



ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB GROUP REPORT (AHWSG) – 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

The following members were present to represent Activities disciplines:

- Mrs G Pink – Heelwork to Music Working Party
- Mr I MacDonald – Agility Liaison Council
- Ms J Prince – Rally Working Party
- Mrs C Patrick – Obedience Liaison Council

A query was raised as to why there was no representation on the Sub Group for Flyball or Canicross. It was confirmed that this was due to the fact that both disciplines were numerically small and did not currently hold licensed competitions or races.

The reporting chain for the AHWSG was clarified and confirmed that recommendations from the AHWSG would be represented by Dr Boyd on the Dog Health Group. The Dog Health Group consists of representatives from all relevant sub-groups together with relevant specialist expertise.

There was an announcement of the partnership between the Kennel Club and Hartpury College and Hartpury University, which opens up opportunities for research projects. It is anticipated that the Sub Group would be able to suggest topics.

The members of the Sub Group have been requested to suggest any behavioural issues within their discipline. Suggested topics include:

- Issues related to stays in obedience
- Dogs lunging from parked cars
- Stress in crated dogs
- Use of body language in dogs

Discipline-specific survey analysis

A report was noted regarding the analysis of previously undertaken disciplinespecific surveys provided by Dr Gomez Alvarez and Dr Den Uijl. It was anticipated that the work based on the analysis would be carried out by Dr Gomez Alvarez in the coming months.

Budget for minor projects

The matter of an application to the Finance Committee to allocate a fund to use to undertake minor projects remained ongoing. However, funding for minor projects (£2-3,000) may be submitted to the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

A suggestion was made that it may be possible to obtain funding from the KCCT to provide equipment for Hartpury University and Hartpury College for use as a Kennel Club resource in collaborative projects, and/or for outsourcing of suitable expertise in the use of such equipment where necessary.

Colour recognition in dogs

It was agreed that the matter of colour recognition is an interesting one and warranted further consideration. The OLC is requested to consider issues within Obedience to inform the discussion at the next meeting of the AHWSG.



Dogs registered on the Activity Register

The AHWSG wished to record its full support for the development of a facility to allow public access to information regarding dogs on the Activity Register, particularly health testing information and details of parentage.

Carole Patrick