

Report on progress of the Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group following its meeting on 16 January 2018.

Matters relating to agility were as follows:

There was support for a film being made for the KC Academy regarding warming up dogs for their disciplines. It was pointed out that there are different ways to warm up dogs for various disciplines and this would be reflected in the film. Dr Boyd confirmed that while progress had been made on a suitable script there had been a delay in the document being prepared.

The group realised that caution was needed with the messages sent out by the film, which should strongly emphasise that warming up dogs does not necessarily prevent injuries. There will be guidelines about principles of warming up and general dos and don'ts.

The issue of veterinary assessments at Prestige Agility Events was discussed. The matter remained under review, and further details would be issued in due course.

A further report on the use of a digital measure and a measuring stick was due to be carried out in March but due to time constraints the report would be produced at the next Sub-Group meeting.

It was acknowledged that in the foreseeable future a measuring hoop would remain in use.

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