

Detection Dogs Are Crucial To National Security

Detection dogs are the best and most efficient “technology” available to detect the presence of explosives and protect the public from terrorist attacks.

Unfortunately, the U.S. has become reliant on dogs imported from overseas to meet our basic security needs. Today more than 80% of U.S. detection dogs are imported, outsourcing a key component of U.S. national security, and rendering it subject to geopolitical disturbances, pandemics, inconsistent quality, global competition and other challenges.

The American Kennel Club (AKC)[®], America’s leading authority on dogs, founded the AKC Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) in 2017 to ensure that Americans can produce and deploy the specialized working dogs we need to help keep our nation safe.

The AKC DDTF is working with industry, academia, government, and top breeders and trainers to establish a reliable, high-quality domestic source for detection dogs to meet America’s needs.





**We're more than champion dogs.
We're the dog's champion**

AKC Detection Dog Task Force



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**AKC DETECTION
DOG TASK FORCE**

The American Kennel Club (AKC)[®] is proud to advocate for and advance purpose-bred dogs that have the skills, ability and breeding needed to address the shortage of U.S. bred detection dogs and meet future challenges.

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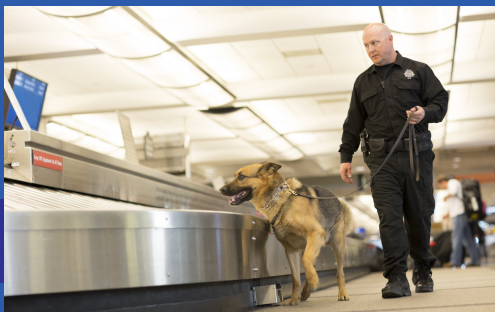
The American Kennel Club (AKC)[®] Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) works in three key areas to address the detection dog shortage: Public policy; raising awareness and advancing knowledge; and working with breeders to produce more high quality, purpose bred dogs ready to meet America's needs.

Public Policy

AKC is working to break through bureaucratic challenges such as inconsistencies in requirements, evaluation systems, and purchasing schedules to improve opportunities and outcomes for breeders, vendors and government agencies alike.

We work to raise awareness and understanding about complex issues that impact the development, supply and demand for high quality detection dogs. We also advocate for scientific research to continuously improve the genetics, health, safety, performance and wellbeing of detection dogs.

The AKC Government Relations team has made strides in bringing these and other issues to the attention of lawmakers through advocacy, testimony and legislation.



Raising Awareness & Advancing Knowledge

Raising public awareness and advancing knowledge of the value of detection dogs is crucial to addressing the shortage of U.S. bred, raised and trained detection dogs. AKC brings together leaders in industry and research, dog breeders and trainers, government agencies, and the public to facilitate communications and cooperation, improve access, and build lasting solutions.

Highlights include:

- The AKC National Detection Dog Conference
- Educational Webinars and Seminars
- AKC Reunite[®] Adopt a K9 Cop Grant Program
- Detection Dog Bulletin Quarterly Newsletter
- Media Outreach
- Online Resources at www.akc.org/edc



Working With Breeders

The AKC is America's preeminent expert on dogs and breeding.

The AKC Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP) works directly with breeders of AKC dogs to guide them on best practices in breeding and raising future detection dog prospects. PPP offers online and in-person instruction, including regional seminars and training opportunities. Participants work one-on-one with a subject matter expert and industry mentor to learn all aspects of developing a line of top quality detection dogs.

Following successful completion of the program, PPP participants offer their dogs for sale to local, state and federal agencies.

The AKC and PPP do not purchase or broker dogs, but we do support participants in the process of evaluating and placing their dogs.

Participants in the PPP come from more than 39 states. In the last year, more than 75 PPP graduates were placed in detection dog careers. **Learn more at www.akc.org/ppp.**

The Confident Puppy E-Learning Course is a 7-module online course, open to all, that leverages the expertise and resources of the Patriotic Puppy Program and the DDTF information center to help anyone interested in raising a confident puppy that could be a future detection dog candidate.

