

AKC® Impact in SOUTH CAROLINA

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 **78 clubs in the state of South Carolina**.

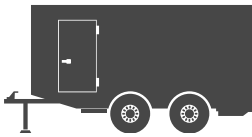
The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in South Carolina spend annually on their dogs.

2025 SC dog events

390
events



39,200
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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SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

\$250,000
SUPPORTING
CANINE
HEALTH
RESEARCH

Calhoun Falls Police Department (2)
Cayce Police Department
Central Police Department
Clover Police Department
Darlington Police Department
Edgefield County Sheriff's Office
Florence Regional Airport
Police Department
Forest Acres Police Department
Georgetown Police Department
Greenville County Sheriff's Office
Horry County Sheriff's Office

Iva Police Department
Jasper County Sheriff's Office
Marion County Sheriff's Office
Marion Police Department
Pickens County Sheriff's Office
Pickens Police Department
Richland County Sheriff's
Department
Seneca Police Department
Summerville Police Department
Westminster Police Department
Yemassee Police Department

 The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested **nearly \$250K in canine health research** at South Carolina institutions statewide through the support of **7 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to musculoskeletal conditions and disease, dermatology and allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, and neurology at **Clemson 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.