

Paws for News at Bideawee



Celebrate Valentine's Day with Free Love at Bideawee

Is 2017 the year you've decided to find a special someone? Bideawee's matchmakers are the best in the business, and if you're looking to meet a forever companion, you've come to the right place. To celebrate the month of love, Bideawee is waiving the adoption fee on all animals six months and older.

We have dogs and cats of various sizes, breeds, and personalities, and all animals have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, behaviorally evaluated and are ready to be the newest members of your family. Visit Bideawee's Manhattan or Westhampton location, or [go online to view a full list of our adoptable animals](#), and get ready to fall head over heels this Valentine's Day.



Bideawee's Long-Stay Animals get a Little Extra Love from a Wantagh Volunteer

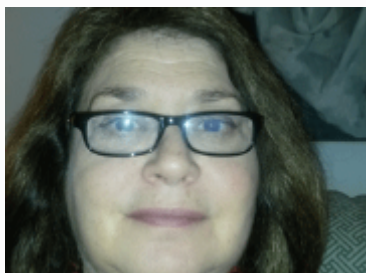
When you tell someone that you work for or volunteer at an animal shelter, it's common to hear something like "I don't know how you do it; I'd want to adopt every single animal." We can totally understand that thinking, but what people don't realize is that while you may not be able to adopt every animal, you can have a tremendous impact on the homeless dogs and cats you come into contact with. Bideawee's volunteers are a perfect example of making an impact. In addition to working hands-on with the animals, and helping with a variety of tasks around the shelter, they are always coming up with new ways to give Bideawee's homeless animals an extra boost.

Recently, one of Bideawee's incredible Wantagh volunteers sponsored the adoption fees for 12 Bideawee dogs in Westhampton. Initially she sponsored four, (one of which found a home), and then she sponsored eight more (one of which also, just recently, found a home). Her generosity has given potential adopters an added incentive to consider one of these sweet animals, and she's a shining example of our collective ability to make a difference in the lives of animals in need. Learn more about any of these sweet dogs, [Adam](#), [Marlon Brando](#), [Millicent](#), [Neida](#), [Frank](#), [Mork](#), [Scout](#) or [Sam](#)—all of whom are **FREE** to an approved adopter.



Entries from Bideawee's 'Love Your Pet' Art Contest on Display in Westhampton!

Come check out the amazing artwork on display for Bideawee's 9th annual Love Your Pet Art Contest! View and vote for your favorites from Long Island's most talented kids. Entries from grades 1-8 will be displayed at Bideawee's Westhampton Adoption Center at select times from February 11th – 17th. A \$5 donation will grant entrance into the show and help continue to care for the pets in need at Bideawee. Online photography entries from grades 9-12 will be also displayed at www.bideawee.org/loveyourpet from February 7th – 17th, and you can [view past years' winners online](#).



Spotlight on Kibbe Member, Anne Brooks

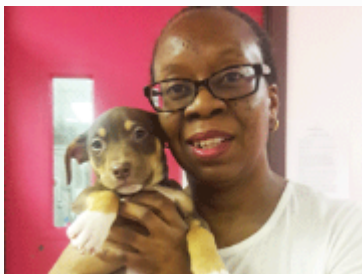
Nearly 11 years ago, Anne Brooks walked into Bideawee, and it was a day that would forever change her life and help Bideawee in the best way possible. That happened to be the first day Gracie spent in the adoption room after being rescued along with all of her kittens. That day was also the last that Gracie spent in the adoption room!

From then on Anne and Gracie have loved each other dearly. Knowing firsthand the wonderful work Bideawee had done for her, Anne decided that she would become a volunteer in her spare time, aiding in the welfare of all the animals that need her love and attention.

After years of dedicating her time, Anne made an absolutely selfless decision, one that she said "meant a lot to me." She decided to continue her legacy of kindness by including Bideawee in her estate plans. This act of generosity made her part of Bideawee's Flora Kibbe Society, named after our founder who was a champion in the animal rescue movement. Here, Anne joined other incredible patrons whose aim is to secure the future of animals in need by supporting Bideawee through a planned gift. Anne encourages other volunteers to make what she calls "an emotional decision" and to become a part of the Flora Kibbe Society, so that together they can make a lasting difference now

and for years to come.

Anne Brooks' dedication is inspiring and we could not be more grateful that she walked into Bideawee all those years ago. We are wishing Gracie a joyous birthday as she turns 12 this April. We are honored that Anne continues to ensure the happiness and welfare of animals at Bideawee by being an adopter, a volunteer, and a Kibbe Society Member. Learn more about how you can join Bideawee esteemed [Flora Kibbe Society](#).



Introducing 'The Adopters Welcome' Policy

Bideawee recently instituted the Humane Society of the United States "Adopters Welcome" process at each location. The Adopters Welcome philosophy celebrates people's willingness to adopt a pet, and removes artificial and unnecessary barriers to the adoption process. This approach welcomes people to open their homes and hearts to animals in need and recognizes that no matter how good a shelter is, dogs and cats are better off living in loving adoptive homes. We now welcome adopters 18 and older, and do not require meeting with all members of the family (including other pets as well). Meetings will be done on a case-by-case basis. We will be relying on the knowledge and skills of our trained matchmakers do continue to do what they do best, which is to make smart, healthy, happy matches between people and pets. We look forward to placing even more animals into loving forever homes.

Q&A WITH OUR EXPERTS



Ask Dr. Simms, DVM

Dr. Shian Simms joined the Bideawee family in October of 2014 as the Vice President of Veterinary Medicine.

Inspired by her childhood pug, Rick, she was determined to become a veterinarian and care for animals in need. In 1995, she moved from Singapore to the United States to pursue her veterinary medicine degree, and graduated from Purdue University in 2001.

Q: Should I purchase pet insurance for my dog or cat?

[Answer](#)



Ask Mike Rueb, CPDT (Certified Pet Dog Trainer)

Michael Rueb began his career at Bideawee in 2002, as an adoption center associate in the Westhampton location. With a goal of getting hands-on experience to aid him in his pursuit of becoming a veterinarian, Mike began working with the animals in a behavior capacity, and thus altered his career path, becoming the manager of behavior and training, followed by his current position of Associate Director of Adoptions and Resident Care.

Q: I went to adopt two puppies from another rescue organization and they told me that it was not advisable to adopt two puppies from the same litter. What are some of the reasons for this?

[Answer](#)

HAPPY TAILS



Jasper- Brotherly Love

In August of last year we decided we were ready to add a second dog to our household. We already had a seven-year-old yellow lab named Coda and he had grown up enough that we were ready to add a puppy to the mix.

We at first considered another Labrador but I felt we should explore our adoption options first. I will forever be thankful that we looked down that path first! We visited the Bideawee website and saw a photo of an adorable brown six-month-old puppy with floppy ears and big brown eyes lounging in a paddling pool in the sunshine.

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PICK OF THE LITTER

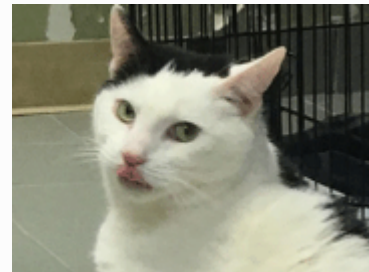


Mike Rueb, Associate Director of Adoption and Resident Care

See Mike's bio above.



"**Tori** is my pick of the litter! Tori is an eight-month-old Hound mix who is very energetic. Tori has an exuberant personality and she needs to work on her impulse control. This



"**Meet Ashanti**, my pick of the litter! Ashanti is a four-year-old male domestic short hair who came to Bideawee from Animal Control. When he came to us he had multiple broken

basically means that she wants things quickly and has a hard time being patient. So we're working on her learning to wait. We practice with Tori in different ways. For instance, when Tori's being good, I ask her to come towards me and then sit. Once she does this, I reward her with a cookie or by petting her. We always have Tori sit before we open a door to go outside so that she knows once she calms down we can go for a walk. As long as Tori can have somebody who can teach her to be calm and gentle, she'll thrive. She'll do great in a home if the person has a lot of energy and time for training. She knows her commands really well and is very motivated. Tori can already sit and lie down! She also likes to play with toys and balls, and is good about dropping them. With a little bit of training she can make an awesome pet for somebody."

[Tori's video](#)

[About Tori](#)

toes, so we nursed him back to health and have been taking care of him ever since. He's a very good cat but is very particular about what home he wants to have. He can co-exist with other cats although he would prefer to be your only cat. He's very food motivated and has even learned certain tricks, like "sit." Ashanti is a little nervous and uncomfortable about being pet, although he has made a lot of progress in the last few years. He'll happily allow you pet him if you promise to give him food at the same time. When it's very calm in the adoption center, he will allow some petting and will let you know when he wants his space. Although he doesn't love being handled, Ashanti enjoys being around people and loves to be in the midst of it all. Despite this, Ashanti is incredibly playful and loves to chase feather toys. Ashanti is looking for a patient and calm home where he can have the time to open up and show you his true personality."

[Ashanti's video](#)

[About Ashanti](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteer Nancy Beckmann and her therapy dog, Chelsea

In 1995, my husband and I adopted our first dog from Bideawee in Wantagh. We were lucky enough to have her with us for 16 years.

In 2013, when we found Chelsea through the Sato

Project, she was so sweet and gentle that we immediately knew she would be good for working with people. A friend suggested Bideawee's Pet Therapy program and her future was sealed. The team that led the evaluation and the training made it a very enjoyable experience. Looking back on that day, I think that the dogs knew innately what to do; it was the handlers that seemed to learn the most.

[Read more](#)

Check it Out



Bideawee's Young Professionals Committee Brings Holiday Cheer to Homeless Animals

Over the holidays, [Bideawee's Young Professionals Committee](#) took the opportunity to create a wish list on Amazon with much-needed goodies for the animals in the shelter. They shared the list with their community and collected over \$1,500 worth of toys, treats, bedding and various products that will help care for Bideawee dogs and cats until they find their forever homes. Many thanks to the YPC for their generosity and commitment to Bideawee animals!

You can still buy a present for Bideawee's animals by [clicking here](#).

Celebrate National Pet Dental Health Month at the Animal Hospitals at Bideawee

This February and March, the Animal Hospitals at Bideawee are celebrating pet dental health by offering all of our furry friends \$50 off a dental procedure. Savings for you. Dental health for them. That's something to smile about! Visit [Animal Hospitals at Bideawee](#) or call 866-262-8133 to make your appointment today.

Mark Your Calendars: Bideawee Annual Gala is Monday, May 22nd

Bideawee's annual gala—The Bideawee Ball—is only a few months away, and you and your canines are invited! The event, held at the beautiful Pierre, brings together hundreds of socially active animal lovers from New York City's business, social, and celebrity communities, to honor and celebrate those who have made a difference in the lives of pets. The Bideawee Ball features cocktails, seated dinner, dancing, an auction and an awards ceremony, and [tickets can be purchased online](#).



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