

Paws for News at Bideawee



Bideawee & Sylvania on Broadway

Bideawee is thrilled to be partnering with [Sylvia](#) on Broadway, to bring love and laughter to pet-loving audiences and help raise awareness for homeless animals in the process. Funny and heartwarming, Sylvania is about what happens when a smart, sassy, captivating canine befriends a New Yorker in Central Park and changes his life— and his wife’s life forever.

From Tony Award-winning® director **Daniel Sullivan** (Proof, Glengarry Glen Ross) and two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee **A. R. Gurney** (The Dining Room, Love Letters), Sylvania stars a brilliant cast of acclaimed comedians: two-time Tony winner **Matthew Broderick** (The Producers, How To Succeed...), Tony winner **Julie White** (The Little Dog Laughed), Drama Desk Award-winner **Robert Sella** (Stuff Happens), and fresh from her 2015 Tony-winning performance in You Can’t Take It With You, **Annaleigh Ashford** as Broadway’s friskiest new heroine. This wonderful look into the complexities of love and commitment asks what it truly means to be devoted to your partner...and how do you choose between the love of your life and man’s best friend?

Sylvia on Broadway is donating 5% of every ticket sold to Bideawee when you [purchase tickets here](#). Additionally, the cast and crew of Sylvania will be highlighting Bideawee in multiple ways, including hosting an adoption event, a special Bideawee night on Broadway and several other efforts to elevate the organization’s mission, and promote animal adoption. Enjoy both a night on Broadway, and the knowledge that you are helping animals in need find loving homes. [Purchase your tickets today](#).



Consider Sponsoring Laurel, the Newest Member of Bideawee

We often say that we wish animals could speak to us so that we could understand what they are feeling, but one look at little Laurel, and her anguish was unmistakable.

At only 10-weeks-old, this sweet kitten was found with a cord strangulating her right rear leg so badly, that she was in danger of losing it. By the time a kind neighbor found her and brought her to The Animal Hospitals at Bideawee, we were unsure if we would be able to salvage her tiny, mangled paw. Little did we know that her paw was only the very beginning of her struggles.

Our veterinarians soon discovered that Laurel's situation was much worse than we'd thought: not only had Laurel sustained obvious injuries to her leg, but she had also sustained a major crushing injury to her spine, and was unable to urinate or defecate on her own.

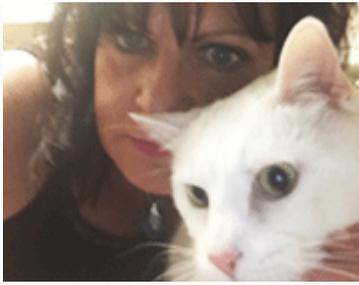
For many, Laurel's condition would be a deal-breaker. Some might even argue that her injuries and needs are too great to expect another person or organization to accommodate them. We simply can't accept that. For years, we have cared for a cat named Pear (many of you might recognize him from our Sponsor a Pet program) with similar issues. Our staff has gladly given him the care he requires, and he's as silly, mischievous and playful as any cat you can imagine. His brings a smile to our faces daily, and we can't imagine our lives without him.

This fall, Laurel will join Pear, and several other special needs animals, by becoming the newest member of Bideawee's Sponsor a Pet Program. By joining [Bideawee's Sponsor a Pet Program today](#) for \$18 a month or more, you are ensuring that Bideawee's neediest dogs and cats live out their days as every animal deserves to be healthy, happy, and surrounded by loved ones.

For over 112 years, you have trusted us to provide care and safe-haven for animals like Pear and Laurel, who have nowhere else to turn, and we consider it an honor to do so, but we need your help. [Please donate](#) today so we can give Laurel the extensive care she needs, and continue to provide for animals like her and Pear, whose very survival depends on our generosity and commitment to their lives.

We may never know how Laurel wound up tangled in that rope, but in that moment, her life changed forever, and today, her future is in our hands. And that's why we know-- that no matter how serious her situation may be, she will be ok. She will receive the care she needs; she will learn to live with her challenges; she will experience pleasure and joy; and she like many before her-- will be surrounded by a family that loves her- *The Bideawee family* -- because of your support.

Please consider making Bideawee your charity of choice this holiday season. Your donation provides warmth and care for animals that have been neglected, fills the bellies of dogs and cats that are hungry, and gives the immeasurable gift of love and family to animals like Laurel and Pear.



How a Speeding Ticket Helped One Woman Find her True Calling

When Christine Pickard was pulled over for speeding and sentenced to 40 hours of community service, she never imagined the experience would change her life for the better. A life-long animal lover, Christine made the decision to carry out her service at [Bideawee](#).

Christine was so grateful for the experience that she wrote a heartwarming letter to the judge to thank him for changing her life. She explained that her service at Bideawee had redirected her career goals, and put her on the path to finding her life's work. The judge was so touched by the letter that he sent it off to [Riverhead local paper](#), who published it.

We're incredibly touched by Christine's story, grateful for her continued support, and heartened to be a part of her journey.



Bideawee's Pet Therapy Program Brings the Love of a Pet to Another Community

Bideawee's Pet Therapy Program has been bringing the love of animal companionship to the community since 1986. For those unfamiliar with the organization's Pet Therapy Program, Bideawee trains pets and their owners across New York City and Long Island to be able to visit nursing homes, hospitals, classrooms and more in order to brighten the days of those who need it most. The organization has seen the many benefits that a little time in the presence of a loving and gentle animal can provide, and is always thrilled to expose others to the power of the human-animal bond.

Just recently, Bideawee partnered up with AHRC Nassau, an organization that supports over 2000 people with developmental disabilities in locations across the county. The best thing about this partnership is not only will the residents will be able to enjoy the affections of an animal, but they will learn valuable skills along the way. By interacting with our pet therapy pairs, the residents will learn about animal care and animal assisted therapy, and can use these experiences as learning tools to pursue future careers and volunteer opportunities. Bideawee is thrilled about this opportunity with AHRC Nassau, and hopes it inspires similar facilities to bring pet therapy into the lives of their residents. Learn more about [Bideawee's Pet Therapy Program](#), or speak directly to the Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs at 866-262-8133.



Ask a Vet

Q: My husband likes to share his muffin with our dog at breakfast. Is this OK?

[Answer](#)



Ask a Trainer

Q: Why does my dog seem to show favoritism toward my husband even though I am his primary caretaker?

[Answer](#)

HAPPY TAILS



Happy - Happiness, When and Where You Least Expect It

My husband and I adopted Happy at Bideawee's Manhattan location on August 22nd. At that point, we had been trying to adopt a dog for a while. I had been spending hours on adoption websites, and even made a few visits to meet dogs from other shelters and foster networks in New York City. But for some reason, it was proving difficult to find a good match.

[Read more](#)

TAILS FROM A VOLUNTEER



Kariene Aghabekian

I have always been involved with animals on some level, not only sharing my life with my own dogs and cats, but volunteering with them from the time I was a child. I have also studied animal behavior and have trained many dogs in basic obedience and agility. Over the years, I have found many strays and taken them in and found them homes. Recently, I had decided that I wanted to volunteer again and give back what has been so freely given to me by my animals and the many strays I have found - unconditional Love. I live in East Meadow and had been to Bideawee many years prior, so I filled out an application to volunteer at their Wantagh facility.

[Read more](#)



Introducing New Manhattan



Bideawee Welcomes New



Shake Shack and Bideawee

Volunteer & Events Manager

Bideawee is happy to introduce **Erica Metaxas**, the new Volunteer & Events Manager at the Manhattan site. Erica is a recent graduate of Adelphi University with a degree in Social Work and has a background in marketing, fundraising, and working with volunteers. She has also been a Bideawee volunteer at our Manhattan and Wantagh locations! The organization is thrilled to welcome Erica to the Bideawee family!

Corporate Volunteer Group, LexisNexis

This month, LexisNexis, one of the biggest corporations providing [computer-assisted legal research](#), as well as business research and risk management services, visited Bideawee's Manhattan campus to help us prepare for our 100th Anniversary celebration. The team cleaned and spruced up the grounds, made some toys for some of our dogs and cats, and even met with some of our awesome pet therapy animals! We always appreciate when big groups come in to lend a hand, so many thanks to LexisNexis, and to all of our [corporate partners](#)!

Celebrate Adopt A Shelter Dog Month

In honor of Adopt a Dog Month this October, [Shake Shack](#) Midtown East location is donating \$2 to Bideawee from every single Shack-cago dog purchased to Bideawee. Bideawee is thrilled to work with this pet-friendly establishment and looks forward to future events and opportunities to make a difference.



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