



# AKC IMPACT IN CALIFORNIA

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 more than 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **470 clubs in the state of California**.

The AKC sanctions over 22,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in California spend annually on their dogs.

## AKC DOG EVENTS IN CA (2022)

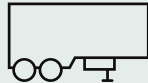
**2038**  
EVENTS

**242,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

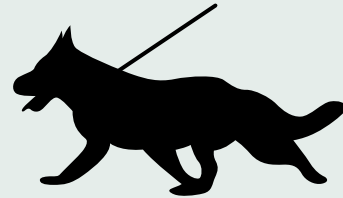


An increase of 31% in dog events and 34% in dog participation from 2021, respectively.

**17** 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.



**\$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.

### CALIFORNIA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



CRESCENT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DEL NORTE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

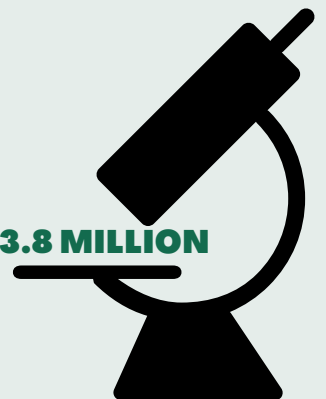
FORTUNA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested over **\$3.8M in canine health research** at California institutions state-wide through the support of **105 projects, research grants**, and educational studies to benefit dogs at the **Advanced Veterinary Care Center, Canine Companions for Independence, San Francisco Scottish Terrier Club, Scout's House, Inc., University of California, Berkley, University of California, Davis, University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, San Francisco, University of Southern California, Veterinary Cancer Society, Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, Western University of Health Sciences, and Xalud Therapeutics, Inc.** This research has spanned topics related to general canine health, behavior, blood disorders, cardiology, endocrinology, epilepsy, gastrointestinal disease, kidney and urological disease, lung and respiratory disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology, oncology including lymphoma and osteosarcoma, ophthalmology, reproductive conditions and disease, tick-borne disease and immunology and infectious disease. **There are currently 5 active grants which comprise of projects such as the genetics of eye disease and canine idiopathic epilepsy.** 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.

**\$3.8 MILLION**



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