



ONLINE GOOD HOOPERS AWARD – Bronze



AIM: To have fun training your 'Canine Hoopers' dog at home, with minimal or no equipment. These skills demonstrate that you have a good working knowledge for you and your dog to create a fabulous Canine Hoopers partnership. You will show you have a good understanding of why Canine Hoopers is a low impact, fun sport for dogs of all ages. All your training must be done with patience, kindness and in a fun way using modern force-free techniques.

Eligibility: Any dog or bitch aged 6 months and older.

Equipment Needed: 5 Hoop Shapes (referred to as Hoop), Barrel/Barrel Shaped Object (referred to as Barrel), Touch N Go Mat (referred to as TanGo mat). See the 'online courses equipment' document suggesting safe alternatives to the normal specification for Canine Hoopers UK equipment.

Criteria: Please carry out these practical exercises in surroundings with as little distraction as possible. Your dog should show willing and want to be with you and interact with you.

When videoing your dog for this online assessment, it should be wearing suitable equipment for Canine Hoopers. Flat collars, head collars, harnesses, lead are all perfectly acceptable. No dangling items (such as ID tags), choke chains, slip leads, prong collars, electric shock collars, electronic collar devices or any other aversive tool may be used.

In order to pass the Bronze Online Good Hoopers Award, all sections of the assessment must be completed to the satisfaction of the examiner, if some exercises are not completed or incorrect answers are given to the four written questions, your assessment will be rated as NT – **nearly there** and you will be informed of which sections you need to work on. The written questions are based on the current Canine Hoopers UK Rules & Regulations, a copy of which can be downloaded from the Online GHA page on our website: www.caninehoopersuk.co.uk

Rewards/treats/toys may not be used during the exercises (unless stated otherwise) but can be given upon completion of each exercise.

Section 1 – Equipment Shaping & Value

- 1) Show that your dog will pass independently through a Hoop 3 times when you are standing 1 metre away.
- 2) Show that your dog will run independently around a Barrel - you must be 1 metre away from the object and the exercise is to be completed 3 times from each side.
- 3) Show that your dog will run independently across the TanGo mat correctly 3 times when you stand 1 metre away from the mat .

Section 2 – Impulse Control

- 1) Show your dog can wait in any position for 30 seconds 2 metres in front of a Hoop and with you standing 2 metres away.
- 2) Show your dog can wait in any position for 30 seconds 2 metres in front of a Barrel and with you standing 2 metres away.
- 3) Show your dog can wait in any position for 30 seconds 2 metres in front of a TanGo Mat and with you standing 2 metres away.

Section 3 – Hoop Sequences

- 1) Show your dog can complete a 3-Hoop pinwheel where the Hoops are set at a comfortable gap for your dog. Send your dog from left to right and right to left 3 times.
- 2) Show you and your dog can complete a Front Cross on the 3-Hoop pinwheel from left to right and from right to left.
- 3) Show your dog can complete a circle containing 5 Hoops - 1 circuit clockwise and 1 circuit anti-clockwise. The Hoops must be set to allow a smooth, gentle curve for your dog. Use your dog's normal reward to move them out of the circle to do a gentle turn to reverse their direction.
- 4) Show your dog will drive forward, away from you, on cue to a Hoop positioned 2 metres away from where you are standing.

Section 4 – Q & A

- 1) Answer correctly 4 questions based on the current Canine Hoopers UK Rules & Regulations.