

ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE WORKING PARTY

Report for the Obedience Liaison Council for the meeting held on 30 June 2015.

The last AHWSG meeting was held on the 30th March 2015. In addition to the normal group members, Dr Constanza Gomez Alvarez, Lecturer in Musculoskeletal Biology from the University of Surrey, was in attendance.

A variety of topics were covered during this meeting which directly involved or was related to Obedience:

Incident Survey Across Activity Disciplines:

- It was suggested that following the incident survey carried out at the International Agility Festival, surveys should be instigated in other activities such as Heelwork to Music and Obedience to ascertain how many dogs were taking part. It was suggested that such surveys should be carried out on weekends in the summer where a number of events were taking place in the particular discipline, noting the number of dogs taking part. The office confirmed that it could obtain this information from the organising societies.

Head Carriage in Obedience:

- The Sub-Group noted the contents of a document from Ms Davies which appeared to indicate that there was an issue relating to head carriage in some dogs, although no evidence was presented within the document. It was acknowledged that a similar issue was known to exist in horses and Dr Alvarez agreed to provide links to demonstrate this.

Obedience Health Questionnaire - Press release

- A press release regarding Obedience health survey results has been sent to the press department.

Update produced by The Kennel Club Office