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### ***AKC REUNITE AWARDS OVER \$1.4 MILLION IN 2024 GRANTS FOR ADOPT A K-9 COP PROGRAM***

***- Grant Allocation Completed For 2024 -***



**RALEIGH, N.C.** — AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet microchip identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is pleased to announce that it has awarded all 2024 grants through its **AKC Reunite Adopt A K-9 Cop** matching grant program.

“AKC Reunite is so proud to be able to partner with AKC clubs to support these departments in such a significant way,” said Tom Sharp, President and CEO of AKC Reunite. “The hundreds of K-9 officers who are serving around the country due to this grant program are helping their communities with bomb detection, community outreach and on patrol.”

The Adopt A K-9 Cop program allows AKC Reunite to match funds from AKC Clubs, AKC-affiliated organizations and the public, three-to-one, up to \$7,500 per grant. These donations help police departments throughout the United States purchase K-9 police dogs. Many of the police dogs acquired with the help of these grants are used as patrol dogs as well as detection dogs, helping to locate narcotics, explosives and/or evidence. A total of 759 Adopt A K-9 Cop grants have been awarded since the inception of the program in 2013 and, as of this year, the program has awarded more than \$5.7 million in grants.

“AKC and AKC Reunite are proud to be able to make these grants available to our K-9 first responders and the public they serve,” said Christopher L. Sweetwood, AKC Board member and founder of the AKC Reunite Adopt A K-9 Cop Program. “Their dedication to duty protects our nation and keeps us safe. We look forward to continuing this tradition and greatly appreciate the law enforcement community and their canine partners for their service.”

Contributing clubs for these donations include the United States Police Canine Association, Beaver County Kennel Club, Cary Kennel Club, Clemson Kennel Club, Dayton Kennel Club, Decatur American Kennel Club, Des Moines Obedience Training Club, Forsyth Kennel Club, Garden City Kansas Kennel Club, Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club, Kennel Club of Columbus Indiana, Lima Kennel Club, Lost Coast Kennel Club, Manatee Kennel Club, Myrtle Beach Kennel Club, Newnan Kennel Club, Savannah Kennel Club, Seattle Kennel Club, Town & Country Kennel Club, and Trap Falls Kennel Club.

Police departments interested in receiving grants in 2025 can learn more at [www.akcreunite.org](http://www.akcreunite.org).

The 2024 Adopt A K-9 Cop have gone to the following police departments:

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Police Department(s)</i></b>
Alabama	Russell County Sheriff's Office Priceville Police Department Limestone County Sheriff's Department
Arizona	Wilcox Department of Public Safety Bisbee Police Department Wellton Police Department
California	Crescent City Police Department
Colorado	Evans Police Department Larimer County Sheriff's Department Logan County Sheriff's Department
Connecticut	Wallingford Police Department
Florida	Panama City Police Department Sweetwater Police Department Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Haines City Police Department Bradenton Police Department Tequesta Police Department Miami Police Department
Georgia	Newnan Police Department Gordon County Sheriff's Office South Fulton Police Department Woodstock Public Safety Foundation Lowndes County Sheriff's Office Jones County Sheriff's Office Dade County Sheriff's Office Smithville Police Department Savannah Police Department
Iowa	Louisa County Sheriff's Department Lake View Police Department Des Moines Police Department Ankeny Police Department Tama Police Department Spencer Police Department
Idaho	Fruitland Police Department
Illinois	Knox County Sheriff's Office White Hall Police Department

Indiana	Huntingburg Police Department Madison Police Department Vanderburgh Police Department
Kansas	Scott County Sheriff's Office Chase County Sheriff's Office Gardner Police Department Ottawa County Sheriff's Office
Kentucky	Meade County Sheriff's Office Daviness County Sheriff's Office Detention Center Bowling Green Police Department Pike County Sheriff's Office Magoffin County Sheriff's Office Jackson County Sheriff's Office Detention Center
Louisiana	Baton Rouge Police Department Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office St. Gabriel Police Department Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office Crowley Police Department
Maryland	Maryland National Capital Police Park Prince George County Sheriff's Office
Maine	Lewiston Police Department Scarborough Police Department Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Minnesota	St. Paul Police Department Freeborn County Sheriff's Office South St. Paul Police Department Bemidji Police Department Wright County Sheriff's Office Annandale Police Department Hopkins Police Department Becker County Sheriff's Office Chisago County Sheriff's Office Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office Fergus Falls Police Department Brooklyn Park Police Department Goodhue Police Department Rogers Police Department
Missouri	Randolph County Sheriff's Department Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force Kearney Police Department Osceola Police Department Linn Creek Police Department
Mississippi	Byram Police Department Richland Police Department Harrison County Sheriff's Office Hinds County Sheriff's Office

	<p>Taylorsville Police Department  Lowndes County Sheriff's Office  Kemper County Sheriff's Office  Columbia Police Department  Jones County Sheriff's Office  Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office  Union Police Department  Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics  Calhoun County Sheriff's Office  Morton Police Department</p>
Montana	<p>Phillips County Sheriff's Office  Hardin Police Department</p>
North Carolina	<p>Morehead City Police Department  Tarboro Police Department  Raeford Police Department  Waxhaw Police Department  Dunn Police Department  Clayton Police Department  NC State University Police Department  Carteret County Sheriff's Office  Lumberton Police Department  Camden County Sheriff's Office  Chowan County Sheriff's Office  Holly Springs Police Department  Ranlo Police Department  New Bern Police Department   Mooresville Police Department  Caldwell County Sheriff's Office  Winston-Salem Police Department</p>
North Dakota	<p>Burleigh County Sheriff's Department  Rolette County Sheriff's Office</p>
Nebraska	<p>Johnson County Sheriff's Office</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Carroll County Sheriff's Office</p>
New Jersey	<p>Monmouth County Sheriff's Office  Ocean County Sheriff's Office  Haddon Heights Police Department  Atlantic County Sheriff's Office  Hamilton Police Division</p>
Nevada	<p>Storey County Sheriff's Office</p>
New York	<p>City of Middletown Police Department  Nassau County Sheriff's Department  Blooming Grove Police Department  Colonie Police Department  Orange County Sheriff's Office  North Tonawanda Police Department</p>
Ohio	<p>Xenia Police Division  Warren County Sheriff's Office  Washington Township Police Department  DeGraff Police Department  Delphos Police Department</p>

	<p>Cadiz Police Department  Union Township Police Department  Middletown Police Department  Shelby County Sheriff's Office  Canton Police Department</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Tulsa Police Department  Kay County Sheriff's Office  Ponca City Police Department  Ardmore Police Department  Wayonka Police Department  Muskogee Police Department  Earlsboro Police Department  Hennessey Police Department  Noble Police Department  Enid Police Department  Owasso Police Department</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>Williamsport Bureau of Police  New Castle Police Department  Cheltenham Township Police Department  Plymouth Township Police Department  Bloomsburg University Police Department  Scranton Police Department  Beaver Valley Regional Police Department</p>
South Carolina	<p>Georgetown Police Department  Marion County Sheriff's Department  Central Police Department  Cayce Police Department  Yemassee Police Department  Iva Police Department  Westminster Police Department  Darlington Police Department  Clover Police Department  Jasper County Sheriff's Office</p>
Tennessee	<p>Smyrna Police Department  Fayetteville Police Department  Cleveland State Campus Police  Lebanon Police Department  Bartlett Police Department  Gallatin Police Department  Dickson Police Department  Gleason Police Department</p>
Texas	<p>Kaufman County Sheriff's Office  Sherman Police Department  Sulphur Springs Police Department  Carrollton Fire Rescue  Eustace ISD Police Department  Princeton Police Department  Hopkins County Sheriff's Office  Texarkana Police Department  Tenaha Police Department</p>

	Abilene Police Department
Virginia	Bristol Police Department Pembroke Police Department Amherst County Sheriff's Office Richlands Police Department
Washington	Seattle Police Department Port Angeles Police Department
Wisconsin	Sparta Police Department West Salem Police Department La Crosse Police Department Crivitz Police Department Jackson County Sheriff's Office
West Virginia	Philippi Police Department Hancock County Sheriff's Office Randolph County Sheriff's Office St. Mary's Police Department

Learn more about how to get involved in AKC Reunite Adopt A K-9 Cop program and see pictures and stories of dogs already donated at <https://www.akcreunite.org/k9/>.

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### **AKC Reunite**

#### **The way home for lost pets.**

AKC Reunite, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club®, is the largest non-profit pet microchip identification and recovery service provider in the United States. Since 1995 AKC Reunite has helped pet owners reunite with their lost animals via identification and 24/7 pet recovery specialists, enrolling over 9 million companion animals and recovering more than 500,000 lost pets. AKC Reunite microchips are a popular choice of pet professionals throughout the country for permanent pet identification.

AKC Reunite has donated more than \$10 million since 2002 for pet-related causes including disaster preparedness and relief like the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer donation program. AKC Reunite also provides free recovery service enrollment for all active service, military, and law enforcement K-9 dogs. For more information visit [www.akcreunite.org](http://www.akcreunite.org) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/akcreunite](http://www.facebook.com/akcreunite)).