

THE SILVER LINING

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WELCOME 2018

A new year gives a sense of a fresh start, this perceived line in the sand provides a new life with a renewed sense of hope. Our world is saturated with the acts of disgusting human beings and the suffering of defenseless animals - so it is very important to keep our eyes on the "silver lining" by keeping our mission in focus and continuing to educate the community. We are truly grateful that we have another successful year behind us, and will work even harder to make this year bigger and better.

We have some exciting events coming up on our 2018 calendar! In an effort to introduce ourselves to different audiences we will be attending some non-animal related events such as the Motorcycle Mania in

Middletown on August 15th and Bike Night at the Cadillac Ranch in Southington on July 25th. We are also excited to host a meet and greet this summer! It will be a great opportunity for our members, volunteers and supporters to get to know each other! Additionally Woofstock will be held on May 5, the Breakout ride on May 20th and our huge Motorcycle Rally & Adoption event on August 18th.

We are 90 members strong and growing! Not a single one of our members is provided monetary compensation for ANY of their time. From events, to transportation to marketing, etc., we absorb costs so the animals we help are given as much funding as possible. When B.A.A.C. is asked to help a case the details are reviewed

by the four-officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) to ensure it meets the requirements set forth in our mission. Upon approval, a donation amount is agreed upon and that donation is sent by our President directly and only to the treating medical facility for that animal.

The more fundraisers we have, the more cases we are able to help - we never want to have to turn away an animal in need due to lack of funding.

In addition to medical cases, B.A.A.C. also has a Spouter Program. This program helps fund spay and neuter procedures for families who otherwise could not afford such an important and responsible procedure.

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OPERATION SHARE

B.A.A.C. has decided to connect with Connecticut Animal Control facilities in the hopes of helping them to collect supplies they need to best take care of their facility and the animals that reside there. This project is titled Operation Share and it will be an ongoing project until it is no longer needed. B.A.A.C. has asked CT Animal Control Facilities to reach out to us

and provide their "wish list" of supplies, such as food, cleaning supplies or major items like animal scales and net guns.

Our Facebook page has been posting these wish lists since February and asking our supporters to share. As of now we have 15 facilities participating in the project and we hope to get more.

Our secondary reason for this project is helping the community get more involved with their local shelters and animals. Often our supporters ask what they can do to help animals and this is a perfect opportunity to help!



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Your Wings
Were Ready
But My
Heart
Was Not

IN MEMORIAM



Luci Adams-Travers



Duncan Greenlaw Kearns



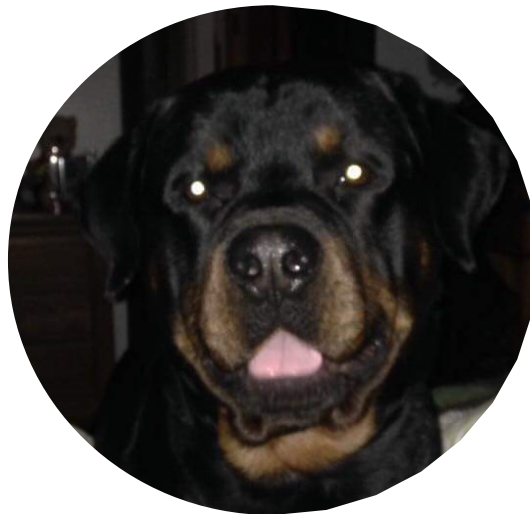
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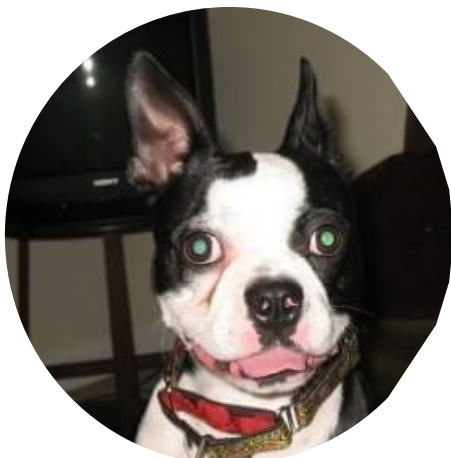
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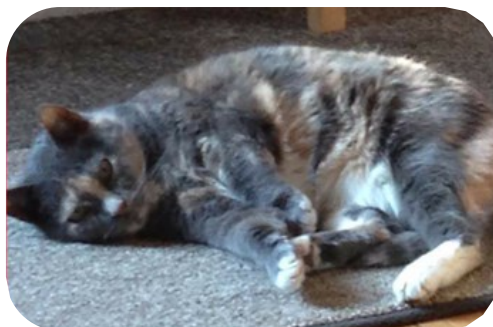
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ANIMALS MAKE US HUMAN

If you can't give an animal the freedom to act naturally, then you should think about how to satisfy the emotion that motivates the behavior by giving the animal other things to do. Focus on the emotion, not the behavior.

So far, research in animal behavior agrees with the neuroscience research on emotions. A really good study on whether animals have purely behavioral needs was done with gerbils. Gerbils love to dig and tunnel, and a lot of them develop a corner-digging stereotype when they're around thirty days old. A *stereotype* is an abnormal repetitive behavior (ARB for short), such as a lion or a tiger pacing back and forth in its cage for hours on end. Pets and farm animals can develop

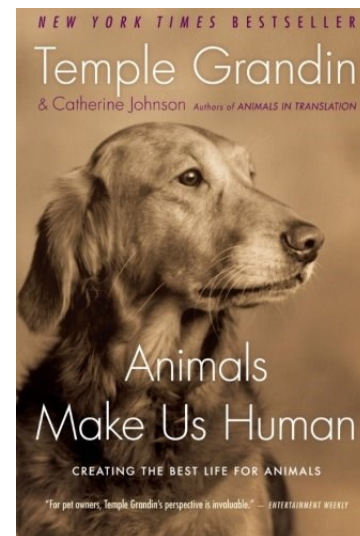
stereotypies, too. Stereotypies are defined as abnormal behaviors that are repetitive, invariant (lions always pace the exact same path in their cages) and seemingly pointless.

An adult gerbil spends up to 30% of its "active time" doing stereotypic digging in the corner of its cage. That would never happen in nature, and many researchers have hypothesized that the reason captive gerbils develop stereotypic digging is that they have a biological need to dig that they can't express inside a cage.

On the other hand, in nature gerbils don't dig just to be digging. They dig to create underground tunnels and nests. Once they've hollowed out their underground home,

they stop digging. Maybe what the gerbil needs is the result of the digging, not the behavior itself. A Swiss psychologist named Christoph Wiedenmayer set up an experiment to find out. He put one set of baby gerbils in a cage with dry sand they could dig in another set in a cage with a predug burrow system but nothing soft to dig in. The gerbils in the sand-filled box developed digging stereotypies right away, whereas none of the gerbils in the cage with burrows did. That shows that the motivation for a gerbil's digging stereotypy is a need to hide inside a sheltered space, not a need to dig.

Excerpt from 'Animals Make Us Human—Creating the best life for animals'



“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

DOG AGGRESSION EXPERT JIM CROSBY ON DOG BITES AND ATTACKS

“THIS WAS A PRECEDENT-SETTING CASE, AS THE STATE HAD NEVER PROSECUTED ANYONE FOR A DEATH CAUSED BY A DOG.”

Retired cop **Jim Crosby** is the country’s leading expert in canine aggression and dog attacks. Based in Jacksonville, Florida, he travels the country to investigate crime scenes involving canines and **dog bites**, and says there are some surprising facts that all dog owners really need to know. “Dog bites affect nearly five million people in the U.S. every year,” Jim says. “Even though the 25 or so fatalities each year are a tiny number in the grand scheme of things, almost all of these deaths can also be prevented. About 800,000 people in the U.S. get bitten badly enough every year to need medical treatment. That is far too many.” Dogster readers may be surprised to know that humans have lost their lives to breeds ranging from Pomeranians and Jack Russells to Great Danes and Presa Canarios. “All dogs have teeth and present a risk,” he explains. “Kids and seniors are the most common victims of serious attacks, since they often do not have the strength to fight off a determined dog. One of the most common contributing factors to fatalities, particularly among kids, is parents not supervising small children and dogs. And dogs are quick; a dog can bite and release three times in a second.” When Jim talks about saving lives, he means canine as well as human ones. He refuses to demonize any dog, even though that is most people’s first reaction in a canine-aggression investiga-

tion. “One thing people need to understand is the complexity of these issues,” he says. “Most times, people see ‘Dog mauls/kills person,’ especially a child, and they assume, ‘Evil dog! Monster! Kill it!’ The truth is far from being that simple. You have an aberrant behavior by an animal that has socially evolved with, and lived with, humans for thousands of years. For that relationship to go wrong takes a near hurricane of factors. It’s never good dog vs. bad dog; it is way more than that. We have to honor dogs’ nature and accept that they are not people, and don’t deserve our outrage when they act consistently with their nature.” What he found was, he says, “an incredible lack of inquiry. People just said, ‘Oh, the dog did it,’ and that was that. My cop side cried, ‘Bullshit!’ I wanted real answers. So I started taking more classes. I finished my degree in psychology to understand behavior better. And I reached back, and took up all the evidence and crime scene experience and training, and began asking harder and more pointed questions. That led to my becoming really the first person ever to go to crime scenes and interview witnesses and others, and put hands on the dogs accused, to try and find out what happened and why.” Jim has learned a great deal from dogs, who strengthened his resolve that **“everyone deserves to be treated fairly and objectively,**

two-legged or four.” That includes the so-called dangerous dog breeds. “We still have heavy levels of prejudice when it comes to perceptions of nature and aggression. People make assumptions based on public claims, personal experience, and, frankly, mythology that is totally wrong. I look at the dog’s behavior as objectively as I can, and honestly don’t care what kind of dog it is. The evidence says what it says.” The cases Jim investigates are heartbreaking. In West Virginia, where a 2-year-old was killed by a dog with a known, proven tendency to attack humans that was encouraged by the owner, “we managed to send the owner to prison,” he recalls “This was a precedent-setting case, as the state had never prosecuted anyone for a death caused by a dog.” The conviction was upheld by the West Virginia Supreme Court, giving prosecutors a **better way to hold animal owners accountable for negligent behavior.**

Read this full article at: <http://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/jim-crosby-dog-attacks-aggression-expert>

CALMING SIGNALS - THE ART OF SURVIVAL AUTHOR: TURID RUGAAS

For species who live in packs it's important to be able to communicate with its own kind. Both in order to cooperate when they hunt, to bring up their offspring, and perhaps most importantly: to live in peace with each other. Conflicts are dangerous - they cause physical injuries and a weakened pack, which is something that no pack can afford - it will cause them to go extinct. Dogs live in a world of sensory input: visual, olfactory, auditory perceptions. They easily perceive tiny details - a quick signal, a slight change in another's behavior, the expression in our eyes. Pack animals are so perceptive to signals that a horse can be trained to follow the contraction in our pupils and a dog can be trained to answer your whispering voice. There's no need to shout commands, to make the tone of our voice deep and angry - what Karen Pryor refers to as swatting flies with a shovel. The dogs have about 30 calming signals, perhaps even more. Some of these signals are used by most dogs, while other dogs have an incredibly rich 'vocabulary'. It varies from dog to dog.

The Problem: Dogs use this communication system towards us humans, simply because it's the language they know and think everyone understands. By failing to see your dog using calming signals on you, and perhaps even punish the dog for using them, you risk causing serious harm to your dog. Some may simply give up using the

calming signals, including with other dogs. Others may get so desperate and frustrated that they get aggressive, nervous or stressed out as a result.

Typical Example: Dad calls Prince and has learned in class that he needs to sound strict and dominant so that Prince will understand who is in charge. Prince finds dad's voice to be aggressive, and being a dog he instantly give dad a calming signal in order to make him stop being aggressive. Prince will perhaps lick his own nose, yawn, turn away - which will result in dad becoming angry for real, because dad perceives Prince as being pig-headed, stubborn and disobedient. Prince is punished for using his calming signals to calm dad. This is a typical example of something that happens on an everyday basis with many dog owners.

Basic Knowledge: We need to learn to understand the language of dogs so that we can understand what our dogs are telling us. That is the secret of having a good life together. How The Dog Is Using Calming Signals

Yawning: The dog may yawn when someone bends over him, when you sound angry, when there's yelling and quarreling in the family, when the dog is at the vet's office, when someone is walking directly at the dog, when the dog is excited with happiness and anticipation - for instance by the door when you are about to go for a walk, when you ask the dog to do something he doesn't

feel like doing, when your training sessions are too long and the dog gets tired, when you have said NO for doing something you disapprove of, and in many other situations. Threatening signals will always cause the dog to use a calming signal. There are about 30 different calming signals. When one dog yawns and turn his head to the side, the dog he is 'talking to' may lick his nose and turn his back- or do something completely different. The signals are international and universal. All dogs all over the worlds have the same language—they will have no communication problems!

Licking: Licking is another signal that is used often. Especially by black dogs, dogs with a lot of hair around their faces, and others who's facial expressions for some reasons are more difficult to see than those of dogs with lighter colors, visible eyes and long noses. But anyone can use licking, and all dogs understand it no matter how quick it is. The quick little lick on the nose is easier to see if you watch the dog from in front. It's best seen if you can find somewhere you can sit in peace and quiet and observe. Once you have learned to see the lick, you will also be able to see it while walking the dog. Sometimes it's nothing more than a very quick lick, the tip of the tongue is barely visible outside the mouth, and only for a short second. But other dogs see it, understand it and respond to

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CALMING SIGNALS *CONT'D*



it. Any signal is always returned with a signal.

Turning of the head: The dog can turn its head slightly to one side, turning head completely over to the side, or turn completely around so that the back and tail is facing whoever the dog is calming. This is one of the signals you may see most of the time in dogs. When someone is approaching your dog from in front, he will turn away in one of these ways. When you seem angry, aggressive or threatening, you will also see one of these variations of the signal. When you bend over a dog to stroke him, he will turn his head away from you. When you make your training sessions too long or too difficult, he will turn his head away from you. When the dog is taken by surprise or take someone by surprise, he will turn away quickly. The same happens when someone is staring or acting in a threatening way. In most cases, this signal will make the other dog calm down. It's a fantastic way in which to solve conflicts, and it's used a lot by all dog. Allow your dog to use it!

Play bow: Can be an invitation to play if the dog is moving legs from side to side in a playful manner. Just as often, the dog is standing still while bowing and is using the signal to calm someone down. When two dogs approach each other too abruptly, you will often see that they go into a play bow. This is one of the signals that are easy to see, especially because they remain standing in the

bow position for a few seconds so that you have plenty of time to observe it.

Sniffing the ground: When you and your dog is out walking and someone is coming towards you, in places where there's a lot going on, in noisy places or when seeing objects that the dog isn't sure of what is and find intimidating. Sniffing the ground may be anything from moving the nose swiftly down toward the ground and back up again - to sticking the nose to the ground and sniff persistently for several minutes. Is someone approaching you on the pavement? Take a look at your dog. Did he drop the nose down toward the ground, even slightly? Did he turn his side to the one approaching and sniff the side of the road? Of course, dogs sniff a lot, also in order to 'read the paper' and enjoy themselves. So pay attention to when and in which situations the sniffing occur!

Walking slowly: High speed will be seen as threatening to many dogs, and they might want to go in to try and stop the one who is running. If the one running is coming straight at the dog, it involves a threat and a defense mechanism sets in. A dog who is insecure will move slowly. If you wish to make a dog feel safer, then you can move slower. Is your dog coming very slowly when you call him? If so, check the tone of your voice - do you sound angry or strict? That may be enough for him to want to calm you down by walking slowly. If he moves

slowly, you may need to do something different in the way you act.

Freezing: is what we call it when the dog is stopping while standing completely still, sitting or laying down and remain in that position. This behavior is used in several different situations. When you get angry and aggressive and appear threatening, the dog will often freeze and not move in order to make you be good again. Other times the dog may walk slowly, freeze, and then move slowly again. Very often a dog will stop and remain calm when someone is approaching. If your dog wants to stop or move slowly in a situation like that, then let him. Also, should your dog be in a conflict situation with a human or dog, and is unable to escape, freezing may be one way to calm the other dog or person.

Sitting Down/lifting one paw: I have only rarely seen dogs lift their paw as a calming signal, but on a few occasions it's clearly been used to calm another dog. To sit down, or an even stronger signal, to sit down with the back turned towards someone for instance the owner has a very calming effect. It's often seen when one dog wants to calm another dog who is approaching too quickly. Dogs may sit down with their backs turned against the owner when he or she sounds too strict or angry.

Walking in curve: This is the main reason why dogs may react so strongly towards meeting dogs when they are



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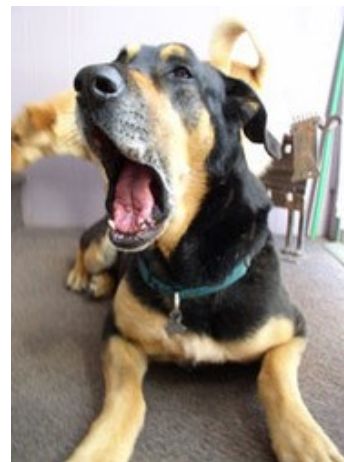
forced to walk straight at someone. Their instincts tell them that it is wrong to approach someone like that - the owner says differently. The dog gets anxious and defensive. And we get a dog who is barking and lunging at other dogs, and eventually we have an aggressive dog. Dogs, when given a chance, will walk in curves around each other. That's what they do when they meet off leash and are free to do things their own way. Allow your dog to do the same when he's with you. Don't make him walk in a heel position while you're going straight

forward - give him a chance to walk in a curve past the meeting dog. Don't walk directly toward a dog, but walk up to it in a curve. The more anxious or aggressive the dog is, the wider you make the curve.

Other calming signals
There are around 30 of them, and many have yet to be described. I will mention a few more briefly so that you can make further observations:
Smiling,
Smacking the lips
Wagging the tail
Urinating on himself
Making the face round and smooth with ears

close to the head
Laying down with the belly against the ground
Start observing and you will see for yourself. Most likely, you will get a much better relationship with your dog and other dogs, too, once you are beginning to realize what the dog is really telling you. It's likely that you will understand things you earlier were unable to figure out. It is incredibly exciting, as well as educational.

<http://en.turid-rugaas.no/calming-signals---the-art-of-survival.html>



THE CONVICTION OF RADOSLAW CZERKAWSKI

On March 27, 2018 Radoslaw Czerkawski was sentenced to an unprecedented 8-10 years in prison on 12 counts of animal cruelty against his one-year old female pet dog Kiya; which he got from an ad on Craig's List.

Upon his release he will serve an additional two-year probation sentence, prohibition from owning, coming into contact with or volunteering at animal shelters. After his release - deportation back to his native Poland.

The torture Kiya endured spanned over weeks and was so gruesome, her injuries so severe that she had to be euthanized. Radoslaw inflicted the most heinous, painful acts against Kiya, so gruesome that I cannot think about them long enough to type them.

Animal empaths hurt for her, just imagining her emotional and physical state over those weeks - the pain, fear and confusion is truly unbearable to imagine.

Though we are very thankful justice was served, it did not stop Kiya from her suffering.

Therefore we all must increase our efforts to prevent animal cruelty, to spread awareness and education. The most simple and best way to do this is with our voices. Speak up to provide education on properly screening adopters, continue to write to legislations about removing "Free Pet" postings, educate others about proper pet ownership, make sure children know how to act towards pets, report abuse/neglect concerns even

if they are just perceived, attend court hearings - show the judicial system that these crimes are not taken lightly and there are people who care and expect cruelty cases to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, write to your legislators about improving cruelty and neglect laws and animal rights laws or simply share a Lost Pet poster or fact about proper pet handling.

Silence empowers the wrong people, it does not help the victims. As a society we must speak up for animals, our voices must be heard because these crimes must stop! Animals cannot ask for help, they cannot stop a human from hurting them, they need your help and your voice. I

Together we must make a difference.





SHOUT OUTS

A special thank you to Don Clady for inviting us to both the Cabin Fever and the All Brand Motorcycle Show at the Naugatuck Entertainment Center. It was a privilege to have been a part of these shows and we look forward to attending more.

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CONNECTICUT DOG LAW STATUTES

These Connecticut statutes comprise the state's dog law. Connecticut has some of the strongest and most in depth dog laws. Among the provisions include licensing, kennel, and rabies regulations. With regard to damage by dogs, the law provides a form of strict liability that states if any dog does any damage to either the body or property of any person, the owner or keeper shall be liable for such damage, except when such damage has been occasioned to the body or property of a person who, at the time such damage was sustained, was committing a trespass or other tort, or was teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog. The law also contains a unique "dogs on highway" provision that provides that any person owning or having the custody of any dog which habitually goes out on any highway and growls, bites, or snaps at, or otherwise annoys, any person or

domestic animal lawfully using such highway or chases or interferes with any motor vehicle so using such highway, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor. Further, among the nuisance provisions, the law states that no person shall own or harbor a dog which is a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance. These laws also contain provisions on reporting neglected or cruelly treated animals. Finally, Connecticut has an anti-ear cropping measures that prohibits cropping by anyone who is not a registered veterinary surgeon, and who performs the operation when the dog is under an anesthetic.

To highlight a few cruelty and neglect statutes:

§ 22-329 . Prevention of cruelty to dogs and other animals
 § 22-329a . Seizure and custody of neglected or cruelly treated animals. Animal abuse cost recovery account

§ 22-329b . Reporting of neglected or cruelly treated animals

§ 22-330 . Authority of officers issuing summons

§ 22-331 . Municipal animal control officers. Assistants

§ 22-329. Prevention of cruelty to dogs and other animals:

The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any law enforcement officer may interfere to prevent any act of cruelty upon any dog or other animal, and any person who interferes with or obstructs or resists the commissioner or any such officer in the discharge of such duty shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

There are many statutes regarding dog law in Connecticut.

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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
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**STOPS
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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!

1ST QUARTER DONATIONS - THANK YOU!

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1ST QUARTER CASES

Thanks to our generous supporters and donators we were able to provide funding for the cases below to get immediate medical attention and a second chance at a life they will not be let down by humans. Many times, emotional scars take longer to heal than physical. Please if you see an animal in need, speak up immediately, don't hesitate.

'Nicholas' & 'Cain' – Southern pups – Dog Star Rescue – Neglect - Parvo puppies. They are both doing well, thought not at 100% but definitely improved!

'Boxer' – Waterbury, CT – Brass City Rescue Alliance & Foster & Forever Rescue – Neglect & Cruelty - Found emaciated boxer this winter found huddled on a house porch – likely a thrown out momma. Starving, with mammary glands blackened with infection from over breeding. Doing better, but still being watches and tested.

'Geiger' –Hartford, CT – 4 mo. puppy – The Simon Foundation – Neglect & Cruelty - found dragging a fully casted broken leg, upon cast removal Dr. found the cast had lacerated the leg to the muscle. Under the care of a wound care specialist, looks like the leg can be saved, but watching him very closely and will remain at the hospital until the muscle and skin heals.

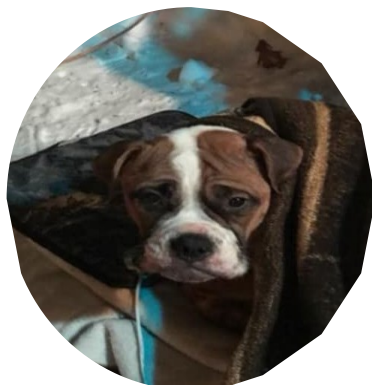
'Judd' – Hartford, CT – Pride Rock Rescue – Cruelty - Stray cat shot with BB gun, cauliflower ear from shaking and scratching his head due to severe mites and yeast infections in both ears, laceration to the base of the ear and FIV positive. He is now doing well & healing.

'Sophie' – Meriden, CT – Meriden Humane Society – Cruelty/Neglect - Owner surrender – crated 10 hrs. a day – severe neglect, lacerations under both eyes due to a rubber band over her mouth, 2 breast masses removed, arthritis in all 4 legs causing bulge in the shoulder.

'Rosie' – Windham, CT – Windham Animal Control – Cruelty & Neglect – Small dog left in empty house to starve.

'Madeline' – CT Animal House – Neglect & Cruelty – 14 wk. puppy owner requested euthanasia due to dehydration, diarrhea, and prolapsed rectum due to neglect.

Total 1st Quarter Medical Donations: \$9,724.93



STAGGERED FORMATION

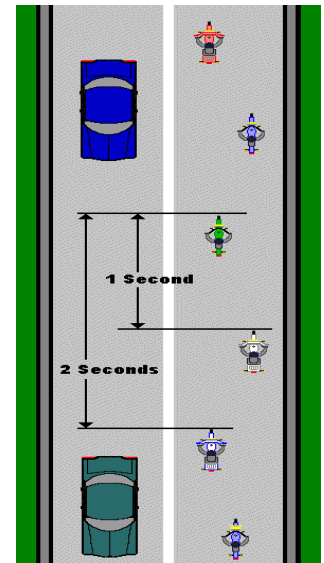
The minimum recommended spacing to the bike directly in front of you should not be less than two seconds (the two second rule). The bike in the lane to your left or right should not be less than one second ahead of you. You will find that two seconds is a long distance when riding at highway speeds. That is it's a long distance when everything is

going well. When things go wrong, however, two seconds distance is gone in the time it takes to figure out you are in trouble.

The two second rule is a rule of thumb should try to adhere to this rule when possible, especially at highway speeds. There are times, however when it is best to squeeze together while

in city streets & while slowing for a stop. This will help prevent cars from entering the group.

The last bike should ride in the middle of the two bike lanes with all head lights and running lights on. This will help the lead bike see the last bike. Refer to the image to the right



RIDING SEASON IS ABOUT TO OPEN FULL THROTTLE

Take the time and run through your motorcycle before taking the road.

Tires: Check visually first, looking for excessive damage, wear, or nails in treads or sidewalls; check tire pressures with a gauge and often during the peak of riding season.

Rims: Inspect the spokes to make sure none are broken. Run a wrench or screwdriver over the spokes—this will emit a tone, and a loose spoke will sound different.

Leaks: Your bike shouldn't be leaking oil, coolant, fuel, or brake fluid. Check your fluids, top off as needed.

Throttle: It should operate smoothly, without binding, and fully return under its own power. Cables should be lubed per manufacturers spec or at least each season, more under dirty or dusty conditions.

Brakes: Pull the brake lever and depress the pedal to check for normal operation. Brakes should be firm and towards the top. Adjust per

manufacturers spec and adjust as needed.

Lights: Make sure the brake, taillight, headlight, and indicators work as they should. It's always good practice to keep a couple of spares bulbs with you while riding just in case.

Engine oil: Check level and add if necessary. Use the correct oil per manufacturers spec unless you know your oil viscosity types and how they work.

Drive chain & sprockets: Check condition, tension, and lubrication. Chains and sprockets will last a long time if lubed correctly and have proper tension. Alignment is also key to smooth operation.

Belt drive & pulleys: Check for visual damage, rocks jammed into belt, broken fibers sticking out or cuts. Inspect pulleys for damage and also alignment for smooth operation.

Clutch: Check for smooth operation, proper adjustment and cable lubed per manufac-

turers spec or at least each season.

Cables: Check any and all if loose, frayed or binding. Lube per manufacturers spec or at least each season. Use proper cable lube it makes a world of difference.

Nuts & bolts See if anything has vibrated loose or fallen off, especially before the start of a season. Give a light tug with a wrench on any known problem nuts and bolts, especially the ones located in the exhaust system. I like to run through the whole bike and check the major components with a torque wrench especially the axle nuts. Get to know your motorcycle, purchase a manual even if your not a hands on or mechanically inclined kind of person. Last but not least be safe out there. Too many distracted drivers nowadays not paying attention which makes it even more dangerous for us on the roads.

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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 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.

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