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## B.A.A.C. Rodeo Wrap Up!

All I can say is if you missed this event you missed out on one heck of a good time! The First Annual B.A.A.C. Motorcycle Rodeo was held at the Glastonbury Elks Lodge on Saturday, July 12 2008. The weather was perfect, the bands were rocking and the beer was flowing!

We must admit that we are not ashamed to give ourselves a pat on the back over our first big fundraising event. We had a great turnout with plenty of food and drink for all and a tremendous amount of support from the local community as made evi-



dent by the huge number of raffle prize donations, including a ton of concert tickets!

Pulling it all off was a lot of work but, since we all pulled together and worked as a team, it really didn't seem like work and we all had an awesome time.

Regrettably, we had so much fun that we failed to record the winners of the various games, however, we did manage to capture a couple of them in pictures. Next year we promise to be more organized in that respect. We will also be sure to stock more bottled water as that also seemed to be in short supply. We learned from these mistakes and, now that we know what to expect, are already planning to make next years event even better.

We were glad that our friends from Rescue Ink were able to attend the event and hope to co-



ordinate with them for other events and rescue missions in the future. We hope that one of their bikes breaking down won't discourage them from making future trips to events in our neck of the woods.

We would especially like to thank all of the vendors, bands, contributors and participants who came out and made this event such a tremendous success. We also hope that the event is even bigger next year so, please, spread the word!

*(More pictures on Page 9)*

## B.A.A.C. Extends It's Most Sincere Thanks To The Following For Their Generous Contributions Towards This Event

All Things Biothane  
Animal Support Project  
Laura Boustead  
Candlewick Kennels  
Cassidy's Pampered Paws Pet Boutique  
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Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo  
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Southern Connecticut Agility Team  
Sports Center of Connecticut  
The Playground Inc. Doggie Daycare and Spa  
Tiki Golf  
Trainin' Wheelz  
Warner Theatre

# A Message from the President



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

*Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.*

*-Albert Einstein*

I can't help but feel the warm fuzzies inside whenever I see a "SUPPORT B.A.A.C." shirt out and about or in the media. They're not fancy, but they do catch your eye. They seem to be a big hit with animal loving-motorcycle enthusiasts as well as some not so enthusiastic about motorcycles, but those who believe in our cause. What's more awesome is the reception and support we have received during our short existence.

B.A.A.C. turned "1", September 22, 2008!!! Wow! Only one year has gone by, yet we have

accomplished more than I ever thought possible. We've grown in members and made many new contacts and friends fighting the same fight. Let's take a moment to remember the many animals we have saved and not forget the ones who have passed. Their suffering was not in vain though, but has served as a reminder to us of why we formed and why you should support us or continue to support us.

Now that we have burned some rubber and broke in our motors in this business, we are happy to say that we have helped over 50 individual victims of animal cruelty this past year. That doesn't include the hundreds of pets who have benefitted from our volunteer efforts such as sprucing up the SPCA of CT and installing the camera system at the New Haven Animal Shelter. B.A.A.C.'s next major project will be installing a camera system at the new Bridgeport Animal Shelter.

I can't tell you what a great feeling it is to be a part of this group; you should really experience it for yourself. We have formed a family and we have a ton of fun together in everything

we do. It's not a burden to have to go and setup our tent at a motorcycle, adoption or animal welfare event, we always make it a good time for a good cause every time. We support each other in every endeavor or matter that arises and have become artists at breaking each other's stones. Everyone can use a little help from their friends, and there is no better bunch of friends to have helping you, and more importantly, the animals. We have so much fun, that some very high profiled producer has taken notice. It's so surreal, but makes sense. A producer has propositioned to cast B.A.A.C. in a documentary series! I still can't grasp my head around it, but welcome it with open arms and hope for the best! Anything that will raise awareness of animal cruelty and prevention is a good thing! So, if you're not all about helping the animals or riding, we have another good reason for you to come out to our events, you'll have a good chance to be on T.V.!

Ride safe and keep those pets happy and healthy!

## International Homeless Animals Day



**B.A.A.C. at International Homeless Animals Day in East Hartford.**

B.A.A.C. was pleased to participate in International Homeless

Animals Day on Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 4 to 8 pm at the East Hartford Town Green. The event was sponsored by The Queenie Foundation, an all volunteer non-profit humane education organization whose mission is to educate the public and support the animal protection movement with love, respect, and honor to create planetary compassion for life.

The theme for the event was "Creating Compassionate Chil-

dren" and the events featured guest speaker was Heidi O'Brien, Director of Outreach, Humane Society Youth, a division of The Humane Society of the United States. The event also included an interfaith blessing of the animals.

Many rescues and animal welfare organizations were on hand and, although the turnout was light, we had a great time at the event and even gave a few interviews to local newspapers.

# Featured Pet—Luigi!



*Luigi, the German Shepherd*

Luigi was liberated from a neglectful situation by B.A.A.C. members Kevin and Rebecca O'Brien of Happy Feet Retreat.

Apparently this four year old German shepherd was the victim of a break up. His owner

had divorced and Luigi went with his former wife and children. At some point, as many dogs do without preventative treatments, Luigi got fleas that he brought into the house and subsequently the children were bitten by the insects. As a result, Luigi was sent back to his original owner. However, his original owner now had a new girlfriend who was not a fan of dogs and they were planning to relocate to the South. So, poor Luigi was put in a kennel somewhere in Massachusetts.

Once Kevin found out that Luigi was taken to a kennel he informed the owner to get the dog and that he would be taking him home.

According to Kevin and Rebecca, Luigi is a good pup that was trained and taken care of but not loved. He has become a faithful companion and does not leave Rebecca's side. We are happy this pup has finally found a loving home where he can spend the rest of his days going for rides in Rebecca's Jeep and chasing the chickens around Happy Feet Retreat.



# Member of the Quarter!



*Members of the Quarter, Kip and Jessica Miller*

Please join us in congratulating Kip and Jessica Miller, B.A.A.C.'s members of the quarter. This honor is well deserved as the energy these two have put into B.A.A.C. has been inexhaustible. Kip and Jessica were integral in the success of the B.A.A.C. rodeo and were responsible for securing the venue (including the beer truck), organizing the vendors and procuring B.A.A.C. merchandise. In addition, they have been working to get our organization filmed for a potential TV show.

Since day one these two have been enthusiastic participants in all aspects of our organization and have attended every event we have been involved in, often sacrificing opportunities to ride in order to deliver the B.A.A.C. tent and merchandise. We couldn't be happier with this quarters winners. Congratulations Kip and Jessica, you both have earned it!

# In Memoriam—Linus

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that we report the passing of Linus, companion and protector of Sue Mercer, B.A.A.C. Events Coordinator and her female Bernese, Lucy. Linus, or "Do" as Sue called him, was a Bernese Mountain Dog and Sue's biggest fan and greatest defender from day one to his final day. He obediently did as he was told even when, unbeknownst to us all, he was sick. He sacrificed a lot so that Sue could care for the dogs in her rescue. His unconditional love

and devotion to Sue makes his passage over the rainbow bridge especially difficult. All of us at B.A.A.C. extend our deepest condolences to Sue at this very difficult and painful time. We all take solace in knowing that he lived a very good life in Sue's care. He will always hold a special place in all of our hearts. R.I.P. Linus.



*Linus, Companion and Protector*

# Quarterly Contribution Summary

## **Kado Pet Foundation - <http://helpforpets.org/wordpress/>**

All the Pet Supplies and Food received at the July B.A.A.C. Biker Rodeo was donated to the Kado Pet Foundation. The Kado Pet Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt charity that helps seniors age 60 or above and people who are in permanent hardship situations, usually due to medical condition(s). They take over the lifetime care of the animal companions so that they can stay in their homes with their families! This includes, but is not limited to veterinary expenses, food, litter and assistance with care. We were honored to be able to help this noble cause.

## **Skeeter and 2 Kittens –Yesterday's Kittens**

A monetary contribution was made to Yesterday's Kittens' veterinary office, Chester Veterinary Clinic, Chester, CT, for a neglected cat (Skeeter) in need of medical attention as well as 2 feral kittens from a colony in Plainville. They were afflicted with a virus that left them blind. The globes of their eyes have ruptured and are in the process of healing. Unfortunately, Skeeter did not survive surgery. He was cremated and will remain with Karen of Yesterday's Kittens. Thank you Karen for all that you do for those unwanted cats!

## **Clay – Nick of Time Rescue**

A monetary contribution was made to Nick of Time Rescue's vet's office, Wester Veterinary Clinic, Thomason, GA, for veterinary care for a dog with a severely embedded collar. He was picked up by animal control from his home where his owner knew his collar was embedded in his neck and claimed he didn't know it was 'that bad.' The owner has been charged with animal cruelty and will have his day in court. Clay has been rescued and is safely healing and hopefully will be adopted by a loving family. He will require several more trips to the vet for additional care. Any financial help would be greatly appreciated for this deserving boy as his vet bills continue. Thank you Lee for all that you do!

## **Emeelu – ACHS Rescue**

A monetary donation was made to Emeelu's veterinarian. She was rescued in the median of I-95 at Florence SC while traveling to Emerald Isle (thus her name) No one stopped to help even though she was panic stricken and on three legs, she finally laid down and allowed her rescuer to pick her up. She was emaciated, needing hip and leg surgery and was heartworm positive.

## **Chained Momma and 9 Puppies – Pity 4 Us Rescue**

A monetary contribution was made to assist with the veterinary care for spaying a mama dog and vetting her 9 beautiful puppies that she delivered on the end of a chain. People have worked hard to get the owner to surrender the dogs since being outdoors 24/7 in the heat was no place for a baby (no luck). A dog house was finally provided to help keep them out of the extreme

weather. The Mama dog then rejected 3 babies who are now being bottle fed by some very dedicated people. Mom, Dad and pups are all safe at Pity 4 Us Rescue!

## **3 Emaciated Pit Bull Puppies 8 Weeks Old – Ruff Life Rescue**

A monetary contribution was made to Ruff Life Rescue to help aid in the extensive veterinary care for extremely emaciated pups. Their conditions were so bad that they were walking down on their ankles and not able to support themselves well with their hind legs. Most of their problems stem from being malnourished.

## **Sick Puppy Mill Shih Tzu pups – For the Love of Dogs, NC**

Monetary donations made for Puppy Mill Shih Tzu's with severe mange, malnourished and very sick. The owner is currently in jail and they hope to keep him there.

## **Rusty – Individual Rescuer, Sherrill Durbin of Tulsa, OK**

A monetary contribution was made to the McKinney Animal Hospital in Sand Springs, OK to aid in the recovery and neutering of a pit named Rusty. Rusty was found by his rescuer tied up on the side of Highway 117 near Sapulpa, OK. He was tied with rope around his hind legs, left to die in the 100 degree weather on Friday, Aug. 1st. He's very skinny and weak, but is on the road to recovery.

## **Mercadey (Now named Cadey), For the Love of Dogs Rescue, NH**

A monetary contribution was made to aid in the surgery of Mercadey. Apparently the owners decided to bring her in because she stopped eating, they knew her leg was swollen but ignored it. She was struck by a car 5 days prior to bringing her in. The family claimed that they had no money to bring her earlier so released her to the vet clinic who was going to put her down. Radiographs were taken and indicated that she had a radius/ulna fracture repairable with surgery. She was then released to a vet tech who just happened to have a rescue. Thanks Corey!

## **Seven Pit Bull Puppies**

Seven pit bull Puppies were pulled from a North Carolina animal shelter whose policy is to euthanize all pit bulls as they come through the shelter door. The mother was already euthanized, but B.A.A.C. was able to find foster care for the pups and initiated the rescue, coordinated transport and the puppies arrived in their foster homes safely.

## **Our Hands Rescue, Brooklyn, NY – Multiple Cases**

A monetary contribution was made towards a general fund for over 9 abuse/neglect cases at In Our Hands Rescue, Brooklyn, NY.

## **Bridgeport Animal Shelter, CT – Camera System**

A camera surveillance system was purchased for the Bridgeport Animal Shelter to deter thefts, cruelty and other crimes against the animals.

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*"What is a man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die of a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected."*

*- Chief Seattle*

# B.A.A.C. President Selected to Ride OCC Bike for Sikorsky Aircraft



That's right! B.A.A.C. President, Cindy Peregolise, was selected to ride the Sikorsky tribute bike in the 2008 Motorcycle Ride

and Classic Car Show. The tribute bike was constructed by Orange County Choppers.

Cindy, an employee of Helicopter Support, Inc., was nominated for the honor by her peers and her commitment to her job and the community, not to mention her mad skills on two wheels, put her miles ahead of her competition.

As the selected rider, Cindy rode the Tribute Motorcycle in the organized bike ride, after which she returned to the Stratford plant for photos with

OCC celebrities, Mikey and Paul Jr, and the President of Sikorsky.

Following the official photo sessions, the public was given the opportunity to have their photos taken with the tribute bike with the proceeds benefiting the annual Community Giving Campaign.

B.A.A.C. was there in full force to support Cindy and represent B.A.A.C. Despite the weather, the turnout was high and we were well received by those in attendance. We sold many shirts and even picked up a new member or two.

## More Quarterly Contributions

### Sunnymead Veterinary Clinic, Moreno Valley, CA – GSD Used as Bait

A monetary contribution was made to Sunnymead Veterinary Clinic in Moreno Valley, Ca. for Ouchy, a 6-8 month old German Shepherd puppy used as bait to train 2 pitbulls for dogfighting.

### Hancock Veterinary Clinic, Hamilton, IL - Tom the Tabby

A monetary contribution was made to Hancock Veterinary Clinic for Tom the tabby who was found in horrible condition with the skin on his stomach and paws falling off in pieces. It is believed he was hit by a car and dragged underneath it.

### Al the Boston Terrier, Birmingham, AL

A monetary contribution was donated to aid in the care of a severely injured Boston Terrier. The dog was dumped through a

shoot at a shelter in Chilton County, Alabama, on 31 July 2008, and he was immediately rescued by Donna Farmer, President of the Birmingham Boston Terrier Rescue, and taken to the office of Dr. Julie Grimes, DVM, in Birmingham, where he is now receiving urgent medical care, including both pain management and infection prevention. He sustained severe and painful wounds to his back and neck. We suspect that hot grease was poured on him, but cannot rule out the likelihood that he was used as training bait for fighting. His injuries are nothing short of horrible. Despite all that he has been through, his disposition remains very sweet. His recovery will be protracted and costly.

### Champ, Village Animal Clinic, Ardsley, NY

A monetary contribution was made to the Village Animal Clinic in Ardsley, NY to aid in the treatment of, Champ, a pitbull puppy suffering from severe demodectic mange and neglect.



Al, the Boston Terrier and B.A.A.C. beneficiary (before and during treatment)

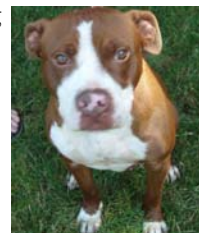


## Take a Chance on Me—Adoptable Pet of the Quarter

There is a reason this girl is called Honey - she is just as sweet as can be. This cozy cuddler was used for breeding and tossed away. She is now spayed, up-to-date on her vaccinations and ready for a family who knows her true value -a loyal and loving companion for life! Honey is picky about other dogs so she should probably

be an only dog - more time to cuddle with her! She loves children but no cats for this young lady! Sweet and submissive, she is playful and attentive to her handler. She is crate trained and housebroken. Obedience classes will help her to understand what is expected of her and will only strengthen her ability to

please her person. Her beautiful red coat is low maintenance. Her big expressive eyes look at you with love and hope for years of her favorite thing - belly rubs!. To inquire about Honey contact Mercer Pitbull Rescue. 203-592-5734



## Victory in Nations Largest Puppy Mill Raid

More than a thousand dogs were seized from Horton's Pups; many needed extensive veterinary attention.

More than a year and a half after the largest animal cruelty raid of a puppy mill in U.S. history, the dust has cleared, and the case is settled. The conviction of Lanzie "Junior" Horton of Horton's Pups on 14 counts of animal cruelty and 25 counts of neglect will stand.

### Crime and Punishment

Horton had been originally convicted in May 2008, seven months after The HSUS assisted in the raid of his Hillsville, Va., property, where nearly a thousand dogs were found living in squalid conditions. He later appealed this conviction, and in late July 2008, a judge upheld the conviction.

As part of his sentence, Horton was forced not only to give up nearly 700 of his animals, but he was ordered to pay \$45,000 in restitution—nearly half of the amount the city of Hillsville spent to care for and rehabilitate the dogs.

Although a raid of the magnitude of the one on Horton's Pups is uncommon, puppy mill cruelty is not. Most purebred, pet-store pups begin their lives at puppy mills, where they are churned out like so many widgets in a factory. Kept as inventory in long rows of wire cages, these dogs never have the chance to chase a stick or snuggle in their owners' arms.

### Physical and Psychological Scars

Life inside wire cages takes a toll on puppy mill dogs.

For the dogs at Horton's Pups, the result of these living conditions was a laundry list of physical problems, including:

- ear and eye infections (in some cases leading to deafness and blindness);
- ringworm, skin infections and sores;
- tooth loss from periodontal disease; and
- paw injuries from the wire flooring.

Perhaps most devastating to these dogs and others like them in puppy mills is their complete lack of socialization—and resultant fear of people. As social "pack" animals, dogs crave the company and affection of others, something which life in a puppy mill denies them. Rehabilitation of these animals is a long, arduous road.

### Going out of Business

Horton's conviction is a significant victory in the battle to stop puppy abuse in Virginia, because—thanks to a newly-enacted state law barring anyone convicted of animal cruelty from running an animal-breeding operation—odds are good that Horton's puppy mill will never reopen in the Old Dominion State. It has also shed a light on some of the worst behind-the-scenes suffering of our companion animals. As the nexus of The HSUS's five-month investigation into puppy mill abuses, the Horton case provided footage used in Oprah Winfrey's compelling exposé of puppy mills earlier this year. The precedent set by the Horton case has repercussions on the entire dog-breeding industry. It has put puppy mill operators on notice that where our companion animals are concerned, the American public, and the legal system, will not tolerate putting profits above compassion.

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## Cloning of Pets: The HSUS Statement

The Humane Society of the United States condemns the commercial cloning of companion animals. Given the current pet overpopulation problem, which costs millions of animals their lives and millions in public tax dollars each year, the cloning of pets has no social value and in fact may lead to increased animal suffering.

Cloning is an imperfect science and potentially dangerous for the animals involved, including the clone. Many animals cloned thus far have had a wide range of medical complications. Whether a cloned companion animal can lead a healthy and full life remains unknown. In addition, surrogate mothers who bear the cloned embryos until delivery may have to endure surgical procedures due to com-

plications from pregnancy.

For those looking to replace a lost pet, cloning will not create an animal identical to the one who is gone; cloning cannot replicate an animal's uniqueness. Cloning can only replicate the pet's genetics, which influence but do not determine his physical attributes or personality. In fact, a pet's personality, the specific trait that most owners would like to preserve and the attribute that most endears a companion animal to his family, is the trait least likely to be replicated by cloning. In addition, there is no guarantee the cloned companion animal will even physically resemble the original pet.

The HSUS recommends that people visit their local shelter to adopt their next pet.

*The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but rather, "Can they suffer?"*

*~Jeremy Bentham*

# Cold Weather Protection for Pets

Following are timely tips to protect pets in cold weather.

## **Before, during and after walks and outdoor exercise:**

\* Coats and booties can help your dog stay warm. In particular, short-haired or elderly dogs benefit from wearing a coat or sweater. Look for coats or sweaters with high collars or a turtleneck that covers the dog from the base of the tail on top to the belly underneath. \* Remember to be very careful with sick or older dogs, since they are more sensitive to cold weather. For any dog sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself. \* Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If necessary, paper train your puppy inside if he appears to be sensitive to the weather. \* Clip the fur between toe pads to reduce the amount of snow that collects between toes. \* To help protect dry, sensitive paws, try coating them with a bit of cooking spray before walks in very cold weather. \* During deep snows, shovel out a potty spot for your dog. \* Upon returning home, wipe snow and ice off your dog's feet, legs and belly. Little ice cubes can form in the sensitive spaces between the toes and toe-pads. Remove the ice carefully with your fingers since it may cling to the hairs between the paws. Wiping off your dog will remove any salt, antifreeze or other harmful chemicals that she could ingest them when licking her paws. \*

Consider keeping a container of warm water and cloths by the door for use after walks. It is good to rinse the paws before you wipe them dry, because lime rock salt and calcium chloride salt can irritate the foot pads and cause vomiting and diarrhea when licked. Dunking in the water will also dissolve ice and remove mud. \* Many de-icing and ice-melting products are toxic. Read the labels of any products you use, and store these products in tight containers. \* Even brief exposure to sub-zero temperatures can lead to frostbite of the feet, nose or ears. Frost-bitten skin appears red, gray or whitish and may peel off. Prevent frostbite by removing ice and snow from paws and fur right away. If you suspect frostbite, take your pet to a warm place and thaw out frostbitten areas slowly

by applying warm, moist towels. Change them frequently. Continue until the affected areas become flushed. Then contact a veterinarian for further care. \* Do not be tempted to let dogs off leash in snow or ice. Canines often lose their scent in cold weather and can become lost. Dogs also can panic in snow storms and run away. The decreased daylight does not help either. More dogs are reported lost during the winter than any other season, so always keep dogs on leash when outside a fully fenced yard and make sure yours always wears proper identification.

**Winter pet care:** \* Brush your dog vigorously and regularly. The air in most houses becomes dry during the colder months, which depletes moisture from dog skin and fur. Brushing improves skin, coat and circulation. \* A thick-coated dog typically needs grooming in cold weather. The fur can get wet and matted, making it an irritant. Clean fur lofts and holds air in a manner similar to layering clothes, thus helping the animal stay warm. \* Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter. Leave the coat longer for more warmth. When you bathe your dog, completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. \* Use fatty acid supplements during the winter, ideally starting several weeks before cold weather sets in, to help skin and coat. \* If your dog engages in a lot of outdoor activities, increase his food supply to help keep his coat thick and healthy.

**Safety measures:** \* Do not leave antifreeze, coolant or windshield wiper fluid within reach. And do not let pets drink from puddles. These products taste appealing to pets but most are lethal to animals when ingested. So thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle. Also, keep your pets on leash outdoors and steer them far away from any suspect puddles. Consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Some companies offer non-toxic antifreeze products, such as Sierra. Be sure to have your radiator flushed before you fill it with Sierra and do not mix Sierra with traditional antifreeze. \* Keep a winter survival kit in your car. Include blankets, towels, water, bowl, first aid kit, and a sign that dog is in the car. \* Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A

car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold. The animal can freeze to death. Of course, do not leave animals, or children, in cars during very warm weather either. \* Cats left outdoors and wild animals sometimes climb onto car engines or beneath cars to seek warmth. Please bang on the hood of your care honk the horn before starting the engine to warn cats away.

**In-home health and safety:** \* Provide your companion animal with a warm place to sleep, away from drafts and off the floor. Dog and cat beds with a warm blanket or pillow are especially cozy. \* If you know people who keep dogs in basements or tiled rooms, remind them that tile and uncarpeted areas can get very cold. \* The dryness in our homes can make animals more susceptible to problems such as dry noses, upper respiratory infections, dandruff, itchy skin, hair texture changes, dry throats and more. Some tips: Use a humidifier. Consider a model that humidifies and purifies the air. Add skin conditioners to the diet. Get them from internet and other merchants who sell quality health products. Spray or wipe the pet's coat with water with a few drops of Rescue Remedy or Green Hope Farms Healthy Coat before beginning grooming. Portable heaters and fireplaces can be deadly hazards for animals and children. Screen fireplaces and put portable heaters out of their reach. Do not run portable heaters when you are not there to monitor them; each year, a number of house fires start this way. Emergencies: \* To avoid injuries, hypothermia and drowning, don't let dogs or kids venture onto frozen ponds. \* If your dog falls through ice into water, heed this guidance about drowning from Dr. Stefanie Schwartz, Dog Fancy writer and author of First Aid for Dogs: If the dog is limp, unconscious or unresponsive, wrap him in a towel. Keep the neck and back immobilized to avoid aggravation of possible spinal injury. Place the dog on a flat board for transporting. If the dog is not breathing, lay her on flat on his right side.

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## CT Department of Agriculture Announces Expansion of Animal Population Control Program

*Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.*

*- Andrew Carnegie*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has launched two new expansion phases of the Animal Population Control Program (APCP), which is expected to further help reduce the pet overpopulation problem in our state. For the first time since the APCP was implemented in 1995, benefits will be provided to help low-income citizens vaccinate and sterilize their companion pets. The second phase expands the already successful Feral Cat Grant Program first initiated in 2007, by adding more grant revenue into the program.

The Low-Income and Feral Cat Grant Programs are a result of the 2007 passage of Public Act No. 07-105, An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Animal Population Control Program. "We are excited to announce that after a lot of hard work by many, we are ready to provide an increase in vouchers for feral cats and implement new spay/neuter benefits for the companion pets of low-income Connecticut citizens," said Agriculture Commissioner F. Philip Prelli.

The Feral Cat Grant Program first introduced in 2007, awarded \$40,000 in vaccination/sterilization vouchers to eleven (11) Connecticut non-profit organizations pro-

viding benefits for 500 feral cats. In 2008, another \$40,000 subsidized vaccination/sterilization benefits for 500 cats. For 2009, the new expanded version of the bill will dedicate up to 10% of APCP income to vaccinate and sterilize feral cats (65% of the program's income comes from a dog license surcharge). The total amount to be awarded is expected to be \$40,000 to \$60,000. By state definition, a feral cat is one that is wild by nature and has not been domesticated.

The second part of the new legislation plans to provide pet sterilization benefits for Connecticut residents who qualify for one of six low-income programs as defined by the Department of Social Services (DSS). The APCP will dedicate 10% of its income, also expected to be \$40,000 to \$60,000, to the low-income program.

The introduction of these new programs was due largely to the success of the agency's Animal Population Control Program (APCP), which has provided vaccination/sterilization benefits to more than 50,000 pound pets since the program's inception in 1995 and has helped to reduce euthanasia by 50% and the number of impounded pets by one-third.

For more information about the new Low-Income and Feral Cat Grant Programs, please contact the Animal Population Control Program at 860-713-2507 or visit the agency's website at [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag), and look under "Programs and Services".

## B.A.A.C. and Mercer Pitbull Rescue on Petfinder

B.A.A.C. is pleased to announce that we have teamed up with Mercer Pitbull Rescue and are now listed on Petfinder.com. Petfinder.com is the largest online animal adoption listing service and is viewed by thousands of potential adopters per day. Having this resource at our disposal will greatly assist us in finding permanent lov-

ing homes for our many rescue cases. In addition to our rescues, we also will have the ability to list other adoptable pets from shelters and rescues not currently associated with Petfinder.com.

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CT363.html>

Some of us here at B.A.A.C. would like to send a special hello and well wishes to our friend Willy! See you in 11 months! We would also like to give a shout out to Danny! We are always thinking of you!

# Moments Captured from the B.A.A.C. Rodeo





# Quarterly Events Calendar



## October 2008

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- Oct 3—Halfway Home Rescue Furr Ball
- Oct 4—Passion 4 Paws Rescue Ride
- Oct 11—B.A.A.C Pet Toy Poker Run  
Out To Pasture Fall Fling  
Feral Feline Festival
- Oct 12—Danbury HD Biketoberfest
- Oct 16-19—Daytona Biketoberfest
- Oct 25—National Pitbull Awareness Day

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- Nov 15—Ruthless 4 Life MC 5 Year Anniversary Party
- Nov 27—Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 29—B.A.A.C Dog Gone Christmas Party

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**06473**

## December 2008

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- Dec 25—Christmas Day

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# Featured Bike!

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

The featured bike this quarter is a 1955 Police Edition Trike. This beauty comes to us from B.A.A.C. members Mike and Sharron Shea and won first prize in the B.A.A.C. Motorcycle Rodeo Bike Show. They found her about 4 years ago in pretty bad shape and in need of some TLC. At the time, it was a dreadful pink and blue finish, but hey, to each his own! She was setup for a handicapped rider with a hand shift on the gas tank for the gearbox a hand lever to the right rear side of the seat for the back brakes.

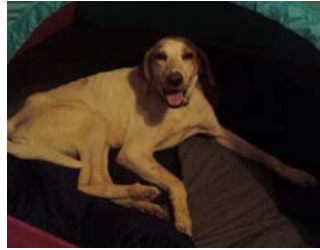
The cargo area was a simple, flat wooden bed to strap items down. The motor is a composite pan/shovel which had more leaks than the Titanic. As a matter of fact, the only thing that did work well was the electric start!

Mike got to work on her, stripping off the handicapped accessories and making everything else mechanically sound. They decided to have a replica 1955 Chevy pickup bed fabricated for the rear with a chrome, diamond plate insert and custom toolbox. The bed is complete but the toolbox is still in the works. They decided on 12" mini-apes for the bars and bought a new saddle. She spent some time at Bob Mareck, Jr's paint

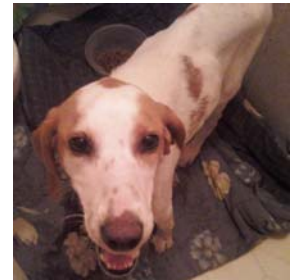


shop and came back a beautiful "Scarlet Fever Red".

Take a look at her now! She may look done on the surface, but as we all know... you're never truly done! Keep your eyes open for this amazing trike on the road and at future B.A.A.C. events.



Emeeu, B.A.A.C. beneficiary (Before and After)



## Cold Weather Protection for Pets (Continued from Page 7)

Make several quick compressions to his chest to expel water, then feel for a heartbeat just behind the left elbow. If there's a heartbeat, but the dog is still not breathing, check the back of his throat for obstructions. If you feel no obstruction, close the dog's muzzle by firmly encircling it with your hand. Put the dog's tongue in his mouth first so he doesn't bite it. Then, blow into his nose. Adjust the force of your breath to the size of dog. Watch for rise of his chest, and keep checking for a heartbeat. If you can't feel a heartbeat, make one or two quick firm compressions on the chest wall with both of your palms flat on top of each other, and begin artificial respiration. Blow about 15 breaths followed by a chest compression. Continue until the dog regains consciousness, respiration and heartbeat return, or until emergency assistance takes over. \* Keep Rescue Remedy on hand. It's a Bach flower essence available in most health food stores. This gentle, natural stress reducing liquid can help people and animals recover from injury,

fright, illness, travel fatigue and irritation. Put a drop drinking water. To help prevent travel sickness, a common dosage is four drops in the mouth about ten hours before the trip, repeating every four hours as needed. For stressed or injured animals, rub a drop on their ear or put a drop on the towel in their crate or carrier. \* If you see an animal in distress, please call your local humane society right away. It doesn't take long for companion animals to suffer and fall victim to severe winter weather. Frostbite occurs when the fluids in tissues freeze, frequently on the tips of the ears, paws or pads, flanks and belly. Hypothermia, which can lead to death, occurs when the animal's body temperature drops significantly below normal, causing the bodily systems to shut down. Furthermore, pets left outside are deprived of water, since water freezes at 32 degrees.

**Leaving pets outdoors:** \* If you know anyone who keeps pets outdoors, persuade them to bring them inside. Low

temperatures, winds and precipitation can lead to illness and death. In addition, water bowls freeze in cold weather. \* Remember, dogs are domesticated animals who should live indoors with their people. Living outside in a dog house is a sad life, especially in cold, hot and wet weather. \* Please keep cats inside. Felines who spend time outside can freeze, or get lost or injured. \* Dog houses and the law: Local laws typically require that if dogs are kept outdoors, the owner must supply the dog with "proper" shelter from the weather, which includes a dog house big enough to stand up in and to permit posture positions that allow the dog to stretch out and stand up, but must not be oversized, since the dog needs to retain body heat; a wind flap on the dog house door; nonporous bedding such as straw; and, access to fresh, unfrozen water. \* If you see a dog in need of a caring friend, become that dog's advocate. Speak with the owner, and if that fails to improve the situation, contact your local SPCA, humane society of animal control office.

# Special Thanks!

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. would like to acknowledge those who have been most supportive to our mission. We can not thank you all enough for your generosity and belief in our cause. No donation is ever too small nor too large!

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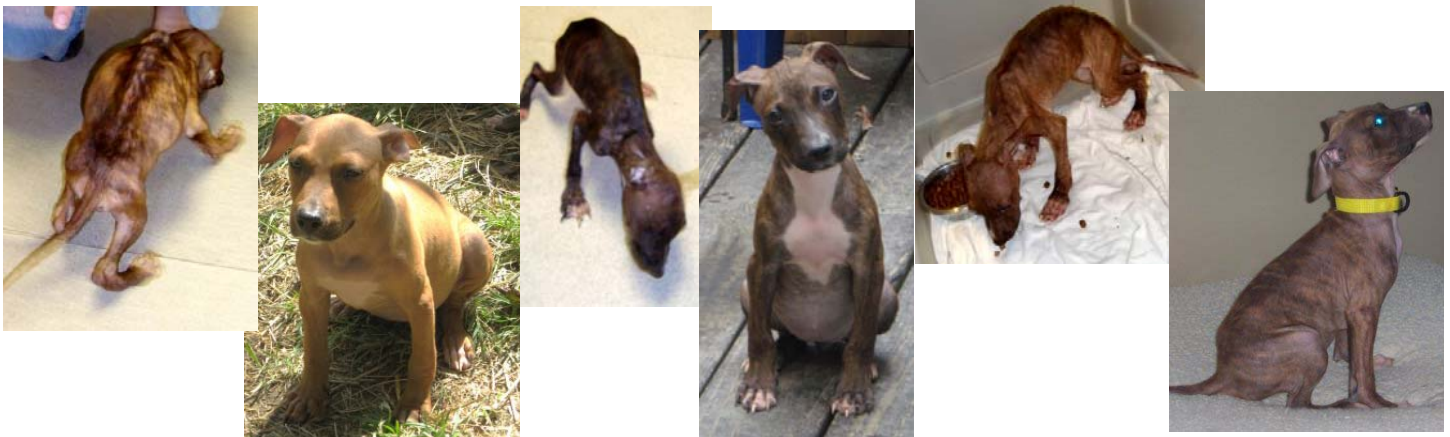
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These three pitbull puppies are a few of the many abused and neglected animals that B.A.A.C. was able to help this quarter by making financial contributions towards their care. These before and after photos are nothing short of remarkable. We would like to thank everyone for their support, without it we would not be able to help animals in need. Thank you!



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