



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®

# AKC® Impact in MICHIGAN

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 **162 clubs in the state of Michigan.**

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 Michigan spend annually on their dogs.

2025 MI dog events

**988**  
events



**110,200**  
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

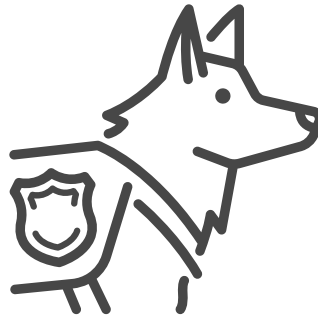
AKC Reunite® and AKC Clubs work together to fund the purchase of law enforcement K-9s for police departments around the United States.

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### MICHIGAN POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

Albion Department of Public Safety  
Chesaning Police Department  
Flushing Police Department  
Gogebic County Sheriff's Office  
Lenawee County Sheriff's Office  
Wayne County Sheriff's Office

**\$2.4 million**  
SUPPORTING  
CANINE HEALTH  
RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$2.4M in canine health research** at Michigan institutions statewide through the support of **46 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health, cardiology, endocrinology, gastrointestinal disease, lung and respiratory diseases and conditions, neurology, oncology including lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma, ophthalmology, blood disorders, epilepsy, and kidney and urological disease at **Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and the Van Andel Research Institute**. There are currently **2 active grants** including the screening for genetic variants in dogs with protein-losing enteropathy. Additionally, CHF awarded a **clinician-scientist fellowship at Michigan State University** 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.

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