



# 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.
- awards \$240,000 in scholarships to veterinary and veterinary technical students and youths active in the sport of purebred dogs.
- sponsors 18,000 dog events per year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, lure coursing, earthdog, field trial, hunt test, and coonhound events.
- supports thousands of volunteers and teachers across the country who teach responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs; features an education booth that visits more than 40 events a year.
- created and supports the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies. AKC has donated over \$13 million to the Canine Health Foundation since 1995.
- began AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR), which has reunited more than 300,000 lost pets with their owners.
- created and operates DOGNY - America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs which supports Canine Search and Rescue (SAR) organizations throughout the United States.
- features a Canine Good Citizen® program - A 10-step test that certifies dogs who have good manners at home and in the community.
- conducts approximately 5,000 kennel inspections annually to ensure the integrity of the AKC registry and monitor care and conditions at kennels across the country.
- operates a Canine Legislation 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.
- maintains 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.