AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB℠

Economic Impact of AKC Purebred Dog Ownership in San Antonio

The American Kennel Club (AKC) was established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. We now represent over 4,600 dog clubs nationally, including 11 clubs in San Antonio and Bexar County.

The AKC sanctions thousands of dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Texas, spend annually on their dogs.

Here are the statistics for San Antonio over the past three years:

2007: AKC licensed and sanctioned 46 events in San Antonio, in which over 13,600 dogs participated.

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2009: AKC licensed and sanctioned 38 events in San Antonio, in which over 12,400 dogs participated.

The AKC conducts ongoing research regarding the economic impact of AKC events in localities throughout the state, as well as of AKC registered dogs in the state. **Based on our findings, over $90.2 million is generated annually within the Texas economy from spending on purebred dogs in the state.** This includes spending on events, dog clubs, show exhibitors, breeding and basic dog care, just to name a few. As dog shows are a family sport, the large spectator gates generate additional revenues for San Antonio beyond the significant money spent in San Antonio each year on purebred dogs.