

You Asked, We Answered!

The AKC Government Relations team is often asked: “Why are there [Two Ways to Protect Our Rights?](#) Wouldn't a single fundraiser be simpler and easier?”

Answer: The AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF) and the AKC PAC are separate and distinct funds that were established to serve different purposes. The chart below explains the major differences between the two funds, who can contribute, and how AKC clubs can help raise funds.

The fight to preserve the rights of dog owners, exhibitors, and breeders is a costly one. Please check out the information below and donate today.

Two Ways to Donate:	AKC CANINE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FUND (CLSF)	AKC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AKC PAC)
What It Does	Supports education and advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels of government.	Makes monetary contributions to political campaigns to help elect dog-friendly leadership at the federal and state levels.
What It Does Not Do	Does not contribute to the campaigns of political candidates.	Does not lobby on specific bills.
How It Is Administered	The CLSF is administered by AKC Government Relations staff under the management and oversight of the American Kennel Club.	The AKC PAC is governed by the AKC PAC Board of Directors. Although it is affiliated with the AKC, it is a separate organization. AKC Government Relations staff provides administrative support.
Who Can Contribute?	Everybody! Individuals, clubs, and organizations.	Individuals only. Clubs and organizations may not donate.
Who Can Fundraise?	<p>Everybody! Any person or group who values the future of dogs is urged to contribute!</p> <p>AKC Government Relations would like to recognize and thank clubs and individuals who donate to the CLSF. But anonymous contributions are fine, too!</p>	<p>The AKC PAC may only seek donations from members of AKC clubs, members of certain AKC-affiliated groups, and AKC employees.</p> <p>Many AKC clubs do a great job of encouraging and enabling their members to donate to the AKC PAC!</p> <p>AKC clubs can coordinate individual donations to the PAC so long as detailed records are kept. Be sure to make a record of each donor's name, address, employer, occupation, and donation amount. (It's required by law.)</p>
How Do I Make a Contribution?	Click here to donate to the CLSF.	If you are a member of an AKC club or AKC-affiliated federation, click here to donate to the AKC PAC , then scroll down and enter your club info to access the donation screen.
Who Benefits?	RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS, EXHIBITORS, BREEDERS, AND MOST OF ALL, THE DOGS WE LOVE!	

To learn more about how you and your organization can contribute, go to <http://www.akc.org/government-relations/donations>.

Contact doglaw@akc.org or call 919-816-3710 for more info and answers. Thank you!