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The Silver Lining

Animal Cruelty

"Animals can't cry out for help or for justice. It is the duty of humans to do so."

Animal cruelty is a huge problem found in many aspects of everyday life. It includes direct (deliberate) to indirect (neglect) by the hands of the most vicious people, to simply uneducated people; from factory farms to dog meat trade to puppy mills to personal pets and more. It is an immeasurable problem that encompasses all animals and all scenarios in all parts of the world.

This makes the idea of ending animal abuse feel like a very large and unachievable goal for a group of less than 50 in Connecticut. Therefore, we are left with a choice – we could throw our hands up in defeat and turn our backs entirely because the problem is too large to tackle for a small group – or we can concentrate our efforts on a small piece of the animal cruelty problem where we can actually help and make a difference.

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Animal Cruelty

We decided that tackling even one small part of this huge problem is our best chance to help as many as we can. So, that is just what we have been doing since 2007. Every single day, we help domestic pets who have been victimized by humans in horrific ways get a second chance at a life, one that is deserving of such beautiful souls.

We work with the most amazing rescue organizations and animal welfare groups. We are blessed that we have a platform to speak daily for these souls and do something to help them.

Some of our members are vegan, some vegetarian and some are neither, but their individual choices do not stop them from helping the dog that was set on fire for fun, or the kittens thrown out of the window on the highway, or the man who slammed his dog with a bat fracturing his skull, and too many other disgusting and horrific acts of animal abuse that we see each day. No matter what, each member of this organization devotes their best to the mission we proudly support.

We encourage everyone to become familiar with the animal laws in their state. Understand what is legal and illegal. Know when to place a problem in the hands of professionals. It's best to do everything to bring attention to a perceived problem and be wrong, then leave an animal to fend for itself. We do not judge anyone for tackling their own small piece of the problem that they feel will do the most good. We encourage spreading awareness and education about all aspects of animal cruelty. We concentrate on one aspect, others concentrate on other aspects and together we will win the war.

Silence enables the guilty – Speak up, ask questions, learn, educate, and spread awareness so one day, organizations like ours and others will not have a need to exist.

SUMMER PAW PROTECTION

Often dogs will push through their limits or and mask pain in order to please their owner. This is the result of a mix of biological predispositions, evolutionary history, and learned behavior. You as a dog guardian, must think logically for your dog. You have the ability of reason and think critically. We, as humans are able to think of potential harm versus potential gain when it comes to our actions. Thinking what is best for your pet and acting on what is best for your pet makes the best pet owner.

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PAWS BURN ON HOT SURFACES!

Wood Deck

Air Temp 75°F / In full sun 100°F

source: deckstainhelp.com

Composite Deck

Air Temp: 80°F / in full sun 150°F

Source: Moistursheild.com

Beach Sand

Air Temp 90°F / in full sun 120°F

Source: palmbeachpost.com

Asphalt

Air Temp: 70°F-90°F+ / in full sun 125°-150°F+

Source: aasphalting.com

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PAWS BURN ON HOT SURFACES!

- **Avoid walking dogs during the hottest parts of the day—early morning or late evening is best.**
- **Always check the temperature of asphalt or sand before walks to prevent paw burns.**
- **Hydration, shade, and sunscreen are essential to prevent heat-related illness.**
- **Flat-faced, senior, and overweight dogs require extra precautions in hot weather.**
- **Higher than 70 F: Limit the duration of walks with your dog and the time they spend outside.**
- **Between 80–89 F: Give only short, leashed walks.**
- **90 F or above: Only go outside for quick potty breaks.**
- **Never leave your pet outside during extreme weather (heat or cold) for more than 15 minutes in Connecticut - it is against the law.**

Dogs will push through pain to obey and/or please their owners. Don't put them in that situation.

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DOGS' WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN

Why Dogs Are So Willing to Listen to Their Owners

Dogs' willingness to listen to humans is the result of a mix of **biological predispositions, evolutionary history, and learned behavior**.

1. Pack instincts and social structure
Dogs are descended from wolves, which are highly social and hierarchical animals. In the wild, survival depended on cooperation and loyalty within a pack. When dogs live with humans, they often see their family as their new pack, making them more attentive and responsive to their owners' cues.

2. Genetic changes for human-directed sociability
Thousands of years of domestication altered a dog's DNA, making them unusually attentive to human social signals. Specific genetic variants—such as changes in the GTF2I gene—enhance interest in human faces, gestures, and voices, traits not found in wolves.

3. Innate ability to read human cues
From birth, dogs can interpret human pointing gestures and follow them with high accuracy, often without prior training. This ability is linked to brain regions involved in language processing, such as the left temporal cortex, which activates when dogs hear trained words.

4. Emotional bonding through oxytocin
Affectionate interactions—petting, eye contact, and play—trigger the release of oxytocin, a "love hormone" that strengthens trust and attachment. This chemical bond makes dogs more likely to stay close, follow commands, and remain loyal.

5. Positive reinforcement and training
Consistent training with rewards (treats, praise) teaches dogs that good behavior leads to positive outcomes. This builds trust and reinforces their desire to please their owners.

6. Protective instincts
Dogs have an innate drive to protect those they care about. When their owners are in danger, they are more likely to respond quickly and decisively, a trait rooted in their ancestral role as guardians.

In short, dogs listen to their owners because they are **biologically wired to respond to humans**, shaped by millennia of domestication, and reinforced by emotional bonds, training, and the rewards of cooperation. This combination makes them uniquely attuned to human communication and commands.

Sources: iHeartDogs, scienceinsights.org, hepper.com

B.A.A.C. NEWS!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up! We are still accepting applications for vendors, food trucks, and more! Email: events@bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org



Live music from:

- Rescue Dogs Band
- Lite Wired with big Jim & Katrina

Vendors:

- Bone & Barrel
- Soldier Solutions
- What the Fudge
- C + L Gloworks
- Two Knotty Hippies
- Guilford Medical Hospital
- Dog and Hen
- Malone Cookie Co.
- Desmond's Army Animal Law Advocates
- Animal Rescue Foundation
- The Simon Foundation – Rescue
- BARC – Rescue
- The Rusty Evo

Food Trucks:

- Mexitaly
- Yummy Wagon
- Shoreline Prime
- Guilford Lemonade
- Ice Scream Truck
- Cinco De Mayo

Sponsors:

- Branford Vet
- Miles Truck & Trailer Repair
- East River Energy
- Salomone & Morelli

MEMBER OF THE QUARTER!

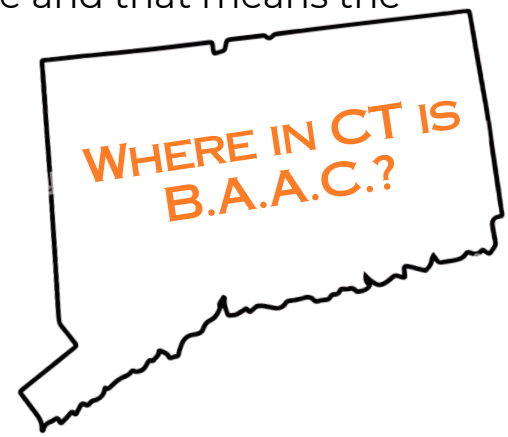


This quarter, we shine a spotlight on Melissa as B.A.A.C.'s Member of the Quarter! Melissa embodies our core values and keeps the mission at the forefront. Her passion, perseverance, and commitment has not only met but exceeded expectations, making her a role model for all members. Keep up the amazing work!

Congratulations Melissa!!! Thank you for all that you do!

2026 EVENTS

We would be grateful if you would spread the word about these events and encourage your friends and family to join us! Whether we are hosting or attending as a vendor, we would love to see you and have your support! The more participants we have, the greater the impact we can make and that means the more animals that get help!



We will be **HOSTING** the following events:

B.A.A.C. Rally
Date: August 8th
Time: 11a-5p
Location: Martin Bishop Field Guilford, 111 Long Hill Road, Guilford, CT

We will have our **BOOTH** at the following events:

Keepers Gentleman's Club Charity Car Wash
Date: August 15th
Time: Starts at Noon
Location: 354 Woodmont Road, Milford, CT

Army's Legacy Car Show
Date: August 23
Time 9a to 3p
Location: Southington Drive-in, 995 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT

Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services Open House
Date: September 19th
Time: 1p to 4p
Location: Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services, 1269 Main St., Glastonbury, CT

Help Us, Help Them!
We can't do it without you! Please support your local animal welfare and animal rescue groups.

CT ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW [CGS § 53-247]

Connecticut's primary animal cruelty statute is comprised of five distinct crimes:

1. cruelty to animals
2. malicious or intentional cruelty to animals
3. animals engaged in exhibition of fighting
4. intentionally injuring
5. killing police animals or dogs in volunteer canine service and rescue teams

Under Connecticut law, a person commits animal cruelty if he or she, among other things:

- tortures
- cruelly beats or kills
- deprives of necessary sustenance
- unjustifiably injures an animal.

A person is also guilty of this crime if:

- when confining an animal, they fail to provide the animal proper care or to supply it with wholesome air, food, and water or
- when having custody of an animal, they inflict cruelty upon it or fail to provide it proper food, drink, or protection from the weather.

Animal cruelty is punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to $1,000, or both for a first offense and is a class D felony for a subsequent offense. Intentional and malicious animal cruelty is a class D felony for a first offense and a Class C felony for a subsequent offense (CGS § 53-247). Read the full statute at www.cga.ct.gov

Keep in mind, pets are fully reliant on their owners, they trust wholeheartedly that they will be fed, sheltered, kept safe, and loved. They trust unconditionally and are devoted to their owners.

Putting your pet in dangerous situations is irresponsible. While these situations may not stem from malicious intent, they can still be considered cruelty. Examples include walking your pet on hot pavement, driving without securing them, hiking beyond their age or ability, exposing them to loud sounds despite sensitive hearing, failing to provide food as they become emaciated, or forcing them into water to swim despite visible fear. As the owner, you have the ability to think critically and must take a moment to make the best decisions for your pet.

Remember, pets can't communicate their pain, ask for help, or refuse like we can. They depend entirely on you. Apply your judgment and act responsibly. Consider their well-being first.

If you wouldn't want something done to you, don't do it to them!



IN MEMORIAM











"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

2ND QUARTER CASES

B.A.A.C. helped with urgent medical care this past quarter by donating funds to the treating veterinary clinics to help twelve animals who were victims of animal cruelty and neglect. Many of these animals suffered more than we can imagine from neglect, cruelty, and/or abuse at the hands of humans. Their stories are deeply moving and hard to imagine.

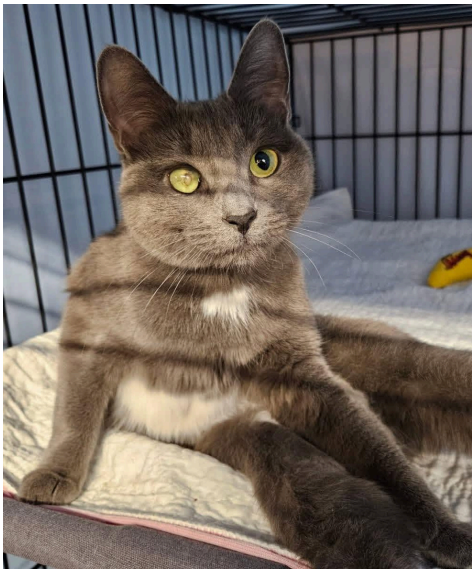
Thanks to our supporters, B.A.A.C. was able to afford to donate to the victims below.

B.A.A.C. sends donations directly to the medical facility providing care, so the funds reach exactly who they are intended for. We never give donations to other organizations or to individuals.

We are grateful to the animal rescue and animal welfare organizations for giving these animals care, love, and, most importantly, a well-deserved second chance at life. These animals can now close their eyes to sleep in a safe place, with a full belly, a happy heart, and without fear. That is priceless and a life that all animals should always have.

Please support these angels on earth by volunteering, donating, or following them on social media. Sharing their posts about their needs and successes can make a difference. Our recent cases were saved by:

- Lucky Penny Rox Rescue
- Hidden Treasures Adoption Center







TRAINER'S CORNER

Dog parks. A place for fun or fights?

Would you enter a house knowing it is haunted? What if you didn't know? Often, when people aren't aware of the risks or danger, they are more likely to do something. There is a sense of innocence of the situation. The benefits of dog parks: (maybe?)

1. Exercise
2. Enrichment
3. Training and Learning (dogs must be kept under threshold)

The risks in the dog park are any number of things including but not limited to:

1. Poor design and small spaces. Often there is nowhere for dogs to get away from one another if need be, or too many places for a dog to be "trapped" by another dog or multiple dogs.
2. People! They can be the catalyst for dogs to fight, especially in owner- guarding scenarios or people reaching to grab collars. Pet owners do not want to hear their dog is not playing nice or has bad behaviors. Often the person, too, becomes the dog park bully.
3. Lack of knowledge or participation from the average dog park goers. They do not see the early signs of stress or that their dog is NOT having fun. They are on their phones, not involved with their dog.
4. Communicable diseases. Are all the dogs vaccinated? Do they have illnesses? Can other dogs' sense they are sick or can a sick one behave aggressively towards others?
5. No professional supervision or control. There can be too many dogs with clashing personalities and no one to help distinguish this.
6. Dogs may lack pro-social skills or be dog-selective with novel dogs or people.

What can you do to help? First, for safety: avoid them if you are unsure of any of the above risks.

1. Do not let your dog enter if highly aroused and excited or, if there are dogs in this emotional state waiting at the gate. Thresholds and feeling trapped can be catalysts for fights.
2. Avoid bringing your dog unless they have a solid recall in highly distracting situations. Being able to call your dog away from a potential situation before it arises is crucial.
3. Avoid reaching in between dogs should a conflict arise.
4. Pay attention to your dog. Learn what subtle and overt stress and avoidance looks like in your own and other dogs. Remove your dog immediately to avoid escalation or to give your dog relief from the situation if they are not having fun.
5. Make sure your dog is up to date with vaccines. Clean up after your dog.
6. Safely leash or remove your dog if they start showing fear, guarding, targeting one dog, or aggressive- type behavior displays. Do not bring toys if toy guarding is unknown in group.
7. Take your dog to a private venue such as a daycare with 1 on 1 play time, Sniffspot or make your yard exciting by scattering/hiding treats. You can also engage is a safe dog sport under supervised, professional and humane help.

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REPORT CRUELTY/NEGLECT:

Dog Fighting Humane Society of the U.S.....animalfighting@HSUS.org
(Reward of up to $5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dog fighter.)
Puppy Mills Humane Society of the U.S.....1-877-MILL-TIP
or www.humaneworld.org/en/forms/report-puppy-mill
Animal Cruelty on TV or Film.....323-210-2233
or email AFTV@peta.org.
Domestic abuse/neglect (We Tip Hotline)..... 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! Do not give up!

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 to some isn't always against the law. That distinction is vast. Therefore, document ALL details of a possible case, these details 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.

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