



# 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
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
<b>9-22-1898</b>	<b>St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.</b>

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