

Working Trials Liaison Council

Five-year strategy

Current topics

| | Topic | Action points | Action By | Action Date and Status |
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| 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. | Jump Research Panel set up in January 2023 and have submitted an amended research proposal. The aim of this research is to quantify kinetic and kinematic parameters for the obstacles traversed in WT to conduct a risk-based analysis and ascertain if there are any concerning ground reaction forces or joint stress. The objectives of the study are to quantify the effect of jump type (clear vs long jump vs scale) on kinetic and kinematic parameters. | Jump Research Panel | The proposal has been resubmitted to Dog Health Group for further consideration. An update will be provided. Ongoing. |
| b. | To update and improve the information available about working trials on 1. Kennel Club Beginners Guide to WT leaflet 2. KC Website | KC to engage and assist with progression. | E&P Panel Kennel Club | 1. Beginners Guide leaflet updated and circulated at Crufts. Closed 2. Agreement from KC to update website re WT section in Events & Activities in respect of photos and text changes. Updates have been made but further changes ongoing. |

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| 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 | Kennel Club Beginners Guide to WT leaflet revamped and completed. Further liaison with the KC re its availability to download on other Dog Activities websites. Ongoing |
| d. | To consider the set-up of an online entry system. | With Your Dog online booking system is used successfully by other dog sports. Polls on social media WT sites indicate support to look into this further. Liaison has taken place with Trials Managers and Secretaries for feedback/questions. | E&P Panel | Feedback being collated. Ongoing |