



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Impact in SOUTH DAKOTA

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 **11 clubs in the state of South Dakota.**

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 Dakota spend annually on their dogs.

2025 SD dog events

96
events



6,800
participants

An increase of 31.5% in events & 23% in participation from 2024.

\$2.15 million

economic benefit of dog show weekend

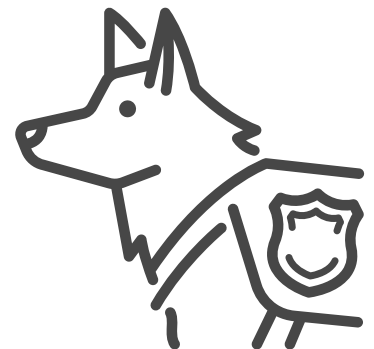
Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of **\$982 per show weekend**. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could inject more than \$2.15 million into the local economy. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide.

AKC REUNITE®
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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.

SOUTH DAKOTA POLICE
AGENCY THAT RECEIVED
A GRANT

Moody County Sheriff's Office



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