



# AKC IMPACT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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 **75 clubs in the state of South Carolina**.

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 South Carolina spend annually on their dogs.

## AKC DOG EVENTS IN SC (2022)

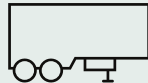
**266**  
EVENTS

**32,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

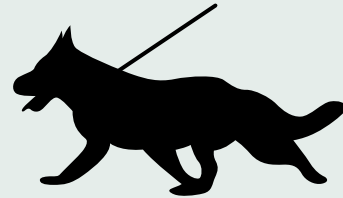
An increase of 22% in dog events and 7% in dog participation from 2021, respectively.



## 3 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.

### SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



FOREST ACRES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUMMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SENECA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PICKENS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
EDGEFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested nearly **\$320K in canine health research** at South Carolina institutions state-wide through the support of **8 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at **Clemson University**. This research has spanned topics related to dermatology and allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease and neurology. There is currently 1 active grant investigating the genetics of congenital idiopathic megaesophagus in German Shepherds. 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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