



# AKC IMPACT IN PENNSYLVANIA

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 **249 clubs in the state of Pennsylvania**.

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 Pennsylvania spend annually on their dogs.

## AKC DOG EVENTS IN PA (2022)

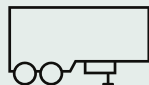
**1372**  
EVENTS

**160,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

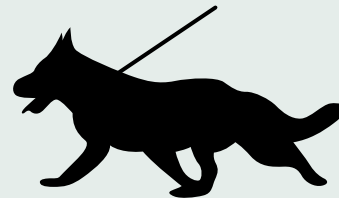
An increase of 12% in dog events and 8% in participants from 2021, respectively.



## 5 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.

### PENNSYLVANIA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



MANOR TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
UPLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested over **\$3.4M in canine health research** at Pennsylvania institutions state-wide through the support of **75 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at the **Wistar Institute, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Pennsylvania**. This research has spanned topics related general canine health with significant support of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, as well as projects related to reproductive conditions and disease, cancer (including lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma), dermatology and allergic disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, ophthalmology, blood disorders, cardiology, endocrinology, hepatic disease, kidney and urological disease, neurology, immunology and infectious disease. There are currently **8 active grants** which comprise projects such as antimicrobial resistance in the canine vaginal microbiome, cooling strategies during exertional hyperthermia, immune therapy targets for treating bladder cancer, and development of prognostic markers and targeted therapies for canine mammary gland tumors. Additionally, CHF awarded clinician-scientist fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania 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.



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