



## ONLINE GOOD HOOPERS AWARD – Platinum



**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 12 months and older.

**Equipment Needed:** 8 Hoop Shapes (referred to as Hoop), 5 Barrel/Barrel Shaped Object (referred to as Barrel), Touch N Go Mat (referred to as TanGo mat) and a chair. 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. Also, when videoing, make sure both you and your dog can be seen throughout the exercise.

In order to pass the Platinum 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.

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

All exercises **MUST BE** setup as per the student layout guide.

### **Section 1 – Forwards Drive**

1. **Three Barrel Straight Line** - both sides
2. **Three Barrel Slight Curve** – Both sides
3. **Barrel Line With Central TanGo Mat** – both sides
4. **Barrel Line-** with layered hoop line
5. **Offset line** – both sides

### **Section 2 – Circles**

1. **5 Hoop circle** – outside

2. **5 Barrel circle** – outside
3. **TanGo Mat into 5 hoop circle** – both directions – from three positions.

### **Section 3 – Discrimination**

1. **Barrel send Clockwise**
2. **Barrel send Anti-Clockwise**
3. **TanGo send** – both sides

### **Section 4 – Semi-Circles**

1. **Barrel into hoops** – both directions - inside
2. **Barrel into hoops** – both directions – outside – 4 positions

### **Section 5 – Directional Control**

1. **4 hoop sequence – right** – both sides
2. **4 hoop sequence – left** – both sides
3. **4 hoop sequence – straight** – both sides