



ONLINE GOOD HOOPERS AWARD – Gold



AIM: To have fun training your 'Canine Hoopers' dog at home, with minimal 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. The handler should understand that their dog **MUST** complete the practical exercises without body or verbal cues other than marking the action. The dogs must not be physically moved towards the equipment but should make the choice to complete the behaviour themselves unless the exercise indicates otherwise.

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

Equipment Needed: 5 Hoop Shapes (referred to as Hoop), 4 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 Gold 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 written questions, your assessment will be rated as NT – **nearly there** and you will be informed of what 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 – Forwards Drive

1. **Five Hoop Straight Line** - both sides
2. **Hoop Line with Central TanGo mat**- both sides
3. **Hoop Barrel Line** – both sides
4. **Hoop Line with** – with layering from 2m
5. **Hoop and TanGo Mat Line** – with layering from 2m

Section 2 – Circles

1. **5 Hoop circle** – inside and opposite direction

2. **5 Hoop circle** – outside
3. **5 Hoop circle** – outside and opposite direction
4. **5 Hoop circle** - wait

Section 3 – Barrels

1. **4 Barrel Sequence** - inside
2. **4 Barrel Sequence** - outside

Section 4 - 5 Theory Questions