



**NOTES FROM THE ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB-
GROUP (AHWSG) MEETING HELD ON
14 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Unfortunately I was not present at the AHWSG meeting held on 14th September 2020.

Mrs M Asbury, representing working gundogs joined the AHWSG. Mrs Asbury's appointment was approved by the Board at its meeting on 7th April 2020.

An issue regarding the use of harnesses (not during competition) had been raised at a previous meeting of the AHWSG. It was agreed that the issue should be discussed further. It was noted that the general dog owning community were involved in discussions on social media regarding the issue. The sub group were told of a research project being undertaken by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) into the use and impact of collars and harnesses. They were currently looking into sourcing funding for the project. After a discussion, the sub group decided that it was not possible to go forward with a research project on the use of harnesses, but that it would remain on the list of opportunities for investigation and would be reviewed regularly.

After a discussion, it was agreed that a statement should be formulated with a recommendation to the Dog Health Group that it should be published in order to draw the attention of the dog owning public to what work the sub group carries out and to invite suggestions for topics of interest via the Liaison Councils and Working Party Representatives.

The AHWSG meeting dates are as follows:-
15 April 2021
16 September 2021

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