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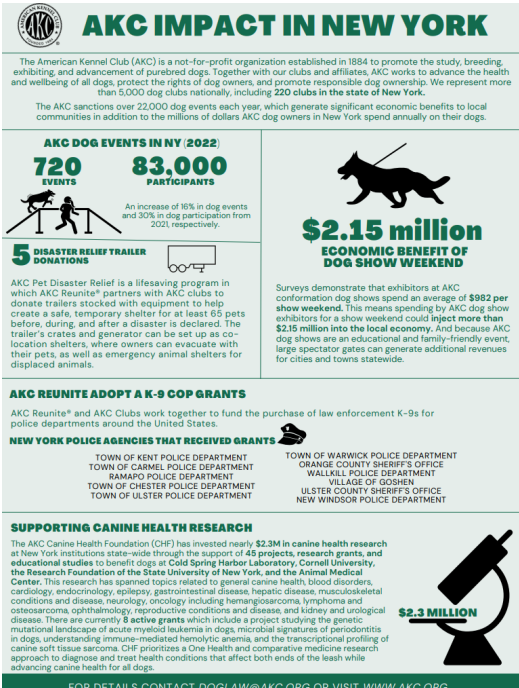
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What's New in Government Relations

It's June, which means it is officially summer! That means more events, club meetings, and opportunities to promote responsible dog ownership and the good things the American Kennel Club and affiliate clubs do. The American Kennel Club prides itself on being the champion for all dogs – and for dog-friendly communities too! That is why we are pleased to introduce newly updated AKC economic and community impact figures for all 50 states. The AKC Impact By State packet provides valuable information to share with lawmakers, local media, chambers of commerce and other community entities about the positive impact that AKC clubs, affiliates and events have in each and every state.

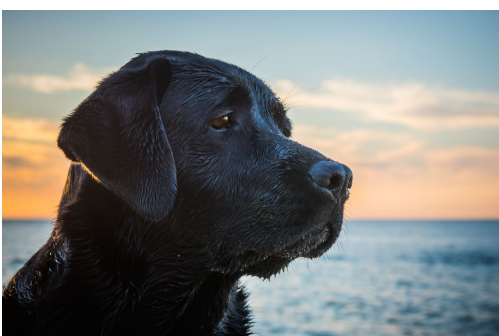
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Five Things To Do This Summer To Protect Your Dogs And Your Rights

Summer is in full swing and many legislatures across the country have adjourned or are winding down for the year.

AKC Government Relations thanks all those who have taken the time already to contact their lawmakers on issues impacting dog ownership. Your voice is making a difference for dogs. But it's important to keep that momentum going! AKC GR is continuing to work hard on your behalf, but it is a team effort, and we need you to continue to be a voice in your state and community.

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A Cautionary Tale: Animal Rights Laws Increase Pressure on European Dog Enthusiasts

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Recently, The Kennel Club (England) (TKC) asked for Scottish dog owners to respond to a consultation launched by Maurice Golden, a member of the Scottish Parliament for Northeast Scotland, to support the introduction of a specific criminal offense for dog theft. A consultation is an opportunity for the public to comment on an idea prior to it being filed as a bill in Parliament. The proposed Dog "Abduction" (Scotland) Bill would create a new statutory offense for dog theft and other situations where a dog is taken or kept without lawful authority.

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Ladies Dog Club Welcomes State Representative Danielle Gregoire

On Saturday, June 3, the Ladies Dog Club of Massachusetts welcomed Massachusetts State Representative Danielle Gregoire to its all-breed dog show at the Wrentham Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds.

Club President Linda Flynn and Assistant Show Chair Gail Golden personally guided the representative around the show and discussed the American Kennel Club (AKC), local affiliated dog clubs, dog sporting events, and the shared commitment to preserving purebred dogs.

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AKC Government Relations Attends Woofstock in California

The American Kennel Club's (AKC) West Coast Legislative Analyst/ Community Outreach Coordinator, Bob Rilling-Smith, was in attendance for one of the biggest dog shows on the West Coast on Friday, June 9, at the Solano County Fairgrounds in the San Francisco Bay Area. Hosted by the Contra Costa County Kennel Club and the Yosemite Kennel Club, Woofstock is an annual event that features entries of close to 2,000 dogs over the four-day show cluster. AKC GR thanks both clubs for their efforts with the show and their community outreach throughout the event!

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Legislative Information and Updates

Linked below are some highlights of pending legislation impacting dog ownership and dog owners' rights across the country. For more information on these issues, and information on how you can get involved, visit the AKC GR Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org.

Visit the [2023 Legislation Tracking map](#) for the most up-to-date information on state and federal legislation. This site, updated each weekday, provides the latest bill text, status, and links to legislative alerts posted by the AKC.

In addition to tracking and responding to legislative proposals, AKC Government Relations addresses dog-related regulatory proposals from the U.S. federal government, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia. AKC GR's Regulatory Resource Center provides updates on [federal](#) and [state](#) regulatory issues that may impact dog owners.

Federal	State	Local	Regulatory
Issues that may affect all dog owners in the U.S.	Issues specific to your state	Issues at the city, county, and metropolitan levels, and in U.S. territories	Regulatory issues at the federal, state, and local levels

Please contact AKC GR at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org for more information or to let us know what's happening in your local community.



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