



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 **26 clubs in the state of Alaska**.

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 Alaska spend annually on their dogs.

2025 AK dog events — **292** events  **27,200** participants

*An increase of 5% in participation from 2024.*



**\$75,000**  
SUPPORTING  
CANINE HEALTH  
RESEARCH

## \$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.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested **over \$75K in canine health research** at Alaska institutions statewide through the support of **2 research grants to benefit dogs**. This research has focused on endocrinology research in hypothyroid disease and musculoskeletal conditions and disease at the **University of Alaska, Fairbanks**. 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.