



ONLINE GOOD HOOPERS AWARD – Foundation



AIM: To have fun training your 'Canine Hoopers' dog at home, with minimal or no equipment. These foundation skills demonstrate that you have a good working platform 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 16 weeks and older.

Equipment Needed: No Hoopers equipment required

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 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 Foundation 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 given to the three 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 be used during the exercises and on the completion of each exercise.

Section 1 – Handler Focus

- 1) Show you can walk with your dog on a loose lead for 10 seconds – this is not heelwork!
- 2) Play with your dog for 10 seconds off-lead. Toys can be used but play-fighting is not acceptable. Call your dog back to you and pop their lead on.

Section 2 – Basic Control

- 1) Show your dog can stay in any position for 20 seconds with you standing 2 metres away.

Section 3 – Flatwork Directional Control

- 1) Get your dog to turn a full circle to the left twice in succession.
- 2) Get your dog to turn a full circle to the right twice in succession.
- 3) Show your dog can complete a front cross to the left
- 4) Show your dog can complete a front cross to the right
- 5) Show your dog can complete a rear cross to the left
- 6) Show your dog can complete a rear cross to the right
- 7) Show your dog can drive forward to a minimum distance of 1 metre away when cued.

Section 4 – Q & A

- 1) Answer correctly 3 questions based on the current Canine Hoopers UK Rules & Regulations.