



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 **128 clubs in the state of Missouri**.

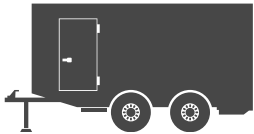
The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Missouri spend annually on their dogs.

2025 MO dog events

**965**  
events



**110,700**  
participants



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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.

## \$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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### MISSOURI POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

- Bowling Green Police Department
- Butler Police Department
- Eldon Police Department
- Fair Play Police Department
- Howard County Sheriff's Office
- Kearney Police Department
- Linn Creek Police Department
- Linn Police Department (2)
- Mid-Missouri Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force
- Nodaway County Sheriff's Office
- Osceola Police Department
- Pleasant Hope Police Department
- Randolph County Sheriff's Office
- Schuyler County Sheriff's Office
- St. Francois County Sheriff's Office
- Winona Police Department

## \$3.1 million

### SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$3.1M in canine health research** at Missouri institutions statewide through the support of **68 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to ophthalmology, epilepsy, immunology and infectious disease, cardiology, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, endocrinology, and oncology including lymphoma at **Nestle Purina PetCare Global Resources and the University of Missouri**. There are currently **5 active grants** which comprise projects such as defining the effect of genotype, breed, and age on the risk of developing canine degenerative myelopathy, and comparison of genomic mutation status between primary site and metastatic lymph node in canine oral malignant melanoma. 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.