

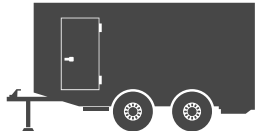


AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Impact in MARYLAND

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 **77 clubs in the state of Maryland.**

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 Maryland 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 MD dog events

593
events



60,300
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.

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MARYLAND POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

\$883,000 SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



Allegany County Sheriff's Office
Forest Heights Police Department
Hagerstown Police Department
Harford County Sheriff's Foundation (2)
Havre de Grace Police Department
Maryland-National Capital Park Police
Maryland Natural Resources Police Reserve Officer Association
Prince George's County Sheriff's Office
Washington County Sheriff's Office (2)



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$883K in canine health research** at Maryland institutions statewide through the support of **19 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs.** This research has spanned topics related to general canine health, dermatology, and allergic disease, ophthalmology, oncology and osteosarcoma, endocrinology, and musculoskeletal conditions and diseases at **Johns Hopkins University, Midwest Veterinary Ophthalmology Society, National Cancer Institute, and the National Human Genome Research Institute.** 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.

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