



ONLINE GOOD HOOPERS AWARD – Silver



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 9 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 Silver 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 five 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. Five Hoop Circle-** The dog should complete a continuous circle of 5 or more hoops. The dog should complete the exercise in both directions with the handler standing in three different positions.
- 2. Pinwheel to Barrel -**The dog should perform the sequence in both directions.
- 3. Hoop to TanGo mat-** The dog should move through the hoop and onwards to the TanGo mat.
- 4. Barrel to TanGo mat-** The dog should negotiate a barrel and continue onwards to the TanGo mat.
- 5. Forwards drive on a three-Hoop straight line-** The dog should move through a straight line of 3 hoops.

Section 2 – Front and Rear Crosses

1. **Rear cross on pinwheel in both directions-** The handler should perform a rear cross whilst the dog moves through the 3-hoop pinwheel. This should be performed from both sides of the handler.
2. **Front Cross on pinwheel and on to Barrel-**The handler should perform a **Front** cross whilst the dog moves through the 3-hoop pinwheel and onto the barrel. This should be performed from both sides of the handler.
3. **Rear Cross on pinwheel and on to Barrel-** The handler should perform a **Rear** cross whilst the dog moves through the 3-hoop pinwheel and onto the barrel. This should be performed from both sides of the handler.

Section 3 – Q & A

Answer correctly 5 questions based on the current Canine Hoopers UK Rules & Regulations.

1. What are **three** possible fault behaviours that can occur when negotiating the Tangomat?
2. List **five** possible ways you could be eliminated in competition
3. What is the most obstacles you will see in a course?
4. What is the diameter of a hooper's tunnel?
5. What are the acceptable lengths of a hooper's tunnel?