

Inviting Guest Speakers

There are many people in your community who are knowledgeable about dogs and would love to come speak to your club.

Step 1: Find a resource that is right for your AKC Canine Club and lesson.

It is best to start seeking guest speakers at least 6 weeks in advance.

1. Canine Ambassadors

Canine Ambassadors are dog enthusiasts that are registered with American Kennel Club. They visit schools and other youth groups with their dog to teach about a variety of topics, including safety around dogs and responsible dog ownership. You can find a Canine Ambassador near you by utilizing the directory found here: <https://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/finding-canine-ambassador/>.

2. Clubs

There are many types of clubs associated with American Kennel Club. These clubs are a wealth of dog knowledge and put on dog events in their area. If you would like to invite a judge, handler, groomer, trainer, etc. to speak to your Canine Club, chances are you can find people who fill each of these roles at a club near you. You can find a club near you by using the following search function:

Conformation Clubs: <https://webapps.akc.org/club-search/#/conformation>,

Conformation Clubs focus on the standard for their breed.

Training Clubs: <https://webapps.akc.org/obedience-training-club/#/>

Training Clubs focus on dog training. This would be a great resource for the Month 5 lesson plan.

You can see a whole list of the types of clubs and reach out to them here:

<https://webapps.akc.org/club-search/#/>.

Step 2: Make contact.

When seeking a Canine Ambassador, you will fill out a contact form and they will be in touch with you soon.

When seeking a club member, you may choose to email or call the contact person, usually the “Corresponding Secretary.” Let them know what you are looking for and what you need (a template is included below).

Step 3 (if needed): Contact AKC Public Education

If you have any issues with the steps above or need additional assistance, please reach out to AKC Public Education at publiced@akc.org.