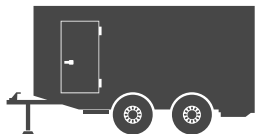




The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Together with our clubs and affiliates, AKC works to advance the health and wellbeing of all dogs, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote responsible dog ownership. We represent nearly 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **176 clubs in the state of Illinois**.

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 Illinois spend annually on their dogs.



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### DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATIONS

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a lifesaving program in which AKC Reunite® partners with AKC clubs to donate trailers stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary shelter for at least 65 pets before, during, and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

2025 IL dog events

885 events



115,600 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.

### ILLINOIS POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

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- Benton Police Department
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Henderson County Sheriff's Office
- Knox County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Macomb Police Department
- McLean County Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Nokomis Police Department
- White Hall Police Department

## \$1.05 million

### SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested nearly **\$1.05M in canine health research** at Illinois institutions statewide through the support of **25 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health as well as specific projects focusing on immunology and infectious disease, cardiology, dermatology, allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, musculoskeletal conditions, and disease, neurology, oncology including hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma, reproductive conditions and disease, and pharmacology at the **University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and the Student American Veterinary Medical Association**. There are currently **9 active grants** which include defining the best duration of antibiotic therapy for canine superficial pyoderma, a study on suppression of canine hemangiosarcoma, and improving the treatment of canine blastomycosis through therapeutic drug monitoring. Additionally, CHF awarded **2 two-year clinician-scientist fellowships** at the University of Illinois to support the future generation of researchers. 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.