

AKC IMPACT IN FLORIDA

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 185 clubs in the state of Florida.

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 Florida spend annually on their dogs.

AKC DOG EVENTS IN FL (2022)

1373 EVENTS 204,000 PARTICIPANTS

An increase of 8% in dog events from 2021.



2 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 colocation shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.



ECONOMICBENEFIT 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.

FLORIDA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

GROVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BRADENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

JACKSON COUNTY SHERRIF'S OFFICE SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERRIF'S OFFICE HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested over \$1.66M in canine health research at Florida institutions state—wide through the support of 46 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs Florida State University, the University of Florida, and Florida Atlantic University. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health and behavior as well as specific projects focusing on cardiology, dermatology and allergic disease, endocrinology, epilepsy, gastrointestinal disease, kidney and urological disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, oncology including hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma, ophthalmology, reproductive conditions and disease, tick—borne disease, and immunology and infectious disease. There are currently 15 active grants which include clinical trials for canine hemangiosarcoma and atopic dermatitis, the development of anesthesia protocols to treat chronic painful conditions, potential new treatments for diabetic dogs, dogs with chronic kidney disease, and canine congestive heart failure. Additionally, CHF awarded two clinician—scientist fellowships and a residency through the AKC/AKCCHF/TF Theriogenology Residency program at the University of Florida to support research studies this year. 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.

