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FAKE SERVICE DOGS ARE BECOMING A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

Generally you can identify service dogs by the fact that they wear a service dog vest, and sometimes an ID tag. But thanks to a rising trend that has begun online, it's possible that you may see more and more fake service dogs in public areas. True service dogs are trained to perform specific tasks for humans. Service dogs help disabled people in countless ways, from providing balance and support while walking to fetching dropped objects or even opening doors to even alerting their owners to oncoming seizures. Service dogs undergo very specialized training to teach them how to perform these behaviors. The training also teaches dogs important behavioral expectations, such as not barking, not jumping on people, and how to stay focused on their owner rather than being distracted by their surroundings. Because service dogs perform essential tasks to help people, they are allowed to go in most public places, including into stores and on airplanes. Business owners can question service dog owners, but they can only ask two specific questions: Is that a service dog, and what service does this dog provide? Store owners are not allowed to ask the service dog's owner about what their disability is under federal law. The problem is, some people are passing off pet dogs as service animals and getting your dog certified as an emotional support animal is getting easier and easier. Fake service dogs are not good news for society. They can put real service dogs in danger, since these untrained dogs may attack service dogs, which are trained to be submissive. Additionally, fake service dogs may exhibit negative behaviors in public, including barking,

jumping up on people, and even being aggressive. If you need a legitimate service dog, there are many ways to go about getting one. Some programs are willing to train an existing pet, but be aware of the fact that the rigorous training can take years and your pet dog won't necessarily make a good service dog. Other programs train service dogs and then match applicants with dogs best suited to fulfill their needs. Your doctor can provide you with additional resources and advice on getting a trained service dog. While emotional support dogs also perform tasks for people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental illnesses, there are different requirements and benefits for pet owners. Visit the American Disabilities Act (ADA) website for more information.

Source: wideopenpets.com



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IN MEMORIAM



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Sir Lancelot Downing



Low Rider Neilson



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Ray Bucknall



Jessica Neilson



Kitty Mitchell



Molly Maslar



Gabby Lyn



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Guiseppe McManus



The Fairfield Five

“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.”

Until one has loved an
 animal, a part of one's
 soul remains unawakened.
 ~Anatole France

~ Final Journey, LLC
 an in-home pet euthanasia service

THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF WILDLIFE POACHING

Wildlife poaching has negative side-effects that affect local communities, wildlife populations, and the environment. It is a crime fueled by a lucrative black market trade of animal parts. The animal parts are sold as novelty items and are sold for their “medicinal” properties. Environmental groups, animal rights groups, government agencies, and even the Duke of Cambridge are calling for an end to wildlife poaching. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), The World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), and The International Anti-Poaching Foundation (IAPF) are leading international efforts to end wildlife poaching. Poachers kill for profit. For example, bear gall bladders and big horned sheep antlers are worth top dollar for their so-called medicinal properties. This past November, at the National Wildlife Property Repository in Colorado, the wildlife service destroyed six tons of ivory confiscated at U.S. borders. Elephants are killed for their tusks because, while it is possible to remove the tusks without killing the elephant, they are too dangerous to remove when they are alive. The international community is responding. China recently increased its prosecutions of ivory smugglers, sentencing eight citizens to jail for bringing in over 3 tons of ivory between 2010 and 2012. Effects on Local Communities The United States is second to China in its desire for illegal wildlife parts. According to an One Earth article, poachers killed over 30,000 elephants last year. Experts believe that elephants will go extinct within the next decade if the killing continues at this rate. The extinction of a species can have a negative economic effect on a local community’s tourism industry. A community that relies on its wildlife to attract tourists is at great risk for economic hardship if the prevalence of poaching is high. Furthermore, a tourist boycott due to local poaching is a real threat. A boycott could have a detrimental effect on a community’s economy since restaurants, hotels, rentals, and other attractions would suffer. Effects on Animals Extinction is the greatest threat to animals that are victims of wildlife poaching. In

2011, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUNC) declared the Western Black Rhinoceros extinct. This subspecies of the critically endangered Black Rhino was poached due to the belief in the healing properties of its horn. The Sumatran Tiger is a critically endangered species right now. It is poached and sold for its parts (skin, teeth, bones, and claws) which sell for up to \$5,000. Poaching is more lucrative than other jobs that are available in the region; a harsh reality faced by many individuals and communities. Effects on the Environment Poaching is also dangerous to the environment. When the North American Gray Wolf was on the brink of extinction, due to trophy hunting and poaching, the elk populations in Yellowstone National Park soared. With no natural predator, the elk nearly ate the aspen tree to extinction. Now, because of the increasing populations of gray wolves in the park, elk populations are balancing out and the aspen tree is recovering. Our ecosystems are sensitive and must be preserved. The economic challenges of a community can lead to poaching, which in turn can lead to endangerment (and in the worst cases, extinction) of different species. We need various species of flora and fauna in our environmental ecosystems so that it can maintain healthy and balanced. The survival of our own species depends on it. Get Involved If you suspect poaching, use this list to contact the proper authorities. If you are a witness to poaching, dial 911 and report it. Wildlife poaching is a crime and should be treated as such. Also, arm yourself with additional information, like from the sources below, and share it wide and far!

- Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund
- Anti-Poaching Rewards Program
- International Anti-Poaching Foundation
- Illegal Wildlife Trade Information

Source: One Green Planet

“POACHERS KILLED OVER 30,000 ELEPHANTS LAST YEAR. EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT ELEPHANTS WILL GO EXTINCT WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE IF THE KILLING CONTINUES AT THIS RATE”

PET SAFETY CHECKLIST

For responsible pet owners, these questions should have a YES answer.

- Is your pet up to date on its core vaccinations (as determined by your State law and veterinarian)?
- Is your pet groomed on a regular basis to fit its health & safety needs (nails, teeth, body, hair)?
- Is your pet registered with the town?
- Does your pet have a microchip?
- Does your pet's collar display its name, phone, registration, microchip and vaccination tags?
- Do you have emergency numbers next to your phone, including the Poison Control Hotline, your vet and the closest 24/7 emergency vet?
- Do you know pet CPR or have instructions to walk you through the steps?
- Do you know pet First Aid or have instructions to walk you through the steps?
- Are electrical wires exposed to the point that they are tempting to chew?
- Are all batteries placed in a safe place that cannot be accessed?
- Are all medicines (including vitamins) kept in a safe place that cannot be accessed?
- Are all toxic house plants and toxic foods kept in a safe area that cannot be accessed?
- Are your pets trained to "leave it" should a toxic object fall on the floor?
- Do you have pet safe ice-melt on hand?
- If there are children in your home, are they taught how to properly interact with a pet (ie: no hitting, pulling, scaring, cornering, teasing, etc.)?
- Do you use pet safe cleaning products on all the surfaces that your pets walk?
- Do your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries?
- Do you have "Save My Pet" decals in your windows to alert the fire department?
- When in a vehicle, do you use seatbelts on your pets if they are not in a carrier?
- Does your pet have basic obedience training?
- Does your pet have a leash that is sturdy and not retractable?
- Do you always leash your dog when outside in parks, hiking trails, and in the community?
- Do you have a fenced in yard or a containment system for your pet to freely exercise safely?
- Is your pet safe from predators getting into its yard (predatory animals/humans)?
- Does your pet receive the correct and proper amount of pet food for its weight?
- Do you keep fresh water out for your pet throughout the day/night?
- Do you refresh (clean) your pet's water at least 1x a day?
- Do you use non-plastic dishes to feed/water your pet (glass, porcelain, or stainless steel)?
- Are your pet's needs written out in the event you can no longer care for it?
- Do you understand your pet's body language to gauge when he/she is fearful, scared or hurt?
- Do you have an home evacuation plan for your family WITH your pet?
- Do you have your pet's health records printed in case evacuation is necessary?
- Do you know which evacuation shelters will take your pet and under what circumstances?

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~ JAMES CROMWELL***

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. promotes responsible pet ownership by providing awareness in the hopes of keeping pets safe and happy.

TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR PET SAFE AND HEALTHY

Having a pet is hard work, just as it is with any other member of your family. Their health and safety should be your top priority - especially because they cannot speak for themselves and tell you what is wrong! Some, but not even close to all, health and safety tips are below:

- Refuse unnecessary antibiotic treatment
- Consider giving your pet a probiotic
- Disinfect open cuts and sores daily
- Practice good day-to-day hygiene
- Address stinks, bites, and sores immediately
- Plastic food and water bowls should be tossed
 - * Plastic food and water bowls are inexpensive and convenient. Unfortunately, not only are they impossible to thoroughly sanitize, but as the plastic begins to break down, it can leach toxic chemicals into your dog or cats food and water.
 - * In addition, bacteria and oils can get trapped in the peeling plastic; which can cause skin irritation or worse. Replace with stainless steel, porcelain or glass food and water bowls.
- The most common home pet toxins:
 - * Chocolate
 - * Grapes, raisins, & Currants
 - * Xylitol/Sugar-free gum / candy, foods
- * Fatty table scraps
- * Onions & Garlic
- * Compost
- * Human medications
- * Macadamia nuts
- * Household cleaners
- * Unbaked bread/dough
- * Alcohol
- * Tampons
- Influenza (flu) isn't just for humans. Keep your pet's immune system in flu-fighting condition by following these steps:
 - * Feed a nutritionally balanced species-appropriate diet.
 - * Reduce the environmental toxins your dog is exposed to
 - * Talk to your vet about natural immune boosters like turmeric, oregano, useful herbs and virus-fighting oils
 - * Avoid unnecessary vaccinations and the overuse of veterinary drugs and chemical parasite and pest preventatives.

Common symptoms of a Canine Influenza Virus:

- * Hacking cough or gagging
- * Paroxysmal coughing (fits of coughing)
- * Laryngitis
- * Rhinitis (stuffy/runny nose)
- * That lasts from 1 to 2 weeks



Source: *healthypets, AVMA, HSUS*

B.A.A.C. MEMBER OF THE QUARTER!

What can we say about Bob - he is simply a cool dude with a big heart and a don't-mess-with-animals personality! We could not be happier having Bob in our B.A.A.C. family. Despite his busy schedule of working and volunteering for a wonderful rescue facility in Connecticut, he is involved, puts in the work, always offers to help, and goes above and beyond for this organization and the people in it. Bob has his own wonderful rescues at home which includes 3 dogs and a cat.

Thank you Bob for all you do everyday for the animals!



TEACH ALL CHILDREN TO RESPECT ALL DOGS:

Avoid a bite by teaching children the correct way to interact with dogs, whether they are their own pets, other pets or strays. Not only will you prevent your child from suffering the physical and emotional damage from a dog bite, but you will also prevent the dog's suffering. Many times a child is bit because of the way the child interacted with the dog. Many dogs are euthanized because of a situation that could've been prevented with some simple education and training.

DO NOT ALLOW:

- Ear pulling
- Tail pulling
- Smacking
- Sitting on
- Hugging
- Hovering over
- Toy/food stealing
- Cornering a dog
- Closing in on a dog's space
- Screaming at a dog

DO NOT expect a dog to tolerate children's bad behavior. Keep your dog and child safe. Be responsible. Teach your children how to act in a dog's presence and never leave a child alone in the same room as the dog. This does not apply to all dogs and all children. These same rules can definitely be applied to cat bites and scratches.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS OUTSIDE ALONE!

We always say do not leave your pets outside alone. We say this because they can get into something dangerous, they can eat something they shouldn't, but mostly because pets get stolen right out of their own yards. People who steal pets do not have your pet's good intentions in mind. Stolen pets wind up being resold, overbred, or used as bait. The top 10 most stolen dog breed:

- Boston Terrier
- Chihuahua
- French Bulldog
- German Shepherd
- Labrador Retriever
- Maltese
- Pit Bull
- Pomeranian
- Labradoodle
- Yorkie

Thieves admit to purposely leaving clues that suggest your pup simply got loose, such as leaving the gate open.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Dogs have approx. 1,700 taste buds compared to humans who have between 2,000 -10,000.

Dogs can see in the dark. Their eyes have a special membrane called the tapetum lucidum.

A dog's normal temperature is between 101 and 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dogs curl up in a ball when they sleep due to an age-old instinct to keep themselves warm and protect their abdomen and vital organs from predators.

The amount of force required to train a dog is inversely proportional to the skill of the trainer. Those with skill do not need force. Do not physical hurt your dog in order to train it. It is unnecessary and abusive. Look into positive reinforcement training.

One female dog can produce 2 litters of 6-10 puppies per year. This means one unsprayed female and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in 6 years. An estimated 80% of the dogs will be euthanized in shelters.

Bread is not good for geese and ducks, it makes them ill and does not provide the nutrition they need to survive. It also pollutes the water and causes nasty surface algae grows diseases and kills fish. Only feed water fowl half cut seedless grapes, chopped lettuce, birdseed, peas, corn, and oats! Spread the word!

Sources: Pets for Vets, Humane Society, AMVA, Education not Euthanization

HUMANS WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THESE 5 ANIMALS

The earth, its ecosystems, and its creatures are all deeply connected. Thus, the existence of many species depends on the survival of others, and don't think human beings are an exception. As disconnected from nature as many of us humans have become, there are many animals we rely on for our benefit and wellbeing. Believe it or not, many animals actually help people just by performing their natural roles in their environment. And we're benefiting from their services for free! Are you aware of how the following unique organisms could be crucial to human survival?

1. Ants: Over 12,000 species of ants have been scientifically identified and they are abundant in most ecosystems. Stirring Up Soil Ants aid in decomposition and turn up more soil than earthworms! When ants dig tunnels, they aerate the soil and recycle nutrients. This activity is ecologically crucial in maintaining healthy soil for plant (food) growth. Ants even help reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and the need for irrigation. A 2011 study concluded that in dry climates, ants and termites increased wheat crop yields by 36%. Ants have also been essential to production of coffee and chocolate. Passing on the Plants Seed-harvesting ants transport seeds to their nutrient rich nests, where plants can safely grow, free of harm from herbivores. Ants sometimes travel far distances with seeds, granting plants their desired dispersal goal for less light, space, nutrition, and water competition with other plants. They help cleaning up rain-forests and keep ecosystems in balance.

2. Termites: Though they destroy our homes and are responsible for billions of dollars needed for annual repairs, termites are far more beneficial than harmful to humans. A termite's diet is based upon roots, wood, bark, and stems. Devouring Decomposing Materials Termites are detritivores and decomposers, meaning they consume decomposing plant matter and play vital roles in recycling ecosystem energy, as well as in balancing biogeochemical cycles. Unlike other detritivores, the termite gut is unique in that it contains microorganisms that break down cellulose; which is indigestible without this symbiotic relationship. to

3. Bats are exceptionally important to our ecosystem. Out of over 1,200 species of bats, only three are blood-sucking and bats won't harm humans unless they are threatened. They do, however, help humans by going about their normal business. Biological Pest Police Insectivorous bats, which make up 70% of bat species, perform nocturnal insect control services by consuming millions of pest insects each year. Bats save farmers billions of dollars of crops each year, while reducing the need for chemical pesticides. A

single brown bat can eat up to a thousand disease carrying mosquitoes in one hour! Guano, or bat droppings have significant roles for plant dispersal. Unlike other seed-dispersing animals, fruitivorous bats travel far distances, helping plants to grow and survive in a variety of locations. They are also considered keystone species in many tropical and desert ecosystems, meaning the survival of other species (perhaps even humans) depends on bats! Pollinating Plants Nectar-eating bats are crucial pollinators for over 500 plant species, many of which are ecologically significant. Most flowering plants do not have the ability to produce seeds without being pollinated. When bats drink a flower's nectar, they subsequently pick up pollen and transfer it as they feed

4. Frogs are far more important to humans than being used for high school dissection experiments. Contamination Control Frogs act as bio-indicators, which means they indicate the health of their ecosystems. How? Frog skin is very porous and permeable, allowing substances present in the environment to be absorbed within their fatty tissues. Since these amphibians have the ability to live terrestrially and aquatically, they can indicate contamination dilemmas for both habitats. Since frogs will most often be the first animals to react to biological hazards, they are helpful for warning humans to take action. Cycle of Life Though not as effective as bats, frogs do help in insect control. They are also a food source to many carnivorous species and are needed for maintaining balanced ecosystems.

5. Birds perform a broad variety of ecological roles, including forest decomposition, insect pest control, nutrient recycling, bio-indication of ecosystem health, plant pollination, and seed dispersal. Some ground-dwelling birds even help aerate and turn up soil with their claws. Though ant, termite, bat, and frog species might be the masters of their trades, birds certainly seem like the jack of them all! Balanced Beauties Birds keep systems in balance, but they are not only ecologically significant to humans; they provide inspiration to people with their aesthetic magnificence. Many species of the animals listed above are in danger due to parasitic threats, deforestation, habitat loss, pollution, and other environmental concerns. There are many simple ways you can help animals, including using eco-friendly products, being aware of your environmental impact, and making daily conscientious and compassionate choices. We're all in this together!

WINTER SAFETY

Dogs and cats can get frostbite. The most susceptible areas are the tips of their tails, ears, and paws. When you're outside with your pets during the winter (because they should not be out alone), you can watch them for signs of discomfort with the cold:

- If they whine, shiver, seem anxious, slow down or stop moving, or start to look for warm places to burrow, they're saying they want to get back someplace warm.
- Pets can pick up rock salt, ice and chemical ice melts in their foot pads. To keep your pet's feet from getting chapped or raw, wipe their feet with a washcloth when they come inside.
- If your canine friend will tolerate it, there are special booties that can help protect their paws from the winter ele-

ments and any chemicals or salt that are put out.

- Booties will also keep them from licking the salt off their feet; which could cause an inflammation of their digestive track.
- Keep antifreeze out of reach and clean up any spills.
- Don't use salt and chemical ice melting products – use pet safe ice melt.
- Before starting your car, give the hood a tap and check between the tires for cats.
- Shovel out cat shelters when snow falls.
- Remove snow from between paw pads.
- Provide fresh unfrozen water.
- Consider a sweater or coat for short haired dogs.



Source: AlleycatAllies & Humane society

QUARTER FOUR DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

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4TH QUARTER CASES

The primary mission of our fundraising activities is to help defray the costs of veterinary care for the most severe cases of animal abuse and neglect of strays or surrendered pets on a case-by-case need. 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. Physical scars will heal, emotional will take more time. Please, if you see an animal in need, speak up immediately, don't hesitate! Below are the 4th quarter cases with the descriptions provided by the rescue organizations.

'Denver' - Case of Neglect - Southern state - Great Divide Animal Rescue - Denver is a super sweet pitbull who came from a "home" where he was used as a breeder. Their owner took off, abandoning the dogs there, on what was his grandmothers property. She tried to walk into the woods to feed them but was too old and frail to do so, eventually calling animal control to come pick them up. Upon impoundment, everyone loved Denver, but he was depressed and devastated. All he did was lie motionless in the kennel. They went ahead and proceeded with getting him neutered etc. in the hopes that him being ready would entice people to take a look at him. It didn't happen. Weeks passed and then we were alerted to his euthanasia date which was Saturday. We agreed we would take him. He has arrived here and we now see that they neglected to care for the suture removal and he has torn open his scrotum and its completely infected and requires emergency surgery to remove his entire scrotum. Being that he is one of several we have pulled on emergency basis and boarded, we are desperate for any assistance we can get to cover the scrotum removal.

'Spring' - Case of Neglect - Bolton, Connecticut – Town of Bolton Animal Control - A resident found this dog outside her home covered in dried feces and his back legs did not appear to be working. The ACO was called and the dog was brought immediately to Bolton Vet. Spring was diagnosed with dehydration, emaciation, kidney failure, muscle wasting, pressure sores from long-term caging without the room to move with wounds from urine scald (burn) and dried feces both from laying in it; which were infected by MRSA and E.col, dry eye, corneal ulcer. Spring developed re-feeding syndrome, which is consistent with deliberate starvation.

'Waylon' & 'Willy' - Case of Neglect - East Windsor, Connecticut – Bark Town Dog Rescue - Two puppies who came down with Parvo after rescue. New England Vet treated them and they are both recovering well. There shouldn't be any long-term issues.

'Trooper' - Case of Neglect - West Haven, CT - Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter - Trooper was found on Interstate 95 near Campbell Ave Exit . He was hit by a car and rolled into the shoulder. The person two cars behind the person who hit Trooper was a Branford Resident. Initially, he was taken to Branford Vet and they casted the leg but that did not work, so he was taken to Pieper Vet where they said he needed surgery to repair it.

'Clyde' - Case of Neglect - When we picked up Clyde the English bulldog, it was very clear that this problem had been going on for much longer than a week. He has a large tumor in his testicle, he is missing fur everywhere and has bacterial skin infections and also has a tumor in his eye which the ER vet told us is about to rupture. He is going in for surgery on his eye this upcoming week as he is in a lot of pain, and he has lost vision in both eyes, the one eye will have to be removed as well as he has loss of vision in the other eye

Spueter Program - B.A.A.C. also helps with the overpopulation of animals by our Spueter program which helps low-income households to spay or neuter their animals by paying for it.

Total 4th Quarter Donations: \$5,310.00
 Total 4th Quarter Spueter Donations \$800.00

Thanks to the rescue/welfare organizations that helped these pups they are on the road to recover. Please take a moment to read about all the wonderful work these organizations do!

The Great Divide Animal Rescue - greatdivideanimalrescue.org

Town of Bolton Animal Control - bolton.gov/office.com

Bark Town Dog Rescue - barktowndogrescue.org

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter - branford-ct.gov/animalshelter



WHY MY DOG IS WEARING A MUZZLE AND HOW YOU SHOULD REACT

My dog could be wearing a muzzle for one of these reasons:



- He likes to eat stuff from the ground and we are avoiding another foreign body surgery
- He is working on his anxiety around strangers and dogs and we both feel safer if it is on
- We are practicing good muzzle skills for our next vet visit
- He prefers a little bit more space, and the muzzle keeps rude humans and dogs away from us
- I prefer a little bit more space and the muzzle keeps rude humans away from us

Just because he is wearing a muzzle does not mean:

- He is viscous and will attack you at any moment
 - He should be kept away from the same outdoor adventures that you and your dog can enjoy together
 - It is “ok” for you to come up and try to interact with him without asking permission
- If you see us:
- Please give us space
 - Be kind with a smile as you quickly move on with your dogs and your kids.
 - Recognize that I am doing my best to promote safety and comfort for everything, including my dog and your family

Source: Summit dog training.com

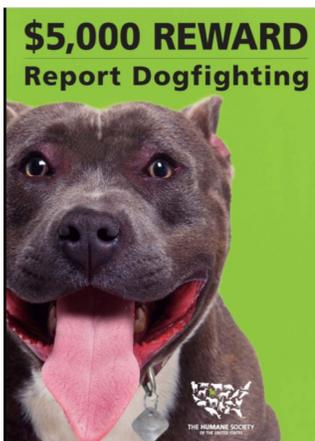
CT ANIMAL LAW



Animals Engaged in Exhibition of Fighting - Under CGS 53-247(c), the following actions are also punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, up to five years imprisonment, or both: knowingly

1. Owning, possessing, keeping, or training an animal engaged in fighting for amusement or gain
2. Possessing, keeping, or training an animal to engage in a fighting exhibition for amusement or gain
3. Allowing such acts to occur on premises under one’s control
4. Acting as a judge or spectator at such an exhibition
5. Betting or wagering on the outcome of an exhibition

Source: www.cga.ct.gov



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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
NOTHING**



**STOPS
NOTHING**

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WWW.BIKERSAGAINSTANIMALCRUELTY.ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BIKERSAGAINSTANIMALCRUELTYINC

Hoodies, Tanks, Tees & more on our website!



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!



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 ownerless 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.

To SAY NOTHING, To DO NOTHING, STOPS

Yes, I would like to help Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. by donating to help change a life! B.A.A.C. has been able to help hundreds of animals by making financial contributions towards their care. We thank everyone for their support, without it we would not be able to help the victims.

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