



THE KENNEL CLUB

Working Trials Liaison Council - Five-year strategy

Current topics

	Topic	Action points	Action By	Action Date and Status
a.	To ensure the health, fitness, safety and welfare of dogs taking part in WT are at the forefront of the sport, specifically researching the scale and long jump.	Proposal submitted and agreed by WTLC in June 2022 for further research with the objection to obtain kinetic and kinematic data experienced by a sample of dogs when undertaking the following obstacles on a surface comparable to that experienced by working trial dogs: The scale, The A-frame (KC agility & IGP versions), The long jump.	Equipment & Progression Panel	Oct 2022 - Ongoing
b.	To update and improve the information available about working trials on Kennel Club leaflets, KC Website and Academy, highlighting the nosework and other elements and encourage more interest and participation.	Raised at June WTLC meeting; email sent to KC in July 2022 to progress this topic.	E&P Panel	Oct 2022 – Response from KC that this will be progressed end Nov. To be commenced.
c.	To create a leaflet to promote WT specifically targeting those doing UK Tracking and UK Dog Sport	Leaflet to be created for sending online (potentially using UK Dog Sports WT supplement). UK Tracking & UK Dog Sport to be approached for including shorter version of leaflet to participants with their certificates.	E&P Panel	Oct 2022 -To be commenced.
d.	To assist and encourage WT Societies to raise awareness of their existence in the area they cover to those involved in other dogs sports (i.e. clubs and	To provide a WT Information leaflet to all WTLC Societies for them to distribute by email or other	Council members	Oct 2022



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	trainers offering mantrailing, scentwork, rally, obedience and agility), encouraging membership, promoting details of the trials they are running each year and any training that they offer or can offer on behalf of others known to them.	way in their area, along with their own information. Free digital access of Dog Sports UK magazine been given to all WTLC Societies to pass on to their members to promote WT.		WT leaflet -To be commenced Free Digital access – ongoing with some Societies.
e.	To develop Kennel Club WT as a more attractive product to newcomers, increase numbers in the sport, as well as looking after its customer base, specifically looking at the early stakes for consideration of changes that would encourage newcomers to compete.	Feedback sought and received from WTLC Societies and WT Community. Based on this feedback, proposals re the earlier stakes, Pre CD stakes and a Discussion item for a WT Warrant submitted for WTLC meeting January 2023.	E&P Panel	Oct 22 - Ongoing
f.	To create more channels of communication with a wider audience, using social media and canine newspapers to promote WT events and news.	Contact made with Dog Sports UK magazine (digital and paper) and WT now included. KC Facebook page is only for KC events. No response from Our Dogs. WTLC to be approached for further suggestions.	E&P Panel	Oct 22 - Ongoing
g.	To look at the feasibility of small dogs being able to progress to TD Stake with their reduced jumps.	Feedback sought and received at June 2022 WTLC meeting and from WT Community. Based on this feedback, a proposal has been submitted for the January 2023 WTLC meeting	E&P Panel	Oct 22 - Ongoing
h.	To update the Kennel Club “Find a Club” function so it is effective and current on the website.	List being created by Dog Sports UK magazine	SATS/E&P Panel	Oct 22 - Ongoing



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	To compile a list of WT Societies, Clubs and Individuals who offer WT training for general access.			
i.	Improve WTLC engagement with grass roots competitors to encourage wider participation in Council matters.	<p>Review effectiveness of current communication methods and consider improvements. To look into the use of Survey Monkey by Obedience Liaison Council which they use to garner views on agenda items.</p> <p>Societies to be provided with an explanation of the Council process and committee structure within the KC, to be sent by email to their members and WT Clubs in their area.</p> <p>Details also to be put on WTI website, Dog Sports UK magazine.</p> <p>To look into the feasibility of information on the WTLC being included in trial catalogues</p>	Council members	Oct 22 – To be commenced