



THE SILVER LINING

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc.

B.A.A.C. is a small non-profit animal welfare group located in Connecticut. We are not a rescue, but we work with reputable rescue organizations. We support our motorcycle community, but we are not a motorcycle club, therefore, we do not have chapters, but we have members in several different States.

Our mission is to:

- Provide financial assistance so animal cruelty victims can receive urgent medical care.
- Educate the community on responsible pet ownership.
- Spread awareness and education of animal cruelty and neglect.
- Provide/collect supplies for rescues, shelters, and food pantries.
- Provide financial assistance to qualified families for spay/neuter surgery.

Through our volunteer efforts we strive to improve the lives of abused, neglected and unwanted domestic animals through financial and material support, public outreach and education.

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TRAINERS CORNER

Relation / Decompression Exercise: *The purpose of this simple exercise is to help regulate emotions, relax and calm your dog after any stressful, anxious or high energy event.*

1. Use a towel, blanket or mat new to your dog for this exercise
2. Place towel in a quiet area.
3. Ask or lure your dog to be on the towel, with all paws. It is not necessary to ask for any behavior such as a sit or down.
4. Place a piece of kibble on the towel, between the dogs front feet. You can use your dog's daily food towards this exercise!
5. Place kibble in same location every 2 seconds. When starting this exercise, the frequency should be enough to keep your dog's attention and, keep her/him on the mat.
6. Feed kibble for 30-60 seconds.
7. Release your dog, calmly.
8. Pick up the towel and put away.
9. Repeat this exercise after events that causes arousal or excitement behavior, including barking.
10. As your dog starts to learn the association with the towel and food being placed in the same location, your dog should start to go on the towel and anticipate the food. Your dog may eventually lay down on her/his own. Over time, you can slowly start to space out the frequency of kibble being placed. For example, every 5 seconds, then every 8 seconds, every 12 seconds, then randomly! Do not make them wait for more than 20 seconds.. You will be building in duration on the towel, too! Your exercise may now last 3-5 minutes.
11. If your dog moves off the towel, increase your frequency in the kibble for a few sessions or, try a new, low value treat that's a little more enticing but still boring. Remember, this training is to calm behavior. We do not want treats to excite them!
12. Enjoy your calm dog!

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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!

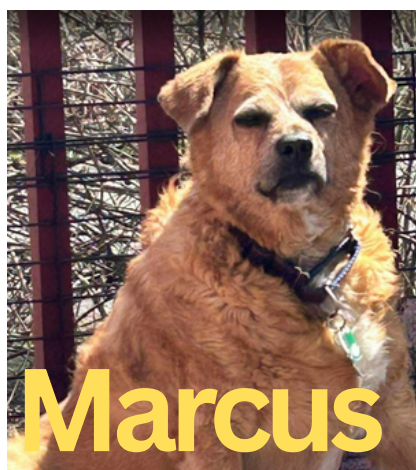
IN MEMORIAM



Willow



Rascal



Marcus



Madison



Bebe



Reginald

"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

3RD QUARTER CASES

Below are the animals B.A.A.C. helped with urgent medical care this past quarter by donating funds. Many of these animals suffered from neglect, cruelty, and/or abuse, which caused serious health issues. Their stories are deeply moving and hard to imagine. We could not afford these donations if it weren't for YOU, our supporters!

- 'Cody' - Abuse/Cruelty/Neglect, CT
- Dog - Cruelty, TX
- 'Bello' - Cruelty, CT
- "Dog" - Cruelty, CT
- 'Gigi' - Neglect/Cruelty, CT
- 'Tucker' - Abuse/Neglect, CT
- Cats - Neglect, CT
- 'Frenchie' - Abuse, CT (did not survive injuries)
- "Osborne" - Cruelty, GA
- "Shrimp" - Cruelty/Abuse, CT
- "Louis" - Neglect, CT
- "Bambi" - Cruelty/Neglect, CT
- "Ziggy" - Neglect, NY
- "Reese" - Neglect/Cruelty, TX
- "Carmeleta" - Neglect/Cruelty, TX
- "Bitsy" - Abuse/Neglect, CT
- "Ava" - Neglect, CT

Additionally, through our Speuter Program, we assisted eight families with the cost of spay/neuter surgery. Thanks to our supporters, B.A.A.C. was able to donate over \$8,000.00 just this 3rd Quarter (*July, August, September*), split between urgent medical care for cruelty cases and the Speuter Program.

B.A.A.C. sends donations directly to the medical facility providing care, so the funds reach exactly who they are allocated to. We do not give donations to other organizations or to individuals.

We are grateful to these 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.

- Army's Legacy Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
- Great Divide
- Furever Angels
- Harwinton, CT Animal Control
- All About the Dogs Rescue
- Marla's Fun
- Hisses to Kisses
- Hounds in Pounds
- Furgotten Tails
- Lili to the Rescue
- Cocker Spaniel Rescue
- Friends of Wharton Animal Control
- Meriden, CT Animal Control
- Windham, CT Animal Control
- Plainville, CT Animal Control

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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! 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.

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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!