



AKC IMPACT IN ILLINOIS

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 **178 clubs in the state of Illinois**.

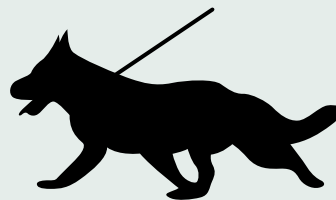
The AKC sanctions over 22,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Illinois spend annually on their dogs.

AKC DOG EVENTS IN IL (2022)

887 EVENTS

108,000 PARTICIPANTS

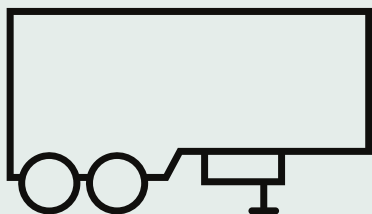
An increase of 8% in events and 12% in dog participation from 2021, respectively.



\$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.

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 co-location shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested nearly **\$715K in canine health research** at Illinois institutions state-wide through the support of **23 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at the **University of Illinois, the Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, and the Student American Veterinary Medical Association**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health as well as specific projects focusing on cardiology, dermatology and allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology, oncology including hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma, reproductive conditions and disease and immunology and infectious disease. **There are currently 8 active grants** which include analysis on using a unique enzyme to identify inhibitors and determine their efficacy in killing the heartworm parasite, defining the best duration of antibiotic therapy for canine superficial pyoderma, and improving the treatment of canine blastomycosis through therapeutic drug monitoring. Additionally, CHF awarded a clinician-scientist fellowship at the University of Illinois 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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