

THE SILVER LINING

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August 17, 2019 was quite a day! To say thank you to everyone who participated, helped, donated, sponsored and volunteered doesn't seem like enough. Not only were we hosting our 12th Annual Rally & Adoption Event in North Haven, but Three Boys Lemonade Stand was also hosting a Blood Drive/Lemonade Stand Fundraiser in New Hartford to benefit B.A.A.C.

Our Rally is the largest fundraiser we host every year. Many months of work go into it and it's one of those things that is completely exhausting, but in the end, worth every moment. To see how much this organization has grown over 12 years is astonishing. The amount of animals we will be able to help because of this fundraiser is huge. On the same token, it is awful that there are so many that need our help. Is it because there are more cruelty cases or because more people are stepping up to help? We hope it is the latter and we hope to see our case load diminish over time. Until it does, we will not stop, and we hope you don't either. **We encourage every single person who has a voice to speak up if they perceive there might be cruelty or neglect happening, to open their door if a pet is stranded or lost, to call for help if a pet is injured – to do whatever it is you would want done if you were in that same situation. To Say Nothing, To Do Nothing, Stops Nothing.**

We received great compliments about The Rally. Pets found possible new homes, people had fun, memories were made, and best of all, we raised money to help ownerless and voiceless cruelty & neglect victims! Thanks to Napoli Foods of Cheshire, North Haven Natural Food Store, North Haven Fairgrounds and to our Special Donors and Sponsors: The Law Offices of Mark E Salamone and Morelli, All-American Waste, Branford Veterinary, East River Energy, iHeartRadio, Renee DiNino, Juno's Place & Sweet Pea c/o Deb Young, My Daily Choice/Hempworx Affiliate, Nutmeg Spay/Neuter Clinic, People's Bank, Pepsi, Rosalie DeCrosta in memory of John DeCrosta, The Mad Crafterz, The Refined Canine, LLC, Toby's Treasure Box c/o Newington Pet Spa, Woof Gang, Kiefers Kettle Korn, Southington Ice House, McGee Refrigerator Truck, Al & Steve's Acoustic Soup, Murray the Wheel, Rescue Dogs Rock, Sumo Sidecar, Build Your Own Brand, Rescue K-911, Outfront Media, and Carter Cares.

We have just over 60 members across the U.S. with the majority here in Connecticut. For our Rally, 37 members attended, and the rest of the people you saw working are priceless, hardworking family members or volunteers - some who we've never met! To our cooks - Greg, Don, Paul, and Joe who stood over flaming grills on a sweltering day for 6+ hours – thank you! To our members without whom this event would never be able to grow to the capacity it is now - thank you. To Rescue K-911, who are a tremendous help each year coordinating the rescue portion of this rally - thank you. To our vendors who take a chance of having a table not knowing the turnout or the weather – without you we would be just a few people starting at each other in a field - thank you. To our bands who volunteer their time to play with no guarantee that they'll play to an audience or just one creepy guy badly singing along - thank you. To our members who worked their butts off in the ticket booth, food/drink area, information area, merchandise area, raffle area, rescue area, vendor area, pet entrance, public relations, security, parking, water distribution, garbage removal, bathroom duties, and beer area and all the other help they provided – thank you.

To Three Boys Lemonade who, on their own, tirelessly and passionately hold a fundraiser every year in New Hartford for B.A.A.C., we are so very grateful. This year was especially important and touching as it was not only a Lemonade Fundraiser, but also a Blood Drive, a cause extremely close to Stephanie (mom of three-boys Lemonade) heart. Stephanie would not be here today if it were not for the donation of blood she received which helped save her life. Stephanie lived because of a blood donor. Her children have their mom, her husband his wife, her family their daughter, sister, cousin. We cannot say enough good things about the Baba family, their compassion is outstanding. Those three boys could not be luckier to have such amazing role-models. Thank you Baba Family, The Cake Gypsy, Dunkin Donuts, and Pizza Pete's who donated delicious food.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD+DRIVE
& *three boys lemonade*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 8AM-1PM
BARKHAMSTED TOWN GARAGE
33 NEW HARTFORD ROAD (RT 44)

ALL LEMONADE STAND PROCEEDS DONATED TO BIKERS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY



PET PICS *with* BIKER SANTA

fundraiser



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Saturday, November 30th

1:00 - 4:00

ALL PETS WELCOME

If your pet needs space from other pets or people, please come in and let us know, we will happily accommodate!



Gengras Harley Davidson, 221 Governor St, E. Hartford



When Did Helping Animals Become All or Nothing?

Our small group of volunteers absolutely love what this Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. stands for. We pour our hearts and souls into helping where we can and we have a sense of pride that we can do as much as we can. But sometimes our efforts are slammed with criticism by certain groups on social media. Groups that apparently would rather see us fail at helping SOME animals because we aren't helping ALL animals.

It seems these people rather shame our efforts for what we aren't doing than value what we are doing. B.A.A.C. does not discriminate against anyone or any effort if it is to help an animal. We believe that any effort, big or small, should be thanked because that's how changes are made. Sadly, these groups don't seem to agree. They would rather sabotage our fundraisers and vilify our name. This nonsense takes our energy away from the animals; a waste of time and effort for all involved. From what we read it seems we are helping "wrong" because we are not helping every single animal – imagine that! Animal Cruelty is a HUGE crisis! We've written about it time and time again. There are many pieces to that pie from factory farming, environmental dangers, animal testing, horse racing, pet cruelty & neglect, and so much more. We encourage anyone to find the piece they can help most and go for it! You

have our support. We help ownerless companion animals who were let down by humans when they became victims of abuse and neglect. We do the maximum possible with the limited resources we have.

Many of our members are also part of organizations that help children, abused women, vegans, vegetarians, and environmental groups. Several of our members are State Animal Control Officers, Detectives, and Veterans who proudly served this country. We are a diverse group of 64 members across the United States. We started in North Haven, CT 12 years ago as a group of 22 friends who wanted to help the unwanted pets in local shelters with supplies. We have grown and now donate thousands of dollars each year to help unowned companion animals get life-saving surgery, help fund spay/neuter surgery, help feral cat colonies, spread awareness about proper pet ownership, and educate about direct and indirect cruelty & neglect.

So, why is it that our little piece of the pie that we are trying to make a difference in is being condemned by critics who feel it is not enough? When did doing the right thing become wrong?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP? CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR!

Did you know that for many lawmakers, just FIVE phone calls on a particular bill is enough to spur them into action? The more calls a lawmaker receives, the harder they will work for the bill. *You elect your lawmakers, you have the power to ensure that animals are their priority! Your voice counts.*

- Find your state legislators: most states should have websites

in which you can find your legislators

- Contact Environment Committee Members – An Environment Committee has cognizance of those matters relating to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that include conservation, recreation, pollution control, fisheries and game, state parks and forests, water resources and flood and erosion control; and all matters relating to the Department of Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and domestic animals.

- Emails are good, but calls are even better.

PHONE CALLS

- You will nearly always speak to the lawmaker's aide. Legislative aides are very friendly, and hear from citizens all day long. It is their job to pass along information to the lawmaker.
- Simply have the bill number(s) and title(s) handy, along with your request for support.
- You do not need to be an expert on the bill. If the aide asks you a question you do not know the answer to, simply

say you will ask and get back to the aide with the answer later.

- Be sure to provide your address so the lawmaker knows you are a constituent. That's it!

EMAILS

- The best emails are concise and written in your own words.
- Simply provide the bill number(s) and title (s) you wish to address, and then ask for their support.
- Provide a couple of sentences on why you feel strongly about the bill.
- Avoid being overly sentimental or emotional. Do not send photos of animals suffering.
- Always be polite.
- Be timely! Contact pertinent legislators when the legislation is before them for consideration.
- Close the email by thanking them for their help. Always provide your home address and phone number so they know you are a constituent. Establishing a relationship with your elected officials is one of the most powerful, change-making things you can do for animals.

Thank you for being their voice!

EARLY DETECTION

Your pet can't talk and often shows no signs when something is wrong. So how do you know? Early detection is not one test, a series of tests or just one visit. It's a way of caring for your pet, just like human medicine allows us to care for ourselves. Medical advancements enable veterinarians to diagnose potential diseases before they become a serious issue including heartworm, thyroid disease and intestinal parasites. With today's medical testing and technology, you can protect your pets like never before.

An Early Detection Program consists of 5 tests in 2 important visits a year

Veterinarians across the country agree that you should visit your doctor twice a year to conduct the following five tests that make up Early Detection Panel. As your veterinarian for your EDP.

Early Detection Panel (EDP)

<u>Test:</u>	<u>Sample:</u>	<u>Detect:</u>
Complete blood count	Blood	Anemia, Leukemia, Infection, Inflammation
Chemistry Profile	Blood	Liver, Kidney, Pancreas, Muscle and Bone Disorders
Thyroid Function Test	Blood	Hyperthyroidism, Hypothyroidism
Urinalysis	Urine	Kidney Disease, Protein Loss, Diabetes
Parasite Exams	Fecal	Hookworms, Whipworms, Roundworms, Coccidia, Giardia, Tapeworms

What can an early detection program really detect?

By following a simple program, many diseases can be caught early depending on the age of your pet. Catching a disease early can make all the difference, adding years to your pet's life.

Did you know?

- If detected early, 75% of common diseases in dogs and 63% of common diseases in cats can be prevented by dietary modifications alone over a one-year period.
- Kidney disease is one of the major causes of illness and death in dogs and cats, but symptoms do not usually appear until 2/3 of kidney function has been lost. If caught early, the animal can live with this condition for many years.
- If a liver problem is detected at an early stage of the disease and is administered proper treatment, the chance of your pet's recovery is in your favor.
- Early detection of diabetes is extremely important because an early therapy regimen can be more effective and easier on the animal. Detecting and monitoring diabetes early can also prevent damage to other organs.

Dog Care:

- Dogs should be carefully monitored from day one, especially after the age of seven; which is like 44-56 in human years.
- From puppy through adulthood, you should be monitoring for common diseases like heartworm, thyroid disease, intestinal parasites and, most importantly renal disease. As dogs age, just like you, arthritis can become a crippling problem. Early detection can really help extend your dog's life.

Cat Care:

- Just like dogs, cats need to be monitored from kitten to adult. Young cats are especially prone to urinary tract problems and intestinal parasites and most cats are seniors at the age of seven; which is 40-45 in human years. As a senior, careful monitoring becomes even more important as disorders, such as thyroid and renal disease, become very common.
- Early detection and treatment can make a difference in your cats life.

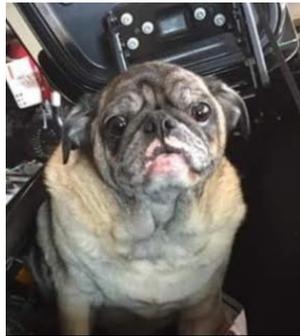
- **Intestinal Parasites: What's living in your yard?**

Most people think of fleas and ticks when they think of parasites. Think again! Not only are there five common parasites but dogs and cats can share them easily and pass them to you and your family.

- Children are a target. Most parasites can be found in sandboxes, dirt, grass – a natural playground for kids. Parasites are released through an animal's feces and eggs can live in an environment for months.

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IN MEMORIAM



Archer Tomaso



Ginger Olear



TeeKee Taberner



JD Archer



Julio Montano



Annie Eng



Paulie



Hazel Rose



Chesney Kalamas



Sassy Markham



Cookie Rivers



Mocca Raba



Isabelle Taylor

"If it should be that I grow weak and pain should keep me from my sleep; then you must do what must be done, for this last battle can't be won. You will be sad, I understand; but don't let grief then stay your hand. For this day more than all the rest, your love for me must stand the test. We've had so many happy years; what is to come can hold no fears. You don't want me to suffer so, the time has come please let me go. Take me where my needs they'll tend, but please stay with me till the end. To hold me close and speak to me, until my eyes no longer see."

~ Final Journey, LLC

-an in-home pet euthanasia service

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. ~Anatole France

2ND & 3RD QUARTER DONATIONS - THANK YOU!

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This list includes the 12th Annual Rally sponsors

2ND & 3RD QUARTER CASES



Wembly



McGongall



Beardsley



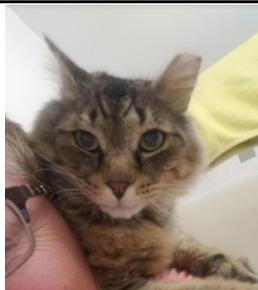
Nanook



Otto



Maddie



Abby

Thanks to you, our donators we were able to assist in the following cases.

Wembly - CT - Case of neglect. Woof Gang Dog Rescue

Nanook - Southern US - Case of cruelty & neglect - The Great Divide Animal Rescue

Beardsley - Bridgeport, CT - Case of neglect. Bridgeport Cat Rescue

Otto - Georgia - Case of cruelty and neglect. Halfway Home Rescue, Inc.

McGongall - Terryville, CT - Case of cruelty and neglect - Hidden Treasures Adoption Center

Maddie - TN - Victim of neglect - Wesley Wish K9 Rescue

Abby - Cheshire, CT - Victim of neglect. Kittenkaboodle Rescue.

Please take a moment to research this wonderful rescues and support them. They step up to help give these pups a second chance at a life they deserve.

Total Case Donations: \$5,235.00

Total Spouter Donations:\$500.00

DETECT

- What are the signs your pet might be infected?
- Acute or chronic diarrhea, vomiting, pot-belly look, poor hair coat, decreased appetite, weight loss
- How do you detect parasites? Sometimes there are no symptoms, especially in the early stages. Part of your early detection program is a fecal exam to test for parasites. Make sure to bring a fresh fecal sample that's less than 24 hours old to your visit. Your doctor only needs a sample the size of a grape.

PROTECT

- See your veterinarian annually and test regularly for parasites
- Remove your pet's feces from your yard as often as possible
- Wash your hands well with water (teach your kids too) after playing with pets and coming in from the outdoors
- Teach your kids not to eat dirt
- Avoid areas that have been soiled with animal stool
- Check your pet's bed area frequently
- Don't let your pets lick your family on the mouth

What harm can parasites cause?

- Pets: Allergic reactions, blood loss and anemia, damage to internal organs, nutrient loss and release of toxins into the body.
- People: Digestive problems, liver and lung damage, partial or total blindness, itchy, skin lesions

The Companion Animal Parasite Council recommends the following fecal test schedule:

- Puppies and Kittens: 2-4 times a year
- Adult dogs and cats (not taking broad-spectrum heartworm preventative medication): 2-4 times a year
- Adult Dogs and Cats (taking broad-spectrum heartworm preventative medication) 1-2 times a year

Your index guide to parasites

- Internal parasites are organisms that live inside other living organisms. They come in all shapes and sizes and can only be seen by a microscope. Use the chart below to be in the know about common parasites and their transmission.

Roundworm

- What is it? Found in the small intestine of a dog or cat. Looks like spaghetti
- Affects: Dogs, cats (usually found in puppies and kittens)
- How is it transmitted? Consuming infective worm eggs in the soil via normal grooming. Ingesting a rodent with worms, Most kittens get the parasite by nursing. Most puppies get it in the embryonic stage. Kids eating dirt or playing in sandboxes.
- Signs to look for: Diarrhea, vomiting. Puppy has a pot-bellied look. Often no signs.

Hookworm

- What is it?: Found in the small intestine and sucks blood. Hangs onto the wall of the intestine using sharp teeth.
- Commonly affects: Puppies. Can affect humans.
- How is it transmitted?: Puppies and kittens get it from mom. Present in soil and transmitted during normal grooming. For humans, penetrates skin through feet or belly.
- Signs to look for: Pale, weak. On humans, red, itchy lesions.

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LIKE HUMAN
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Tapeworm

- What is it?: Found in the small intestine. An entire tapeworm is usually 6 inches or more long.
- Affects: Dogs, cats
- How is it transmitted?: When a dog or cat licks a flea that has consumed tapeworm larvae.
- Signs to look out for: Sesame type seeds near the pet's bed. These are dried up tapeworm segments.

Giardia:

- What is it?: Found in the small intestine under the microscope looks like a smiley face
- Commonly affects: dogs, cats. Common in shelters where large groups of animals are housed. Can affect humans.
- How is it transmitted? Contaminated water. Licking fur that has been in touch with infected feces.
- Signs to look out for: Excessive gas, soft stool or vomiting in pets and humans

Coccidia

- What is it?: Single celled organisms that reproduce in intestinal cells, ultimately killing the cell
- Commonly affects: Young kittens and puppies
- How is it transmitted? Contaminated **water**. Licking fur that has been in touch with infected feces.
- Signs to look out for: Bloody, severe diarrhea

Source: Detect and protect. EARLY DETECTION ANTECH DIAGNOSTICS

**MEMBER OF THE QUARTER**

Congratulations, Jay! You are our Member of the Quarter!!!

Talk about jumping in with both feet! Jay started less than a year-ago and has been at almost every event, group ride and has even pulled the trailer; which we are so grateful for! Jay is a great addition to our B.A.A.C. family and he is extremely important to many of us in the community, human and animal. Next time you see Jay at an event, please take a moment to say Hi and congratulate him for being such a great B.A.A.C. member!!! Jay lives in Connecticut with his two very well behaved and loveable pups.

Great Job Jay - it is well deserved! We look forward to a lot more time with you. B.A.A.C., and the animals, are lucky to have you on their side!

**CONNECTICUT DOG LAW STATUTES**

Sec. 22-364a. Intentional or reckless release of domestic animal which causes damage. Any person who intentionally or recklessly releases a domestic animal that enters upon the real property of another person and causes damage to such real property in an amount in excess of one hundred dollars shall have committed an infraction.

Sec. 22-363. Nuisance. No person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, or, by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the first offense and a class D misdemeanor for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or dogs as may be deemed necessary.

Source cga.ct.gov

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REPORTING CRUELTY

Humane Society of the U.S. (Dog Fighting).....1-877-TIP-HSUS
Reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dogfighter
Humane Society of the U.S (Puppy Mill).....1-877-645-5847
We Tip Hotline1-800-78-CRIME

For immediate help dial 911 and as always, your local law enforcement, Animal Control Officer or Humane Society. Document all details of possible case, your "journal" of events can be a very powerful tool in proving cruelty, neglect and abuse and can be a great asset in the prosecution of an abuser.

**TO DO
NOTHING**



**TO SAY
NOTHING**



**STOPS
NOTHING**

WE ARE ONLINE!

WWW.BIKERSAGAINSTANIMALCRUELTY.ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BIKERSAGAINSTANIMALCRUELTYINC

Hoodies, Tanks, Tees & more on our website!



DONATIONS NEEDED

We are always in need of donations: cleaning products, pet food, pet toys, blankets, towels, litter, beds, pet toys, and anything else that can improve the lives of pets! Bring your donations to any of our events, or reach out to one of the officers listed above!

MEMBERS WANTED

If you are interested in becoming a member, visit our website for an application, meet us at an event or reach out to one of the officers listed above! We have riding and non-riding memberships. Members work events, attend fundraisers, court hearings, fundraise and spread awareness and education. We have many different areas of interest such as Public Relations, Education, Events and more!



BIKERS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY, INC.

Our Mission: Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. (B.A.A.C.) is an organized group of compassionate enthusiasts who advocate against animal cruelty and neglect, promote responsible pet ownership and help to defray costs of emergency veterinary care for ownerless victims of cruelty and neglect.

B.A.A.C. started in 2007 as a grassroots effort focused on providing supplies to shelter animals and financial assistance for cruelty victims to receive life saving medical treatment. All the animals that we aid are in the care of organizations who rely on donations to sustain their efforts. Medical care can be very expensive and many non-profit groups and some town animal control facilities have limited funding. Our organization helps offset those costs by donating funds directly to the medical facility treating the victim.

TO DO NOTHING, TO SAY NOTHING, STOPS NOTHING

Yes, I would like to help Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. by donating to help change a life! B.A.A.C. has been able to help hundreds of animals by making financial contributions towards their care. We thank everyone for their support, without it we would not be able to help the victims.

~ No cash please ~

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other: _____

You may complete this form to enclose it with your donation. Thank you.

Checks payable to B.A.A.C.

Mail to: Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc., P.O. Box 68, North Haven, CT 06473

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