



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Impact in WISCONSIN

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 **117 clubs in the state of Wisconsin**.

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 Wisconsin spend annually on their dogs.

2025 WI dog events

1,030
events



94,400
participants

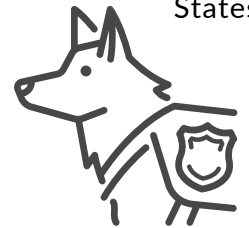
\$2.15 million

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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WISCONSIN POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

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| Crivitz Police Department | Pierce County Sheriff's Office |
| Jackson County Sheriff's Office (3) | Polk County Sheriff's Office |
| La Crosse Police Department | Prescott Police Department |
| Milwaukee Police Department (2) | Sparta Police Department |
| New Richmond Police Department | St. Croix Falls Police Department |
| | West Salem Police Department |

\$2 million SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH



The AKC Canine Health Foundation® (CHF) has invested nearly **\$2M in canine health research** at Wisconsin institutions statewide through the support of **36 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health, ophthalmology, immunology and infectious disease, cardiology, epilepsy, hepatic disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology, oncology including hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma and osteosarcoma, and tick-borne disease at the **University of Wisconsin, Green Bay and University of Wisconsin, Madison**. There are currently **3 active grants** that comprise of genetic testing for cruciate ligament rupture using polygenic risk score (PRS) prediction and studies of the genetics of glaucoma and early-onset osteosarcoma. Additionally, CHF awarded a clinician-scientist fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, Madison to support the future generation of researchers. 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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