



KENNEL CLUB ALC GOVERNANCE PANEL **REPORT OF PROGRESS TO DATE NOVEMBER 2021**

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1. Measuring

Following the last meeting of the Agility Liaison Council an advert for new measurers has been placed and around 150 people have applied. These applications are currently being processed and prioritised to target those areas currently short of measurers first. There is no timetable yet for when training for applicants will take place but we hope that this will be in the first quarter of 2022.

In the Isle of Man two measurers have had a refresher course via Zoom and are now able to measure dogs. These have only had a temporary re-accreditation – they either need to be given full accreditation following their Zoom course or attend a training course.

No previous measurers in Northern Ireland wished to be re-assessed so there are currently no new measurers in Northern Ireland (currently there are 3) but a number have applied in this round of applications. Northern Ireland is one of the priority areas for training new measurers.

2. Grading Review

Data are now being collated on grade changes with a view to understanding how rapidly dogs are progressing through the new grades. With a limited number of shows being held in the latter part of 2021 the data will not show us any trends until we have data for a full year (2022).

In addition it is clear that the new Intermediate height has not bedded in yet and we envisage more dogs coming into that height over the next few years. We recognise that some dogs that would have measured into Intermediate were not brought forward to be measured, especially in the higher grades.

3. Course Time Matrix

In 2022 data will be collected to enable us to look further at the course time matrix. Using real life data we can see how the matrix is being applied and how it relates to the performance times of different grade dogs.

This will enable us to carry out some analysis next winter and then consider if the course time matrix needs to be reviewed or different guidelines given to judges about its application.

4. Other priorities for the Governance panel in 2022:

- Reviewing Governance of Agility within the Kennel Club
- Developing a Kennel Club Agility Results Database
- Reviewing scope of guidelines and regulations.

Sara Hawkswell On behalf of the ALC Governance Panel 26 November 2021