



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Impact in MASSACHUSETTS

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 **114 clubs in the state of Massachusetts**.

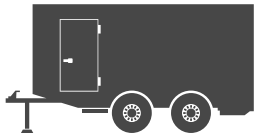
The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Massachusetts spend annually on their dogs.

2025 MA dog events

424
events



63,000
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.

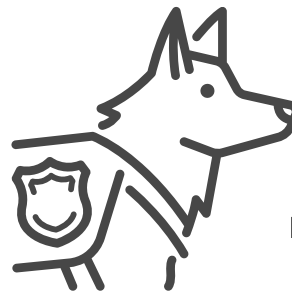
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MASSACHUSETTS POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

Braintree Police Working Dog Foundation, Inc.
Framingham Police Department
Longmeadow Police Department
Methuen Police Department
Westwood Police Department
Worcester Police Department

\$2.28 million

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$2.28M in canine health research** at Massachusetts institutions statewide through the support of **35 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health and behavior, kidney and urological disease, neurology, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, oncology including hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma, cardiology, dermatology and allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, and hepatic disease at **Boston Medical Center, Broad Institute, Ethos Discovery, Tufts Medical Center, and Tufts University**. There are currently **5 active grants** which comprise projects investigating noninvasive biomarkers of disease severity in dogs with gallbladder mucocele and the identification of genetic risk factors in degenerative myelopathy in German Shepherds. 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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