



THE KENNEL CLUB

MEETING OF THE AGILITY LIAISON COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2023 AT 10.30 AM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS - AGENDA

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ITEM 2. KENNEL CLUB RESEARCH PROJECT

The Council is invited to receive a presentation from Mr M Bermingham (Head of Strategy, Planning and Insight) and Ms L Smith (Education and Training Portfolio Manager) which will provide an update on the research project into 'Organisers and Participants of Dog Activities'.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 (copies previously distributed).

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. The Council is invited to note that the Board, at its meetings on 13 September 2022 and 22 November 2022, approved the following amendments to H Regulations:

Regulation H.9(15)

TO:

A statement that no bitch in season is allowed to compete **at Limited, Open, Premier or Championship Agility Shows. However, bitches in season can compete at quarter finals, semi-finals and finals of Kennel Club Prestige Events, except in events held under YKC rules.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Regulation H.13 Removal of dogs from competition

TO:

- a. A bitch which is in season **(apart from a dog competing in quarter finals, semi-finals and finals of Kennel Club Prestige Events other than events held under YKC rules).**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Note: At its meeting on 13 September 2022, following recommendations by the Council and the Activities Committee, the Board approved amendments to Regulations H.9(15) and H.13 which would allow for bitches in season to compete at prestige events. Subsequently, further discussions took place with the YKC team and it was agreed that additional amendments were necessary to address concerns that it would not be safe for bitches in season to compete in YKC agility events at Crufts, as a young handler may struggle to control their dog. The additional wording was agreed by the chair and vice chair of the Activities Committee, and the agility representatives on the Committee, and was approved by the Board at its meeting on 22 November 2022.

- b. Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(A)12.c



The Activities Committee, at its meeting on 12 July 2022, considered the Council's recommendation of the following amendment:

Regulation H(1)(A)12.c.

TO:

The capping level must be set at a minimum of ~~250~~ **50** entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set. Capped classes may be split into two or more parts in accordance with Regulation H(1)9.f.
(Deletion struck through. Insertions in bold)

It noted the Council's reasons for the recommendation, however it raised a query as to whether the regulation should relate only to indoor venues in order to restrict the effect the amendment would have on progression through classes. It also noted that a grading and progression review had only just been completed and this amendment could affect the impact of those changes. There was a suggestion that in order to combat the impact, that shows wishing to set a capping level would only be able to offer combined classes.

The Committee wished to refer the proposal back to the Council for further discussion, taking into account the suggestion that it should only apply to indoor shows, and for it to reconsider the capping level.

Accordingly, the Council is requested to reconsider the proposal. **NOTE:** a proposal has been submitted by the Governance Panel and is included on the agenda under item 9.c.

c. Proposed amendment to Regulation H.15

The following proposal was unanimously recommended for approval by the Council, but was omitted in error from the relevant Activities Committee agenda. The Council is invited to note that it will be referred to the Committee at its meeting on 1 December 2022:

New Regulation H.15

TO:

No equipment shall be moved without permission of the judge. Any concerns regarding the course shall be discussed with the judge/show management. Any unauthorised movement of equipment may result in removal from the competition. All such removals should be reported to The Kennel Club in the Incident Book.

(Insertion in bold)

ITEM 5. MEMBERSHIP OF PANELS

The Council is invited to note that Mr J Hallam has joined both the Judging Panel and the Governance Panel.

Mrs S Robinson has joined the Governance Panel.

Due to Mr Smith's ill-health, Mr Tait has agreed to join the Equipment Panel, and Mr Ellis will become interim chair of the group.



ITEM 6. ACCREDITED TRAINERS ANNUAL SEMINAR

The Council is invited to note a written report from Mr Jolly following the above seminar which took place on 13 October 2022.

(Annex A refers)

ITEM 7. ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB-GROUP

The Council is invited to note a written report from Mr Tait following the Sub-Group's meeting on 15 September 2022.

(Annex B refers)

ITEM 8. REPORT FROM THE EQUIPMENT PANEL

- a. The Council is requested to note a written report from the Equipment Panel.
(Annex C refers)
- b. Electronic contacts
The issue of electronic contacts was raised at the Council's previous meeting. It is invited to note that the Panel has drafted plans as to how research into their use may be carried out. It is hoped that further information will be available at the Council's meeting in July 2023.

ITEM 9. REPORT FROM THE AGILITY GOVERNANCE PANEL

- a. The Council is requested to consider a report from the Agility Governance Panel and to discuss any issues arising, including those relating to measuring issues.
(Annex D refers)
- b. Competition Manager's role
Following discussions at the Council's two previous meetings, it is requested to consider the following new regulation. Further details and rationale are included within the Panel's report.

Regulation H(1)9.c.

TO:

The person appointed as Competition Manager should be aware of their responsibilities as laid out in Annex H(1)(E) of these regulations and should meet the criteria for this role.

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

New regulation H(1)(E)

TO:

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE DUTIES OF AGILITY COMPETITION MANAGERS

1. Experiences and Qualifications

- a. **The Competition Manager should have a sound knowledge of the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations, and a familiarity with the Kennel Club complaints procedure.**
- b. **The Competition Manager must have completed and passed an agility judges examination on the Kennel Club Academy within the last five years**



- c. **The Competition Manager must have attended an Agility Competition Manager’s online seminar within the last five years.**

2. Responsibilities.

- a. **A Competition Manager’s responsibilities are to at all times ensure that competitors and judges abide by the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations.**
- b. **A Competition Manager acts as decision maker in all matters relating to the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations for the duration of the show.**
- c. **A Competition Manager must fully document all decisions and actions taken in relation to the H Regulations in the show’s Kennel Club incident book.**
- d. **A Competition Manager supports the show management team in the smooth running of the show.**

3. Duties.

- a. **The show committee shall appoint a Competition Manager whose name must be announced in the schedule, and who must not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or work a dog or act in any other capacity at the show.**
- b. **In the event of extreme adverse conditions at a show a judge may remove mandatory equipment from a class as deemed appropriate at the time but must always obtain full agreement of the Competition Manager, unless in an emergency situation. The Competition Manager must be advised of the change and the reasons for it at the earliest opportunity. Any alterations must be recorded in the Incident Book and be reported, by the show management, to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.**
- c. **Should a judge be prevented from completing a class which has already started, the Competition Manager shall decide what action is to be taken. Guidance is covered in the Guidance for Agility Judges and Stewards.**
- d. **The Competition Manager and the show management must act to remove a dog from the show under the conditions of Regulation H13.**
- e. **If there are any concerns over the suitability of a course the Competition Manager must consult with the relevant judge, and if available Accredited Trainers, and agree the proposed course of action**
- f. **Any complaints or matters arising at the show should be referred, in the first instance to the Competition Manager, who may consult with other members of the show team before taking appropriate action. All incidents, even if they are resolved on the day of the show, must be recorded in the Incident Book and be reported, by the show management, to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.**

(Insertions in bold)

c. Capping of classes

As requested by the Activities Committee (agenda item 4.b. above refers), the Council is requested to consider a proposal submitted by the Panel:

Regulation H(1)(A)12.c.

TO:

The capping level must be set at a minimum of **50 entries for classes with just one grade of dogs, 100 entries for classes with 2 grades of dogs, and ~~250~~ 150** entries for all other classes. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set. Capped classes may be split into two or more parts in accordance with Regulation H(1)9.f. (Deletion struck through. Insertions in bold)

d. Measuring issues

The Council is requested to note updates from the Panel in respect of measuring, and in particular, to consider the following issues:

- (i) Measurement of Large/Intermediate Dogs following the introduction of an Intermediate height by the FCI



Note: In respect of Agility Team GB, all dogs must have a Team GB Height Classification. If their FCI height is different to their KC height, then they can only qualify for the Pre-Selection Qualifier through entering the Open Showcase event. The Kennel Club has confirmed that it would have no objection to dogs competing at different heights at Kennel Club and FCI competitions, following the rules of the organising authority at the time. Full details are available at:

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/agility/already-competing-in-agility/agility-team-gb/team-selection-process/#tsp2023tqp>

- (ii) Whether there should be any increase in the cost of measuring

ITEM 10. REPORT FROM THE JUDGING PANEL AND OTHER JUDGING ISSUES

- a. The Council is requested to consider a report from the Judging Panel and to discuss any issues arising from it.
(Annex E refers)
- b. Placement of toys and leads, minimum distances for start and finish, and management of entrances and exits

Following discussions at the Council's previous meeting, the Panel wishes to propose a number of amendments to regulations with the objective of improving safety.

It notes that there have been a number of incidents where dogs have been set up to start outside the confines of the ring. This is either due to a lack of space or where handlers have developed start routines that involve recalling the dog to them at the start.

To ensure the dog is able to start and finish within the ring the first and last jump must be set at least 5m into the ring – taking into account the most likely path that a dog will follow, the Panel wishes to propose the following:

New regulation H(1)(B)1.a.(4)

TO:

The first and last obstacles must be set a minimum of 5m from the edge of the ring, measured along the dog's most likely path when taking the obstacle, taking into account the dogs likely path from obstacle 1 to obstacle 2.

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

Another further regulation is required to ensure that handlers no longer start their dogs out of the ring. Handlers are not allowed to enter the ring without the dog and call it in to join them.

New regulation H(1)10.h.

TO:

The handler must set their dog up to start within the ring. Dog and handler must enter the ring together and under no circumstances may a dog be left outside the ring off lead and recalled or sent to the handler in the ring.

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

Adequate space between rings is essential to ensure that there is sufficient room for competitors and spectators to move safely around rings without disrupting competing



dogs. In venues where space is limited then the distance may be smaller, but some form of visible barrier must be used. Accordingly the Panel wishes to propose:

New regulation H(1)9 b.

TO:

The minimum space between adjacent rings marked only with single ropes is 5m. Where the distance is less than 5m at least one ring must have a visible barrier (such as netting). Entrances and exits from different rings should not be adjacent to avoid congestion in these areas.

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

There have been a number of issues arising due to the use of crates ringside at shows. Handlers often leave crates behind score tents and near entrances and exits of rings. These can cause crowding and problems even when there is no dog in the crate. Shows can designate appropriate areas for crates to be left away from entrances and exits to rings if they wish. The Council wishes to propose:

New regulation H(1)9 c.

TO:

Societies may, if they wish, designate areas where dogs' crates and boxes may be left in the vicinity of the rings. No dogs' crates or boxes should be left near or between rings unless they are in such an area.

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

c. Number of runs to be judged in a day

At its meetings in January and June 2022, the Council considered issues relating to the number of runs which may be judged by one judge on a single day.

It is invited to note that this matter would remain under review by the Judging Panel whilst it carried out a review of what issues caused judges genuine concern.

d. Activities Judges Sub-Group

The Council is invited to consider a written report from Mr Huckle following the meeting of the Sub-Group which took place on 24 November 2022.

(Annex F refers)

ITEM 11. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

No proposals have been received.

ITEM 12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Mr M Hallam

Dogs re-negotiating equipment

The Council is requested to discuss the situation where a dog re-negotiates an obstacle due to the handler not being happy with the dog's performance, even though the dog has correctly completed the obstacle. It is requested to consider clarifying the judge's position when requested by the handler to re-do a piece of equipment during an agility run. This discussion is not regarding what to do after a refusal or elimination, but where the handler wants to attempt a piece of equipment again because they are unhappy with the current attempt. There are a number of options as a starting point, but there may be others:



- There should be no option to re-do a piece of equipment
- As per FCI regulations, a handler may be permitted to re-do only one obstacle during a run
- Judges should be given discretion to allow any reasonable request from the handler
- Handler cannot decide to re do a piece of equipment if they have finished the course, i.e. the handler cannot decide to re-do a piece of equipment if the clock has stopped by clearing the final obstacle. It would be necessary to take into account whether the dog had stopped the clock during the course and not as the last obstacle.
- What would happen in the situation where the handler was eliminated

The objective of this discussion is to clarify the position of the judge as currently there is confusion on the issue. Mr Hallam, in his capacity as a judge, does not wish to prevent a dog from renegotiating the see-saw (for example) as doing so may be seen as a matter of safety for the dog.

The Council is requested to consider whether guidance should be issued or whether amendments to regulations may be necessary.

b. Mr M Hallam

Grade appropriate courses

The Council is requested to clarify and define what is deemed appropriate for certain grades when a judge is setting their course, particularly with reference to Grades 1-4. This issue is one which is frequently raised within the agility community.

It is invited to note previous guidance which is outdated and no longer available, but may be used as a starting point for the discussion.

(Annex G refers)

c. Mr M Tait

A-frame and dog walk up contacts

Mr Tait requests that the Council discuss potential amendments to the wording relating to marking of contacts.

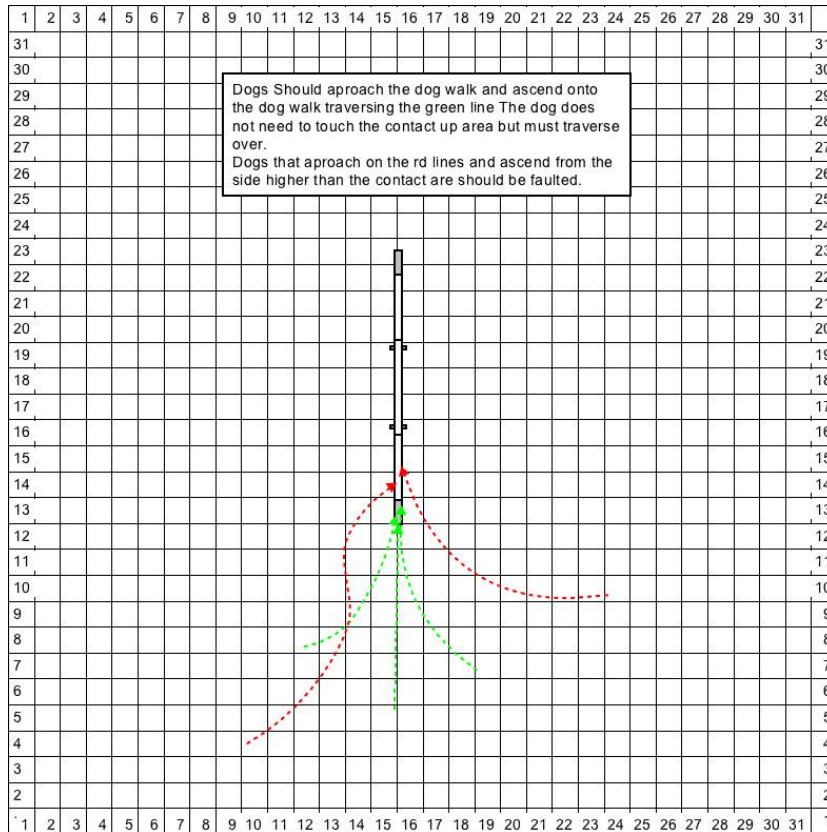
Regulation H(1)(B)5.a.(15) currently specifies 'Contact area—5 faults for each failure to make contact.'

Mr Tait wishes to suggest that the wording be changed as follows:

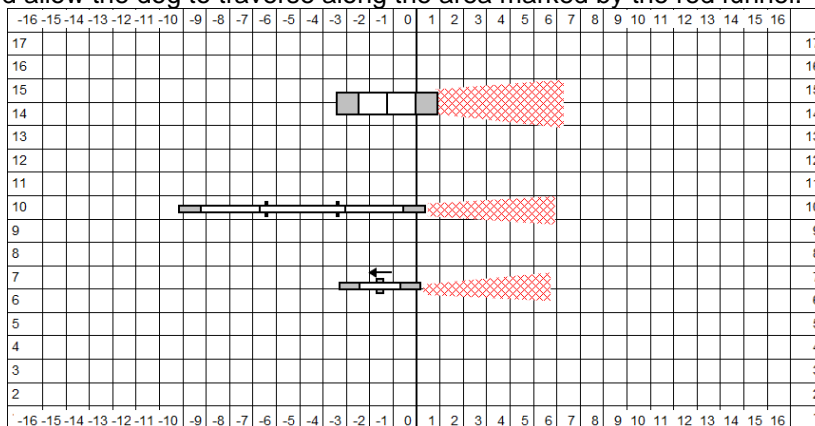
A-frame and dog walk

Exit contact: the dog must make contact with the exit contact. Failure to make contact with the exit contact = 5 Faults

Approach contact: the dog must traverse over, but does not have to make contact with, the approach contact. Alighting from the A-frame or dog walk from the side above the approach contact area = 5 Faults as per the diagram.



Mr Tait is of the view that guidance should also be included to recognise that safe approach onto contacts should be considered when course designing for agility classes, with a suggestion that the dog's predicted path from the previous obstacle should allow the dog to traverse along the area marked by the red funnel.



Seesaw

Dog must make contact with both approach and exit contact. Failure to make contact = 5 faults for each contact missed. Leaving the seesaw before it touches the ground = 5 faults.

d. Mr M Tait

Repeating jumps on a course

Mr Tait would like the Council to discuss a suggestion that jumps on a course should not be repeated without at least 5 obstacles in between.



Mr Tait is of the view that this is a safety issue. In some cases, where a jump is repeated it may become a considerable hazard to both dog and owner should the dog knock the pole or wing. Such incidents do not get reported in the incident book as they should.

Putting in a minimum requirement of 5 obstacles in between would allow ring party or the judge to either replace or remove the obstacle, or to make a judgement call to stop the dog running.

- e. Ms N Wildman Mr M Hallam
Introduction of a 'soft' wall

Ms Wildman wishes to request that the Council discuss safety issues relating to the wall, and to suggest the introduction of a 'soft' wall.

Regulation H(1)(B)3.b currently states:

Wall—The height of the wall must be 600mm for Large Dogs, 500mm for Intermediate Dogs, 400mm for Medium Dogs and 300mm for Small Dogs. Width: 1.2m. All central units must be easily displaced by the dog and not interlocking with the pillars. Pillars with a minimum height of 900mm and a depth of 300mm must be used.

Ms Wildman wishes to suggest the addition of the following wording:

Central elements should have a uniform depth of 200mm. All elements must be made of an impact-absorbing material.

Rationale

For a number of years the safety of agility equipment has been improving and many obstacles have drastically changed from the designs seen over 10 years ago. One piece of equipment which has not changed in recent years is the design of the wall jump. These are mainly constructed from wood or aluminium and Miss Wildman is of the view that the wall itself may potentially cause injuries, and wishes to minimise the risk of such injuries occurring.

The weight of the central elements is causing bruising to dogs on impact and particularly the aluminium design has been responsible for many cuts to dogs' faces from misjudged take offs. All handlers and dogs make errors on courses, and it should be the job of the equipment suppliers to make our discipline as safe as possible whilst not losing the variety and individual challenge of the equipment. The wall poses some challenges not seen in other items of equipment such as: jumping with no visibility of the next part of the course and jumping something with a depth. It would be disappointing to see these challenges lost as judges are already not including these pieces of equipment due to safety concerns.

Having asked 28 championship judges only one recalls ever seeing a small height dog displace the bottom element of the wall (not the bricks but the central element underneath), this implies that our most well used equipment supplier may not have easily displaceable central elements in the wall as per the Kennel Club regulations.

It appears the main concern regarding a change to soft walls is the resistance to the wind. It is easy to appreciate these concerns as although the soft pillars can be easily weighted at the base which makes them more resistant to wind than most other obstacles on course the concerns are mainly regarding the central easily displaceable elements. Working alongside Performance Agility a wind resistant impact absorbent wall has been designed which uses magnets attached to the more stable pillars to hold the central elements in place. This wall is more wind resistant than a wooden jump, providing a wall which is both more stable, and safer than its solid counterparts which are already unstable in windy conditions.

(Annex H refers)



- f. Mr J Hallam
Diversity and inclusion – disability awareness in agility

Mr Hallam would like the Council to discuss diversity and inclusion in agility particularly with regard to those with disabilities. This is to ensure the sport is fully inclusive in the modern age, and to protect everyone's needs from competitors to organisers and helpers.

The Council would be able to provide support in considering regulations and governance to ensure clarity.

Rationale

In past years people with disabilities have been involved in agility in a range of capacities including as competitors and helpers and it is important to support them.

Issues to consider would include:

- Usage/guidance on medical aids around competitions
- Recognising people need adjustments around shows
- Not all disabilities are visible, look at rolling out the Hidden Disability Scheme, Sunflower lanyard to recognise people need support
- Ensure that there is medical and legal guidance in the support

Mr J Hallam has personal experience in the discipline in this area and has been involved in the roll out of disability schemes in a big organisation, being neurodiversity lead for the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (part of the Ministry of Defence), rolling out the Sunflower lanyard scheme.

- g. Mr J Hallam
Test runs

The Council is requested to consider a suggestion that a judge may test their course by allowing dogs, other than their own, to be run over it prior to commencement of a class. This would allow judges to see the lines and flow of the course, and to provide an opportunity to check visibility to allow clear judging of runs. Only handlers and dogs not entered into the relevant class would be permitted to run the course.

A test run is often carried out the day before competition day as there may be insufficient time when changing course during competition day. This would allow smoother transition during judging and would allow for competition days to run more smoothly. It would also provide an opportunity for people who do not run dogs to see their course in use, or for them to see the course being run by dogs different from ones they usually run for example, dogs of different sizes.

- h. Ms B Hodson Mr N Ellis
Regulations H19.e.and H27.a(7)

Ms Hodson notes the provisions of the above regulations, which currently state:

Regulation H19.e:

Judges at an agility show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the show/competition at which they are judging.

Regulation H27.a:

Disqualification and forfeit of awards

A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;



(7): Entered for competition or handled in the ring by a judge at that competition. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a judge appointed in an emergency.

Ms Hodson wishes the Council to discuss suggested amendments to the wording of these regulations, as follows:

Regulation H19.e:

Judges at an agility show may not judge a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the show/competition at which they are judging.

Regulation H27.a:

A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;

(7) Judged by their registered owner or handled in the ring by a judge at that competition. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a judge appointed in an emergency.

Rationale

There are now many families and couples in agility who may share the handling of their dogs, or close friends who share the training of their dogs. Putting a limitation on judges' dogs being entered at a show can potentially deter people from giving up their day to judge, which makes it even harder for show secretaries to recruit judges. More flexibility may also encourage more people to take up judging too, and help to meet our current demands for numerous judges every weekend.

There would still be a rule in place to prevent a judge physically judging their own dogs, as this would tie in with the family/spouse rule and avoid complaints of bias.

In the current climate of agility, most shows are running a large number of competition rings, and it is perfectly possible for judges' dogs to run several classes a day without ever needing to compete under their owner who may also be judging.

This also means that judges' dogs will likely be checked on and exercised more frequently during the day whilst their owner is occupied by judging, which may give some judges peace of mind and a more relaxing day.

It will still come down to personal preference as many people will still prefer not to let others compete with their dogs, but it gives more flexibility to those who do.

i. Ms G Lott

Mr N Ellis

Non-slip tunnels

Ms Lott wishes the Council to consider a suggestion that all tunnels should be made from fully non-slip materials. If agreed, it would be necessary to amend the relevant regulation as below:

Regulation H(1)(B)3.i

TO:

Pipe Tunnel—This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 600mm and should be a minimum of 3m in length. The tunnel may only curve in a single direction.

Tunnels must be made from full anti-slip materials.

(insertion in bold)

Rationale:

- With the advancement of manufacturing, tunnels are commonly made from full anti-slip materials.
- It is known that as dogs move quicker through tunnels they make contact with not just the bottom of the tunnel but often 'bank'. Full anti-slip tunnels would provide



greater areas of non-slip surface that would allow dogs to continue moving safely through tunnels with reduced risk of slipping.

- There have been numerous occasions where dogs have 'flipped' upside down inside of tunnels, or have slipped. The use of full anti-slip tunnels would help to reduce the incidences of this occurring.

j. Ms J Linch

Mrs E Bostock

Health issues in relation to ring sizes

Ms Linch wishes the Council to raise concerns regarding the practice by some clubs of extending ring sizes to 40m x 40m. It is noted that whilst there is a Kennel Club minimum size for rings of 32m x 32m, there is no maximum size.

Some of the 40m x 40m rings have course lengths of over 200m to run. Whilst the running distance is possibly fine for the younger generation, or for those with larger dogs that can run ahead, it is becoming more and more difficult, and even dangerous for the older generation. Ms Linch has personally suffered an asthma attack following a run in a 40m x 40m ring, and a friend in her 50s suffered a heart attack and was hospitalised. Both incidents illustrate the potential for serious and life-threatening situations to arise.

The larger dogs have an advantage with possibly one or two strides in-between obstacles, but the smaller dogs have several strides more, thus making the courses seem even further for them and their handlers. Some older competitors have withdrawn from classes due to concerns regarding their ability to complete them.

Ms Linch is concerned that in extreme cases there may be potential health risks for some handlers, which may be serious or even life-threatening, and wishes to suggest that the Council consider the introduction of a maximum ring size, and suggests that 33m x 33mm may be appropriate. This would allow handlers of all ages to continue to enjoy the discipline.

ITEM 13. AGILITY TEAM GB

The Council is invited to note a report on the activities of Agility Team GB.
(Annex I refers)

ITEM 14. STRATEGY DOCUMENT

To note and review the current strategy document.
(Annex J refers)

ITEM 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please give at least two weeks' advance notice of matters to be raised under 'Any Other Business' as this assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.



ITEM 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council's next meeting will take place at the Kennel Club in Clarges St. on 6 July 2023. Any items for the agenda must be submitted by 7 April 2023.

NOTES:

1. The Kennel Club will reimburse standard rail fares to all representatives attending the meeting, from their addresses as recorded at The Kennel Club. Claim forms will be available at the meeting.
2. Those resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland may apply in advance for authority to substitute shuttle air travel for standard rail fare, although it is requested that tickets are booked well in advance to take advantage of any reduction in fares.
3. Please give advance notice of matters to be raised under Any Other Business. This assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Council Chairman.
4. Kennel Club Liaison Council Regulations state that The Kennel Club will bear the cost of all reasonable and externally incurred costs connected with a Council, if agreed in advance. Therefore, representatives should apply to The Kennel Club for approval of any costs they may wish to claim prior to the expense being incurred.

THE KENNEL CLUB'S STRATEGIC AIMS

- *Champion the wellbeing of dogs*
- *Safeguard and enhance the future of pedigree dogs, addressing breed-associated health issues*
- *Protect the future of dog activities together with our grassroots network*
- *Become relevant to more dog owners to increase our impact*
- *Deliver an excellent member experience and widen our community*
- *Ensure we are financially secure and sustainable*