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SECOND QUARTER 2015

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Summer is Here, Spring??

Well folks, Summer is finally here and B.A.A.C. just keeps right on a rolling.

Let's take a look at what we have been up to since we last reported in, shall we?

In March we held our 5th Annual "Woofstock" at Toad's Place in New Haven, Connecticut. The day started out on the cold and snowy side but that didn't stop us from doing what we do best, helping the voiceless.

Things heated right up when the bands began doing their thing.



Our friend Mike "Lappy" Lapatino, from WPLR, was on hand to MC the show.

The bands rocked on throughout the day. The likes of CPR, Murray The Wheel, Crossfire, Blackmail Radio, Half Step Down, Suit Ty Thurrsty and Stephanie Griffin thrilled the crowd with a fantastic mix of "Rock", "Blues" and even some "Funk" and "Pop". Thank you to all the bands and players who so generously donated their time and energy to this awesome cause. And lets not forget Toad's Place,

thank you once again for making "Woofstock" the great event that it is every year.



From there we were guests at a couple events, one in which we did "Photos With Mom" for Mother's Day.

Then came our annual "Breakout Run," which was held on May 31st. Our group of riders and supporters gathered at Claudia's Rise and Shine Café in Middletown, despite the grey, damp weather. After some wonderful food and a generous donation from the café owner herself, we were off on the road to our first stop, "The Branford Compassion Club" in North Branford, a rescue for adult cats and kittens. We were met by their wonderful volunteers... and who could forget that huge table full of awesome goodies and drink for all the riders and crew they provided! After dropping off a truckload of needed supplies and a short visit, we bid them good bye and headed down the road to stop number

two of the day.

We visited "All The Kings Horses Equestrian Rescue," where again, we dropped off a load of much needed supplies and gear. We had a great tour of the facil-



ity and heard horse stories. Again, an amazing place with people who have the biggest hearts around.

From there we made a mad dash, (the rain started coming down,) to the finish line at Tony Z's Pizza, where we enjoyed some laughs and warmed up with some of the best Pizza around! Since then we have been at a number of events to benefit the animals we all love so much. Visit or website for all our upcoming events and don't forget to mark your calendar for the Bike Rodeo and Pet Adoption even at PNA Park in Wallingford on August 30th! It is our biggest even of the year. See you then.

"Our Mission is to help rescues. Our dream is that one day we wont have to."

BAAC

Meet Our President



I became a member of B.A.A.C. in 2012 and from that moment I knew I was where I belonged. Currently B.A.A.C has just over 50 active members as well as many volunteers and I have to say they are some of the finest people I know. It's an honor to be involved with such an outstanding group for such a critical cause. For me, it started on March 24, 2010 when my wife and I adopted a dog from TN, that we named 'Memphis'. We had no idea that a Parvo (Canine Parvovirus) surviving pup would turn our world right side up from that point forward! Within the first couple of weeks of having Memphis we were volunteering with dog rescue which opened our eyes to an entire new world. The reality of homelessness, cruelty and neglect was palpable and there was no way I could sit back hoping that someone would do something. It was too urgent, too meaningful and my morals (and wife) wouldn't allow it. So when I heard of B.A.A.C. I knew I needed to join. In my opinion animals are completely and utterly defenseless against humans. Imagine being alone, scared, unable to communicate your needs or understand the language and all you can do is trust that strangers will have your best interests in mind to care for you, feed you, keep you safe, healthy and free from

Best Regards,
Greg Belcher
President, B.A.A.C

Our drop off location for pet supply donations.



1) Choice Pet Supply at 63 Washington Ave, RT5 in North Haven, CT.

Pet of the Quarter



Zena Olivia

Zena Olivia aka Princess Fluffybutt is our Pet of the Quarter. She is the proud owner of our Conroy BAAC family members, 14 years young. Most days Miss Fluffybutt can be found enjoying watching her 4 year old human brother Jesse and 2 year old fur sister Sasha play (although we are convinced she thinks they might be crazy). She often times will surprise you when she gets right into the middle of the goings on of that day. She's still pretty much the little spitfire. Her favorite hobbies include

Contributed By: Amy Conroy

being a lap dog, sunbathing in the lawn, and being with her family. Her favorite treat is ice cream and she suddenly is a puppy again when it comes to enjoying some.

Senior dogs are the sweetest!!!!

Member of the Quarter!

It is truly my pleasure to announce our very own Ellen Conboy as the member of the quarter!!! Ellen joined B.A.A.C. a year and a half ago and already she is an integral part of the great organization. Within her first three months with B.A.A.C. Ellen kindly took on the roll of Secretary for the group when our former secretary had to step down. Ellen wasted no time diving into her roll as secretary and took on work well beyond the scope of her title and corrected and re-wrote all of our Bylaws, Articles of Incorpor-

ation and other documents. During this time Ellen also took on the Member Coordinator position for a few months. When the time came, Ellen stepped away from her job as secretary and has taken on the Treasurer position where her true skills have come into play. Ellen truly is pleasure to work with, always bright and cheerful, greeting everyone with her smile. BAAC is lucky to have her as part of our organization and our BAAC family. Thank you so much Ellen and Congratulations!

Contributed By: Ray Fournier



**"If We Remain Silent,
The Voiceless
Remain
Hopeless!"**

BAAC

In Memoriam



Christmas
January 2015

When my Aunt Beryl passed away suddenly in April of 2012, we were given her kitty, Christmas, to be a part of our family. Beryl had named her Christmas because it was her favorite holiday and she truly believed that her beautiful kitty was a gift. Beryl loved her so with all her heart! We too loved Christmas' delightfully sweet nature, and having her was certainly a way to keep Beryl close to us. Christmas always made her presence known, giving love taps, kisses and head butts to all of us freely! Coming to us already a senior though, she sadly passed away in Ray's arms in January. We will always love and miss both of them.

Forever in our hearts,
Ellen, Ray, Matt and Jeremy

Quarterly Contributions

What we do with your generous donations

2015 Second Quarter
Total Cost to BAAC: 1400.00

Total # of Animals: 12

04/23/2015 Central Hospital for Veterinary Care Brooklyn - Pitbull	250.00
05/01/2015 Mobile Veterinary Clinic Columbia the cat - leg surgery	100.00
05/11/2015 Ark Animal Hospital Two neglected dogs	200.00
06/16/2015 Pet Shield Vet Compassion Club Cat needing tail amputation	250.00
06/25/2015 Ark Animal Hospital "Blue" DDG Rescue for Abused dog	150.00
06/25/2015 East Side Veterinary Clinic "Monkey" Feline thrown from car	150.00

Spay & Neuter Program

06/29/2015 New Hope Clinic, Inc. 5 Cats for Bridgeport Cat Project 300.00

The above does not reflect the generous truckloads of food and supplies collected and donated and delivered for the quarter.

Still Time To Join, Every Penny Counts

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty's First Annual

Miles For Mutts



This is a mileage ride to benefit the victims of animal cruelty and abuse that so desperately need our help. For every mile ridden by the person sponsored during the duration of this event, (not to exceed 5000 miles,) a specified amount will be donated to Bikers Against Animal Cruelty.

A photograph of the rider's odometer reading along with a date stamp will be taken at the start of the event and at the conclusion of the event.

The start date will be 5-31-15 at our annual Spring Break Out Run and will conclude on 8-30-15 at our annual Pet Adoption & Bike Rodeo. Riders will be responsible for collecting all donations from their sponsors at the end of the event and submitting them to Bikers Against Animal Cruelty. All participating riders will enjoy free admission to the Rodeo.

For more information and to receive your registration/pledge form please contact:

Ray at 475-238-4474
e-mail rcf_bladeworks@yahoo.com

Special Thanks!

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. would like to acknowledge those who have been most supportive to our mission. We can not thank you all enough for your generosity and belief in our cause. No donation is ever too small, nor too large!

Silver Doner \$100.00 to \$499.00

UI Foundation Matching Fund

Dell YourCause LLC

Mug Shotz Cafe, LLC

HP YourCause LLC

Skip Wiley

Rise & Shine Cafe

Karen L. Kreitzberger

Donation Jar

Monique Melanson-Hunter

Feral Cat Donation

Claudia's Tips Breakout Run

In honor of her daughter Blake H. Polett

Bronze Doner < \$100.00

Five Below

Truist

Travelers

Richard L Knecht

AT&T Employee Giving Campaign

Network For Good

Amy Conroy

Tom Forst

Joann Donato

Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Deborah Nuzzo

Paypal Giving Fund

Five Below Fundraiser

Raymond Mennone

Cynthia Landino

Scott Pardue, Cody Mitchell

Donation in name of Jesse II

Dell Employee Engagement Fund

“Not responding is a response - we are equally responsible for what we don't do.”



Up Coming Events

B.A.A.C Sponsored Events

8/30/2015 (Sunday) Pet Adoption and Bike Rodeo 1 to 6

11/7/2015 (Saturday) BAAC Family Bowling at Wallingford Bowl , Starts at 11 AM.

11/28/2015 (Saturday) Holiday Pet Photos with Santa at Gengras Harley Davidson 12 to 3

Events by others, that we will be attending:

North Branford Corn and Potato Fest 7/30/15 thru 8/2/15

Milord Oyster Festival 8/5/15 from 10 to 6

Putting On The Dog Roger Sherman Baldwin Park Greenwich, Ct. 9/20/15 10 to 4:30

Pit-bull Awareness Day 10/17/15 (Time and location TBD)

Bike Of The Quarter

Contributed By: Monique Hunter

I'd like to introduce Mark Hunter's 2007 C90 1500cc Suzuki Boulevard - received as a surprise wedding gift from his wife Monique in May 2007. The original colors were silver on white but has had a recent paint job by Jimbo at BNR Motors in Meriden. The new colors are black with metallic blue flames. The bike also displays the B.A.A.C. logo in vinyl decals on the rear fender and tank. The saddle bags also carry the logo sewn on by Iron Image in Meriden.



Mark's bike has proven to be road worthy with only one repair needed in 2014 which was the replacement of the charging system. The additions to the original bike are rider and passenger running boards, backrest and saddlebags. Mark looks forward to taking the bike to Sturgis in August for the 75th Motorcycle Rally.

Editors note: What a beautiful bike Mark and thank you for the article Monique.



2015 Bike Rally & Pet Adoption Event

BIKERS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY

8TH ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY & PET ADOPTION EVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

AT:

PNA PARK
171 N. PLAINS HIGHWAY
WALLINGFORD, CT

\$20 PER PERSON
(CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE)

INCLUDES FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Come out for an afternoon of fun the whole family can enjoy!

There will be fun and games for kids of all ages! (Both the two-legged as well as the four-legged and furry kind!)

At this event you'll find:

- Pets available for adoption!**
- Great entertainment!**
- Live bands (to be announced!)**
- Great food!**
- Vendors to shop!**
- Games to play!**
- Prizes to win!**

Information on the entertainment line-up coming soon! Don't forget to check us out on Facebook to get up to date info on all of our events!

Pet Supply Donations Welcome!

Pet toys, pet food (canned and dry), pet treats, blankets, towels, bleach, laundry detergent, kitty litter, pet beds, trash bags, flat sheets, and any other items that would make homeless animals comfortable.

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. (BAAC) is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization run solely by volunteers. 100% of all proceeds benefit victims of animal cruelty and programs that assist homeless or abused pets.

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Help Your Dog Survive a House Fire

Written by: Dr. Debra Primovic - DVM



A house fire is something you think will never happen to you, until it does. At least, that is what I thought. About 10 years ago I was working at a veterinary emergency clinic when I got a phone call that my house was on fire. I had 2 pets inside and I was in full panic mode. I wasn't worried about the contents; I didn't care about the clothes, TV, or even photos - all I cared about as I drove home was my pets' safety. It was terrifying, and I hope that you never have the experience it as well.

Here are some startling house fire facts and data: Each year, over 1.7 million fires occur the United States, over 3,000 people lose their lives, there are over 17,500 fire related injuries to humans, over 500,000 pets die in house fires, pets start nearly 1,000 fires, and over 11 billion dollars of damages occur.

Here are a few things you can do to help your dog survive or, better yet, prevent a house fire.

Look for fire hazards in your home such as overloaded outlets (multiple extension cords or plugs wired into one outlet), extension cords that have been "daisy chained" together, and frayed cords.

Never, ever allow your dog to be around unattended candles.

Use flameless candles. They can give the ambiance of a traditional candle but are much safer. A second option are covered candles holders.

Ensure you have fire alerts stickers or signs on your windows so fire personnel know how many and what kinds of pets you have in your home. Most stickers will say something such as "Fire Personnel, we have X dogs, X cats, and X other pets in the house." You can download one for free here.

Keep fire extinguishers on each level of your house, especially next to fireplaces and in the kitchen.

Keep collars on your pets and leashes by both the front and back doors so you can quickly lead them to safety in the case of a fire. Make sure your dog has updated identification on his or her tag. Cat owners can keep a pile of pillowcases by the doors so they can quickly escape with their cats in case things are really bad. (This not only keeps the cat from running away, but also protects them from smoke inhalation.)

Monitor your smoke detectors to ensure they are in good working order. Connect your smoke detectors to your home alarm system so if you are not home and a fire occurs, the fire department will be notified.

Be extra care with stove knobs. Some experts recommend removing stove knobs before leaving the house. We have read devastating reports of curious dogs jumping up to smell what's on the stove and turning knobs too high, resulting in fires.

Take special care with glass water bowls on outdoor wooden decks. Reports have noted cases where sun's rays were magnified by the glass, heating up deck wood and actually causing fires. Use stainless or ceramic bowls instead.

Lastly, take a minute to understand the most common causes for house fires. By knowing what they are, you can be more attentive to those possible situations. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the following are the most common causes of house fires: Cooking: Up to 40 percent of all house fires are caused by cooking-related incidents. A common one is leaving an oven or stove unattended.

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Help Your Dog Survive a House Fire, Cont.

Kids playing with fire: Another very common source of fires is kids igniting matches or a lighter during play.

Smoking: This happens quite frequently when someone that falls asleep while smoking and the cigarette falls into an upholstered chair, which ignites and fills the house with smoke.

Fault heating: Electrical shorts and overloads related to the furnace can be the culprit of house fires, as well as portable space heaters. Get your furnace serviced on a regular basis to avoid a problem.

Electrical problems: The overuse of extension cords can cause them to spark and ignite.

Candles: The open flame can be knocked over or be placed too close to papers or other flammable materials. Never, ever leave candles unattended. Curious pets frequently knock over candles; excited dogs with wagging tails may knock a candle to the floor and cats may swish their tails through the flame, then run in panic and spread the fire.

Fireplace: In addition to the risks of an open flame, not opening the damper or flue or slacking off on fireplace care (that is, not cleaning it and letting the chimney get backed up) can cause dangerous situations that are prime for fires and carbon monoxide problems.

Dryers: This is a big one. Improper dryer vents, flammable dryer sheets, and clogged venting are all causes of dryer-related fires. Clear lint after each load of clothes and keep flammable material away from your dryer at all times.

Flammables in the house: Use care when storing flammable materials (fuels, oils, etc.). Don't place them next to a possible source of flame.

Christmas trees: Poorly watered trees and overloaded extension cords can turn a holiday tragic. Keep your tree watered and unplug the lights when you are away from the house. Use the minimal number of extension cords and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

A key part of being a responsible pet parent is to plan for unexpected emergencies and do what you can to prevent them. If possible, make a fire drill plan with your family and practice it with your dog. You'll be glad you did.

I hope this article on common fire hazards and fire prevention helped keep your dog safe in the case of a fire.

"Intelligence is the ability of a species to live in harmony with its environment."



My dad Joseph Tkacz Sr. was a proud wearer of the BAAC tee shirt. When he passed away this year that tee shirt went with him. He was so proud to wear it. He was an animal activist and loved all animals. He actually had squirrels, and raccoon sit in his lap on many occasions, Even when the seagulls seen him at his favorite fishing hole they would drop by and sit on his shoulder. He always had something for them to eat. He was like the pied piper of all animals. In his young years he would always bring home an animal in need of a home. He was a great dad and husband and he always taught us to be kind to everyone especially animals because they had no voice, we had to be their voices and advocate on their behalf. It was a very sad day when he passed ,we promised him that we would take over where he left off, and make sure animals had people that cared about them.

Rest in Peace Dad,
Joseph Tkacz Sr.
August 8, 1918 to February 14th , 2015

Story written by his daughter ,
Deb Belancik

...."Wow, They are tough and ready to fight."

Below is an article written and submitted to several newspapers and magazines by our very own Rosalie DeCrosta.

With spring being here, we will be seeing many more bikers riding like Gladiators along our streets on their iron horses. Ever wonder where they are going? Why they ride? Riding for those helpless animals that are being abused, neglected and killed. These bikers truly are tough. Tough enough to stand up for justice. Fight to save puppies, kittens, horses, any animal that is being horribly mistreated. Fight to get justice for the dog that was kicked to death in East Haven. These Bikers talk the talk and walk the walk and yes, even ride the ride.... for justice!

We are Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, a non profit organization. We are a group of concerned citizens who work tirelessly against animal cruelty, neglect and promote responsible pet ownership. We have taken two controversial images, Bikers and abused animals, and created an organization that is helping thousands of animals. We work with all 169 animals shelters throughout the state and countless animals rescues to help offset the cost for vet bills for animals that have been abused, neglected, tortured and left to die. We ride for them, we are the voice of the voiceless. Bikers don't have a "soft" image, but we are mothers and daughters. We are fathers and grandfathers who kiss our grandchildren good night and teach them right from wrong. We must educate our children to become kinder, to understand and respect humanity. We are currently working to create our new educational program for young people in Connecticut.

Yes, we ride motorcycles, yes, we dress in black leather and yes, we even have tattoos.... Yes we are part of the Future of Empowering and Teaching Children Hope, we are Humanity.

We are many riders.....but we are one heart. (FETCH)

This is an example of the many abused and neglected animals that B.A.A.C. has been able to help by making financial contributions towards their care. These before and after photos are nothing short of remarkable. We would like to thank everyone for their support, without it we would not be able to help animals in need. Thank you!



Help! We Need Your Support!

Yes! I want to donate to Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. (B.A.A.C.)! 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

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P.O. Box 68
North Haven, CT 06473

TO:



Peanut Butter - Pumpkin Dog Treats

Contributed By: Ray Fournier

Here's a natural, fantastic, simply tasty homemade treat your dog will love.

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
2 eggs
1 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.