

Five-year strategy

Current topics

	Topic	Action points	Action By	Action Date and Status
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	April 2023 - Ongoing
b.	To update and improve the information available about working trials on 1. Kennel Club Beginners Guide to WT leaflet 2. KC Website 3. KC Academy highlighting the nosework and other elements and encourage more interest and participation.	KC to engage and assist with progression.	E&P Panel Kennel Club	Raised at June WTLC meeting; email sent to KC in July 22 to progress this topic, reraised Oct 22. April 23 update - 1. Revamped leaflet submitted to KC in January 2023 2. No progress re website 3. No progress re Academy despite assurance from KC in Nov 22.

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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	April 2023 - Kennel Club Beginners Guide to WT leaflet revamped, submitted and waiting for KC engagement and progress.
d.	To assist and encourage WT Societies to raise awareness of their existence in the area they cover to those involved in other dogs sports (i.e. clubs and trainers offering mantrailing, scentwork, rally, obedience and agility), encouraging membership, promoting details of the trials they are running each year and any training that they offer or can offer on behalf of others known to them.	To provide a WT Information leaflet to all WTLC Societies for them to distribute by email or other way in their area, along with their own information. Free digital access of Dog Sports UK magazine been given to all WTLC Societies to pass on to their members to promote WT.	Council members	April 2023 - WT leaflet - Beginners Guide to WT leaflet revamped, submitted and waiting for KC engagement and progress. Free Digital access – ongoing with some WT Societies and Clubs.
e.	To develop Kennel Club WT as a more attractive product to newcomers, increase numbers in the sport, as well as looking after its customer base, specifically looking at the early stakes for consideration of changes that would encourage newcomers to compete.	Feedback sought and received from WTLC Societies and WT Community. Based on this feedback, proposals re the earlier stakes, Pre CD stakes and a Discussion item for a WT Warrant submitted for WTLC meeting January 2023.	E&P Panel	April 2023 - Proposals re progression in jumps and Pre-CD stakes rejected by WTLC; Warrant discussion also rejected re progressing it. Topic f now created and email (sent to all Council members April 23) will include feedback request to rejected proposals.
f.	To consider ways in which WT could progress and develop in the future, in light of concerns over low entry numbers.	All members of the Council have been requested to submit to the E&P Panel, a list of positive suggestions in light of concerns raised over the number of entries received at working trials. All such suggestions would be used as a	Council members	April 2023 – Email sent to all Council members

		basis for further discussion with a view to developing a plan for ongoing strategic development of the sport.		
g.	To create more channels of communication with a wider audience, using social media and canine newspapers to promote WT events and news.	<p>Contact made with Dog Sports UK magazine (digital and paper) and WT now included.</p> <p>Dogs Today/Dogs Monthly have published WT articles and the Crufts WT biographies of the demo team; all with links to WT Indo website, WT Facebook pages, KC website & the Dog Sports UK Directory of WT Clubs.</p> <p>Your Dog publishing WT article and photos.</p> <p>KC Facebook page is only for KC events. No response from Our Dogs.</p> <p>WTLC to be approached for further suggestions.</p>	E&P Panel	<p>April 2023 – ongoing</p> <p>No further suggestions from WTLC</p>
h.	To look at the feasibility of small dogs being able to progress to TD Stake with their reduced jumps.	<p>Feedback sought and received at June 2022 WTLC meeting and from WT Community. Based on this feedback, a proposal has been submitted for the January 2023 WTLC meeting</p>	E&P Panel	<p>April 2023 – Proposal to permit small dogs their reduced jumps to TD level rejected by the WTLC. Feedback sought from reps.</p>
i.	<p>To update the Kennel Club “Find a Club” function so it is effective and current on the website.</p> <p>To compile a list of WT Societies, Clubs and Individuals who offer WT training for general access.</p>	List being created by Dog Sports UK magazine	SATS/E&P Panel	<p>April 23 – Update from KC - development of the new Find A Club service has progressed and all clubs have been contacted to check and update</p>

				their details to ensure accuracy.
j.	Improve WTLC engagement with grass roots competitors to encourage wider participation in Council matters.	<p>Review effectiveness of current communication methods and consider improvements.</p> <p>Contact made with Reps from Obedience & Agility and details of their Liaison Council engagement process noted.</p> <p>Discussion item submitted to Agenda for July 2023 meeting in respect of this.</p>	Council members	April 23 – ongoing