



## **AHWSG report for ALC**

### A Frame

Research to be undertaken to review stride patterns onto A Frame  
Previous research has shown that the best approach to an A frame is approximately an angle of 30 degrees. We have therefore asked for research into stride patterns and up contacts to ensure dogs are not being asked to adjust their angle of approach to ensure an up contact can be achieved for larger breed dogs without causing unnecessary force or impact.

Also, discussion around approach distance to A frame and whether 10 metre max distance creates too much force.

### See-saw

Research into how see-saws behave, the best way to secure see-saws to reduce vibration and impact force, and how different see-saws behave and ways to look at research to ensure we can mitigate these differences and reduce them to ensure all see-saws are as similar as possible.

### General canine welfare

How to educate and ensure dogs are fit for work was discussed and asked to discuss with each Liaison Council. Also, whether we need something for competitors to help them understand the code of conduct and ensure their dogs are fit for purpose.

### Funding Levy

It was discussed that this levy would be a useful tool and that each Liaison Council should have governance over funds raised and allocate funds to best serve the safety and research of its own discipline whilst also being aware that some areas of research have some crossover. Although given the current financial climate it was decided to do further investigation into how much funding could be raised and also to discuss capping the total amount raised to ensure that the levy was not just increased without due diligence and all funds raised through agility would be governed by the ALC.

### Measuring

Currently no further work on measuring being undertaken although it was noted that the biggest tolerance in measuring was human error and therefore correct training and performance by measurers had the greatest impact.

The ALC is invited to raise any other areas for potential research.

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