

## **Equipment & Progression Panel Report**

The Equipment & Progression Panel was formed to look into and progress suggestions/feedback from the WT community and relevant matters raised at WTLC meetings.

Discussions and proposals in 2023 to try and move the sport forward in attracting new people and opening it up to more were mostly rejected as per below.

The E&P Panel have basically run out of ideas as to what to do next and therefore there haven't been any further proposals in 2024. Any suggestions by the WT community would be very welcome.

The Panel has been very active in positively promoting the sport as per below.

### **Agreed and put through by WTLC**

Extra commands in CD Stake exercises to allow for progression through the stakes in those exercises  
CD Sit stay to be shown as "in sight"

### **Rejected by WTLC**

Small dogs to be able to progress to TD with their reduced

Jumps to be progressed in size through the stakes, allowing for reduced jumps in early stakes

Pre CD Stakes (without agility) to be recognised by the KC and allow formal qualifications for younger / less experienced dogs

Progression of down stay format through the early stakes

### **No response from most Reps**

All societies were asked to contribute with ideas for how WT could progress and grow in light of concerns raised over the low trial entries

Improve communication within the WT community over Liaison Council matters via social media, in a similar format to that of Obedience & Agility

### **Publicity and promotion of WT**

Crufts Show Guide 2024 included WT information article and demo team photos

Kennel Gazette has included several WT articles with photos over the year.

The Beginners Guide to WT Kennel Club leaflet has been changed and updated with the new version available at Crufts.

The KC website section for WT has been updated and includes more detailed information about WT. This is also still ongoing with further changes requested and new photos.

Dog Sports UK website now includes WT information/articles and a Training Club Directory.

Dog Sports UK also created an online booklet of the biographies of the Crufts demo team.

Links for further information are shown to the KC website and WT Info.

All Societies, via their Reps, offered free online subscription to Dogs Sport UK to pass to their members.

Dogs Today/Dogs Monthly and Your Dog magazines have published WT articles and photos.

### **Ongoing**

Online entry system being researched and findings passed to trials officials for further consultation.