



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 **57 clubs in the state of Connecticut.**

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 Connecticut spend annually on their dogs.

2025 CT dog events

331
events



44,800
participants

\$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.

**CONNECTICUT POLICE AGENCIES
THAT RECEIVED GRANTS**

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- East Haven Police Department
- Enfield Police Department
- Fairfield Police Department(2)
- Middletown Police Department
- Monroe Police Department
- Newtown Police Department
- Orange County Department of Police Services

- Portland Police K-9 Unit
- Redding Police Department
- Stratford Police Department
- Wallingford Police Department(2)
- Westport Police Department
- Wilton Police Department

