



American Kennel Club® **Above and Beyond**

What sets the AKC® apart
from other dog registries? Plenty!

The AKC...

- **is a not-for-profit organization.**
- **is the largest purebred dog registry** in the world.
- **is the sports-governing body for over 20,000 dog events per year** including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, lure coursing, earthdog, herding, field trial, hunt test, and coonhound events.
- **assists tens of thousands of volunteers and teachers** across the country who teach responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs.
- **created and supports the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation**, which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies. AKC has donated over \$24 million to the AKC CHF since 1995.
- **is the only registry that incorporates health screening results into its permanent dog records.** Dogs certified to be free of hip or elbow dysplasia through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and dogs certified to be free of eye disease through the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) have their clearance numbers printed on AKC-certified pedigrees and registration documents.
- **founded AKC Reunite**, which has reunited more than 400,000 lost pets with their owners.
- **through AKC Reunite**, supports the AKC Pet Disaster Relief program with emergency management trailer donations throughout the United States.
- **created the AKC Humane Fund** which supports breed Rescue activities, assists shelters that permit domestic abuse victims to bring their pets and educates dog lovers about responsible dog ownership.
- **offers a Canine Good Citizen® program** - A 10-step test that certifies dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. Over 600,000 dogs across the United States have become Canine Good Citizens and 42 states have passed resolutions recognizing the program's merit and importance.
- **conducts thousands of kennel inspections annually** to monitor care and conditions at kennels across the country and ensure the integrity of the AKC registry.
- **operates a Government Relations department** that provides input for federal, state, and local legislation governing responsible dog ownership.
- **offers** the largest, most comprehensive set of **DNA programs** for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity to ensure reliable registration records.
- **supports** one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts at the AKC Museum of the Dog, which is open to the public.
- **houses the world's largest dog library**, which is open to the public.
- **manages a Registered Handler's Program** that sets criteria and standards for responsible, knowledgeable, professional handlers.



We're more than champion dogs. We're the dog's champion.