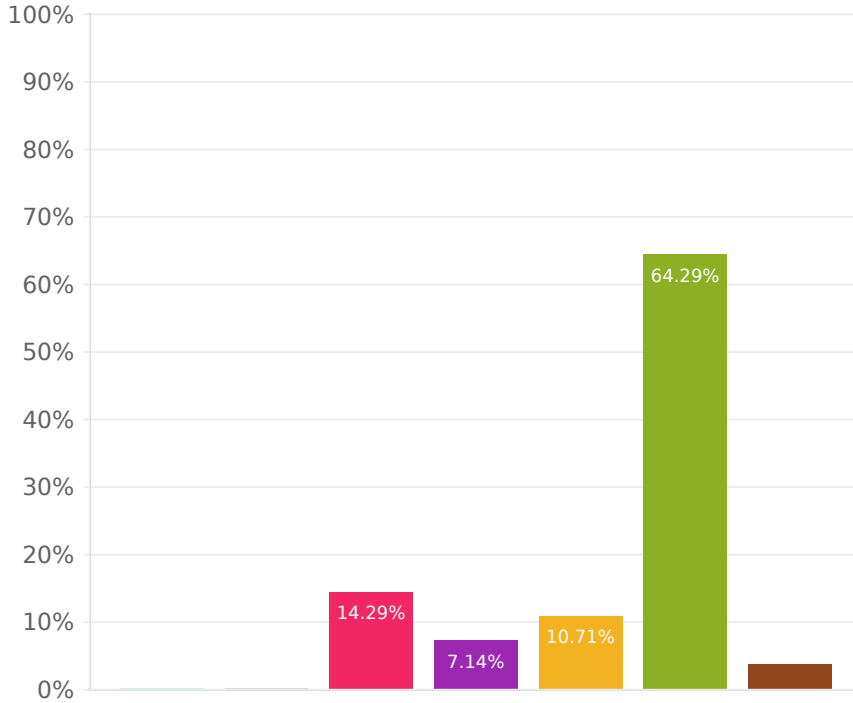


Championship Judges Wall Survey

Q1

When was your last KC Agility Championship Judging Appointment?

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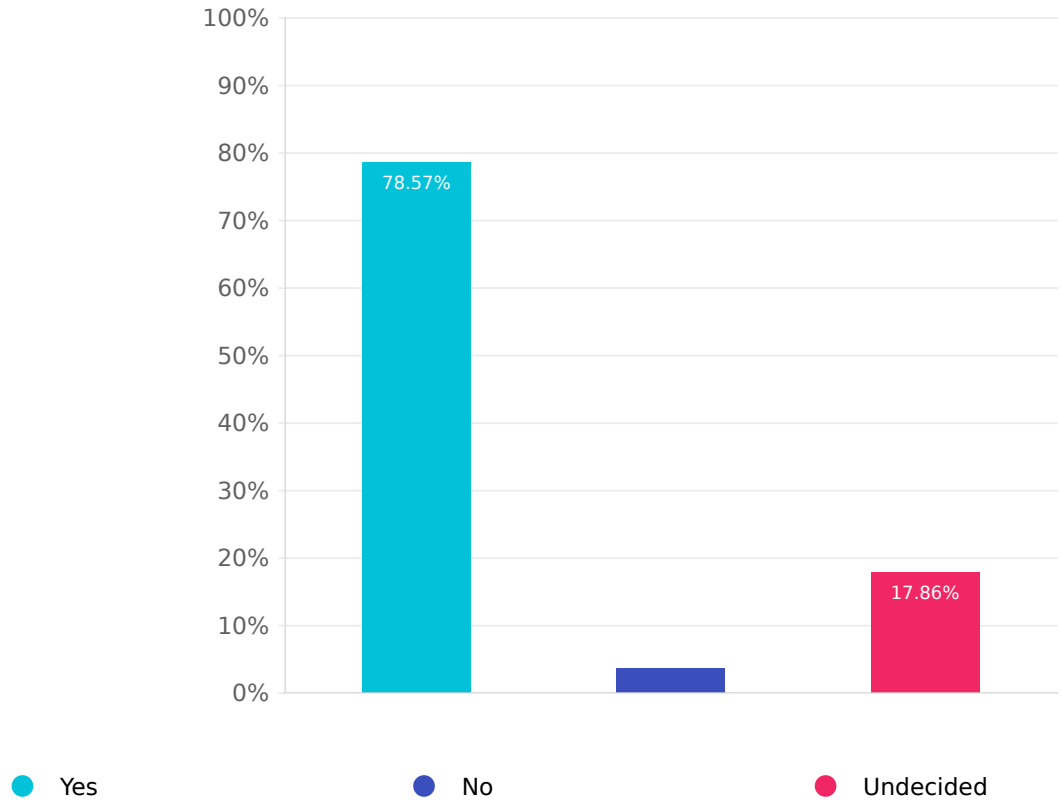
- Before 2018
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- Haven't judged yet

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Before 2018	0.00%	0
2018	0.00%	0
2019	14.29%	4
2020	7.14%	2
2021	10.71%	3
2022	64.29%	18
Haven't judged yet	3.57%	1

Q2

Do you intend to judge any further KC Agility Championship classes?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0

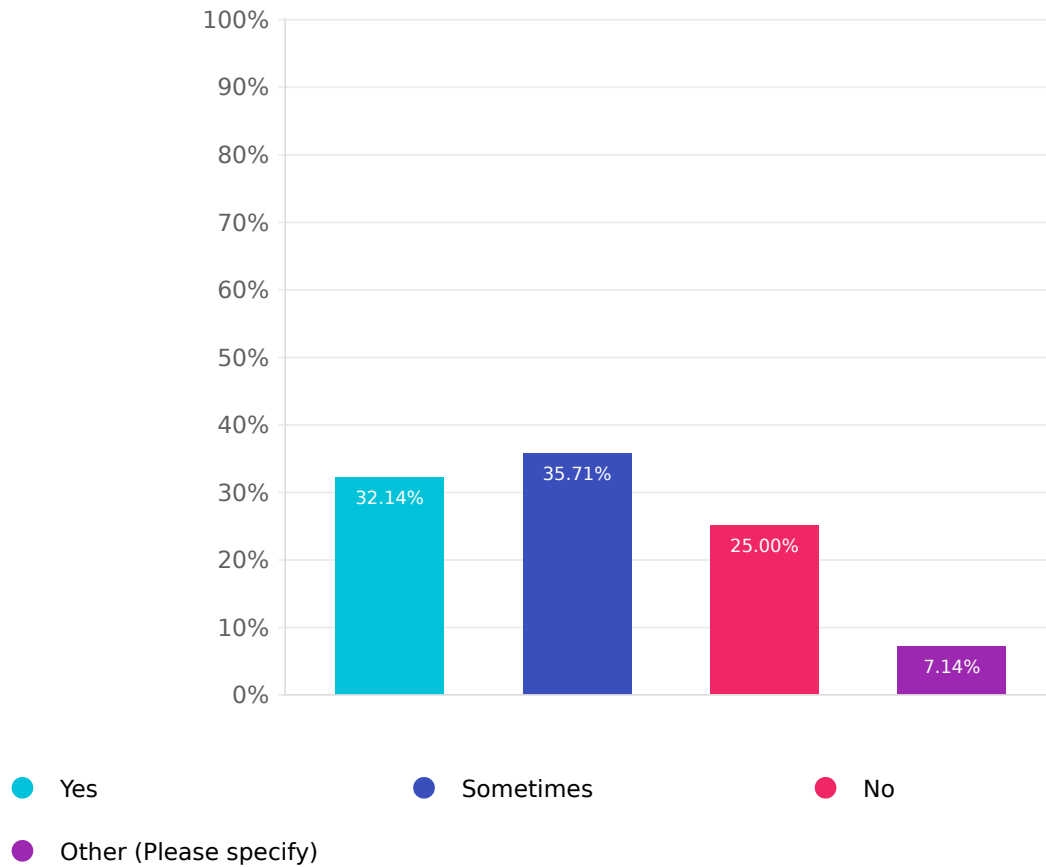


Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	78.57%	22
No	3.57%	1
Undecided	17.86%	5

Q3

Do you use the current metal or wooden walls during your judging appointments?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0



Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	32.14%	9
Sometimes	35.71%	10
No	25.00%	7
Other (Please specify)	7.14%	2

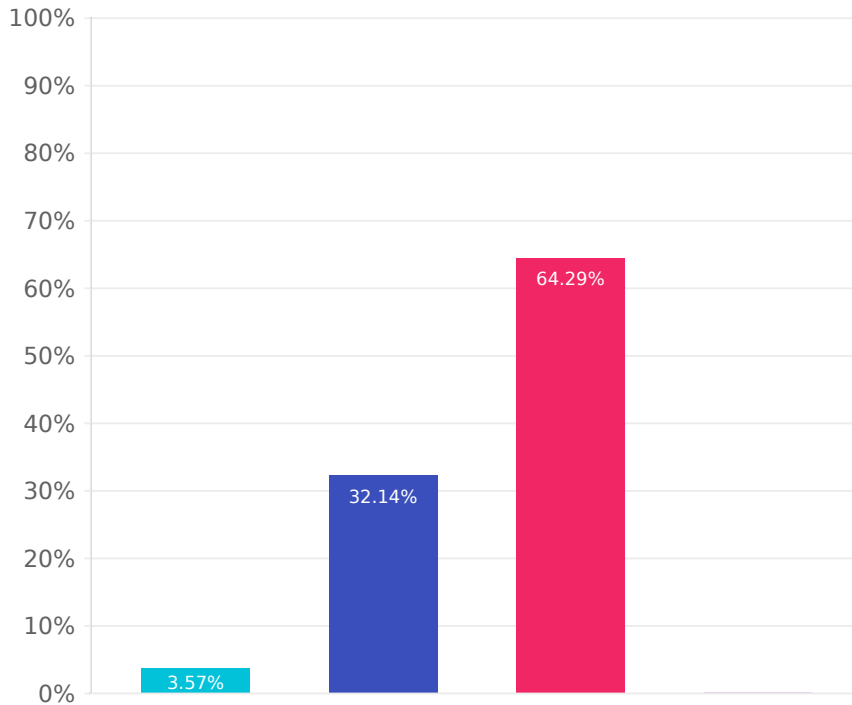
Other (Please specify)

1. There were mostly only wooden ones available when I last judged. Adams had brought out a squashy one but it was not Adams equipment at my last judging appointment.
 2. Rarely either
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Q4

Have you ever seen a dog, measuring into the small height category, knock over the central element of a wooden or aluminium wall? (This does not mean the top bricks but the usually trapezium shaped element underneath)

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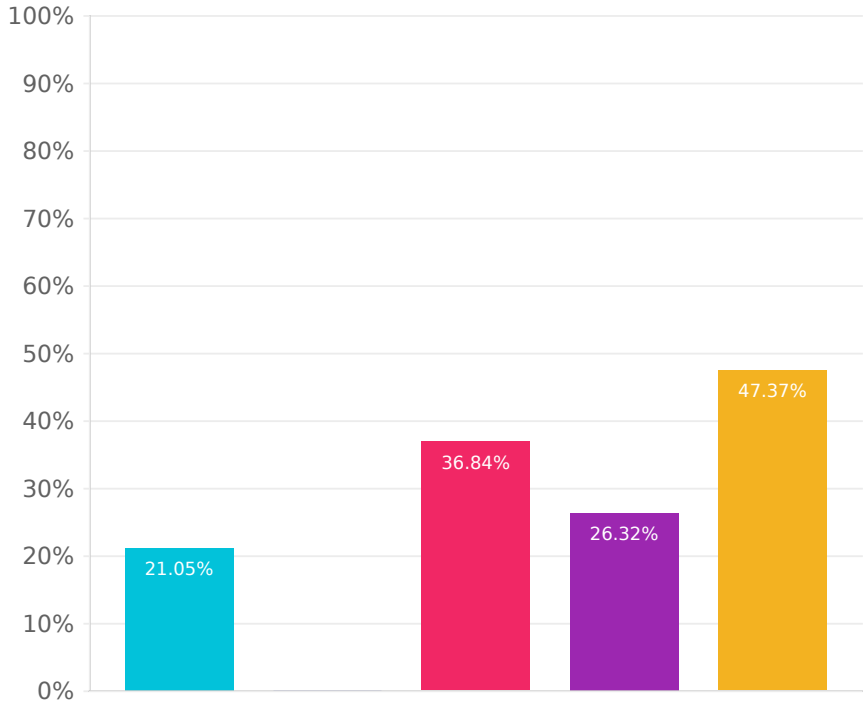
- Yes I have
- No Never
- Not that I can recall
- Other (Please specify)

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes I have	3.57%	1
No Never	32.14%	9
Not that I can recall	64.29%	18
Other (Please specify) No Responses	0.00%	0

Q5

Please tell us why you won't or sometimes do not use the wall during your judging appointments?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 9



- I do not feel the need to put it in my courses
- I don't like the challenge it provides
- Equipment supplier could not or would not supply
- I do not feel they are safe
- Other (Please specify)

Choices	Response percent	Response count
I do not feel the need to put it in my courses	21.05%	4
I don't like the challenge it provides	0.00%	0
Equipment supplier could not or would not supply	36.84%	7
I do not feel they are safe	26.32%	5
Other (Please specify)	47.37%	9

Other (Please specify)

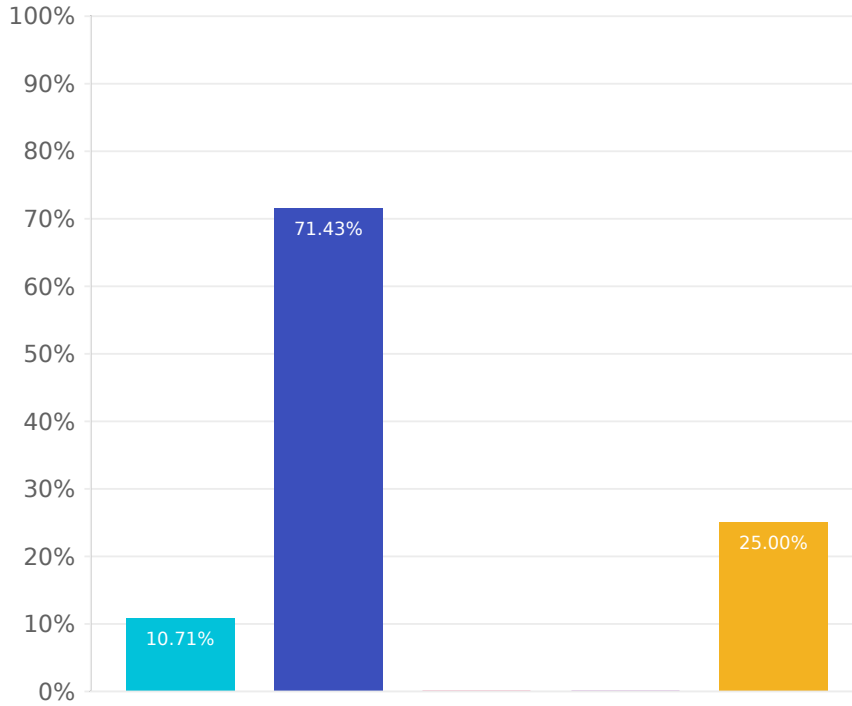
1. I have never not used it because I think its unsafe, but if I do use it, I make sure it can be taken as safely as possible
2. Often used it. If I didn't it was often the supplier or show that did not offer it. Mainly used it in the higher grades.

3. Depends on the equipment supplier, won't use the aluminium or wooden walls anymore. The soft ones can only be used if there is little wind so tend to use them only indoors
 4. Wind can present a problem
 5. They are a pain to use and if windy can blow over etc
 6. I don't like the challenge it provides from a judging aspect in terms of wind knocking pillars down etc
 7. Depends on grade being judged
 8. Non-essential equipment so don't use it - if it was, I would
 9. Not really thought about it, I do find it hard to get the line right.
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Q6

Would you put an impact absorbent wall (e.g foam or polystyrene) into your courses during judging appointments? (This is presuming that it would be as wind resistant as its wood or metal counterparts)

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0



- I do not feel the need to put it in my courses
- Yes I would
- I don't like the challenge it provides
- I do not feel they are safe
- Other (Please specify)

Choices	Response percent	Response count
I do not feel the need to put it in my courses	10.71%	3
Yes I would	71.43%	20
I don't like the challenge it provides	0.00%	0
I do not feel they are safe	0.00%	0
Other (Please specify)	25.00%	7

Other (Please specify)

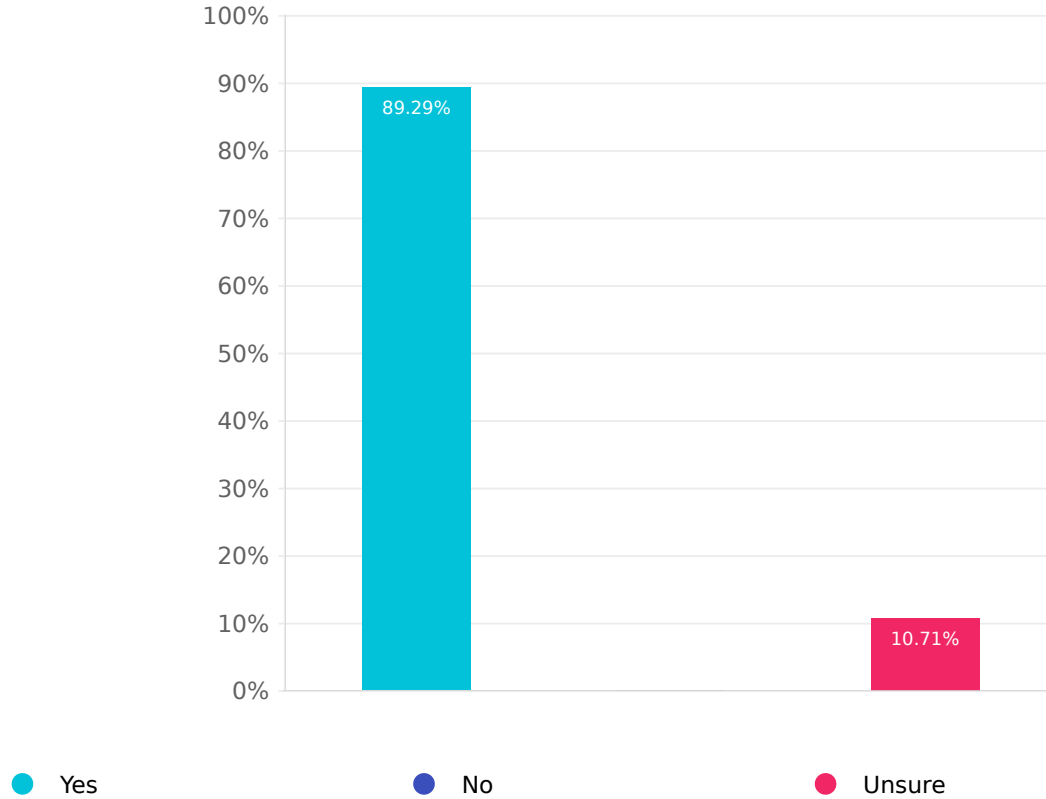
1. Yes I would use it, but again not every time. It depends if my course plan suits a wall
2. Like the Galican foam wall.
3. I would use what the show provides and assume it met with KC regs, so would use it.

- 4. I would use but not reliable enough outside against wind. Perfect for indoors
- 5. As per previous answer so no difference unless we were indoors then may consider it
- 6. Non-essential equipment so don't use it - if it was, I would
- 7. Yes depends on my course lines.

Q7

Do you feel an impact absorbent wall would be safer for dogs than the current wooden or aluminium walls?

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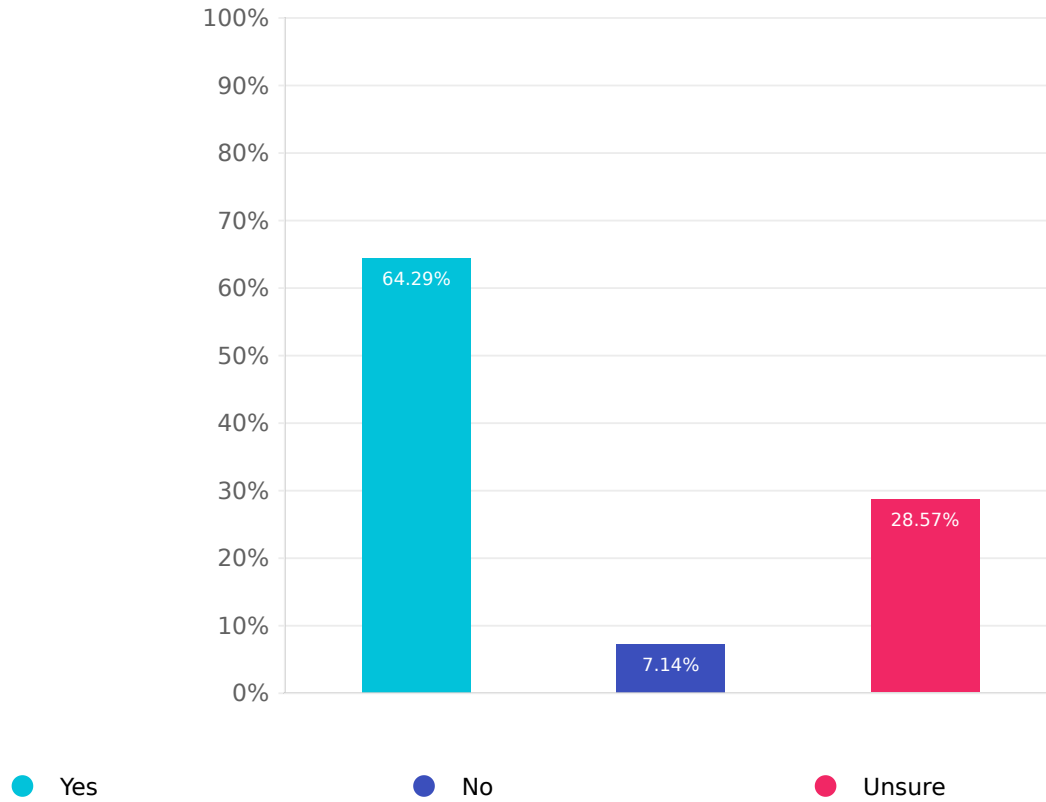


Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	89.29%	25
No	0.00%	0
Unsure	10.71%	3

Q8

Would you be supportive of a change from the current rule to only allow impact absorbent walls?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0



Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	64.29%	18
No	7.14%	2
Unsure	28.57%	8

Do you have any other comments or feedback regarding impact absorbent walls?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 9

1. The displaceable element of a jump is a plastic pole. If it were metal there would be an outcry due to safety. We moved away from wooden poles for safety so I can't see how wood or metal is safe for dogs to jump. The wall is such a solid obstacle that I would argue the material should mean any impact means the dog remains Un injured. I fully support this proposal
 2. Any new wall needs to be able to stand up to the British weather. Ultimately we can change the rules, but then we rely on the equipment suppliers to actually have one of these walls, when quite often they don't have the current spec wall. I can personally see the wall becoming an obsolete obstacle
 3. Champ courses required all the equipment when I was judging. Providing squishy wall was a choice, I would prefer to use it. Some showgrounds are very windy and it may not be practical.
 4. Ideal for indoor use but reluctant to use outdoors due to possible uneven ground and wind effect.
 5. The soft walls are a great idea but can't see how they can be used outdoors. Then we may see them disappear which would be a great shame.
 6. The key issue is their stability in different weathers and sitting on different surfaces. Do like the concept in principle as long as it is effective for all round general use in practice. Often walls are very limited in their availability from major suppliers making them much more of a rarity than they used to be.
 7. Unless you make all elements of the wall wind resistant, the proposal is detrimental. Losing the wall due at all outdoor shows is detrimental to British agility
 8. Nothing other than the obvious need for them to be sturdy enough to use in at least the same weather conditions as any other wall.
 9. At present they get taken out due to wind outdoors more often than not. There's not enough weight in them, particularly at intermediate and large heights. Risk is very high that classes will have to be restarted unless there is a guarantee of no change in direction or does of wind during the class
 10. A few years ago I saw a dog take the top right of a wooden wall out, and limp away, I try to stay away from walls since then.
 11. The angle, distance and approach to the wall is what I am always careful to consider rather than its design.
 12. Cost to suppliers and clubs v safety etc may mean it just doesn't get used again like the A Frame?
 13. It's very important that placement of the wall is considered. Wing wraps and push rounds shouldn't be used on a wall in my opinion. I think a wall should have a straight approach and exit. However an impact absorbent wall could see the wall used more in classes such as champ finals meaning dogs get more experience on it.
 14. No
 15. Why is this survey being raised, Has there been an increase in incidents/injuries in relation to the current equipment being used.
 16. Agree. I don't want to see obstacles lost but I am all in favour of improving the safety and standards. As long as wind resistant the foam / impact resistant walls are vital to drive the sport safely forward.
 17. MOST dogs have a respect for the wall - dogs will get injured whatever material they are made from. We (Thames) have just bought a Galican 'foam' one only because some of our club dogs have never seen it before and so they can now get used to them. We had several "hits" on the new foam wall on the first day of use whereas we never had any "hits" on our old wooden walls. Draw your own conclusions - I have.
 18. Nic, there is a concern on the depth of the jumping area as the soft walls tend to be 20cm as opposed to 10cm, would this increase the risk of the dog landing on it. I see the soft wall was used at Iconix, interesting to see the results and whether there were any issues, I assume not.
 19. Safety for dogs should always come first
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