.
- Not limited to Agility Clubs – any Dogs NZ club can train Hoopers and hold competitions.



Implementation

- Entry/results via the Dogs NZ Agility website.
- Dogs NZ Hoopers titles will be awarded.
- Qualification based system.

Implementation

- Initially existing Agility judges will be able to judge Hoopers on completion of an exam.
- There will be a pathway for Hoopers judges going forward.

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