



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

# AKC® Impact in TENNESSEE

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 **96 clubs in the state of Tennessee**.

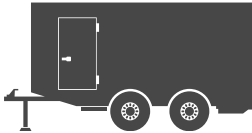
The AKC sanctions over 28,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Tennessee spend annually on their dogs.

2025 TN dog events

**601**  
events



**63,200**  
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.

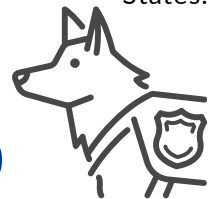
**\$2.15 million**

## 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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## TENNESSEE POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

**\$631,000**  
SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

18th Judicial District Drug Task Force  
23rd Judicial District Drug Task Force (2)  
Bartlett Police Department  
Carroll County Sheriff's Office  
Cleveland State Campus Police Department  
Dickson County Sheriff's Office  
Dickson Police Department (2)  
Fayetteville Police Department  
Gallatin Police Department

Gleason Police Department  
Hendersonville Police Department (2)  
Lebanon Police Department (3)  
McEwen Police Department  
McKenzie Police Department  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office  
Portland Police Department  
Smyrna Police Department (2)  
Sumner County Sheriff's Office (2)  
Unicoi County Sheriff's Office  
Wilson County Sheriff's Office



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$631K in canine health research** at Tennessee institutions statewide through the support of **21 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health including the landmark mapping in the dog genome, blood disorders, dermatology, and allergic disease, endocrinology related to Cushing's syndrome and the thyroid function, hepatic disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, oncology including lymphoma, ophthalmology and tick-borne disease at the **University of Tennessee**. There are currently **4 active grants**. 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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