

Featured Bike!



2008 FLSTSB Harley Davidson Cross Bones—B.A.A.C. Member Frank Silvestro's New ride

Submitted by: Kip Miller, VP of B.A.A.C.

I have to say, the Cross Bones is one sharp piece! For 6 months, Frank had been looking high and low for a Springer-Classic or Heritage Springer, but nothing seemed to catch his eye.

With various dealers on the prowl and Frank searching the web and local papers, it looked like he finally was going to catch a break. The kind folks at Gengras HD were going to the auction with their eyes on two potential rides for Frank. With one going at near retail price and the other having too much damage, Frank was once again back in the hunt...but then they called suggesting he take a look at the newest member to the Softtail family, the 2008 FLSTSB Cross Bones...and they had one in route.

This was the first one of its kind coming in to Gengras HD and Frank luckily jumped right on it as she came out of the crate. An old school bobber style bike, the Cross Bones comes off the floor with a complete custom look and feel; the sprung solo seat, chopper style front fender, 200 rear tire, denim black finished tins, blacked out springer front end, black

struts, black signals, black headlight



bucket, black mini apes, and a black oil tank make her look just plain mean. Even the laced wheels have factory black rims. The

FLSTSB comes stock with a 96 ci twin cam motor, 6 speed trans and over/under shotgun, slash cut exhaust. People cannot walk past this bike without doing a complete circle and giving it a hard look. That goes for Frank too... every time.

Rodeo Update!



How Slow Can You Go!

It's full steam ahead for the July 12, Rodeo at the Glastonbury Elks Lodge No. 2202, 98 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, CT! We want to make this our biggest event of the year but we are going to need all the help we can get.

We still need raffle donations and a port-potty supplier so if you have any potential

contacts for either, please let us know! We ask that raffle prizes have a retail value of at least \$25. Vendor space is still available and table fees can be waived with qualifying ticket purchases.

For more information or to reserve space contact Kip Miller at (860) 490-1366 or kmiller812@cox.net.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CT Animal Fighting Hotline Established!
- B.A.A.C. and Mercer Pitbull Rescue featured on Channel 3!
- Numerous Fundraising Activities are in the Works!

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A Message from the President

What a ride it's been so far! The warm welcomes and outpouring of support we've received from the public and other animal welfare groups since we've started as a public charity have been overwhelming and humbling to say the least. We are meeting some incredible people whose hard work, dedication and commitment to helping animals are most inspirational.

As most of our supporters are aware, we have a new cruelty case that one of our members is fostering and caring for. He was severely neglected and is now gaining some healthy weight and doing it quickly. He reminds me of that saying "What's one man's trash is another

man's treasure". It's a shame that people can just toss a family pet aside as if it were materialistic and disposable, but this male pit bull mix has proven to be quite the treasure! He's unconditionally sweet and very appreciative of his new found friends.

We hope to be able to help many more like him, but my only concern is that we're running low on funds and may not be able to provide emergency vet care to the next cruelty case that comes across our path. We need your support for these precious animals that deserve better. Please spread the word and donate today! Our commitment and relationships

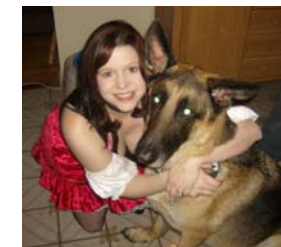
with all involved will continue to prosper as we grow and provide the necessary care needed for cruelty victims statewide.

Warm weather is coming and we have many events scheduled where we look forward to seeing all of our old friends as well as our new ones. Ride safe and keep those pets happy and healthy!



Cindy Peregolise
Founding Member and President of B.A.A.C

New B.A.A.C. Co-Secretary Elected



Jessica Miller w/ her dog Zak
A Founding Member, Webmistress

Due to a series of uncontrollable circumstances B.A.A.C Secretary, Sharon Eligio, felt a need to resign her position as secretary.

B.A.A.C. held an emergency meeting on Saturday February 2, 2008 for the primary purpose of electing a new member as B.A.A.C Secretary. Our Web mistress, Jessica Miller,

graciously volunteered to help fill the position to accommodate Sharon through some difficult times. A vote was taken and it was agreed upon unanimously by all members in attendance that Sharon and Jess will share the secretarial responsibilities. Congratulations Jess! And we're glad you're staying Shar!

B.A.A.C. Members Outraged in Drilling Case



B.A.A.C. Pit Bulls on their way to see Cruz at Court

On Feb. 14th, members of B.A.A.C., along with several other animal welfare groups and pet owners, appeared at the Bristol Superior courthouse to express outrage with the atrocities performed by Severino Cruz on his

brother's pit bull, Baby. After hearing his son was bitten by Baby, who was protecting her pup, he immedi-

ately went to the house, rather than the hospital, and drilled holes with a power drill in her head and stabbed her multiple times. The injuries she sustained resulted in the need for mercy euthanasia by a veterinarian. Severino Cruz appeared in Bristol Superior Court and plead not guilty, prompting a trial set to start March 11th. On that date the case was continued to April 30th.



Animal Advocates pleading for justice in front of the Bristol Superior Courthouse.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and The HSUS Announce New Animal Fighting Reward Program.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and The Humane Society of the United States (The HSUS) have teamed up to combat animal fighting. At a joint press conference held today, they announced that The HSUS is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person involved in illegal animal fighting. This doubles The HSUS' longstanding reward of \$2,500.

Suspected illegal animal fighting in Connecticut can be reported by calling 860-808-5180.

As part of the campaign, Blumenthal will record a radio public service announcement about the new reward. South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster has also joined forces with Blumenthal and The HSUS to publicize the animal fighting reward program. The two are leading a bipartisan group of attorneys general around the country who are partnering with The HSUS to stop animal cruelty.

"Animal fighting is the spectator sport of criminals—a despicable, indecent practice that attracts an array of other criminal activity, including drug dealing and illegal betting," Blumenthal said. "Our new hotline should provide

a safe and secure means for citizens to blow the whistle on illegal animal fighting. This hotline is a first step by Connecticut as part of a national effort to combat animal fighting through the National Association of Attorneys General. My office, working closely with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, will be reaching out to attorneys general nationwide—enlisting and engaging them in such programs."

Dogfighting and cockfighting involves forcing two animals to mutilate each other for the sake of gambling and entertainment. Animals suffer bloody injuries and often death. The HSUS estimates that 40,000 people are involved in organized dogfighting and an additional 100,000 are street-level fighters. Almost as many people are involved in illegal cockfighting nationwide.

"We are thrilled to partner with Attorney General Blumenthal on this anti-cruelty campaign," said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The HSUS and a Connecticut native. "Dogfighting, cockfighting, and other forms of animal cruelty are a social ill, and we should exhibit zero tolerance for this conduct."

Public service announcements

about the animal fighting reward program are available at www.hsus.org/animalfightingpsa.

Facts

- In Connecticut, there are 43 people listed in The HSUS' animal fighting database as professional level dogfighters—those who are significantly involved in the business or "tradition" of dogfighting. Ten of those dogfighters had taken out advertisements for fighting dogs in a nationally circulated dogfighting magazine.

- Animal control officers throughout Connecticut avow that up to 70 percent of the dogs in their shelters are pit bulls. That percentage is indicative of increased dogfighting activity in the state.

Animal fighting is also associated with other crimes, such as illegal gambling, drug dealing and human violence. A three-year study released by the Chicago Police Department showed that 65 percent of the people arrested on animal cruelty charges—including dogfighting—had prior arrests on violent crime charges against people.

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Wild animals never kill for sport. Man is the only one to whom the torture and death of his fellow creatures is amusing in itself.

James A. Froude, Historian (1818-1894)

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Braveheart Update!



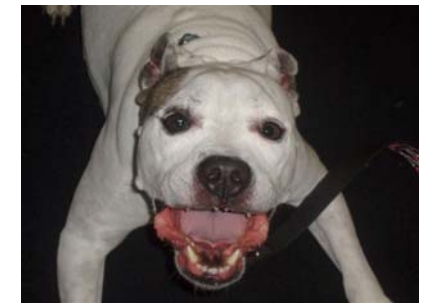
Braveheart has received all the necessary medical treatment and operations and is now in foster care.

This picture was from when he was picked up from the Veterinary clinic and being brought to his foster mom, his Angel looking out for him.

Very Special Thanks go to his foster mom, Nicole, for rallying the fundraising all along to ensure he received the necessary medical procedures for a healthy, quality life! She is taking excellent care of him as he recuperates until he is well enough

to be able to be adopted to a good home. If it weren't for her, Braveheart never would have been given his second chance.

Thanks Nicole!



"Baby Boy" and Name Contest Update!



Chance, when he had no name Just After Being Rescued From the Hartford Animal Shelter

On January 24, 2008, B.A.A.C member and Mercer Pit-bull Rescue founder, Sue Mercer was contacted by a shelter regarding a neglected pit-bull they had seized. What

she encountered when she went to retrieve the dog was a shocking case of severe animal neglect. What should have been a 50-60 pound animal, weighed in approx. 20 pounds. In addition, the poor creature's limbs and hind quarters contained numerous open sores.

This poor boy suffered from severe neglect after he was left to die of starvation, a horribly slow and extremely painful way to die. Luckily he was discovered in time! He could not even digest his first cup of food. With patience and TLC, Sue was able to coax him to begin eating slowly, only a 1/4 cup of food mixed with 1/4 cup scrambled egg at a time. She fed him four times a

day like this. Once a day he got plain yogurt mixed in because he was on antibiotics for the sores and the antibiotics were killing the good bacteria along with the bad. After a week or so, she was able to bump up the amount of food. Now with satin balls mixed in his diet, he's starting to fill in w/ some needed meat & muscle on



Chance One Week Later and 8 lbs. Heavier

his bones and it shows!

Despite the abuse this dog encountered, he's still a very happy, friendly and outgoing boy who is gaining healthy weight in Sue's care. He recently made an appearance on Channel 3's "Better Connecticut" with Scot Haney where his personality won the hearts of viewers. We pleaded for help in naming this guy and since the segment aired we received numerous name entries!

Well, the top 5 names were chosen and put out to be voted on by our supporters. They voted and the majority chose "CHANCE" for his name. Since March 7th was the day his name was given to him, we deemed that to be his birth date! Chance has also been made the official B.A.A.C. mascot! So, please welcome Chance to the B.A.A.C. family. We hope that who ever



Chance 5 Weeks Later and approx. 20 lbs. heavier!

adopts him will be able to bring him to all or most of our events!

One thing for sure, that tail NEVER stops wagging! Thanks Sue!

If you would like to help others like Chance, please consider making a donation to B.A.A.C. today!





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April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month!
 April 5—Pet Adoption/Awareness in Prospect
 April 12—Gengras HD Open House (BAAC Attending)
 April 18—Pet Owners Independence Day
 April 26—"Tour for Life" IKEA New Haven
 April 22-Stafford Speedway Spring Swap Meet

June 2008

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June is Adopt a Cat month!
 June 5—World Environment Day
 June 14-22—Laconia Bike Week
 June 20—National Take Your Dog to Work Day
 June 22-Stafford Speedway Late Sumer Swap Meet

May 2008

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May 4-10—Be Kind to Animals Week; National Pet Week
 May 3—Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser
 May 9-18 Myrtle Beach Bike Week
 May 15—National Hug your Cat Day
 May 16—National Bike to Work Day
 May 18-24—National Dog Bite Prevention week

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New Haven Shelter is now under surveillance!



On January 24th, 2007, Game, the Pit Bull, was stolen from the New Haven Shelter. The fear of what he would be used for prompted members of the PitBullSaloon.com forum (now the Bikers Against Animal Cruelty forum), to collaborate and sponsor a Cinco de Mayo party to purchase a camera surveillance system for the shelter so that this sort of mishap can be deterred in the future. Nearly a year later, on February 9th,

2008, that camera system has been successfully installed and is fully operational with a color monitor! Special thanks go to B.A.A.C.'s very own Mike Shea for his donated time and expertise getting the system installed! Thank you Mike!!



Featured Pet—Daisy!



English Bulldog, Daisy

lazy daisy, daisy mayhem, smoothy, meatball, pork chop). After doing some research on a breed suit-

This quarter's featured pet is English Bulldog, Daisy. Her companion, founding member and B.A.A.C.'s PR Director Erika Fuery-Gaudio has this to say about her: Daisy (aka crazy daisy, able for condo life we decided we would like to get an English Bulldog. After numerous failed adoption attempts we were about to give up our hopes of bulldog ownership when Daisy showed up for adoption on a French Bulldog site. We figured to give it one last shot, and applied for her. We were thrilled when we heard back from the owner! So, off I went to Long Island as fast as I could because I didn't want anyone to get her first. The woman who owned her turned out to be a breeder of French Bulldogs and English Mastiffs. Daisy was given to her when she was a puppy as payment for a stud fee for one of her Mastiffs. Daisy was really her daughter's dog. However, her daughter began showing dogs and acquired a collie. So Daisy, because she was not a show dog, was basically being kicked to the curb. While we do not even begin to understand this way of thinking, we are thrilled the owner realized she deserved more attention than what she was getting. Their loss was our gain as Daisy has brought so much joy to our lives. We couldn't have asked for a better dog to have in our home - even with the excessive snoring and slobber. Although we have only had her for about six months we couldn't imagine life without her! Bulldogs Rule!

Cinco De Mayo is Coming!!



Sharron Shea Founding Member and Treasurer of B.A.A.C. with DJ Ricky Lynk celebrating last year's Cinco de Mayo

That's Right Folks, We're Doing it Again!!

Mark your calendars for our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration! This years celebration will be held on Saturday May, 3, 2008 from 1-6 PM at Phil's Bar and Grill in North Haven, CT. This year we will also have an adoption event!

This event was a huge hit last year and we are hoping that this year will be just as successful. Bring your adult family and bring your friends (21+

years of age please), as the proceeds will benefit friends of B.A.A.C. and victims of animal cruelty.

Just like last year, this event will feature home made Mexican dishes and raffles will be held throughout the day. B.A.A.C merchandise will also be available for purchase. Come one come all!



B.A.A.C. 2009 Calendar Contest Submissions Needed!

Have your pet and your bike featured in the B.A.A.C. 2009 Calendar by entering our Calendar Photo Contest! All entrants must submit a photo of their pet with their bike. Entries can be mailed to:

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc.
 PO Box 68
 North Haven, CT 0647

or submitted electronically via email to admin@bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org

There is a \$10 entry fee per photo. The twelve winners will be selected on Labor Day and will receive a free calendar, a subscription to the B.A.A.C. Newsletter, and will have the honor of being in the very first Bikers Against Animal Cruelty Calendar. Enter today!!



Erika Fuery-Gaudio with her pal Daisy on Erika's Triumph!

Senate Bill Asks FBI to Track Animal Cruelty Crimes

December 11, 2007

Humane Groups Applaud Menendez Bill to Make Animal Cruelty a Separate Category in Crime Data Reporting System

WASHINGTON — The Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Legislative Fund today welcomed the introduction of new legislation in the U.S. Senate, introduced by Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation to include animal cruelty crimes as a separate category in the agency's crime data reporting system.

"Having the ability to track animal cruelty cases anywhere in the country is a long overdue step that would not only help animals, but would also give law enforcement agencies the tools they need to prevent violent offenders from escalating their terrible behavior," said Michael Markarian, executive vice president of The Humane Society of the United States, and president of the Humane Society Legislative Fund. "We are grateful to Senator Menendez for introducing this important anti-crime bill, for the sake of animals, and for public safety and security in our communities."

The Tracking Animal Cruelty Crimes Act of 2007 directs the U.S. Attorney General to modify the FBI's crime data reporting systems, which include the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and the yet-to-be released Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEx), to list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category.

"Clearly, giving police and policymakers accurate information about animal cruelty crimes would help attack the persistent problems of family violence, combat the increasingly lucrative in-

dustry of dogfighting, and help stop violent criminals and gangs before they commit even worse crimes," said Sen. Menendez.

Although all states have anti-cruelty laws and 43 states provide felony-level penalties, local police agencies do not have a place in their reporting forms to enter these crimes. The result is that animal cruelty crimes are assigned to miscellaneous categories that provide no further guidance to law enforcement agents or policymakers. Without accurate tracking, there is no way to access important information such as trends or the relationship to demographic and geographic data, on which to base policy development and resource allocation.

Research clearly demonstrates that there is a close association between animal abuse and family violence, as well as other crimes. In addition, animal abuse frequently is one of the first signals of a child, and family, at risk. For example:

- Pet abuse was identified as one of the four predictors for intimate partner violence in a recent study conducted by a nationally-recognized team of domestic violence researchers;

- Multiple studies found that from 48.8 percent to 71 percent of battered women reported that their pets had been threatened, harmed, and or killed by their partners;

- Among children, pet abuse is an early indicator of anti-social behavior. All the experts agree that early identification and intervention is the key to helping children at risk;

- Department of Justice longitudinal studies found that pet abuse in childhood is associated with persistence in anti-social behavior.

Adults who engage in animal cruelty are more likely to partici-

pate in other criminal activities, including violence against people, drug and substance abuse, and property offenses;

- During the 1980s, in developing profiles of serial killers, the FBI's Behavioral Crime Unit discovered that all serial killers had engaged in repeated acts of animal cruelty;

- Animal fighting, often an economic-driven form of animal cruelty, is associated with gambling, selling and possession of drugs, illegal firearms, gang activity, and other violent behavior.

"We know that early identification and intervention is a key to solving the problem of violence in our communities," said Mary Lou Randour, Ph.D., director of human/animal relations for The Humane Society of the United States. "The addition of animal cruelty to the FBI crime database would provide an important tool for those efforts."

Sen. Menendez was joined in introducing the bill today by co-sponsors Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-N.C.), Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.). In the House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) have been leading the effort to add animal cruelty to the FBI's crime data reporting system.

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B.A.A.C on TV!



On Wednesday, February 6, 2008 B.A.A.C member and Mercer Pit-bull Rescue Founder, Sue Mercer, was featured along with B.A.A.C. VP and Co-Secretary, Kip and Jessica Miller, on Channel 3 News', Better CT, with Scot Haney. The segment featured a severely neglected pitbull that Sue Mercer rescued and currently has in her care.

Our nameless "Baby Boy" turned out to be a complete camera ham winning the hearts of viewers. Since the episode aired we have had numerous hits on the B.A.A.C website and many people have entered names for our naming contest and signed our guestbook.

Many thanks to Scot for having us on the air and to Sue, Kip and Jess for representing B.A.A.C so well!

You can see the clip on our website: www.bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org/news.html

Please contact your Senators and ask them to Support Bill S2439

Responsible Pet Ownership Essay Contest

In recognition of February, Responsible Pet Ownership Month, B.A.A.C. held an essay/photo contest for kids in grades 1 through 8. The essays were to reflect what they felt responsible pet ownership meant to them. We received many essays from kids throughout Connecticut. It was a difficult decision for our judges, but the results of the Essay contest are in! They are all winners just for participating and expressing general concern for animal welfare, but the essays that rose above the rest are as follows:

1st Place - Gina Olavarria of New Haven

Discovery
Radio Control
Flytech™
Dragonfly



3rd place tie - Vanessa Lagerstrom of Portland & David Brown of Bridgeport who will receive a B.A.A.C. support shirt (available online!).

All participants will receive an award to acknowledge their outstanding contributions for responsible pet ownership as well.

Congratulations to all! We hope to have pictures of the winners on our website soon!

2nd Place - Mary Naccarato of Wallingford

Discovery
Radio Control
Tarantula



PETCO Valentine's Day Pet Party!



Kip, VP of BAAC, setting up the shiny new B.A.A.C. Banner!

Thanks Erin for organizing the purchase of the banner in time for the event!

On a dreary Saturday, February 9th, B.A.A.C. participated in the Petco Valentine's Day Pet Party in Clinton, Connecticut! Members were honored to be there and help out with the "Pet Party", which included taking pet photos, paw printing on Valentine's Day cards, decorating your own dog cookies and judging a doggie kissing contest! We also got to show off our shiny new banner! B.A.A.C. member Erin McGuire was able to organize the printing and purchase of the banner in time for the day of the event. Thanks Erin!

Through out the day, we sold a few shirts, brought in some donations and raised some interest as well as inquiries into our group.

Special thanks to Karen of [Yesterday's Kit-](#)

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[tens](#) and Jim of Petco for all of their help and support of B.A.A.C.



Members Kip and Melody having pets sign their own Valentine Day cards.