



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 **56 clubs in the state of Mississippi**.  
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 Mississippi spend annually on their dogs.

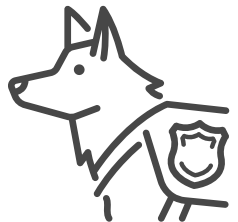
2025 MS dog events **217** events  **18,900** participants

**\$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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### MISSISSIPPI POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



- Arcola Police Department
- Attala County Sheriff's Office
- Brandon Police Department
- Byram Police Department
- Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
- D'Iberville Police Department
- Florence Police Department
- Flowood Police Department (2)
- Forrest County Sheriff's Office
- Gautier Police Department
- Grenada Police Department
- Harrison County Sheriff's Office
- Hattiesburg Public School District Police Department
- Hinds County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Jones County Sheriff's Department
- Jones County Sheriff's Office
- Kemper County Sheriff's Office
- Laurel Police Department
- Louisville Police Department
- Lowndes County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Mathiston Police Department
- Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics
- Mississippi Department of Wildlife
- Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office (2)
- Monroe County Sheriff Department
- Morton Police Department
- Newton County Sheriff's Office
- Pascagoula Police Department
- Pearl Police Department
- Picayune Police Department
- Rankin County Sheriff's Office
- Richland Police Department (2)
- Simpson County Sheriff's Office
- Smith County Sheriff's Office
- Southern Mississippi Correctional Institute (2)
- Taylorville Police Department
- Union Police Department
- Wayne County Sheriff's Department
- Winona Police Department

**\$13,000**  
SUPPORTING  
CANINE HEALTH  
RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested **\$13K in canine health research** in Mississippi. This research has studied the emergent, tick-borne disease American canine hepatozoonosis at **Mississippi State University**. 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.