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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- B.A.A.C. Non-Profit Status is in the Works!
- B.A.A.C. Rodeo Scheduled for July 12, 2008!
- B.A.A.C. Website is Up!

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First meeting of B.A.A.C. Held!

On September 22, 2007 the first Meeting of Bikers Against Animal Cruelty (B.A.A.C.) was successfully conducted. In attendance and thus becoming founding members were: Dawn Ackerson, Melody Harrison, Sharron Shea, Mike Shea, Erika Fuery-Gaudio, Jessica Miller, Kip Miller, Doug Williamson, Sharon Eligio, Paul Eligio, Debby Duffy, Cindy Peregolise, VJ Peregolise, Jr., Michele Kane, Robert Downing, Stacey Hocking, Sue Mercer, Frank Silvestro, and Erin Silvestro.

The first order of business was the nomination and selection of officers & directors. The results of the selections are pre-

sented below.

Several items were discussed and amongst the discussions, it was determined that the organization mission statement, would be as follows: "An organized non-profit group of compassionate motorcycle enthusiasts and animal lovers who advocate against animal cruelty and promote responsible pet ownership", was agreed upon.

Membership fees were agreed to be \$50.00 annually for all new members. Membership packages will include 4" B.A.A.C. logo patch and a B.A.A.C. T-shirt .

Draft marketing materials were commented on and ideas

for merchandise were discussed. Amongst the items brought up: T-shirts, window stickers, hats, patches, doggie bandanas, key chains, bracelets, and doggles.

We've had many new developments and there are many fun events being planned for 2008. A schedule of the events is still being laid out and will be available on the website.

Please visit our website to see how far we've progressed since our first meeting, to see upcoming events, current cases, news and tips: www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org

Congratulations to Our Elected Officials

President Cindy Peregolise
 Vice President Kip Miller
 Treasurer Sharron Shea
 Bookkeeper/Secretary Sharon Eligio
 Public Relations Director Erika Fuery-Gaudio
 Director of Photography Big Bob Downing
 Development Director..... Melody Harrison
 Director of Web Development Jessica Miller
 Membership Coordinator Debby Duffy



Donate Today and Help Save Braveheart!



Braveheart is a very special little ham. He was picked up as a stray off the streets and is currently at the Wallingford Animal Shelter. He hobbles around on 3 legs constantly wagging his tail and

loves meeting new people and other animals. He is a gentle soul that has a lot of love to give. We would like to see him comfortable and healthy again before he is adopted out. Once he has his surgery, there is a foster home ready for him so that he may

recover in a warm & safe environment. Visit our website for Braveheart's progress as we try to mend this helpless little guy so some lucky family can open their home and hearts to him, because he has many more years in him to give.

A Message from the President



*Cindy Peregolise
Founding Member and
President of B.A.A.C.*

First, I'd like to welcome you to a new venture that I hope will help make a difference in the lives of our animal companions. I cannot express how thrilled I am to see Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. become a reality! I am fortunate to have a wonderful supporting husband and extremely caring, compassionate friends who all share the same interests and passions in life as I do; motorcycles and caring for animals.

Through rescue and adoption experience, we realized the number of pets that were euthanized annually and the crucial need to help those unwanted pets. We've also come across the horrors of abuse and cruelty cases that come

through rescues or are dumped at shelters. It is frightening and disturbing. Knowing that none of us had the time or money to dedicate to fostering animals, opening our own rescue or fund emergency veterinary care for those in need of it, we began having parties where we would collect donation money and shelter items from our friends and family then distribute them to local shelters and rescues in need. Along the way we've made many new contacts and life long friends.

We already knew that bikers are a very compassionate breed of humans, but as more

and more shared their common bond they had with their pets as we did, and expressed outrage over abuse and cruelty cases, we realized it was a demographic group that could really benefit the animals in so many ways. Together, we founded Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. and it is our dream that it will catch on nation-wide so that other compassionate motorcycle enthusiasts can help spread the word, promote responsible pet ownership and help animals in need.

So, welcome to B.A.A.C. and thank you for doing your part to help those that can't help themselves.



Party goes celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Phil's bar and Grill to help the animals. The event was a huge success.

Cinco de Mayo a Huge Success!

Even though this was not an official B.A.A.C. event, it was run by some founding members of B.A.A.C. back in May and was the first public party that initiated the B.A.A.C. mission.

The first Cinco de Mayo party to benefit area animal shelters was held on Saturday May 5, 2007 and was an enormous success. In total, \$2,500 was raised! A majority of the proceeds were used to purchase a surveillance system for

the New Haven Animal Shelter to deter the theft of animals from their facility. A generous donation was made to the Meriden Humane Society as well and the remaining proceeds were used to setup B.A.A.C..

In addition to cash donations, a large amount of material donations were collected as well, most notably, a years supply of dog food was contributed by Zak, winner of the herding group in the Dog Show USA

online dog show and this quarter's featured pet.

A huge thanks goes out to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this event possible. Many compliments were received regarding the quality of the food and prizes, and the shelters were overwhelmed by the amount of financial and material support they received.

Well Done Everyone!

B.A.A.C. Founding Member VJ Peregolise, Jr. and his companion Daisy Mae strut their Stuff in the Doggie Fashion Show at Pit-bull Awareness



What a Day for Pit-bull Awareness

The weather gods smiled upon us as warm temperatures and sunny skies greeted us for National Pitbull Awareness Day at Edgerton Park in New Haven on Saturday October 20th.

The event was a tremendous success

with numerous breeds of dogs, mainly pit-bulls, coming out with their owners to socialize with each other. B.A.A.C. was well represented at the event and our T-shirts garnered lots of attention and inquiries.



B.A.A.C. Members Michele and Sharon don their new B.A.A.C. T-Shirts!

Featured Pet—ZAK!



This quarters featured pet is ZAK, a.k.a. Zakurday Night Fever, the furry companion of

Kip and Jessica Miller! Zak is a German Shepherd with a very generous heart! This year Zak, with a little help from his friends, was a finalist in Dog Show USA's online dog show. Zak won first prize in the herding group! As the best in group winner he was awarded a years supply of dog food, which he very generously donated to the New Haven Animal Shelter. What a good boy!

Zak's favorite pastimes are eating cookies, opening presents and scaring

people by barking at them and making the hair on his back stand up. Even though he likes to act like a tough guy, he still sleeps with night time teddy every night. However, night time teddy rarely lives to see the dawn.

You can find out more about Zak through his MySpace page at:

www.myspace.com/zakurday

The Miller's Milestone Melee presents the First Annual B.A.A.C. Biker Rodeo!



The annual "Miller's Milestone Melee", held at the Glastonbury Elk's club each mid-July, have graciously decided to turn the reigns over to B.A.A.C.!

Join us July 12th, 2008 at the Glastonbury Elk's club to kick-off the first Annual Bikers Against Animal Cruelty Biker Rodeo! There will be plenty of fun for all to enjoy at this event. Vendor tables, bands, raffles,

weenie bite contest, tire toss contest, slow race and a bike show.

Shelter items will also be collected to help accommodate animals housed in facilities more comfortably and to supply the shelter/rescue workers with the necessary equipment to give the animals housed in their facilities the best care possible.

Proceeds from the event will benefit those helpless victims of Animal Cruelty.

If you are interested in renting space for a vendor table, please send an e-mail to BAAC_07@sbcglobal.net for details or call (203) 675-9378.

Don't Forget About Homeless Pets This Holiday



The holiday season is upon us, and it is that time of the year where we look

forward to spending quality time, eating home cooked meals and exchanging gifts with family, friends and let's not forget our pets. Some of us even go so far as to leaving our pets special items under the tree from Santa or feeding them scraps of prime rib and turkey, no ham, please (Please visit our Holiday Pet Safety Tips on our website!).

While you are enjoying yourselves with friends, family and your pets, please

keep in mind those less fortunate. Homeless pets need food and supplies more than ever during the colder months.

Many city run shelters, at no fault of their own, are only able to provide the bare necessities to those animals that are in their care. A roof over their head, food and water, that's usually it. Prisoners get better treatment than that! Please find it in your heart to donate some needed items such as pet food (canned or dry), blankets, pet toys, old towels, treats, etc. to your local shelter. If you know a B.A.A.C. member, you're more than welcome to bring your donation to them for distribution to area shelters. Please check the website (<http://www.bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org/donate.html>) for locations of B.A.A.C. col-

lection boxes.

Also, if you have the time, please consider volunteering at your local shelter. The animals under their care would really appreciate spending some time socializing with kind hearted humans.

B.A.A.C. is also accepting cash donations to help provide medical attention to those sick, mistreated, and abused animals that often crowd the shelters, especially this time of the year. We strive to give these animals a way to heal themselves in a safe environment and increase their chances of being adopted out! B.A.A.C. thanks you for your support.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

A Message from the Vice President



Kip Miller
 Founding Member and Vice
 President of B.A.A.C.

I'd like to take the time to thank the members of B.A.A.C. for their hard work and dedication to making our group a reality. Each and every one of you are our voice to the community and our ear to the ground. Keep up the great work and continue to generate interest in our cause as there are so many animals that can benefit from our help.

During this holiday season and throughout the rest of the year,

keep in mind all of the animals in shelters who need food, towels, toys and medical care. A great way to contribute is through donations on your or someone else's behalf. We all have the folks we purchase token gifts for each year - and we all receive some ourselves. A donation at any level in place of these gifts, given by you to someone or received on your behalf, will save or

make better the life of an animal in need or on the mend.

As we move into 2008, we are making plans for events, fund raising merchandise, and awareness promotions to make the new year a great one. With your continued devotion and support, we will continue to make a difference.

Take care, be safe and happy holidays to you, your family and your pets.

Say CHEESE! We're Looking for pics of your pets and your bike!

How would you like to have your pet featured in the B.A.A.C. 2009 Calendar? Send in a photo of your pet with your bike to:

B.A.A.C. 2009 Calendar Contest
 P.O. Box 68
 North Haven, CT 06473

with a \$10 entry fee (checks payable to

B.A.A.C.), or visit our website at www.BikersAgainstAnimalCruelty.org.

12 Winners will be announced in July 2008 and will receive a free 2009 B.A.A.C. calendar!

Proceeds from this contest will benefit victims of animal cruelty.



Quarterly Events Calendar



JANUARY 2008							FEBRUARY 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MARCH 2008						
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Jan 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 5 & 6—Northeast Motorcycle Expo, Hartford, CT

February—Responsible Pet Owners Month

Feb. 29—Daytona Bike Week Begins

Mar 1—National Pig Day

Mar 1-9—Daytona Bike Week

To have your event included in our quarterly newsletter, please e-mail BAAC_07@sbcglobal.net or snail mail your event to the P.O. Box listed below.

Your donations are urgently needed!

You can submit your donations (checks payable to B.A.A.C.) to the PO Box or online on our website.



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