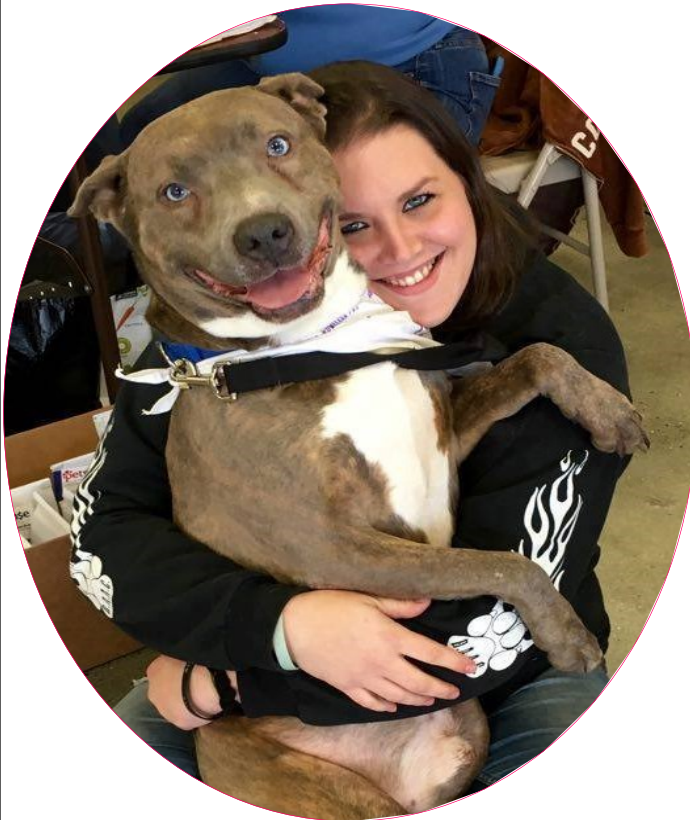




A TRUE RESCUE ANGEL



B.A.A.C. Members and Volunteers mourn the passing of Kim McMahon, President of Furry Friends Foster and Rescue, Inc. The world lost an angel, dogs lost a hero and we lost a friend on March 25, 2016. Kim's Furry Friends Foster and Rescue, Inc. family said it best *"Every time we save a dog, we will think of you. Every time we see joy in the eyes of a dog for the first time, we will think of you. Every time we take a dog on a freedom ride, we will think of you. Every time we see a dog in foster show trust for the first time, we will think of you. Every time we see a dog finally enjoying life in a wonderful forever home, we will think of you. We will never forget you. Ever. Today, at Rainbow Bridge, all of the dogs have gained a very special, new best friend. We know she already loves them, and they love her... how could they not? Heaven's newest angel, after*

all, is all about the dogs!" Kim will be in the hearts and thoughts of every one of us in the rescue community. A beautiful soul gone too soon. The legacy she has left behind will live on, her lessons and experiences will be taught to others to carry on. All that she worked so hard to accomplish will remain in good hands with the FFFR family and they will continue with a beautiful rescue angel by their side every step of the way. Thank you Kim for all that you have done. Please take a moment to read more about this wonderful organization at furryfriendsct.org or their Facebook page facebook.com/furryfriendsfosterandrescue.



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RABIES VACCINATION Sec. 22-339b

In summary, Rabies vaccination required for dogs and cats. Any owner or keeper of a dog or cat of the age of three months or older shall have such dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Any animal vaccinated prior to one year of age or receiving a primary rabies vaccine at any age shall be considered protected for only one year and shall be given a booster vaccination one year after the initial vaccination and shall be vaccinated at least every three years thereafter. Those animals revaccinated after one year of age shall be given booster vaccinations at least every three years thereafter. Proof of vaccination shall be a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with subsection (a) of section 22-339c. A licensed veterinarian, upon request of any Animal Control Officer shall submit to such officer a copy of such certificate and any associated rabies vaccination records for such dog or cat that has bitten a person or another animal. (b) The State Veterinarian or the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, may grant an exemption from vaccination against rabies for a dog or cat if a

licensed veterinarian has examined such animal and determined that a rabies vaccination would endanger the animal's life due to disease or other medical considerations. Such exemption may be granted only after the veterinarian has consulted with the State Veterinarian, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, and completed and submitted to the department an application for exemption from rabies vaccination on a form approved by the Department of Agriculture. Certification that a dog or cat is exempt from rabies vaccination shall be valid for one year, after which time the animal shall be vaccinated against rabies or the application for exemption shall be renewed. (c) Any veterinarian aggrieved by a denial of a request for an exemption from rabies vaccination by the State Veterinarian, the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee may appeal such denial as provided in the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, sections 4-166 to 4-189, inclusive. (d) Any violation of this section shall be an infraction.

For the full explanation of the law, visit to CT.gov

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

DESMOND'S LAW

March 28, 2016 with 34 in favor and 9 opposed, Desmond's Law passed the Judiciary Committee! This law is one step closer to making this important legislation a reality. The next steps is the bill will probably need the approval of another Committee, and then it will go to the House and Senate. The aim of this bill is to reduce the number of dismissed cases and help ensure that punishment fits the severity of the violence committed and provide the victim a voice in the courtroom. With the passage of this bill, an individual might think twice before they cause injury to an animal. More information can be found with 'Justice For Desmond' and 'CT Votes for Animals' Facebook pages.



We've all seen them. Perhaps we've crossed the street, turned around and walked back the way we came, or shortened our own dogs leash to avoid the dog with that *thing* on their nose, lest they go on the attack. That "muzzle" as I've heard it called many times is indeed, not a muzzle. There are many companies that manufacture these, and they go by different names. Halti and Gentle Leader are two of the most common. Everyone is familiar with the dog harness, which typically goes across the dog's chest, under its belly and clips on their back. While these are highly regarded by most of the population as an alternative to a flat collar and leash to control the more feisty dogs, they are not for everyone. When I first adopted two of my girls within months of each other, we attended every training class available, not just for training but for the socialization aspect as well. They passed all of the classes with flying colors, even their Canine Good Citizenship tests. They could heel with the best of them provided they were in the mood. Despite all of the training there were always certain situations where my sweet 50 lb. ladies would get so excited they would pull like horses doing a tractor pull. We worked and worked and worked on walking with me. Finally, I spoke with my trainer regarding options that would leave my arm in its socket during those high excitement times. She recommended the typical harness at first, and with great anticipation we gave it a whirl. Turned out not for us. The fact that the harness went across their chest gave them a stronger, wider base with which to pull. Onto

our next experiment, the Easy Walker. Again, these go by many different names depending on the company. These harnesses are different than the typical harness in that the leash clips to the front of the dogs chest so you have more control when they pull. Fabulous! Except my girls quickly learned that if they walked *sideways* (really!) they could still outsmart me and the Easy Walker. Finally, we tried the Gentle Leader. Now this was a whole new ballgame! The Gentle Leader has a loop that goes over the dog's muzzle, clips behind their ears, and the leash clips under the dogs chin. All without impeding the dog's ability to open their mouth to pant, drink water, eat, etc. An additional benefit of the Gentle Leader is that the strap that goes over their muzzle hits a pressure point on their noses that causes them to relax. The biggest difference is that they cannot pull, no matter how hard they try because the leash is attached to their nose. I noticed a change in them the minute I put it on. Whenever I brought them to a new place or had them in a new situation I used it. Basic walks did not require it. But I noticed the looks from other people, and heard the comments that my dogs were dangerous, they shouldn't be out in public if they require a muzzle and other similar comments. Please, keep in mind that each and every dog is different, just as each person is different. There are some great options out there. Take time to research what is best for you and your companion. Ask questions of the owner if you are uncertain about a particular dog.

Written by Jenifer Hinchcliffe Hughes

The Gentle Leader



The Easy Walker



The Harness



"I found me when I was rescued by my dogs." - Kat Armstrong

CONGRATULATIONS SIR LANCELOT!

Sir Lancelot is Pet of the Quarter! Sir Lancelot was found roaming the streets of Newington, CT and taken to the town shelter. One day Furry Friends Foster and Rescue (FFFR) were at the shelter rescuing a dog when they saw Sir Lancelot and just could not leave him behind. He was in rough shape, the shelter said the feedback from potential adopters was that he was “too old and ugly”. He was approximately 11 years old, his gums were infected, his teeth were rotted, some required extraction, he was underweight from living on the streets, he was in pain and needed surgery. FFFR reached out to BAAC for assistance with the medical bills and that’s when our members, Bob and Michelle saw him and immediately fell in love. Bob and Michelle applied for adoption, received a home visit from FFFR and once Sir was ready for adoption he was brought to his new forever home! At first, Sir could not do the stairs because the arthritis in his hips, he did not like any people or animals close to his face - he would growl out of fear. Now just a few months later and after time on glucosamine, fish oil and a healthy diet, he has no problem with stairs and he soaks up all the kisses he could get! It’s amazing what a safe loving home can do for a rescue pet. Sir loves his new home and all his siblings; which includes ‘Isabella’ the dog, ‘Tubby’ the cat, ‘Gonzo’ the Cockateil and ‘Topaz’ a Blue and Gold Macaw. Isabella was the most excited, she immediately took to Sir but learned quickly that he needed space. Now they are BFF’s who sleep together, eat together and play together! We can only imagine how awful his life was before he was rescued. Now that is all in the past, he’s safe, healthy, happy and loved. He could not have found a better home than Michelle and Bob’s! Welcome Home Sir Lancelot!



“When we love an animal as our family, we begin to understand animals are our family.” - Anthony Douglas Williams

COMING TO AN AREA NEAR YOU!

WoofStock - April 23rd @ Toad’s Place, New Haven, CT

Thunder in the Valley Festival & Ride – May 1st @ Millside Park, East Hampton, MA

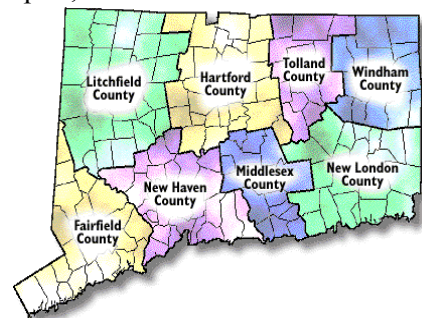
Break Out Shelter Run - May 7th @ Rise & Shine Café, Middletown, CT

Cinco’De Mayo Party - May 7th @ DAV, Meriden, CT (after break out run)

Tour For Life - May 14th @ TBD, Southbury, CT

Help Willy’s Fair - May 15th @ Coginchaug High School, Durham, CT

Central CT Pet Fair - June 25th @ Hubbard Park, Meriden, CT



CONGRATULATIONS LES ARCHER



Congratulations Les! You have been chosen as Member of the Quarter! Les joined B.A.A.C. in 2014 bringing with him a vast wealth of knowledge. Les is an Animal Control Officer in Connecticut and works tirelessly with multiple non-profit organizations that aid animals in need. He is passionate about life, always smiling and willing to try new adventures. Les always has great ideas about reaching more of the community to help more animals. We've witnessed Les help dog owners during events who were having trouble walking their dog due to pulling on the leash. Within 10 minutes Les will have the dog and its owner walking beautifully. He usually will go above and beyond to help anyone in his B.A.A.C. family and we could not be happier or luckier to have him! Thank you Les for all you do!

"It will not matter the sort of house I lived in, what my bank account was, or the car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of animals and the creatures on this earth."

- unknown

CONGRATULATIONS TRAVIS URBANO!



Congratulations Travis your bike is Bike of the Quarter! About Travis' bike in his words "It's a 2001 Harley Davidson Wide Glide I've had it for 3 years. I put 16 inch ape hangers with 3 1/2 in risers on it, Vance & Hines short shot exhaust, 21 inch fat spoke front wheel, Cycle Sounds speaker system, LED under glow lights, 7 inch LED headlight and LED tail light" When asked how he learned how to do all this, he said his Uncle helps him and he "learns as he goes". If you are ever at an event, take a moment to check this bike out because this picture just doesn't do it justice! Great Job Travis!!

ASK YOURSELF....

Owning a pet is a large responsibility and it is extremely important to make sure you are prepared & committed to care for another living being. All pets rely on their owners for their safety and to fulfill their needs including food, water, mental & physical stimulation, exercise, health care, grooming, training, companionship and more. Choosing the right pet and preparing for what the pet will need is part of being a responsible pet owner. Answer these questions to get an idea if it's right for you.

Source: spcamc.org/adopt/choosing-the-right-pet

- *Why do I want a pet?*
- *Do I have time for a pet?*
- *Can I afford a pet?*
- *Am I allowed to own a pet where I live?*
- *What do I want out of a pet?*
- *Why do I want a pet?*
- *What can I offer a pet?*
- *Am I planning to move in the next few years?*
- *How many years can I commit to a pet?*
- *How old should a child be before getting a pet?*
- *How much time do I spend at home on an average day?*
- *What is my activity level and what kind of pet will match it?*

'NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS' VS. 'CRUELTY FREE'

Designation as "cruelty-free" or "not tested on animals," or even the image of a bunny on a label may only refer to the finished product, when in fact, most animal testing occurs at the ingredient level. Furthermore, while a company may claim, "We do not test on animals," it could still contract other companies to do the testing. The only way to be 100% certain a company is cruelty-free is to buy products from companies that have been certified by the Leaping Bunny Program, which requires that no animal testing be used

in any phase of product development by the company, its laboratories, or ingredient suppliers. Neither the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) nor the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission require animal testing for cosmetics or household products. More and more companies are joining the Leaping Bunny Program each month. It boasts over 600 companies including well-known brands such as Burt's Bees, Method, Mineral Fusion and Seventh Generation.

Source: www.leapingbunny.org

ANIMAL TESTING FACTS

Below are seven facts written about animal testing according to 'DoSomething.org'

1. Over 100 million animals are burned, crippled, poisoned, and abused in U.S. labs every year.
2. 92% of experimental drugs that are safe and effective in animals fail in human clinical trials.
3. Up to 90% of animals used in U.S. labs are not counted in the official statistics of animals tested.
4. Europe, the world's largest cosmetic market, Israel and India have already banned animal testing for cosmetics, and the sale or import of newly animal-tested beauty products.

5. Registration of a single pesticide requires more than 50 experiments and the use of as many as 12,000 animals.

6. In tests of potential carcinogens, subjects are given a substance every day for 2 years while other tests involve killing pregnant animals and testing their fetuses.

7. Cosmetic tests performed on mice, rats, rabbits, and guinea pigs include: skin/eye irritation tests where chemicals are rubbed on shaved skin or dripped into the eyes without any pain relief.

Read more at DoSomething.org

"Properly trained, a man can be a dog's best friend."

ANTI-DOG FIGHTING CAMPAIGN

The Anti-Dog Fighting Campaign is a world-wide Organization that investigates, promotes awareness and battles for an end to dog fighting. It is made up of advocates and investigators who devote time to combating the issues of dog fighting. The ADFC battles for harsh punishment for the offenders who commit these crimes, for stronger laws to be made in countries who have no laws to stop this horrendous blood bath some call “sport”. They go to schools, expos, public meetings, rallies, etc. to speak out . They battle in legislative changes in laws regarding dog fighting and need for animal abuse offender registries. They work hard to convince state officials to see the horrors and dangers of dog fighting and how these changes are a must. Animals involved in these fights are often severely injured or killed during the fight. These fights may last for hours until one of the animals quits or dies. These animals do not receive veterinary attention. Losers that do not die may be tortured, starved to death or killed

outright by their owners. Other animals, such as owned pets or strays may be stolen and used as “bait” to train fighting dogs, often suffering greatly before they die. Dog fighting promotes crime such as violence to others, theft, drug use/possession/distribution, illegal weapons use/possession and gambling. It creates fear and intimidation in neighborhoods. The ADFC does not and will not be intimidated or back down and will do all they can to make sure animals are safe from hard. If you suspect dog fighting reach out using the information below. All information is completely and strictly confidential:

EMAIL:

- anti-dogfightingcampaign@hotmail.com

TIP LINES:

- U.S.A.: 248-820-0532
- CANADA: 1-204-881-3746
- AUSTRALIA: 0498723848
- UK TIPS: adfc.uk@mail.com
- GERMANY TIPS: adfc.deutschland@gmail.com
- HOLLAND TIPS: adfc.holland@gmail.com

Source: AntiDogFightingCampaign

“Their love is gone—their hearts are broken— They are lost and confused—without our help, they will perish.” - Robert Cabral

BOUND ANGELS

Robert Cabral founded Bound Angels after an accidental trip to a local animal shelter. Once he walked through the doors, he couldn't turn back, and since that day he's been working to make the world a better place for animals living in our nation's shelters. His background has spanned many crafts including martial art master teacher, photographer, bodyguard and author, but the one thing you'll always find him focused on is making the world a better place for those who can't help themselves. Several years ago that lead to founding Bound Angels. Robert's edgy approach and eye to detail was a welcomed addition to the animal rights and animal rescue communities. Bound

Angels provides a unique service to shelters, humane societies and rescue organizations that helps save the lives of countless shelter pets. Proven logical solutions and life-saving tools most of which are available free of charge both online as well as in our hosted training workshops. These programs range from online training, books, educational and dissemination campaigns, as well as hands-on canine behavior training and behavior assessments. All of our programs have been tested and proven to be very successful in large city shelter systems as well as small humane societies.

boundangels.org



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FIRST QUARTER CASES

- ‘Toby’: Victim of neglect - donation to *Furry Friends Foster and Rescue, Inc.*
- ‘Flint’: Victim of abuse and neglect - donation to *Noah’s Ark Rescue*
- ‘Gabe’: Victim of dog fighting - donation to *Noah’s Ark Rescue*
- ‘Buster’: Victim of cruelty - donation to *100+ Abandoned Dogs of the Everglades Florida Rescue*
- ‘Sweet Angie’: Victim of abuse - donation to *Noah’s Ark Rescue*

Total donations \$2,600.00

We encourage you to visit the webpages below to see the amazing progress these dogs have made thanks to your donations! Plus you can learn more about the life saving work these organizations accomplish everyday!

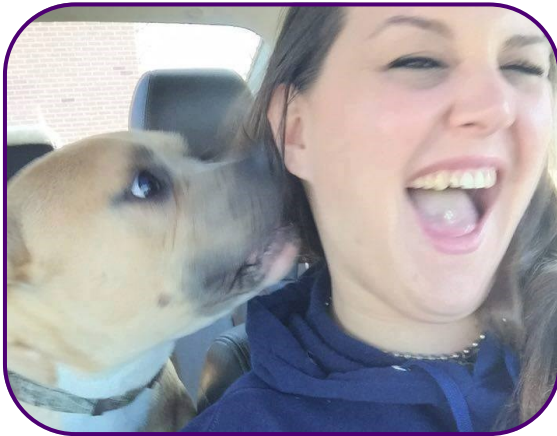
- www.furryfriendsct.org
- www.100plusabandoneddogsofevergladesflorida.org
- www.Noahs-arks.net



“The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.” - Albert Einstein



Haley Madison Hughes



Kim McMahan



Mackenzie Elise Hughes

*“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

DO DOGS GRIEVE THE LOSS OF THEIR OWNERS?

There are plenty of literature to help humans grieve the loss of a pet, but what about the pet? Do pets grieve the loss of their humans? Pets actually do show signs of loss and mourning in ways that the family may not recognize. Although somewhat different, they do feel the loss of loved ones. Many have a significant degree of attachment to their owner that leads to anxiety and distress when even short-term separation is thrust upon them, let alone bereavement. Dogs that have the hyper-attachment syndrome of separation anxiety are likely to be hard hit following their owners' demise. While we can't ask a dog how he feels, we can (and do) sometimes see all the visible signs of depression in bereft dogs that we see in a recently bereaved or otherwise depressed person. Following acute loss of a closely bonded owner,

dogs can suffer the pangs of separation anxiety or depression just as people do. The extent of the suffering is directly proportional to the strength of the bond with the owner and is a function of the dog's reliance and perceived dependence on that person. Owners who feed into a dog's intense dependence on them are more likely to have dogs that do not cope well when left alone for any reason. The emotional pain dogs feel on their owners death is an extension of, and extreme, protracted version of separation anxiety. While we all enjoy a close bond with our pets, and children for that matter, it is as well to prepare them to stand on their own four/two feet (respectively) so that they are not adrift should anything happen to us.

Source: Petplace.com

PET POISONS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

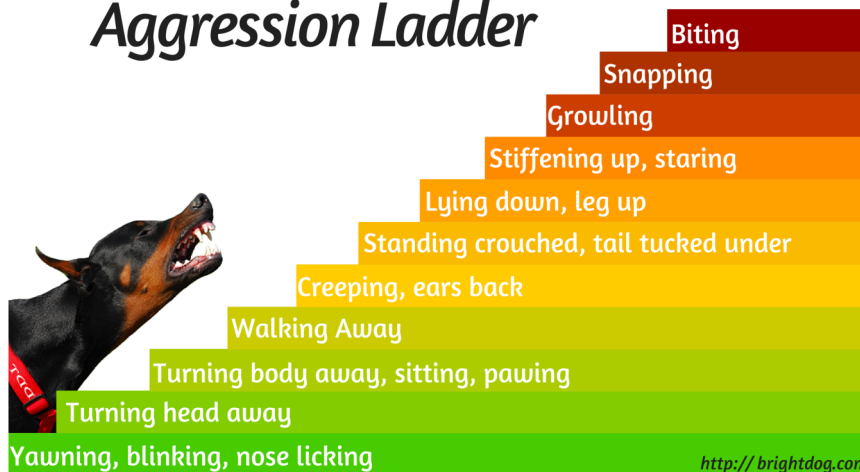
Our third quarter newsletter listed common foods that are poison to pets, but these might not be on the forefront of your mind. Ibuprofen: No human medication including herbal and natural supplements unless prescribed by a licensed veterinarian that has completed a physical on the pet. Marijuana: The chemical THC that is found in

Marijuana is toxic to animals and can lead to death. Xylitol: an artificial sweetener is immediate danger for pets. Batteries: contain hazardous chemicals that case cause tissue damage in the intestinal tract. Training your dog the "drop" and "leave it" command is extremely important when it comes to dangerous items.

Source: activ4pets.com

AGGRESSION OR COMMUNICATION?

Aggression Ladder



When you see your dog displaying the behaviors on this chart, here is what they would say to you if they could speak English.

- "Stop it"
- "I don't like what you're doing to me!"
- "Leave me alone!"
- "I'm scared!"

"Whoever saw a frisky dog in a gloomy family, or a sad dog in a happy one? Snarling people have snarling dogs, dangerous people have dangerous ones."

- John Grogan

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Humane Society of the U.S (Puppy Mill).....1-877-645-5847

We Tip Hotline1-800-78-CRIME

and as always, your local law enforcement, Animal Control Officer or Humane Society.

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!

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or a member (*riding & non-riding memberships available*), visit our website for an application or reach out to one of the officers listed above!

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I would like to help Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. by donating to help change a life! Please complete this form and enclose it with your payment, checks payable to B.A.A.C.

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