

Six Things You Need to Know About the AKC PAC

1. **What is the AKC PAC?** The American Kennel Club Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) helps elect dog-friendly candidates. The purpose behind the fund is to protect your rights as a breeder, dog owner and fancier by helping elect leaders who share that commitment.
2. **What makes the AKC PAC different from other AKC funds such as the Canine Legislative Support Fund?** Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF) contributions are used to educate officials on a federal, state and local level to ensure that your rights as a responsible owner and breeder are protected. Without dog-friendly officials in office; however, the CLSF cannot do its job. AKC PAC funds are used to help elect dog-friendly leadership in Congress and state houses across the country. PAC funds can only be used as campaign donations and not to lobby or educate an official on a particular position.
3. **Who can contribute to the AKC PAC?** AKC PAC accepts contributions from United States citizens who are members of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC employees, and a small number of other groups as limited by federal and state campaign finance laws. Although clubs may not contribute, they may hold fundraisers for the PAC or provide opportunities for their members to contribute. For example, a club may allow members to include a PAC contribution when paying their regular dues. The club may then forward the contribution to the AKC PAC. Clubs may also choose instead to contribute to the Canine Legislation Support Fund. Contributions to the AKC PAC and Canine Legislation Support Fund are not tax deductible.
4. **How does the AKC PAC benefit dog owners?** The PAC allows the AKC to support dog-friendly candidates and elected officials. The more dog-friendly officials in office, the more assured you can be that your rights will be protected.
5. **May I recommend candidates for AKC PAC contributions?** You may advise the PAC about officials who have assisted in either promoting dog-friendly legislation or opposing anti-dog measures. You may also suggest new candidates who you believe will support dog owners. Names of those you feel are deserving of PAC funds may be submitted to the AKC PAC Board through the AKC Government Relations Department. Contributions may not be given on behalf of a specific candidate.
6. **How can I help the AKC PAC acquire donations?** You can make a personal donation or encourage club members to each contribute to the PAC. You may also ask clubs to hold a fundraiser for the AKC PAC or allow members to include a PAC donation in their dues. Remember- without donations to the AKC PAC, we cannot support the campaigns of dog-friendly candidates!

For more information, and to contribute online, visit www.akc.org/pac.



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