

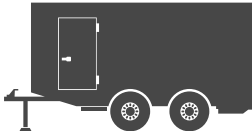


AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Impact in VIRGINIA

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 **115 clubs in the state of Virginia**.

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 Virginia spend annually on their dogs.



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DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATION

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.

2025 VA dog events

833 events



98,900 participants

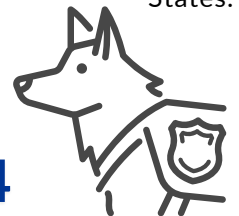
\$2.15 million

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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\$1.1 million SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

VIRGINIA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

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| Amherst County Sheriff's Office | Pembroke Police Department |
| Bristol Police Department | Pennington Gap Police Department |
| Clarksville Police Department | Pulaski County Sheriff's Office |
| Dickenson County Sheriff's Office (2) | Richlands Police Department |
| Harrisonburg Police Department | Southampton County Sheriff's Office |
| Lee County Sheriff's Office | Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office |
| Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office | Surry County Sheriff's Office |



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested over **\$1.1M in canine health research** at Virginia institutions statewide through the support of **23 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to cardiology, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, oncology including lymphoma and osteosarcoma, reproductive diseases and conditions, and immunology and infectious disease and endocrinology including a longitudinal study of atypical hyperadrenocorticism at **Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine**. There are currently **4 active grants** that comprise projects researching if deep learning (CNN) can detect minimal residual disease (MRD) in dogs treated for lymphoma and prognostic utility of preoperative F-wave measurements in paraplegic dogs with absent pain perception due to intervertebral disc extrusion. Additionally, CHF continues to support the post-graduate training at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine addressing canine reproduction through the AKC/AKCCHF/TF Theriogenology Residency program. 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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