



The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Together with our clubs and affiliates, AKC works to advance the health and wellbeing of all dogs, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote responsible dog ownership. We represent nearly 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **62 clubs in the state of Alabama.**

The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Alabama spend annually on their dogs.

2025 AL dog events

318
events



26,800
participants

An increase of 8% in participation from 2024.

\$2.15 million

economic benefit of dog show weekend

Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of **\$982 per show weekend**. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could **inject more than \$2.15 million into the local economy**. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide.

AKC REUNITE® ADOPT A K-9 COP GRANTS

AKC Reunite® and AKC Clubs work together to fund the purchase of law enforcement K-9s for police departments around the United States.



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ALABAMA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

Albertville Police Department
Falkville Police Department
Florence Police Department (2)
Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office
Limestone County Sheriff's Office (2)
Madison County Sheriff's Office (2)
Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Munford Police Department

Odenville Police Department
Orange Beach Police Department
Pell City Police Department
Priceville Police Department
Rogersville Police Department
Russell County Sheriff's Office
St. Florian Police Department
Steele Police Department
Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office



\$796,000

SUPPORTING
CANINE HEALTH
RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$796K in canine health research** at Alabama institutions statewide through the support of **25 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to blood disorders, immunology and infectious disease, neurology, lung and respiratory disease, reproductive conditions and disease, and oncology including mast cell tumors, oral malignant melanoma, hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, and osteosarcoma at **Auburn University and the Society for Theriogenology**. CHF is currently supporting **2 post-graduate training residencies** focused on addressing canine reproduction through the AKC/AKCCHF/TF Theriogenology Residency program and a project on hookworm resistance. CHF prioritizes a One Health and comparative medicine research approach to diagnose and treat health conditions that affect both ends of the leash while advancing canine health for all dogs.