



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

# AKC® Impact in KENTUCKY

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 **84 clubs in the state of Kentucky**.

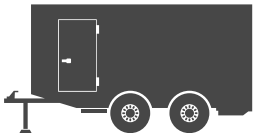
The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Kentucky spend annually on their dogs.

2025 KY dog events

**427**  
events



**44,800**  
participants



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## DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATION

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.

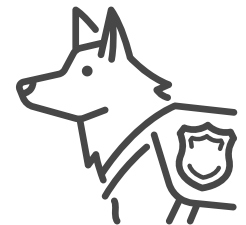
**\$2.15 million**

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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## KENTUCKY POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

Adairville Police Department  
Bowling Green Police Department  
Daviness County Sheriff's Office  
Floyd County Sheriff's Office  
Frankfort Police Department  
Grayson Police Department  
Henderson County Sheriff's Office  
Jackson County Detention Center  
Logan County Sheriff's Office  
Louisville Metro Police Department  
Magoffin County Sheriff's Office  
McLean County Sheriff's Office

Meade County Sheriff's Office (2)  
Menifee County Sheriff's Office  
Mt. Washington Police Department  
Owsley County Sheriff's Office  
Paris Police Department  
Pike County Sheriff's Office  
Shepherdsville Police Department (2)  
Stanford Police Department  
Todd County Jail  
Todd County Sheriff's Office  
Trenton Police Department

**\$150,000**  
SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested nearly **\$150K in canine health research** at Kentucky institutions statewide through the support of **7 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology, and ophthalmology which included a genetic investigation of hereditary cataracts in the Boston Terrier at the **University of Kentucky, University of Kentucky Research Foundation, and University of Louisville**. 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.