

B.A.A.C. Bikers Against Animal Cruelty

www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org

An organized non-profit group of compassionate motorcycle enthusiasts and animal lovers who advocate against animal abuse and promote responsible pet ownership.



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nothing**



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Whether it's a case of neglect or a malicious act of cruelty, you can help protect animals. Why should you care? Because it's the right thing to do. Because cruelty to animals is illegal in all 50 states. And because people who harm animals may also harm people. Stopping cruelty to animals helps everyone. What can you do?

1. BE AWARE. Without phone calls from the concerned citizens who report cruelty in their neighborhoods, most instances of animal abuse would not be stopped. Get to know and look out for the animals in your neighborhood. By being aware, you're more likely to notice possible indications of abuse.

2. LEARN TO RECOGNIZE ANIMAL CRUELTY. Wounds on the body; patches of missing hair; extremely thin, starving animals; limping; an owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal; being left alone without food and water, or kept outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions are all signs of potential abuse

3. KNOW WHO TO CALL TO REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY. Every state and even every town is different. In some areas, you may have to rely on the police department to investigate animal cruelty; in others, you may have to contact local animal control or another municipal agency. In CT Call:
860-808-5180

4. PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE WHEN REPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY. The details that you provide can go a long way toward assisting the investigating officer. It helps to write down the type of cruelty that you witnessed, who was involved, the date of the incident and where it took place.

5. KNOW YOUR STATE'S ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS. These vary from state to state, and even from city to city.

6. FIGHT FOR THE PASSAGE OF STRONG ANTI-CRUELTY LAWS on federal, state and local levels. With stronger laws come tougher penalties.

7. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS. If you have pets, be sure to always show them the love and good care that they deserve. But it's more than just food, water, and adequate shelter. If you think your animal is sick, bring him to the veterinarian. Be responsible and have your animals spayed or neutered.

8. TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT HOW TO TREAT ANIMALS, WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT.

9. SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHELTER OR ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION. Volunteering at an animal shelter is a great way to make a difference.

How to be a Responsible Pet Parent

When you bring a pet into your home and life, you have taken on the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of a living being. If taken care of responsibly, you can count on years of unconditional love and companionship in return.

Know What to Expect

Research the specific type of pet so that you know what type is appropriate for your home and lifestyle.

Spay and/or Neuter

Irresponsible and/or unplanned breeding is the root cause for the overpopulation of unwanted pets, which results in the euthanasia of over 5 million pets a year.

Provide Veterinary Care

Have your pet examined by a veterinarian within 24 hours of bringing them home and annually for preventive care. Always seek veterinary care immediately when your pet is injured or sick.

Provide Plenty of Exercise

Give your pet, regardless of size, plenty of fresh air and exercise to avoid unwanted behavior and to reinforce the bond you have with them.

Provide Basic Training and Obedience

Many pets are surrendered because the owner never took the time to properly train them. When bad habits go unchallenged, the bad behavior is encouraged.

Provide a Clean Environment

A sanitary and clean environment for you and your pet ensures a healthy lifestyle for all. Keep your pets' environment as clean as possible to reduce bacteria and disease.

Consider Household Accommodations

If renting, be sure to check with your landlord on any restrictions they may have on pets. If you plan on moving, take your pet into consideration as how a landlord or neighbor may view your pet and make appropriate arrangements.

Safely Confine Your Pet

When a pet is allowed to roam freely outdoors, it poses a greater risk of them falling victim to attacks (by animals or humans), theft or a traffic accident. Tethering (tying your pet up) is not a recommended method for confining your pet.

ID and/or Microchip Your Pet

Provide a microchip and/or an ID tag for your pet to bring your pet quickly and safely home when lost

Know Who your Pet Comes into Contact With

Before leaving your animal in their care, check references and Pet-abuse.com for your veterinarian, trainer, groomer, pet-sitter or kennel to ensure they do not have prior charges of animal cruelty.

What is Animal Cruelty?

There are two types of animal cruelty and there are many different reasons why an individual would abuse an innocent animal. There is Active (commission) and Passive (Omission) cruelty.

Passive cruelty (acts of omission) is typified by cases of neglect. A lack of action rather than the action itself is still a crime. Se-



vere neglect can cause incredible pain and suffering to an animal. Such examples of neglect would be starvation, dehydration, parasite infestations, failing to ensure that collars fit properly, inadequate shelter and failure to seek veterinary care when medical attention is required.

Active cruelty (acts of commission) implies malicious intent, where a person has deliberately and intentionally caused harm to an animal. This is sometimes referred to as non-accidental injury (NAI). These acts are often some of the most disturbing and should be considered serious signs of psychological disorders. Abuse in



violent homes can portray many forms and occur for different reasons. An abusive individual may kill, threaten to kill or torture household pets to intimidate others in the household to oblige by their wishes or simply to psychologically torture their victims.

*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
-- Mahatma Gandhi*

Who We Are

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty (B.A.A.C.) is a group of compassionate motorcycle enthusiasts and animal lovers who have bonded together to advocate against animal cruelty and promote responsible pet ownership.

Through our volunteer efforts we strive to improve the lives of abused and neglected animals everywhere through financial and material support, and public outreach and education. Our primary mission is to generate funds to help defray the costs of veterinary care for the most severe cases of animal abuse and neglect. Through our fundraising activities we also:

- Provide financial and material support for shelters in need, and
- Provide outreach and educational materials to increase public awareness of animal cruelty.



How You Can Help

There are numerous ways in which you can help abused and neglected animals in your area.

- Volunteer your time at your local animal shelter.
- Donate food, blankets and other material goods to your local shelter or animal rescue. Many are happy to provide "Wish Lists" of items of greatest need.
- Write your local representatives for stiffer penalties for animal abusers.
- Attend a B.A.A.C. function. See our website for a current listing of events!
- Support B.A.A.C. by making a tax deductible donation.

Visit us Online

We are located in cyber space at:

www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org

Here you can find information regarding our upcoming events, stay updated on our current causes, participate in our contests, donate, contact us and purchase support merchandise including t-shirts, stickers, and patches.

JOIN US!!

Interested in becoming a member? It's easy! Just register online at:

www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org.

Annual membership dues are \$50.00. That's all there is to it!

All members receive a complimentary B.A.A.C. patch and T-shirt! Wear it proudly and let everyone know that you are doing something to stop animal cruelty!

If you are not interested in becoming a B.A.A.C. member but would like to contribute to our cause, your tax deductible donation can be made online through our secure Pay Pal account at:

www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org

Checks may be sent to:

B.A.A.C., Inc.

P.O. Box 68

North Haven, CT 06473

Checks Payable to: B.A.A.C.

B.A.A.C operates on a strictly volunteer basis and 100% of its funding is received through donations, organized events and merchandise sales.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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