

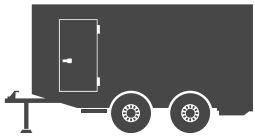


AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

# AKC® Impact in WASHINGTON

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 **156 clubs in the state of Washington**.

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 Washington spend annually on their dogs.



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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.

2025 WA dog events

**1,195**  
events



**146,200**  
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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## WASHINGTON POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

Kitsap County Sheriff's Office  
Port Angeles Police Department  
Seattle Police Foundation

**\$1.9 million**  
SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested **nearly \$1.9M in canine health research** at Washington institutions statewide through the support of **30 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health including the genetic map of the canine genome, gastrointestinal disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, immunology and infectious disease, oncology including lymphoma, cardiology, endocrinology, epilepsy, hepatic disease, and reproductive conditions and disease at the **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington, and Washington State University**. A current active grant is studying dog activity load measurement using a web-based application to provide a rating of perceived exertion (RPE). 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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