

Government Relations

The AKC Government Relations department monitors and provides input for federal, state and local legislation governing responsible dog ownership. Sign up for legislative alerts about dog laws that may affect you at the "Legislative Alerts" section of akc.org.

DNA Profiling

The AKC has built the world's largest database of canine DNA profiles for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity. AKC uses DNA certification to ensure reliable registration records vital to the preservation and advancement of purebred dogs.

AKC Museum of the Dog

The AKC Museum of the Dog, in St. Louis, MO, maintains one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts. Founded and supported by the AKC, the museum is open year-round to the public and offers many educational programs and special exhibitions.

And much more!

To learn more about how easy it is to register and the many programs and services offered by the AKC, visit akc.org or call (919) 233-9767.

The way home for lost pets.SM

AKC Reunite, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club®, is the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in North America.

Understanding even the most loved pets can get lost, AKC Reunite was established in 1995 as a public service to help pet owners reunite with their lost animals, providing affordable pet microchips and 24/7 recovery services, charging no annual fees.

For more information on AKC Reunite microchips and pet recovery services visit akcreunite.org, call 1-800-252-7894 or email found@akcreunite.org.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function.

Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.



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Why Register your Purebred Dog with the AKC®?



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Register your purebred dog with the AKC®. It's fast and easy.

Permanently record your dog's name and place in breed history. Become part of the nationwide AKC voice championing canine health research, search-and-rescue teams, acceptable care and conditions for dog kennels, and responsible dog ownership.



Clockwise from top left: Shetland Sheepdog, Papillon, Golden Retriever, Whippets

When you register your purebred dog with the AKC, you receive:

- A frameable AKC Registration Certificate and your dog's name recorded in the AKC Registry.
- Optional registration packages that include an AKC collar tag with 24/7 lifetime recovery services, a three-generation AKC pedigree, a one-year subscription to *AKC Family Dog* magazine, and a dog care and training video.
- Complimentary 60-day Pet Insurance Trial. Receive accident and illness protection for your new dog with up to \$1,500 in total coverage. The benefit is provided by PetPartners and underwritten by American Pet Insurance Company. See terms and conditions and more information at www.akcpethealthcare.com
- A certificate for a complimentary first veterinary office visit. Submit your e-mail address when registering your new puppy, and the AKC will e-mail you a certificate for a complimentary first veterinary office visit along with a list of

participating veterinarians.

- Eligibility to participate in diverse and exciting AKC events, including Agility, Obedience, Rally®, Tracking, Field Trials, Dog Shows, Junior Showmanship, and many others

Your registration fee makes a difference

Over the last seven years, AKC has allocated close to **\$35 million** to fund invaluable programs for the betterment of dogs and communities. *The not-for-profit AKC is the only purebred dog registry that offers these programs and services.*

Kennel Inspections

Kennel inspections ensure the integrity of the AKC registry and monitor care and conditions at kennels across the country. The AKC is the only purebred dog registry in the United States that maintains a systematic and sustained investigation and inspection effort. Since 2000, the AKC has conducted 55,000 inspections to ensure compliance with standards that support the health, safety, and welfare of dogs and the environments in which they live.

AKC Canine Health Foundation

Founded and supported by the AKC, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC-CHF) (akcCHF.org) works to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners by funding research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies.

Canine Search-and-Rescue

The AKC supports professional and volunteer canine search-and-rescue (SAR) organizations

throughout the United States through its national program, DOGNYsm — America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs. To date, DOGNYsm fundraising efforts have raised over \$3 million for the support of canine SAR organizations throughout America.



German Shepherd Dog

AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund

The AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund provides resources, support

and other assistance to not-for-profit animal shelters and similar not-for-profit organizations providing care for domestic animals orphaned or displaced as a result of natural or civil disasters.

Canine Good Citizen® Program

The AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) program is a certification program that rewards dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. Each year, the AKC certifies more than 35,000 dogs as official Canine Good Citizens.



Staffordshire Bull Terrier

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm is an incentive program for loving dog owners who have taken the time to take their puppies through a basic training class.

Public Education

The AKC works with dog club volunteers, teachers, and librarians across the country to educate children and adults about the responsibilities of dog ownership, basic dog care and training, and safety around dogs.