



AKC IMPACT IN MISSOURI

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 **128 clubs in the state of Missouri**.

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 Missouri spend annually on their dogs.

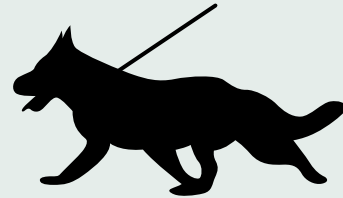
AKC DOG EVENTS IN MO (2022)

837
EVENTS

85,000
PARTICIPANTS



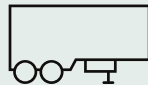
An increase of 16% in dog events and 25% in dog participation from 2021, respectively.



\$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.

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.

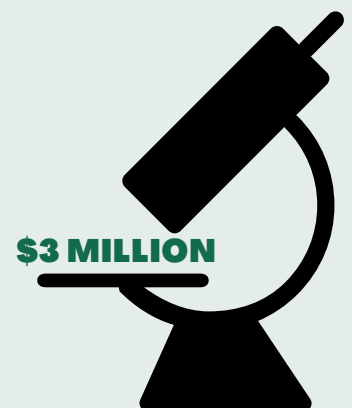
MISSOURI POLICE AGENCY THAT RECEIVED A GRANT



LINN POLICE DEPARTMENT
PLEASANT HOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested over **\$3M in canine health research** at Missouri institutions state-wide through the support of **64 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at **Nestle Purina PetCare Global Resources and the University of Missouri**. This research has spanned topics related to ophthalmology, epilepsy, cardiology, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, endocrinology, oncology including lymphoma, and immunology and infectious disease. There are currently **7 active grants** which comprise projects such as a genetic analysis of juvenile-onset laryngeal paralysis in American Staffordshire Terriers, defining the effect of genotype, breed and age on the risk of developing canine degenerative myelopathy, and searching for the cause for alopecia by using whole genome sequencing. 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 MILLION

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