



THE KENNEL CLUB

NOTES FROM THE ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB-GROUP **(AHWSG)** **MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Sub Group discussed the issues around measuring dog's heart rate. As the sub group does not as yet have any clearly defined objectives and methodology Dr Boyd undertook to look into any data available on similar research that may have been undertaken in the equine world..

Representatives from agility, working trials and heelwork to music all confirmed their support noting the importance of fitness and good body condition of dogs competing in any discipline. The Sub Group will keep the relevant councils and working parties informed of any developments.

The Sub Group noted that concerns expressed by the Obedience Council that some dogs competing in obedience could be considered to be overweight and confirmed that obesity issues are already on the list of opportunities for investigation.

A query was raised regarding the Kennel Club's "Fit for Function" campaign which had provided multi disciplinary guidance for all dog owners. The Sub Group felt it would a positive step to review and re issue the campaign.

The Health Symposium planned for September 2021 was postponed due to the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic and possible clash with the rescheduled National Dog Show held in Birmingham.

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