



~ YEAR IN REVIEW ~

To say 2015 was a great year is quite an understatement. B.A.A.C. was invited to, and attended the most events, had the largest attendance at our annual Rally, and raised more than the previous year! All of this means that we increased awareness of animal cruelty & neglect to larger audiences, increased public knowledge of B.A.A.C. bringing in more requests to help victims, and we were able to donate to more cases because we raised the funds to do so! This success is due to our Members and Supporters. Our supporters are amazing, they attend events despite the weather and distance, they are proud and dedicated true animal lovers who believe in our mission. They are the reason behind our success. We can attend or host as many events as possible, but without our supporters we wouldn't have survived these past nine years and not have helped countless animals.

B.A.A.C. is comprised of all volunteers (some pictured below), no one is paid, no one is reimbursed for mileage or supplies and 99% of us work full-time jobs, 5-6 days a week. In addition to attending weekend fundraising events, members help during the week with merchandise inventory, donation supplies, banking, mailing, attending court hearings, picking up donations, dropping off donations and visiting local shelters. It is a pretty big undertaking and we are so lucky to have such devotion, respect and strength in our members. We truly are a family and we lean on each other inside and outside the scope of B.A.A.C. It takes one person to ruin the life of an animal and a village to give that life back and we could not be more proud and more thankful to everyone involved that allows us to give an animal that chance.

Written by Greg Belcher



Inside this issue:

Connecticut Laws-2 | Animal Lovers-3 | Recognitions-4 | Resources-6-7 |
Donations & Cases-8 | In Memoriam-9 | People We've Met-10 | Coming
Soon-10 | Contact Us -12 |

ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW

CT Animal Cruelty Statute CGS 53-247 punishes people convicted of specified animal cruelty acts with maximum fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, imprisonment ranging from maximum sentences of 1 to 10 years, or both. PA 13-258 § 114 classified certain of these violations as class D felonies without changing the prison terms or fines. According to the Judicial Branch, from 2005 through October 26, 2015, 3,513 offenses were brought under this statute. Of those offenses, 631 (18%) resulted in a guilty finding, 55 (2%) resulted in a not guilty finding, 1,175 (33%) were dismissed, and 1,652 (47%) were nolle (i.e., the prosecutor decided not to prosecute). This does not represent the number of persons charged. An individual could be charged with multiple offenses or have multiple cases during a year. One of the most notorious cruelty cases in Connecticut involves a pit bull/boxer mix named Desmond who was beaten, tortured, and strangled to death. His killer had history of violence against his girlfriend and very likely to inflict violence again, but he got away with Accelerated Rehab, which is a two-year program for crimes deemed not serious in nature.

No jail time. No fines. The torture and murder of Desmond erased from his record after two-years of rehab! Because of this **Desmond's Law** has been created including House Bill HB-6187 which would establish a system to provide an abused animal with a designated individual who will communicate the animal's interests in cruelty cases give the innocent a voice! The court advocate would volunteer their time, launch independent investigation of the cruelty case, and present findings to the court. This advocate can speak to the gravity and seriousness of the crime, and emphasize the connection between cruelty to animals and cruelty to humans. And Senate Bill SB-1128 would in accelerated rehab as a penalty option in animal cruelty cases. If passed, Desmond's Law will be ground breaking step in building a better justice system for both animals and people. The Legislative Session runs Feb 3rd through May and that is your time to be heard! Your time to push to get this bill passed. You can receive action alerts regarding this case by signing up at CT Votes for Animals.

*Source: CT General Assembly and
CT Votes For Animals*

LEASH LAW 2004-R-0308

Connecticut has a variety of laws aimed at controlling dogs. **Roaming Dogs:** The general statutes do not mandate that dogs be on leash at all times. But (1) a dog's owner or keeper must not allow it to roam on another person's land or on a public highway, sidewalks, if it is not under his control and (2) local governments may create leash ordinances. Violating the state roaming law is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$92 additionally, the Environmental Protection Department requires owners keep their dogs leashed in state parks. **Vicious Dogs:** By law, an owner or keeper of a vicious dog who intentionally or recklessly allows the dog to

roam and the dog physically injures another person who was not teasing, tormenting, or abusing it, is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both. For the penalty to apply, the dog's owner must have been convicted in the preceding year of allowing the dog to roam. **Enforcement:** ACOs are responsible for enforcing laws prohibiting roaming dogs, dogs not in their owners' control, and other provisions of dog and other companion animal law (CGS § 22-332). Constables and all prosecuting officers must also enforce these laws (CGS § 22-367). OLR Report, contains more information about municipal ACOs.

Source: CT Judicial Branch

“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

DEVOTED SUPPORTER

B.A.A.C. was fortunate to have an amazing supporter by the name of Gail Grenier Giglio who, while surrounded by her devoted and loving family, lost her three-month battle with State 4 Cancer on December 11th, a day before her 69th birthday. Like many of us, Gail was an animal lover through and through and could not stand seeing harm come to them which is why one of her final requests was for her friends and family to donate to B.A.A.C. and boy was Gail loved because B.A.A.C. received over \$750.00 in Gail's loving memory. Gail was never without pets, her daughter Missy mentioned her parents having six dogs at one time! Also like many of us, Gail used to love to ride with her husband and friends. Missy, also an avid rider, has a group of close friends that call themselves Witches-n-Bitches who would lovingly refer to Gail as Momma Bear. Among many great life lessons, Gail taught her children how to rescue birds. On one family vacation they ground up earth worms, mixing them with a little water and spoon fed a baby bird until it was strong enough to survive on its own. This lesson was taught to call the children, grandchildren and cousins in the family and continues to this day! Gail first learned of B.A.A.C. a few years back when she saw the booth at Pit Bull Awareness Day, she became a devoted supporter after that. Missy treasures the B.A.A.C. shirt Gail got that day and continues to wear it. I asked Missy how she would describe her mom and she said "a spitfire with a heart of gold". She was social butterfly who loved telling stories, laughing

and knew how to live life to the fullest making each day fun! Gail also supported the ASPCA and North Shore Animal Rescue where she adopted her most recent dog 'Jack' - a Jack Russell Terrier who immediately formed an unbreakable bond with Gail and Jack grew very protective when Gail became ill. He would not leave her side and carefully watched every move the family made when caring for Gail's daily needs. Upon Gail's passing, Jack climbed onto her bed and laid on top of her for one final show of love and devotion to his best friend. To this day Jack snuggles with the shawl that Gail used during her Chemo treatment. Gail truly left her mark on many animals and people and after my conversation with Missy, it's very clear she has her mother's spirit and heart. Although Gail is no longer with us, her kindness to animals will continue to live on in so many family and friends.



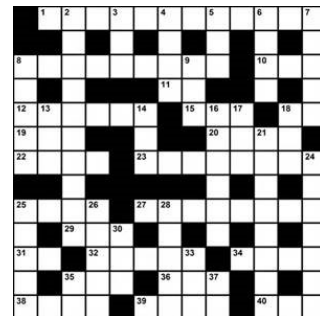
PET LOVERS CROSSWORD PUZZLE - ANSWERS

Down:

- 1. Neuter
- 4. Vaccination
- 8. Treat
- 11. Toys
- 12. Nature

Across:

- 2. Vet, 3. Exercise, 5. Spay, 6. Play,
- 7. Nutrition, 8. Train, 9. Fun, 10. Love



CONGRATULATIONS LILY MONTANO!

Pet of The Quarter!

Lily Montano is 2 ½ years old and a rescue from Texas. She is the spoiled furbaby of Jessica & Mike Montano . Lily was days away from certain death when her picture was cross-posted on Facebook and her sweet little face caught Jessica’s eye. She was rescued off the streets of TX with her litter of pups, all of whom were adopted shortly after arriving at the shelter. Only Lily remained. Emaciated and worn out from giving everything she had to her babies. Jessica and Mike had just decided it was not the right time for a second dog, as they had been going back and forth on a companion for their crazy Husky / Shepherd mix, Loki. But Lily’s picture changed all of that. “It takes a village” and that it did, to get Lily from TX to CT. Through the help of friends & strangers near and far, volunteers from the shelter and animal loving people all over, Lily was pulled and able to be fostered for two weeks before meeting up with a transport .Fate definitely had a hand in getting this sweet girl to her forever family. She and Loki bonded instantly and now, 7 months later, Lily has gone from being a timid, shy girl, to confident, happy, healthy and secure. She loves play time with her brother Loki and their Husky friend, Mika. Favorite pastime(s): shredding stuffed animals and cuddling with Dad. The Montano’s thank all of the volunteers at the Montgomery Country Animal Shelter, they were really great. Especially Terry Gellerman. Lily has changed Jessica and Mike (and Loki!) forever, and made their family complete. Who rescued who?



Written by Jessica Montano

CONGRATULATIONS LES ARCHER!

Bike of The Quarter!

“She’s a 2009 HD Electra Glide Ultra Classic Originally owned by my dad’s best friend, Ed “Mac” McLaughlin, road captain for the Christian Motorcycle Association of Long Beach Mississippi. Mac put a lot of tender loving care into this bike. He updated the sound system, added lots of chrome and polished her meticulously! The first time I saw it I knew I had to have it. Mac said it wasn’t for sale, but a few weeks after coming home from the Deep South, Mac called and helped work through my local credit union to make this possible! My first Harley! And I’ll never go back to any other bike again! Thanks Mac and Pattie!! Your girl is in good hands!”



Written by: Les Archer

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

CONGRATULATIONS BOB SMYTH!

Member of The Quarter!

Bob joined BAAC in 2015, his first event was the Bike Show hosted by the Pet Playhouse and he's been rocking the events ever since! If I had to choose one word to describe Bob it would be kind. He has a big heart and a gentle spirit. He volunteers with BAAC, The Simon Foundation, he cares for his neighborhood feral cats as well as two security dogs that I know if they could speak they would lovingly refer to him as "the cookie-dude!" Bob will stop at nothing to help an animal and he has proven that many times in the short year we've known him. Bob currently has three rescue dogs, a rescue cat and a fosters on and off as needed. Bob is a valued member of our BAAC family, a devoted friend and we could not be happier to have him. Great job Bob!



PUBLIC OUTREACH

Wallingford's WPAA TV and Waterbury's SKYE Cable Programs 'Pound Posse Presents' and 'Speedo 3:16' were so gracious to B.A.A.C. by inviting us into their studios for interviews, PSA's and live talk shows! Both SKYE Cable and WPAA promote diversity and serve the community in many different aspects. One of

our goals is to spread awareness in the community about cruelty and neglect and empower people to speak up in order to save the life of an animal, and these two wonderful organizations have given us the platform to do just that and we are so grateful. We look forward to working with them again in 2016!

NORTH HAVEN ANIMAL CONTROL

B.A.A.C. Members donated a new sign to North Haven Animal Control. The previous sign was old, faded, breaking and could not be read. Now, the sign is a bright red with gold lettering that can't be missed! The new sign will allow for increased awareness of the facility, increased foot traffic resulting in more volunteers helping the animals and therefore increasing the number of adoptions. Just one sign can change so much! We are pleased with the result and we hope it serves them well for years to come!



The sign was hand carved and painted by BAAC Members Samantha and Deanna.



Before

FINAL JOURNEY

Final Journey, LLC is an in-home pet euthanasia service that brings comfort and peace to loving families during a sensitive and challenging time. The decision to euthanize a companion is difficult under any circumstances. The option to be home, in a quiet, loving environment can make a big difference for families who are uncomfortable with the idea of bringing their loved one to a hospital environment.

Finaljourneyllc.com

CONNECTICUT VOTES FOR ANIMALS

CVA envisions a future where all animals live in peace under the protection of strong laws. CVA works toward this vision by creating and improving CT's laws and encouraging elected leaders to make the well-being of animals their priority. CVA works with voters, legislators and other officials across CT government, and a hired lobbyist to introduce and pass pro-animal laws. CVA also fights the passage of harmful, inhumane laws.

ctvotesforanimalsorg

PET INSURANCE

As pet parents, we want to provide our dogs and cats with the best possible care, no matter what. But when accidents and illnesses come up unexpectedly, the costs can quickly run in to the hundreds, even thousands, of dollars. Pet medical insurance helps you pay your unexpected veterinary bills, so if your pet has an accident or becomes ill, you've got help covering the costs.

ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The Animal Legal Defense Fund's mission is to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. ALDF accomplishes this mission by filing high-impact lawsuits to protect animals from harm, providing free legal assistance and training to prosecutors to assure that animal abusers are punished for their crimes, supporting tough animal protection legislation and fighting harmful animal protection legislation, and providing resources and opportunities to law students and professionals to advance the emerging field of animal law. Founded in

1979 by attorneys active in shaping the emerging field of animal law, ALDF has blazed the trail for stronger enforcement of anti-cruelty laws and more humane treatment of animals in every corner of American life. Today, ALDF's groundbreaking efforts to push the U.S. legal system to end the suffering of abused animals are supported by thousands of dedicated attorneys and more than 100,000 members and supporters.

Source: Aldf.org

ASPCA REPORTING

To Report Cruelty Shown in Movies or on TV: Contact the American Humane Association (AHA) Movie and TV Unit online or at 818-501-0123. Many of these instances are constitutionally protected free speech. To Report Cruelty in a Pet Store or by an Animal Breeder: Contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 301-851-3751 or aphis.usda.gov or ace@aphis.usda.gov. The USDA will direct you to the appropriate regional department to which you will be asked to submit your complaint in writing.

Source: Aspca.org

"Because the heart beats under a covering of hair, of fur, feathers or wings, it is, for that reason, to be of no account? ~ Jean Paul Richter

ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED

Animal Welfare Approved (AWA) is a food label for meat and dairy products that come from farm animals raised to the highest animal welfare and environmental standards. The AWA seal is a hard earned badge of difference and demonstrates the farmer's commitment to the care of their animals, the land and the local community. The AWA program was founded in 2006 to the growing consumer demand

for meat, eggs and dairy products from animals treated with high welfare and managed with the environment in mind. The program operates on the simple understanding that the way farmers raise animals, the nutritional quality of the meat, milk and eggs they produce, and the impact of farming systems on the environment, are all intrinsically linked. AWA farmers know that if they manage their animals proper-

ly and according to their needs, they don't have to rely on things like routine antibiotics and other chemical inputs to farm. AWA farmers know that healthy, content animals produce better tasting, healthier meat, milk and eggs. And we know that pasture-based farming livestock systems can actually have a positive impact on the environment. *Source: AWA*

IT'S ALL IN THE TRAINING

Obedience training is one of the most important aspects of raising a dog. In fact, a well trained dog is by far a happier dog! Because a trained dog requires fewer restrictions. The more reliable the dog, the more freedom he is given. **You As Your Dog's Leader:** Training serves to strengthen the bond between a dog and his owner. It builds communication, understanding, and mutual respect, and subtly but effectively demonstrates to your dog that you're the leader of the pack ("Alpha"). And if your dog doesn't respect you as his leader, you may both be in big trouble, particularly if he's a bit rowdy or dominant by nature. **Training May Save Your Dog's Life:** Obedience training also gives the dog owner the voice control necessary to prevent

numerous potential tragedies. Should a dog slips out of his collar in the middle of traffic area, he can be safely heeled across the street, then given a sit command to facilitate putting his collar back on. Or should someone accidentally leave the front door open, and you spot your dog leaving, he can be safely called back to you using the recall command. Obedience training will help your dog to become more responsive, and it enables you to have immediate control over your dog's behavior. In an emergency situation obedience training may save your dog's life. In fact, it can ultimately save the lives of many dogs, because far fewer dogs would end up in animal shelters if their owners would simply take the time to train them. And for

those dogs who do need homes, a trained dog is far easier to adopt out to a new home than an untrained one. **The Consequences Of An Untrained Dog:** Without proper training, many dogs are likely to misbehave. And when owners allow their dogs to misbehave, everyone suffers: The owner, the dog even the dog's owner's neighbors. **Obedience Training Benefits Everyone:** A well-behaved obedience trained dog is a pleasure to own because he can go virtually anywhere without being a risk or nuisance to others. **The bottom line is that dog obedience training truly benefits everyone**

Source: inch.com



FOURTH QUARTER DONATORS

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily’s Catering Group • Barbara Knecht • Barbara Drake • Richard Knecht • Rosalie & John DeCrosta • R. Lichter Charity for Dogs • Rise and Shine Café • Claudia Angel • Sherrie Gioia • Michele Tarantino • Jesse & Amy Conroy • Steven & Mary Ann Verinis | <p><u><i>Donations on Honor of</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addison Guy by Ann Marie Alstrits • Mr & Mrs Steven Verinis’s 40th Anniversary by Marie Verinis <p><u><i>Donations in Memory of</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunny The Bulldog by Elaine Spinato • KoKo Anderson by Brenda L. Faro-Anderson • Gail Grenier Giglio by.... ~David & Susan Baxter ~Shared Services ~Richard & Anita Fournier | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Fred & Nora Norton ~Beardsworth Group Inc. ~Stella Stary ~John & Teresa Barberi ~Richard Quatrano ~Richard Rossi ~Mathew & Karen Morrone ~Ronald & Diane Miller ~Todd & Suzanne Thompson ~Nina Petta ~Kathleen Krassner ~Barry & Patti Whitman ~Susan & Canio Petruzzi |
|--|---|---|

FOURTH QUARTER CASES

- ‘HUEY’ - victim of neglect - donation to Furry Friends Rescue
- ‘WESTLEY’ - victim of neglect - donation to Soul Mutts Rescue
- ‘VANESSA’ - victim of cruelty - donation to Halfway Home Rescue
- ‘JINX’ - victim of cruelty & neglect - donation to Noah’s Ark Rescue
- ‘MIKO’ - victim of cruelty & neglect - donation to Noah’s Ark Rescue



B.A.A.C.’s Total Donations to the above cases: \$1,300.00

Additionally B.A.A.C.’s Spueter Program funded spay/neuter surgeries for six cats.



“The earth is large enough for all to share, but mankind’s heart is not large enough to care.” ~ Anthony Douglas Williams



*Your Wings
Were Ready
But My
Heart
Was Not*

Cowgirl and Daisy Mae Pergolise



Simon Montano



Gail Grenier Giglio



*“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

PEOPLE WE MET IN 2015

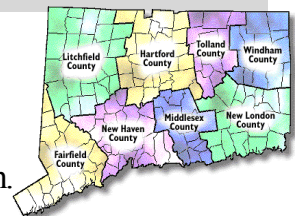
10



iHeart Radio Renee DiNino, Senator Blumenthal, MLB Player & iHeart Radio Personality Rob Dibble, Channel 8 News Gil Simmons, First Selectman Mike Freda, Dr. William Petit and Radio Personality Chaz WPLR/The Whale

COMING TO AN AREA NEAR YOU!

- ◇ 4/23/16 - Woofstock - Toad's Place, New Haven
- ◇ 5/6/16 - Cinco De'Mayo - DAV, Meriden
- ◇ 5/15/16 - Help Willy's Friends Pet Fair - Cogenchaug High School, Durham.



Visit our website for more events, member applications and pictures!!
www.bikersagainstanimalcrueltyinc

"One day the absurdity of the almost universal human belief in the slavery of other animals will be palpable. We shall then have discovered our souls and become worthier of sharing this planet with them." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

MERCHANDISE



Hoodies, Long Sleeve Tees & more on our website!
Pick up merchandise at any event or online shipping is available!

CONTACT US

Greg Belcher, President.....email: jager6303@yahoo.com
Mark Hunter, Vice President.....email: skullyhunter@icloud.com
Amy Conroy, Treasurer.....email: aeaconroy@gmail.com

REPORTING

Humane Society of the U.S. (Dog Fighting)..... 1-877-TIP-HSUS
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!

We Can Use Your Support!

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.

~ No cash please ~

Mail to: Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc., P.O. Box 68, North Haven, CT 06473

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: Phone #: (____) ____ - ____

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other: _____

B.A.A.C. has been able to help hundreds of animals by making financial contributions towards their care. We would like to thank everyone for their support, without it we would not be able to help animals in need. Please contact us if you are interested in sponsorship. Thank you!

B.A.A.C. is going GREEN! Please let us know by if you prefer to read your newsletter online or continue to receive the printed newsletter by checking your option below.

I prefer to read the newsletter on line or email it to: _____

I prefer to continue to receive the printed newsletter.

Would you like to advertise your business card in our online & printed newsletter?

Quarterly and Yearly prices - Contact us for more information

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc.
P.O. Box 68
North Haven, CT

Place
Stamp
Here

To Our Supporter:

Thank you for all you do!