



## **AHWSG report to the OLC by June Le Fevre**

Date of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – via MS Teams

A very brief description of items discussed by working discipline :-

### **Working Trials**

Current investigation to landing forces for equipment such as the scale or ramp. Should heights or angles of landing be changed to make the obstacle safer?

### **Agility**

A Ramp – Should the “up contact point” be removed to allow an optimum approach of 30 degrees – now being investigated.

See Saw – research to examine tipping and ground forces of this obstacle depending on who it has been manufactured by in an aim to understand why some dogs “spook” at some see-saws but are fine with others.

### **General – all disciplines**

Fitness/heart rate recovery – currently awaiting results of research – note this project has been delayed.

Funding Levy – see paragraph already inserted onto the OLC Agends for the meeting in June 2022. I did highlight that it may cause difficulties in obedience as, unlike agility, some entries are still received by post, making the collection of entries more cumbersome for show secretaries/show organisers.

Obesity on dogs – The AHWSG wishes to raise awareness of canine fitness and specifically owner knowledge of continual effective monitoring of their dogs weight management using the Purina dog body condition tool J. Le Fevre also circulated a brief anonymous survey to the obedience community which will be circulated to the OLC and the AHWSG ahead of their respective next meetings, obviously a concern on owner bias is accepted.

The Kennel Club Healthy Symposium originally cancelled due to COVID-19 has now been rescheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Chesford Manor, Coventry.

All activities but raised by David Moxon from the OLD – concern over the lack of supply of glass vials for the storage of vaccination medication - Sub-group agreed there had been a problem but acknowledged that this had now been resolved.