



Club Membership Timeline

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The American Kennel Club is a "club of clubs"; its membership consists of dog clubs from all over the United States. Clubs are elected to membership by AKC Delegates.

The AKC elected its first member club, the Westminster Kennel Club, on September 17, 1884. Since then, over 500 clubs have become AKC members and, along with licensed clubs, hold over 4,500 dog events every year.

A chronological listing of club membership follows. You can also see an [Anniversary List](#) for the member clubs.

Member Club Election Timeline

| Induction Date | Name of Club |
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| 9-17-1884 | Westminster Kennel Club |
| 10-6-1886 | American Fox Terrier Club |
| 2-3-1888 | National Beagle Club |
| 2-23-1888 | Collie Club of America, Inc. |
| 9-19-1889 | American Spaniel Club |
| 12-11-1890 | Bulldog Club of America |
| 2-22-1893 | Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc. |
| 2-22-1893 | Great Dane Club of America, Inc. |
| 9-12-1895 | New England Beagle Club, Inc. |
| 12-19-1895 | Dachshund Club of America, Inc. |
| 2-20-1896 | Irish Setter Club of America, Inc. |
| 2-24-1897 | Irish Terrier Club of America |
| 9-23-1897 | Bull Terrier Club of America |
| 9-23-1897 | Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc. |
| 12-16-1897 | French Bulldog Club of America |
| 9-22-1898 | St. Bernard Club of America, Inc. |

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