

IT PAYS TO SUPPORT AKC DOG SHOWS!

For over a century, Americans have been participating in AKC dog events that celebrate and recognize the heritage, abilities, and characteristics of purebred dogs.



Each year, over 22,000 AKC events take place in communities in every state. These include AKC conformation dog shows, as well as obedience, agility, field trial, and other competitions hosted by local clubs throughout the United States.

Each of these events generates significant revenue for local businesses including hotels, restaurants, shops, transportation, and event venues, among others. In fact, a weekend conformation dog show can generate over \$1.7 million for a local community.

This revenue is in addition to the millions of dollars responsible dog owners spend on their pets at local businesses each year on such items as dog food, grooming, veterinary care, and boarding.

When considering whether to support a proposal regulating dog owners or breeders, consider the effect it may have on dog competitions and dog ownership among your constituency. Supporting dog shows and responsible dog ownership has a ripple effect that benefits a community's residents, local businesses, and overall economy.

For more information about the economic impact of AKC shows and dog ownership in your state, visit the AKC Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org.



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