



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 **27 clubs in the state of West 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 West Virginia spend annually on their dogs.

2025 WV dog events — **54** events  **5,100** 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.

### WEST VIRGINIA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

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- Barbour County Sheriff's Office
- Beckley Police Department
- Belington Police Department
- Brooke County Sheriff's Office
- Flatwoods Police Department
- Grafton Police Department
- Hancock County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Keyser Police Department
- Nicholas County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Philippi Police Department
- Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office
- Randolph County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Richwood Police Department
- St. Marys Police Department
- Taylor County Sheriffs Office
- Wayne County Sheriff's Office
- Webster County Sheriff's Office
- Weirton Police Department

