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ARRRRIBA! Cinco De Mayo Heats Up Phil's Bar and Grill!

Once again B.A.A.C. spiced things up at Phil's Bar and Grill for the Fifth Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration! I can assure you that this party was MUCHO CALIENTE!

As is the custom, we served a build your own taco bar with all of the fixings along with other home made south of the border specialties prepared by our members and local restaurants. We sincerely thank Terry over at Bill's Hardware (right next door to Phil's) for her generous food donation! I heard a lot of compliments being dished out over those burritos! Just as many compliments were being offered over B.A.A.C. member Lawrence Marks' Mango and Black Bean Salsa! That stuff was seriously good and addicting! We are thinking maybe we should start bottling the stuff!

As is also the custom for all of our fundraiser parties, we had lots of great raffle prizes to offer our guests and would like to thank the following businesses for their raffle prize donations and for supporting our cause:

Sam Ash Music Corporation
 Wallingford Bowl
 Jalapeno Heaven
 Dunn's Pub
 Tastefully Simple
 Sweet Revenge

We would also like to thank everyone who donated goods for distribution to area shelters. The mountain of food, towels, and litter that accumulated by the end of the evening was quite impressive and will be put to good use. We promise!

On a more solemn note, sorely missed from the event was our usual DJ, Mr. Ricky Lynk, who passed away this spring. All of us at B.A.A.C. miss him dearly and this event just won't be the same without his handlebar moustache in the room. Our deepest sympathy continues to go out to his family and friends.

We are already looking forward to next years fiesta and hope to see you there!



DJ Ricky Lynk, RIP Amigo



A Message from the President



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

True benevolence or compassion, extends itself through the whole of existence and sympathizes with the distress of every creature capable of sensation."

-- Joseph Addison

"SUMMER TIME... and the livin's easy..." I wish!! But I certainly am not going to complain that we didn't have a Spring. Dog knows this weather was long anticipated after the winter we had! Unfortunately, with the summer came an onslaught of horrendous cruelty cases. I counted 5 dog stabbings in one week's time. Some we helped, while others were not fortunate enough to survive the attacks. Society has definitely taken a turn for the worst lately. It's enough to make you physically ill. I couldn't pick a worse time to get back to school to finish my long awaited Bache-

lors Degree. Although, I have confidence that the members and volunteers of B.A.A.C. will fulfill any needs I am unable to. That's what is so great about this organization; there is no lack of willing and able bodies! We have grown two-fold since we started. Lost some but gained more like-minded true biker advocates for the animals! Our numbers in other states are growing as well! We hope they will continue.

As much as we seem to be growing, so do the number of cases and the ability to keep up with them is becoming more of a challenge. If we, as a society, can move forward and take care of all our creations, such as domesticated animals, then B.A.A.C. wouldn't have such a senseless need to fill. I can't state it enough that support at our events is so vital to fundraising for our mission. We hope we can count on your support at our upcoming events, most specifically the Fourth Annual Motorcycle Rodeo, Rally and Adoption Event taking place in Prospect, CT on July 16th!!! This event is one hell of an awesome time for folks of all ages and walks of life!! Curious as to what exactly a Motorcycle Rodeo is? Well, we can assure you

the only animals used are bikers and their iron steeds! We are expecting several rescues and are hoping to find numerous homeless pets their permanent homes where they will never be let down by human-un-kind again. If you plan on adopting, it would be best to bring the whole family, including the 4 legged ones, to meet any potential pets you are looking to adopt. We have games planned for your furry companions as well should you decide to bring them along. We also have fun activities for the kids so bring them along too! It truly is a biker oriented family event. Come check it out for yourself! You won't be disappointed!

Your support and encouragement of B.A.A.C.'s mission is greatly appreciated.

Ride safe and keep those pets happy and healthy!

With Love & Respect,

C. Peregolise

Cindy Peregolise, ABCDT
 President and Co-Founder



Featured Pet—Topaz

Our featured pet for this quarter is Topaz, a blue macaw parrot owned by B.A.A.C. members Michele Kane and “Big” Bob Downing. While Topaz is a stunning bird with beautiful gold and blue feathers, I can tell you from first hand experience, he is a flesh eater! That is no joke! Let me tell you in no uncertain terms that parrot bites hurt—A LOT! Topaz enjoys the quiet life and, while he is utterly devoted to Michele and Bob, he doesn’t really take too kindly to strangers in his

domain. He is also something of an escape artist and frequently has Bob and Michele wondering just how the heck he got out of his cage. Topaz does talk and likes to say hello to visitors. I think it is just a ploy to woo them into coming into biting range. All kidding aside, Topaz is a beautiful and very loyal pet that is adored by his owners.



Topaz

Member of the Quarter! - Erin McGuire

This Quarter’s recognized Member of Quarter is our Board Administrator and a Founding Member Erin McGuire. Erin has been a member since the beginning, always willing to help at all our events and any which way she can. She has recently taken on organizing and coordinating our table setup merchandise as well as consistently offering to take on more. Erin’s commitment to

B.A.A.C. has been truly exposed over this past year. When Erin takes on a responsibility, she owns it and ensures that procedures are followed to keep us all organized. Thank you Erin for a continued “Job Well Done”!

Contributed by Cindy Peregolise



Member of the Quarter, Erin McGuire

Cut-A-Thon - Anna V. Salon Cuts for the Cause!

On April 10, 2011 the first ever hair cut-a-thon was held to benefit B.A.A.C. The benefit was held at Anna V. Salon in Wallingford, CT. For every haircut purchased a portion of the proceeds was donated to B.A.A.C. For our first ever event of this kind we have to say it went very

well. Several B.A.A.C. members, volunteers and supporters worked very hard at the event pulling people in from off of the street; handing out event flyers and information pamphlets to cars stopped at the red light in front of the salon and

collecting donations. They even went so far as to pass out the flyers for the cut-a-thon in the surrounding parking lots! We can’t thank Anna V. Salon for offering to host this event and for all of their hard work and support!

Congratulations to our Essay Contest Winners!

In honor of “Prevention of Cruelty to Animals” month, B.A.A.C. held an essay contest during the months of April and May. The contest was open to grades 1 through 6 with grades 1-3 and grades 4-6 being judged separately. The topic of the essay was, “What being a responsible pet owner means to you”.

We had numerous submissions and all were fantastic. The judging panel really had a hard time deciding the winners but here they are!

For Grades 1 through 3 we are happy to congratulate the following winners:

First Place:

Jabril Bell

Second Place:

Ahliyah Irish

Third Place:

Natalie Blackmon

For Grades 3 through 6 we are happy to congratulate the following winners:

First Place:

Ryan Doran

Second Place:

Aidan Kennedy

Third Place:

Claire Faulkner

Each of our first place winners received a Nintendo DSi handheld game system with a Petz Vet game. Second place winners received a \$50 gift certificate to Amazon to spend on whatever they pleased. Third place winners received a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Bookseller. All of the entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the essay contest.

Thank you to all who participated and for being such responsible pet owners!

Quarterly Contribution Summary

*Life is life--
whether in a cat,
or dog or man.
There is no differ-
ence there be-
tween a cat or a
man. The idea of
difference is a
human concep-
tion for man's
own advantage.*

-- Sri Aurobindo

Sydney – Dutch Fork Animal Hospital, SC

Sydney was found locked in a room in deplorable conditions weighing only 19 lbs. She was almost starved to death and had an upper respiratory infection. She has since recovered and has been adopted!!

Braveheart – UW Veterinary Care, WI

Braveheart was found in a public dumpster with severe demodectic mange, sores all over his body, terribly emaciated and infested with parasites. It is also believed that some of his sores were from being confined to a small cage. Braveheart is still recovering from the life of severe neglect he has endured.

Daisy – Titan Vet Services, Warwick, RI

When Daisy was surrendered by her owners it was discovered that she had not seen a vet since she was a puppy. She was updated on all her vaccinations and treated for a heart condition and upper respiratory infection.

Magoo – Pieper Olson Veterinary Hospital, Middletown, CT

Magoo was abandoned and was almost completely blind, heartworm positive, Lyme Disease positive, infested with whipworm and giardia. He has since been treated and is in foster care waiting on his forever home. Please contact Middletown Animal Control if interested.

Vanna - Dutch Fork Animal Hospital, SC

VANNA was abandoned on a dirt road in Georgia. Unable to see more than shadows, she has cataracts in both eyes and dry eye that causes a green film to cover both eyes. Most of her teeth are missing and her skin is red and raw over half her body from yeast, bacterial infections and Demodex.

Penelope – Shoreline Veterinary Referral & Emergency, Shelton, CT

Penelope, a tiny Persian kitten, was the victim of a bad breeder. She came to us with an injury to her right eye along with a lot of fluid in her lungs. Her right eye had to be removed and the fluid was drained from her lungs. With only a 30% chance of survival, she proved to be a survivor and has persevered.

Abbey Bubbles – Animal Surgical & Emergency Center, Los Angeles, CA

Abbey had been left in an abandoned home where she was found laying in her run covered in urine, feces and blood. She was taken to a local shelter where she was left with no treatment for the mandatory 10 days, worsening her condition. There

were sores on her legs that went nearly to the bone. Abbey's muscles are so atrophied that she couldn't stand for any sustained period.

Twix – Dutch Fork Animal Hospital, SC

Twix was picked up as a stray, and was severely emaciated and covered with terribly infected sores. It was determined that she had demodectic mange and secondary skin infections from lack of treatment. She is slowly getting over the demodex, but still has a way to go.

Harley, Chelsea's Kitty – Port Cities Animal Hospital, Manitowoc, WI

After receiving a heart wrenching letter from a twelve year old little girl out in Wisconsin who was desperately trying to save her beloved kitty, B.A.A.C. unani- mously agreed to help. Unfortunately, the kitty was suffering too much and to continue testing was no longer an option, therefore she was humanely euthanized. RIP Harley.

Moggie and Mollie – North Greenville Animal Hospital, SC

Moggie and Mollie were picked up as strays with horrible cases of demodectic mange. The infection was so bad that it had compromised their immune systems. The infection in their eyes was so bad they were almost permanently blinded. They will be receiving treatment for several months.

Pebbles and Elliot – Animal Medical Center of Boone, NC

Pebbles and Elliot were brought into animal control as strays. Both had a severely embedded collar that needed to be surgically removed. They have both made a remarkable recovery and Pebbles is currently awaiting adoption at Watauga Humane Society, Boone, NC.

Pearl – South Carolina Veterinary Specialists

Pearl, was just a 12 week old puppy when found in the yard of an abandoned home in Los Angeles, CA. She was completely emaciated with a Bacterial Pneumonia and Developmental Orthopedic Disease. She has recovered from the pneumonia and has since been moved to a rehabilitation center to properly care for her needs.

Patches – Northgate Animal Hospital, Memphis, TN

Patches was rescued off the streets in the midst of an organized dogfight where he incurred serious injuries to his head, jaw and neck area. He was also heartworm positive. He has a long road to recovery ahead of him, but will never be subjected to such abuse again.

Tyson - South Carolina Veterinary Specialists

Tyson was picked up as a stray in LA, CA and appears to have been used as a bait dog. A large chunk of flesh had been torn off his upper lip and part of his nose. His injuries go inside his sinus cavity resulting in a terrible

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SPONSORS AND VENDORS NEEDED!!!

We are still in desperate need of event sponsors and vendors for our Annual Motorcycle Rodeo, Rally and Adoption Event. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or anyone you know might be interested in supporting this event. By helping us to reduce our overhead costs, more of the money generated by this event can be used to help animals in need! We are also pleased to announce that we have reduced the entry donation to \$15 for all tickets purchased in advance!!!! So please, help us to help them and spread the word!

B.A.A.C. extends its sincerest thanks to the following individuals and businesses for sponsoring this event:

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Third Annual Durham Pet Fair

Contributed by Cindy Peregolise

May 15th was a true Spring day, complete with torrential downpours. Regardless, it didn't stop B.A.A.C. members from setting up a booth at the third annual Durham Pet Fair hosted by "Help Willy's Friends" at Coginchaug Regional High School in Durham, CT. The soggy day didn't stop the pet lovers from having a fun filled day full of fantastic food vendors, animal related vendors, the Police K-9, SCAT (Southern Connecticut Agility Team), DAWGS (Disaster and Wilderness Ground Searchers), Skyhoundz Frisbee demonstrations, silent auctions, great music and a taste (or two) of some great wines. We are not sure how many homeless pets were adopted this year, but last year, it was recorded that over 75 animals from 46 different organizations found their forever homes at the event. We can only hope the weather didn't deter people too much and just as many were adopted this year! The

money raised at the 2nd Annual Durham Pet Fair enabled Help Willy's Friends to award animal shelters/rescues with over \$5,000 in cash and spay/neuter vouchers. To find out more about Help Willy's Friends and all the wonderful things they do, visit their website: helpwillysfriends.org



The question is not, Can they reason? 'hor, Can they talk? 'but rather, Can they suffer?"

~Jeremy Bentham

Fifth Annual Best Friends Pet Rescue Event

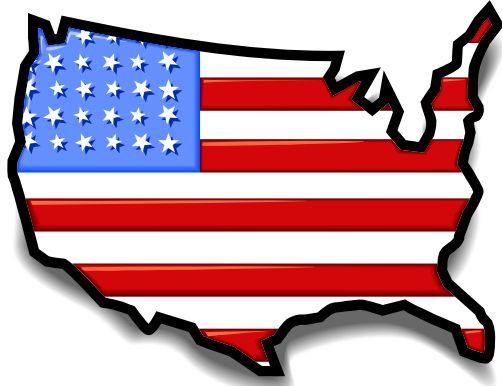
Contributed by Cindy Peregolise

On May 21st, B.A.A.C. members & volunteers joined Best Friends Pet Care and several other rescues and vendors at the Best Friends Pet Care facility in Avon, CT! Vendors of all sorts filled every portion of the grounds as what started out like a dreary day turned into a hot steamy sun filled spring day! As soon as that sun started peeking through, the guests poured in. Some came with their pets in tow to do a little shopping for themselves as well as their furry companions, and others were looking for their new best friend! Everyone enjoyed the tea cup raffle, food, vendors, and watching demonstrations for Search and Rescue as well as agility. We hope all adoptable pets present were able to find their forever homes! Thank you to Best Friends Pet Care for including us in such a wonderful event!



*B.A.A.C. wishes Kip Miller IV,
son of members Kip and Jessica Miller,
all the best in the United States Marine Corps.*

Chapter News and Contributions



CONNECTICUT

B.A.A.C. Connecticut would like to congratulate Sandra Hahn and Jennifer Hughes for their respective Board appointments. Sandra was recently appointed as Director of Special Projects and will be taking over the day to day management of all aspects of Max's Project. Jennifer Hughes was appointed as Adoption/Foster Coordinator and will be managing all of the BAAC sponsored pets on our Petfinder page. Thank You to both of you for all of your outstanding efforts and achievements!

B.A.A.C. would also like to welcome this Quarters new members and volunteers!

Jimmy Bonz
Sheila Caetano
Samantha Divito
Gina Dutil Layman

FLORIDA

B.A.A.C. Florida Representative, Frank Taberner says it's too hot to do anything down there! Once the chrome cools off enough to touch he will return with more updates.

ILLINOIS "The Torch"

Contributed by Cheryl Maibusch

One of the big question marks regarding parenting is how much of yourself, your values, your likes, your cautionary tales, will be absorbed by your kids. It's like watching old-fashioned film develop. How much detail will come through? Well, earlier this month my 21-year old son bought his first motorcycle. I'd like to think that he developed the interest, at least in part, because of me. It was just under 10 years ago that I thought it would be a good idea for my husband & I to learn something new together. Pick something that neither of us knew how to do and learn how to do it together. I suggested learning how to ride a motorcycle. So we registered for the Learn to Ride course that the State of Illinois offers. My husband passed. I flunked. In my defense, I had never been on a bike before and the weekend of our class it rained and rained and rained the whole time so everything I was being taught I was learning in the most miserable conditions possible and it was far from fun. So I flunked my driving test and, by extension, the class. Still wanting to learn, I retook the class the following summer - in beautiful afternoon sunshine for 5 days straight - and passed with flying colors. Time to get a bike! So I hit the classified ads and visited a few. The instructors had said not to fall for the first bike we saw. I think I fell for Bike #3. It was cheap, local, and had all the features I was looking for. But, as it turned out, it ended up being too heavy & too tall for me so I gifted it to my husband for Father's Day that year while I did more research and ended up falling for Bike #4. My '99 Honda Shadow VLX is a good match for the way I use it and the type of riding I do. It's light, low, and I am very comfortable with it. So I began to ride a lot. My husband & I would ride to breakfast. I'd ride to work. I'd take the bike on errands instead of the SUV. And I customized it. New paint job, new luggage, new accessories, new lighting systems! Lots of things to make it my own. Now I wasn't trying to convert my family into becoming motorcycle

enthusiasts, but maybe it was rubbing off anyway. Our daughter also took the class when she was old enough. And then this past fall, so did our son. He came home from college over spring break and asked if he could borrow my bike to keep his skills up till he bought his own. Now I had never seen him ride before as he took the course while down at school. So I said no! He'd have to get his own bike as I wasn't putting my customized, personalized ride on the line for a newbie. I remembered all my own early mistakes, after all. When school was done we started shopping. He'd been cruising online ads for months and narrowed the more recent ads down to a few local ones. We made some calls and hit the road. He decided on a 1983 Honda Shadow 750. It's an upright ride, it's got 6 gears, and was in great shape with low miles and he could afford it. Sold! He's been riding it a little every day on the local roads to get used to it. We'll be hitting more trafficked thoroughfares soon. When I asked him why he decided to learn to ride, he replied, "because it looked like fun." So while I won't say I passed the torch (because that sounds like I'm quitting riding), I will say that it is possible that I helped to ignite a new torch - and got a new riding partner to boot. Not bad for something I wasn't even consciously trying to pass on. If only all the rest of parenting was as seamless!



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Boat?



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life be delivered
from suffering.*

-- Buddha

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receive benefit victims of
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Congratulations to Our Logo Contest Winner!

Contributed by Cindy Peregolise

Through the months of April and May, B.A.A.C. held a contest asking artists to design a logo to be used on our Motorcycle Rodeo, Rally & Adoption Event shirts. Of all the entries we received, one really stood out above the rest. The winning design was created by Tracey Rose and is shown below! Tracey just so happened to have adopted Sadie, one of our five puppies found abandoned in the woods last summer. When she was found, Sadie was loaded with parasites and malnourished. Sadie was originally named Story, but

she also goes by Roni too because her nickname is Saderoni. Tracey has been tattooing since 2000, most of that time has been spent at Lucky Soul Tattoo in Ansonia, CT. Tracey has had the privilege to apprentice under Lucky Soul's owner Jim. She specializes in bold color work, but also has a keen eye for black & grey as well. She has won multiple awards for her tattoo work at various conventions throughout the East Coast. Lucky Soul Tattoo relocated their shop to Woodbridge, CT in March 2011 to offer clients a more custom and relaxed

environment. It was at this time that Tracey became partner in the business with Jim. Tracey has been an artist for as long as she can remember, attending some school but ran out of money and couldn't finish being on her own. She has studied at the University of Rhode Island, SVA in Manhattan and at Paier in Hamden, CT. If you're looking for some quality ink work, we suggest looking her up!



Lucky's Story—Help Him Find a Home!

Contributed by Cindy Peregolise

Way back in the Fall of 2008 B.A.A.C. helped with the vet bills for a pit bull named Champ who was abandoned with severe demodectic mange and was emaciated. Luckily for him, a rescuer pulled him and saw him back to health.

Champ: Before



Champ After:



Two weeks after that, we were notified of Champ's brother who was a mirror image of him, but was in worse shape. Both were believed to have been dumped by the same unscrupulous breeder. A foster home was immediately arranged for Champ II (a.k.a. Locke, a.k.a. Lucky).



We want to share the story of Lucky's transformation from when he was first rescued in 2008 up to the present in hopes that his story will help him find a home. He has come such a long

way and is now languishing away in a kennel waiting to find the perfect forever home. His perfect home would be with an adult couple or single person with no other pets who will protect & adore him, have strong leadership skills and set boundaries.

This was Lucky (then Champ II) when we first saw him:



Lucky was emaciated with a severe secondary skin infection from the demodectic mange and upper respiratory infection, amongst other ailments when he came to us. He was severely neglected.

In his foster home, he received baths and his medication to start bringing him back to health. After a few weeks of lots of love and care his fur started growing back.



After about 8 months, Lucky had all his fur back and was deemed healthy!



Unfortunately, this is when he started acting out and tried to display his leadership to his fellow pack members. His foster home tried to manage the situation for almost a year, but just wasn't equipped to deal with his behavioral issues. In 2010, B.A.A.C. began boarding him.



Since then, he's been moved from kennel to kennel, even making a trip down South to try and train his dog aggression out of him. Unfortunately, that didn't work out as expected. While he was being boarded in Willington, CT, B.A.A.C. representatives would spend time with him every other Friday. They would socialize with him, work on setting boundaries for him, teach him to share his toys and keep him moving forward around other dogs. He has come such a long way and we are now asking for your help to find him a

home where he can be all the dog he can be. Please help him!



Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is--whether its victim is human or animal--we cannot expect things to be much better in this world...

-- Rachel Carson

Dogfighting Fact Sheet

By Chad Sisneros

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What is dogfighting?

Dogfighting is a sadistic "contest" in which two dogs—specifically bred, conditioned, and trained to fight—are placed in a pit (generally a small arena enclosed by plywood walls) to fight each other for the spectators' entertainment and gambling. Fights average one to two hours, ending one of the dogs will not or cannot continue. In addition to these organized dogfights, there are reports of an increase in unorganized street fights in urban areas.

How does it cause animal suffering?

The injuries inflicted and sustained by dogs participating in dogfights are frequently severe, even fatal. The American pit bull terriers used in the majority of these fights have been specifically bred and trained for fighting and are unrelenting in their attempts to overcome their opponents. With their extremely powerful jaws, they are able to inflict severe bruising, deep puncture wounds and broken bones.

Dogs used in these events often die of blood loss, shock, dehydration, exhaustion, or infection hours or even days after the fight. Other animals are often sacrificed as well; pit bulls who are born "cold," or won't fight, may be kept around to sic other dogs on.

In *The Complete Gamedog*, convicted dogfighter Ed Faron goes into great detail about the injuries suffered during dogfights. In one fight between a dog named Bandit and one named Miss Rufus, he writes, "Miss Rufus spent most of the rest of the fight on her back and Bandit broke her other front leg high up in the shoulder, as well as one of her back legs, in the knee joint. The only leg she didn't break she chewed all to hell. She had literally scalped Miss Rufus, tearing a big chunk of skin off the top of her head alongside one ear."

Are there other concerns?

Yes. Numerous law enforcement raids have unearthed many disturbing facets of this illegal "sport." Young children are sometimes present at the events, which can promote insensitivity to animal suffering, enthusiasm for violence, and disrespect for the law. Illegal gambling is the norm at dogfights. Dog owners and spectators wa-

ger thousands of dollars on their favorites. Firearms and other weapons have been found at dogfights because of the large amounts of cash present. Dogfighting has also been connected to other kinds of violence—even homicide, according to newspaper reports. In addition, illegal drugs are often sold and used at dogfights.

What other effects does the presence of dogfighting have on people and animals in a community?

Dogs used for fighting have been bred for many generations to be dangerously aggressive toward other animals. The presence of these dogs in a community increases the risk of attacks not only on other animals but also on people, because unsocialized and/or chained dogs are more likely to bite.

Why should dogfighting be a felony offense?

There are several compelling reasons. Because dogfighting yields such large profits for participants, the minor penalties associated with misdemeanor convictions are not a sufficient deterrent. Dogfighters merely absorb these fines as part of the cost of doing business. The cruelty inherent in dogfighting should be punished by more than a slap on the wrist. Dogfighting is not a spur-of-the-moment act; it is a premeditated and cruel practice.

Those involved in dogfighting go to extensive lengths to avoid detection by law enforcement, so investigations can be difficult, dangerous, and expensive. Law enforcement officials are more inclined to investigate dogfighting if it is a felony. As more states make dogfighting a felony offense, those remaining states with low penalties will become magnets for dogfighters.

Do some states already have felony laws?

Yes. Dogfighting is a felony offense in all 50 states.

Should being a spectator also be a felony?

Yes. Spectators provide much of the profit associated with dogfighting. The money generated by admission fees and

gambling helps keep this "sport" alive. Because dogfights are illegal and therefore not widely publicized, spectators do not merely happen upon a fight; they seek it out. They are willing participants who support a criminal activity through their paid admission and attendance.

What can I do to help stop dogfighting?

Learn how to spot the signs of dogfighting. If you suspect dogfighting activity, alert your local law enforcement agency and urge officials to contact The HSUS for practical tools, advice and assistance.

Put up our dogfighting reward posters in your community. For free posters, send us an email (include your name, address and the number of posters you'd like). Learn about our End Dogfighting program and how to start one up in your community.

If you live in one of the states where being a spectator or other aspects of dogfighting is still a misdemeanor, please write to your state legislators and urge them to make it a felony. Find out how your state treats dogfighting at our page on State Dogfighting Laws [PDF].

Source: http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/dogfighting/facts/dogfighting_fact_sheet.html

TO REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL FIGHTING IN CT: 860-808-5180

On Saturday June 25, 2011, B.A.A.C. will be supporting our Illinois Chapter's participation in the Milwaukee, WI "Ride to End Dog Fighting" by hosting our own ride here in CT. The event is free to all who want to participate and show their disapproval for this disgusting practice.. The route is as follows:

Ride Leaves Bach Dor Café, Chaplin, CT At 1:00 PM

Stops At The Following:

*Butterballs, Hebron, CT
Smokey O'Grady's, East Hampton, CT
Winchester Café, Portland, CT
*Hair Of The Dog, Middletown, CT—
End Of Ride**

A View From The Bottom

A Quarterly Contribution by VJ Peregolise, Co-Founder of B.A.A.C.

“An Eye for an Eye”

I am not a religious person at all. In fact I consider myself an atheist with a touch of Rastafarian. I did however attend a catholic middle school, grades 6-8. Those three years gave me a first hand look at “organized religion” that in fact is the reason I am an Atheist. I don’t begrudge anyone who follows a certain religion, if it works for them, awesome. I actually wish I did believe in a religion. I can see how it must be some what comforting, but unfortunately, or maybe even sadly, I do not. I am a fact based person. I’m big on proof, and short on faith. That’s just me.

However, there is one thing from the bible that I do believe in and that’s ‘an eye for an eye’. I’m not really sure how that fits in with other Christian beliefs such as thou shall not kill, and the whole forgiveness thing, but contradictions are very common place in the ‘all religions’, and are just one of the many reasons I find it all bogus. Anyway, an eye for an eye seems like a mantra I can get behind. People who hurt animals and children deserve this type of justice sentenced upon them. Although I see and hear about all sorts of heinous things perpetrated upon animals and you all know my deep seeded hatred for Michael Vick, but one recent case here in Connecticut really got me thinking of justice in a biblical sense. It’s been all over the news about this piece of garbage who stabbed his 8 month old dog 29 times! She survived and he has been arrested. As usual, the facts of the story are not clear, and the end result for this loser will inevitably be a slap on the wrist. The talk of tougher laws for animal cruelty comes up every time a case like this is picked up by the media but we all know that battle is a long way from being won anytime soon. We are; however, a nation who proudly proclaims, “In God We Trust”. Well, along that line of reasoning why not defer such cases to the word we trust the most and go Old Testament on his ass. This turd must be stabbed. Not just stabbed, but stabbed by somebody he loves and trusts. His mother must stab him 29 times. Then let the chips fall where they may, if he makes it he makes it, if not, oh well. That’s truly an eye for an eye. This poor dog was attacked by the person she loved and trusted the most. She could have died as a result of this attack. So now he must experience that fear and pain.

For those that think, well that punishes the mother just as much, yep, that’s the point. She is the reason he is on earth and she is the reason, or at least part of the reason, he is the piece of crap he is today. So she must pay too. Sorry it’s not me, it’s what God wants, No it’s what he demands.

It could be made into an “event”, five bucks a head to watch it. All the money could go towards the dogs vet bills. My friends and I would be in the front row eating popcorn and blocking the way for any medical attention afterwards for sure. I’m not sure the bible says anything about charging 5 bucks pertaining to the eye for an eye thing I mean, it may, but I would need to look that up.

In the end all this is just my sick fantasy because in reality it’s the dog we must care about and focus our concern towards. She is an innocent victim. She is scared and hurt. She needs love and care, which fortunately she is getting plenty of now.

As for the person that did this to her, what better punishment then to hope he lives 100 years.

What greater punishment could he possibly receive then having to spend 100 years living

under the rock from which he crawled out from. Granted living under a rock with 29 scars would be better in my book, and also in the ‘good book’ too apparently.



The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.

-- Charles Darwin



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A Dog's Last Will and Testament"

Included in a recently published book in Germany Der Verlust eines Hundes'(The Loss of a Dog) by Elli Radinger and Translated by Janet Beasley

When humans die they prepare a will in order to leave their home and everything they own to all those they love.

If I were able to write I would also make out such a will. To a poor, lonely, full of longing stray I would leave my happy home, my food bowl, my cozy bed, my soft pillow, my toys and the beloved lap. The gently stroking hand, the loving voice, the place I had in someone's heart and the love which, at the end, will help me towards a peaceful, painless end while being held in in loving arms.

And when I die, then please don't say: "Never again will I have a dog, the loss is much too painful." Find yourself a lonely, unloved dog and give it my place in your heart. That is my bequest. The love I leave behind is all that I have to give.



Pinky, Companion to Jessica Miller.

Our hearts go out to the Miller family for the loss of Pinky, their pet rat. Pinky was originally taken in by the Millers because he could no longer stay at his original home. Upon arrival they quickly fell in love with the little guy. Despite all of their efforts to help her, she passed over the rainbow bridge this spring



Remy, Beloved pet of Karin and Mark Viscuso

B.A.A.C. extend its deepest sympathy to B.A.A.C. supporters Karin and Mark Viscuso for the loss of Remy, their pet rat.



Tobey, Best friend of B.A.A.C. volunteer, Jodi D'onofrio.

Our condolences go to B.A.A.C. volunteer, Jodi D'Onofrio on the loss of her best friend Tobey. Tobey had been a part of Jodi's life for a very long time and his tragic end is especially painful for all of us. We send her all of our love. At this difficult time



Harley, Beloved Cat Buddy of Chelsea

B.A.A.C. is deeply saddened by the loss of Harley. The beloved pet of Chelsea. Chelsea contacted us to help her care for her kitten, who was very sick. Although not entirely in keeping with our mission her pleas for help pulled on our heartstrings and we unanimously agreed to help her with her vet bills for little Harley. Unfortunately, Harley succumbed to her illness and passed over the rainbow bridge.



Quarterly Events Calendar



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July 16—Bikers Against Animal Cruelty Motorcycle Rodeo, Rally and Adoption Event
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Aug 8-14—Sturgis SD Bike Week

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Some of us here at B.A.A.C. want to give a shout out to Danny , Love & Respect, we miss ya and are always thinking of ya!

Featured Bike!

Submitted by: Jesse Conroy.

"Night Prowler"

The featured bike of the quarter proudly belongs to B.A.A.C. member Mike Shea. Mike's bike is a 2000 FXDX, which is also known as Harley's Dyna Super Glide Sport model. These were introduced to Harley's model line in 1999 and exited production in 2005 and are definitely one of my favorites to date. These bikes featured a low seat height and a 28 degree rake with a rubber mounted motor, which interprets to a smooth running cornering machine. They also featured a blacked out drive train among many other blacked out highlights. Mike purchased this machine in 2000 with only about a hundred miles on it and continued to ride it year after year faithfully; never letting him down or leaving him stranded. In 2010 Mike finally decided it was time for this bike to receive a few more numbers on the Dyno and give a somewhat stock appearance while possessing a monster within those stock Harley crankcases. The motor was

pulled apart and was dispersed to different resources to perform their magic. The heads were opened and massaged by Doug of CND Machine while the lower end was modified, trued and balanced by Danny Vance. The cylinders were punched out from 88 to 95 cubic inches and received high compression pistons and compression releases to help aid in starting, which can be a real pain for big inch motors. Also while on the operating table this motor received a heart transplant to the tune of Andrews 550 lift gear driven cams. When the motor was all back together and back in the bike it was time to beef up on a heavy duty clutch spring backed by a set of extra plate Barnett clutches that provide 12% more surface area for torque monsters such as this machine. Mike helped this beast suck down fuel through a Mikuni smoothbore carburetor whose mm size is just known as quite large and spits out through a slick 2 into 1 Vance and Hines Propipe that also greatly improves the torque curve and looks good too. The final touches were adding 12" mini apes to provide a little rise and lots of comfort for the long

hauls. He also purchased a set of stock aluminum wheels that had been chromed and wrapped in some Avon tyres to stick to the asphalt in the twist and turns.. To look at them you would swear they are a one off custom wheel.

Mike rides this monster like it should be; wide open at all times! He will not hesitate to prove it to you by leaving you in a cloud of burnt rubber or showing you how the front wheel can easily make it's way into the air with little effort. So the next time your sitting at a traffic light with your freshly polished 2011 Harley dipped in chrome with a Stage 1 intake and a Thunderheader revving your throttle and a man pulls up next to you on a blacked out machine wearing a spit eating grin and laughing at you remember you have been warned !



Adoptable Pet of the Quarter—Sophie



Look at that face! What a doll! Sophie is a 5 year old mixed breed who is spayed and up-to-date on vaccinations. She is alittle skittish around new people but is as sweet as can be. She would do best in a quiet household where she can have time to learn to trust. She is crate trained and housebroken. A medium energy young lady, she would only need one or two good walks a day, has a short, low-

maintenance coat, and has only kisses and love to give! Sophie is so happy to please only you - give this sweetie the home she deserves. You will receive only a lifetime of gratitude in return. We would also be open to a new foster home for Sophie where she will get the interaction she needs and so deserves! If you would like to adopt or foster Sophie please contact Lil at lilabetc@sbcbglobal.net or 860.581.0729.

Quarterly Contribution Summary (Continued)

sinus and upper respiratory infection. Once he recovered from pneumonia, he received reconstructive surgery to repair his upper lip and is now waiting for to be adopted at Noah's Arks Rescue, SC.

Princess – North Haven Animal Hospital, CT

Princess was brutally stabbed by her owner 29 times. Princess miraculously survived the horrifying stabbing and is currently recovering.

Judy – Dutch Fork Animal Hospital, SC

Judy was found on the side of a road in a

box. She was covered with fleas, had demodectic mange and her nails had curled into the pads of her feet disabling her. Her ears were so infected that she had lost all hearing and she is blind. She is receiving lots of care to get her healthy again.

Stella – Coastal Vet – Boston, SC

Stella was picked up as a stray with blood running out of her nose. Her jaw was broken in two places. She will have to have several surgeries to allow her jaw to grow normally but is healing in foster care.

Albi (aka Frankencat) – Ridgehill Animal Hospital, North Haven, CT

Albi was picked up as a stray with a grossly infected wound on the left side of his head and neck. He underwent surgery to remove the infected dead tissue and suture the wound. He has since been fully vaccinated and adopted.

Dinah – Ridgehill Animal Hospital, North Haven, CT

Dinah was found as a stray near a dog training facility in Hamden. She was se-

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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Quarterly Contribution Summary (Continued)

verely emaciated, had an upper respiratory infection, bacterial infection in both eyes and an ulcer in her right eye. She has since been completely treated, vaccinated and adopted into a forever home.

Costello – Costal Vet, Bluffton, SC
 Costello, was found as a stray with a large portion of the left side of his face almost torn off and a large chunk taken out of his leg. It appears he was used as Bait Dog. He has since had reconstructive surgery on his face and leg and is healing beautifully.

Anikan – Marek Vet Clinic, Bellville, TX
 Anikan was found in a ditch by a woman who heard his screams and cries for help. He was found covered in blood and emaciated. He ears were butchered off, his testicles were severely mutilated, he had been stabbed in the neck and was fighting infection all over. He is still being treated .

Nirvana and Karma – Delaware County SPCA, Media, PA
 Nirvana and Karma purposely run over by a psychopath who had planned to eat them for dinner. They were both rushed to a vet clinic and are being cared for.

Cindy – Animal Kind, Brooklyn, NY
 Cindy was discovered outside of a bodega, starved and discarded like trash. After being found, she was quickly rushed to a vet clinic where she is continuing to fight for her life.



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