



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 **31 clubs in the state of Utah.**

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 Utah spend annually on their dogs.

2025 UT dog events

**202**  
events



**25,100**  
participants

**\$195,000**  
SUPPORTING  
CANINE  
HEALTH  
RESEARCH

**\$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.



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested **over \$195K in canine health research** at Utah institutions statewide through the support of **2 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research focused on endocrinology with funding allocated to research on canine diabetes, thyroiditis, and hemolytic anemia at the **University of Utah**. 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.