

Updates and feedback from AHWSG (met 17/04/23) relevant to ALC

1. Accelerometers purchased and held by the KC are undergoing a validation study with an MSc student at Myerscough college/UCLAN this summer - the aim being to calibrate and validate their use as a research tool.
2. Heat mitigation/extreme temperature and what dogs experience was discussed at AHWSG and a document (the heat mitigation document can be supplied), was reviewed and will be updated based on feedback from the sub-group (in progress). Three WBGT have been purchased by the KC as heat stress trackers (see Kestrel 5400 Heat Stress Tracker if interested) and will be available for high profile events and also for use at key events as part of a monitoring exercise.
3. See saw research - limited discussion and progress to date - does work but more needs to be done and if so, what objectives would the ALC like to note?
4. A frame research - work is to be initiated at Writtle University led by Dr deGodoy - dogs/handlers are sought for participation and if interested, contact AHWSG rep for details.
5. Iain McDonald volunteered to be a coordinator and liaison for research opportunities and the AHWSG so that situations like no. 4 above can be coordinated.
6. Ongoing discussion about reactive and anxious dogs - a document is being reviewed and updated following AHWSG discussions (this can be supplied).