



Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc.

B.A.A.C. is not a rescue group, but we work with many different rescue organizations. Through our volunteer efforts we strive to improve the lives of abused, neglected and unwanted domestic animals everywhere through financial and material support, public outreach and education.

The main goals of B.A.A.C. are to bring awareness to the general public of the different types of domestic abuse and cruelty; advocate for domestic animal welfare and educate on responsible pet ownership. Through our awareness efforts, we try to significantly decrease the number of unnecessary domestic animal abuse and cruelty cases.

The primary mission of our fundraising activities is to help defray the costs of veterinary care for the most severe cases of domestic animal abuse and neglect of strays or surrendered pets on a case-by-case need.

B.A.A.C. supports those domestic animals that have no one else looking out for them. B.A.A.C. also helps with the overpopulation of these animals by our Spueter program which helps low-income households to spay or neuter their animals by paying for it.

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TRAINERS CORNER

Did you see that? What does it mean?

Have you ever noticed a dog:

- Lean, look or turn away (head or body) or, move away when you approached them?
- Scratch themselves or sniff the ground seemingly for no reason when another dog enters their space?
- Yawn or lip lick when pet or touched?
- Stop blinking?

Yes? No? Not sure? The above can be subtle signs of communication that the dog is not completely comfortable with the interaction or environment in that moment. When we notice the subtle signs and listen, dogs are less likely to escalate to be heard. If that communication gets ignored, they will likely either escalate in their communication or some dogs may remove themselves from the situation to avoid conflict.

Yawning, scratching, lip licking or sniffing the ground that is out of context can signal to another dog or human that they may be stressed. What does out of context look like? For example, the dog yawns while they are eating a treat when approached but, they just woke up from a 5-hour nap. The dog may look away when you approach them when they are sitting on the couch when there is no noise or person that caused them to look in that direction. They may lip lick when you pet them on the head when there is no food or treat near-by. On a walk they suddenly defer to sniffing the ground or scratching when a novel person or dog approaches and no yummy food has fallen and they usually don't scratch.

Now that you see the subtle communication, what can you do to listen and help the dog?

- If they look or move away when you approach, stop moving towards them or end the interaction. Move away.
- Watch and see if they follow. If they do not, they are likely saying "not now" and leave them alone. If they do follow, it may be that your approach was possibly threatening or over-whelming to them.
- If they lip lick when you pet them on the head, stop. Try petting them on the chest or shoulder area. If they stop lip licking, it is a good indication they do not like being pet or touched on the head and, good that you found an area they do like to be pet or touched.
- If you are walking outside on leash and your dog suddenly defers to sniffing the ground as another dog and person are coming towards them, cheerfully encourage them to change direction or ask the on-coming dog and person to change direction to avoid a possible stressful situation.

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OWNING A PET IS A PRIVILEGE FOR YOU

Owning a pet is a privilege that should result in a mutually beneficial relationship. The benefits of pet ownership come with responsibilities; which include:

- Lifelong care of the pet. This means committing to the relationship for your pet's entire life.
- Selecting a pet that is suited to your home and lifestyle and avoiding impulsive decisions.
- Recognizing that owning a pet(s) requires an investment of time and money.
- Keeping only the type and number of pets for which you can provide an appropriate and safe environment. This includes appropriate food, water, shelter, health care and companionship.
- Ensuring pets are properly identified (i.e., tags, microchips) and that their registration information in associated databases is kept up-to-date.
- Adhering to local ordinances, including licensing and leash requirements.
- Establishing and maintaining a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- Providing preventive (e.g., vaccinations, parasite control) and therapeutic health care for the life of your pet(s) in consultation with, and as recommended by, your veterinarian.
- Socialization and appropriate training for your pet(s) to facilitate their well-being and the well-being of other animals and people.
- Preventing your pet(s) from negatively impacting other people, animals and the environment. This includes proper waste disposal, noise control, and not allowing pet(s) to stray or become feral.
- Providing exercise and mental stimulation appropriate to your pet(s)' age, breed, and health status.
- Include your pets in your planning for an emergency or disaster, including assembling an evacuation plan.
- Making arrangements for the care of your pet when or if you are unable to do so.
- Recognizing declines in your pet(s)' quality of life and making decisions in consultation with your veterinarian regarding appropriate end-of-life care (e.g., palliative care, hospice, euthanasia).

Having a pet is a BIG responsibility for the lifetime of your pet, not until you're bored, you move, get married, or until you are tired of it. Your pet relies on you for everything in its life. Don't let him/her down.

Source: <https://www.avma.org>

PLANNING FOR YOUR PETS FUTURE

Your pet relies on you for everything it needs to survive, but what if something happens and you are no longer there?

Follow these simple steps provided by the ASPCA to begin the process of creating a plan to ensure that your pet is always cared for, even after you're gone.

- **Step 1: Carry a Pet Alert card in your wallet.**

This card will alert authorities that you have a pet at home and list two emergency contacts for them to notify if something happens to you.

- **Step 2: Create a Pet Dossier for each pet in your care.**

A Pet Dossier is a document containing pertinent information about your pet that would be valuable to a potential guardian and/or caregiver in your absence. Even if you don't have a plan in place for the future care of your pet, this information is vital to helping your pet find a new home faster. Some examples of information to include are:

- Habits
- Food preferences
- Medical conditions and medications taken
- Veterinary information and records
- Behavior around other pets/people/children
- Your Pet Dossier should be kept in a safe but accessible place with your other important papers and copies should be distributed to all parties in your pet's circle of care.

- **Step 3: Decide on an Informal or Formal Arrangement for your pet's future care.**

There are many options available when planning for the future care of your pet.



Source: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/planning-for-your-pets-future/getting-started>

2025 EVENTS

APRIL 26, 2025: HARTFORD HARLEY OPEN HOUSE! 10A-4P
HARTFORD HARLEY, 221 GOVERNOR ST., EAST HARTFORD, CT

MAY 3, 2025: BECKETT'S OPEN HOUSE! 1P-4P
BECKETT & ASSOCIATES VETERINARY SERVICES, 1269 MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY, CT

JUNE 1, 2025: CARS-4-PAWS CAR SHOW! 10A-3P
SOUTHINGTON DRIVE-IN, 945 MERIDEN-WATERBURY TURNPIKE, PLANTSVILLE, CT
RAIN DATE JUNE 8, 2025

JUNE 14, 2025: B.A.A.C. STUFF-A-TRUCK! 10A-6P
WALMART, 465 BRIDGEPORT AVENUE, SHELTON, CT

AUGUST 9, 2025: B.A.A.C. MOTORCYCLE RALLY & PET ADOPTION EVENT 11A-5P
MARTIN BISHOP FIELD, 111 LONG HILL ROAD, GUILFORD, CT

**WHERE IN CT
IS B.A.A.C.?**

SAVE THE DATE

B.A.A.C.'s Annual Rally will be distributing and accepting applications for vendors soon! Help us help the voiceless by joining us on August 9th!



TO SAY NOTHING, TO DO NOTHING, STOPS NOTHING
WWW.BIKERSAGAINSTANIMALCRUELTY.ORG

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REPORT CRUELTY/NEGLECT:

Humane Society of the U.S. (Dog Fighting)..... 1-877-TIP-HSUS
(Reward of up to \$5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dog fighter.)
Humane Society of the U.S. (Puppy Mill)..... 1-877-645-5847
Animal Cruelty on TV or Film..... 1-818-501-0123
We Tip Hotline (abuse/neglect)..... 1-800-78-CRIME

For immediate help: Dial 911 and/or your local law enforcement, Animal Control Officer, Humane Society, CT Court Appointed Animal Advocates, Department of Agriculture (for Connecticut). If these fail, go to your local media outlet and blast the information, put the pressure on, save a life!

Complete the '**Suspected Animal Abuse**' form at ct.gov - Dept of Agriculture - Report Animal Abuse and email to agr.animalcontrol@ct.gov

Know the laws in your State, sadly, what is seen as cruel isn't always against the law. Document ALL details of possible case, your "journal" of events can be a very powerful too in proving cruelty, neglect, and abuse and can be a great asset in the prosecution of an animal abuser.

RESOURCES:

If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, immediately contact your local veterinarian or the

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435 or (855) 764-7661 - *fees apply in order to fund call centers.*

Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement: <https://www.aplb.org>, local groups available at 211.org or dial 211.

Animal Cruelty Free Product lists: CrueltyFreeKitty.com, Ethicalelephant.com, LeapingBunny.org and ASPCA.org.

VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE



Help us support the mission we hold
so close to our heart....

MAKE A DONATION

We are always in need of
donations:

Cleaning supplies, pet food, pet
toys, blankets, towels, litter,
beds, pet toys, leashes/collars,
and anything else that can
improve the lives of
shelter pets!

Bring your donations to any of
our events, or reach out using
the contact info above. Or
reach out directly to your local
animal shelter and volunteer or
donate!

JOIN OUR TEAM

Interested in becoming a
member?

Visit our website for an
application, meet us at an
event or 'contact us'. We have
riding members and non-riding
members. Members help at
events, attend fundraisers,
court hearings, fundraise and
spread awareness and
education. We have many
different areas of
interest such as Public
Relations, Education,
Merchandise, and more!

WILL YOU HELP US HELP THEM?

By making financial contributions towards urgent medical care B.A.A.C. has been able to help hundreds of animals across the United States who came to harm at the hands of human. But we can't do it without your support.

We offer **Five** ways you can help us help them:

1. ONLINE DONATIONS

Visit us at www.bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org

2. CHECK DONATIONS:

Checks Payable to B.A.A.C. or Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc.

Mail To: Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc., PO Box 68, North Haven, CT 06478

3. CREDIT CARD DONATIONS:

Complete the following information and mail this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

CC#: _____ Exp: _____

Code: _____ Signature: _____

4. IN PERSON:

Visit us at an event! We post on Facebook the events we host and attend throughout the year.

5. ONLINE STORE

Purchase B.A.A.C. Merchandise on our website for yourself or as a gift!

We thank everyone for their amazing support, without your compassion for these vulnerable souls, we would not be able to help these victims.

~ B.A.A.C. is a licensed 501(c)(3) non-profit -monetary donations are tax deductible ~

Thank you for your support! Together we will do great things for them!