

Paws for News at Bideawee



Be a Friend to Animals in the New Year!

If you're like most of us, your New Year's Resolutions can be heavy on the "I shoulds" and lacking in the "I can hardly wait tos!" It's no wonder so many people opt out of making News Year's Resolutions, but it doesn't have to be that way! If you have a soft spot for warm puppy bellies and cute kitten shenanigans, this is the year you can pledge to lend a helping hand to the dogs and cats who are waiting for their forever homes at Bideawee. There are numerous ways to get involved, but we'll get your creative juices flowing with a few ideas of our own:

Become the proud parent of a Bideawee pet! Many people don't know this, but you can find every kind of dog or cat at a shelter. We have puppies, kittens, large breed dogs, small breed dogs, purebreds, and everything in between. If you or someone you know is looking to bring home a four-legged family member, visit www.bideawee.org.

Become a Bideawee Foster Parent! There is nothing more rewarding than providing the love and care that a vulnerable dog or cat needs so that they can thrive. Whether an animal is just starting out in life or needs a peaceful environment to heal from an injury, fostering can change an animal's life and ensure a happy and healthy future. [Learn more and apply today.](#)

Join the Bideawee Volunteer Family! Bideawee's volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization. There are roles for every interest and skill set, including hands-on animal care, administrative tasks, offsite adoption opportunities, photography, video editing, and more. [Apply today.](#)

Plan a fundraiser! You can fundraise on Facebook or use [Bideawee's online fundraising platform](#) to host an event, plan a crafts sale, or donate your birthday to animals in need, and those are only a few suggestions. The sky is the limit!

Get engaged on social media! Are you following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram? If not, fan us today! Share our adoptable animals on Facebook, retweet our tweets, repost on Instagram, you can even donate your status once a week to a specific Bideawee animal in need of a home. Every time you share one of our posts, you bring our animals one step closer to spending their life in a forever home.

Let this be the year you make a difference in the lives of homeless animals, because THAT is a New Year's resolution we can all look forward to. Happy New Year!



Biscuit



Thank You for Helping Us Meet Our Match

Thanks to your compassion and generosity, we met our end-of-year donation match! **You helped us raise \$65,000** and our wonderful donor matched that amount and doubled that donation for dogs and cats in need.

As many of you know, in addition to the more than one thousand animals that Bideawee provides, shelter, food and care for throughout the year, we saw several animals in need of urgent life-saving care in 2017. It's hard to imagine where many of these animals would be without the love and support from the Bideawee community. In the last few months alone, we opened our doors to a paralyzed Beagle mix named Biscuit; a blind ten-year-old Bichon Frisee mix named Snoopy; and a stray kitten, found clinging to life in an elevator shaft, named Cherokee. Each of these animals required substantial medical care that most organizations were not able to offer, but because of you, we were. Biscuit was given a set of doggy wheels and can now get around as well as any other dog! Best of all, he was adopted into an exceptional home with a family that adores him. Snoopy was fitted with a halo that helps him safely navigate the world around him and has since found a wonderful home, and Cherokee is well on her way to her own happily ever after. She is gaining weight and her foot (which required

Snoopy



Cherokee

amputations of several toes) is healing well. We expect her to make a full recovery and go on to become a cherished member of someone's family. Thank you for donating to these sweet babies and giving them the bright and beautiful future they deserve. Your support is the difference between life and death for them and so many like them, and our efforts wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you for every happily ever after you made possible in 2017, and here's to even more lives saved in 2018!



Sponsor a Long-Stay Pet in 2018 and Give Them the Family They Never Had

There is a reason they say that family is everything. Our families provide us with love, care, and the resources we need to grow and thrive. Here at Bideawee, it is our goal to give every dog and cat that enters our facility the ability to find loving homes, and become cherished family members, but not every animal is so lucky. Some animals spend many years at Bideawee waiting for their happily ever after. We are often asked, "What happens to the animals at Bideawee that don't get adopted?" The answer is simple. They live with us until a forever home is found, whenever that time comes, no matter how long it takes.

To care for these special animals, Bideawee created the [Sponsor a Pet program](#). When you become a Bideawee sponsor for as little as \$15 per month, you provide needy, extended stay pets with the medical and emotional care they desperately need. [Pets like Pear](#), who came to us years ago as a paraplegic kitten facing euthanasia, and now spends his days happily zipping around the 3rd floor of our Manhattan location.

Some of these animals will find homes, it will just take some time. But for others, Bideawee is their home, and WE are their family. Become a sponsor today, and help us give these sweet babies all the comforts of home, and a loving family for as long as they are with us.



Join Bideawee for our 10th Annual 'Love Your Pet' Art Contest & Expo

Bideawee will be kicking off Valentine's Day again this year with our annual 'Love Your Pet' Art Contest & Expo. For the 10th year, Bideawee invites students grades 1-12 to submit artwork expressing their love of pets. Every year we receive hundreds of paintings, drawing, sculptures and photography from Long Island's talented young artists. The first 300 art entries from grades 1-8

will be displayed at Bideawee's Art Expo for viewing by the public at select times from February 10th – 16th. Winners will be determined by public vote and announced on February 20th. Prizes will be awarded in four groupings based on children's grade. A \$5 donation will grant entrance into the show and help continue to care for the pets in need at Bideawee. Learn more at www.bideawee.org/loveyourpet and get ready to showcase your love of pets!



Give Your Beloved Companions a Beautiful, Final Resting Place

Saying goodbye to our four-legged companions is never easy, but it is something we will all experience. At Bideawee, we believe that like any beloved family member, our pets deserve a fitting final resting place that honors the profound love they brought to our lives. In 1916, Bideawee created the Pet Memorial Parks and since then, more than 65,000 animals have found a peaceful resting place with us.

This January and February, the Pet Memorial Parks at Bideawee are giving existing Annual Maintenance clients the opportunity to upgrade to the Perpetual Maintenance plan at a discounted rate. The Perpetual Maintenance plan provides pet lovers with the comfort of knowing that with one easy payment, their beloved pet's memorial will be cared for and maintained forever. Learn more about the promotion by visiting [Bideawee's Pet Memorial Parks](#) or call [1-866 262-8133 extension 7390](tel:1-866-262-8133) and speak with a representative today.



October's Flora Kibbe Spotlight - Anne Smith

When asked why she became a member of Bideawee's Flora Kibbe Society, Anne Smith said:

"Domino, a tuxedo cat, and Hannibal, a tabby cat, and I met 28 years ago when I first visited Bideawee. I had just moved to NYC and I wanted to continue having animals in my life. After researching and then visiting several shelters, I saw that Bideawee was clearly an exceptionally responsible and caring home for rescue cats and dogs.

Through the years, the amazing volunteers continued to help me by introducing me to my next generation of feline friends: Charlie and, then, Sophie. Currently, Bud and Petey and I are a happy threesome. For this, I credit Bideawee and the knowledgeable volunteers. The Kibbe Society is one small way in which I can give back to Bideawee for all they have given me."

When you include Bideawee in your estate plans, you

become a member of the Flora Kibbe Society, which recognizes the visionary supporters who have ensured the future of our organization by supporting Bideawee in this way. For more information, email plannedgiving@bideawee.org or visit bideaweelegacy.org. Learn more about how you can ensure the future of animals in need by becoming a [Flora Kibbe Society Member](#).

Q&A WITH OUR EXPERTS



Ask Dr. Simms, DVM

Dr Shian Simms is the Chief of Veterinary Medicine at Bideawee. She graduated from Purdue University and

practiced emergency medicine and critical care prior to joining Bideawee. Her fields of interest include feline medicine and surgery and shelter medicine.

Q: My vet gave me pain medications to use for my cat but I do not think my cat is in pain. Should I still use them?

[Answer](#)

HAPPY TAILS



Biscuit

I have been on Facebook for less than a year but I quickly decided to follow Bideawee because we adopted an adorable beagle mix from Westhampton three years ago. She has brought us so much joy that I felt the need to see more of the living environment from which she came from.

In October of this year, I was scrolling through my feed and I came across a picture of Biscuit. I immediately felt a connection and knew I wanted to help this poor boy. I texted a screen shot to my husband and he then showed it to my son. That was it! My son begged and pleaded for me to call to see if we could adopt him. I knew this was a big undertaking. Biscuit's back legs are paralyzed, he was terrified of people and noise, was not housebroken, needs his bladder expressed, and his bowels stimulated. The doctor explained that this condition will likely be permanent. But after discussing it as a family, we decided we had the means and love to give this deserving boy.

[Read more](#)

PICK OF THE LITTER



Kelin Daugherty

Hi there! I'm Kelin, the Client Care Supervisor here at Bideawee. I'm an avid animal lover who has been with Bideawee for the past six months. I studied anthropology with a concentration in human-animal relations in school and am very passionate about animal welfare, conservation, and how we as humans relate to our furry friends. In the past, I have worked with both wild and domestic animals in the conservation and eco-tourism field. In my spare time I love to read, travel, go on hikes, and spend lots of time at home with my rambunctious orange tabby, Chandler.



PeggySue and MarySue

PeggySue and MarySue are sweet, bonded, adorable Chihuahua sisters who traveled here all the way from Alabama to find their forever home! These ten-year-old ladies have captured the hearts of everyone at Bideawee and they will capture yours too! PeggySue is a little more confident and adventurous than her sister, and her favorite pastime is giving and receiving kisses. MarySue is equally as affectionate and loves to snuggle with her sister and her two-legged friends! Both of these babies have tons of love to give and are going to make some lucky adopter very happy! One of their many admirers has even covered the cost of both their adoption fees, so their adopter is free to put that money toward food and toys! Adopt these sweet sisters today!

[Meet PeggySue.](#)

[Meet MarySue.](#)

[Watch their video.](#)



Spencer

Meet Spencer! Spencer is a 12-year-old Domestic Shorthair mix who arrived at Bideawee after being rescued from Hurricane Irma. Spencer has a tiger-striped tabby coat with bright green eyes and a sweet little pink nose. Spencer is a wonderful adult cat. He's everything one looks for in a companion. He's incredibly loving and has even been described as "mushy," when you pick him up. He appreciates all petting and is always happy when someone shows him attention. While Spencer may seem old at 12 he still has pep left in his step. He likes to jump to high places to lounge in the sun and has even been known to "go crazy" for a feather toy. Spencer gets along with other cats and would do well in almost any home! [Come meet him today!](#)

[Watch Spencer's Video](#)



Paula Goldstein, PAWS, Events and Call Center Volunteer

In the seventies, I finally got a dog after years of wanting one. I adored her and spent all my time with her. Six months later, I began working at a job that required me to be gone eight hours a day. I'd get home and my puppy was ready to play, but I was wiped out and had work to prepare for the next day. Boo deserved more, and I knew that I had to find her a better home. Times were different back then, and with no Internet, Twitter, Facebook or Google, finding Boo a good home was not an easy task. I refused to put her in a shelter where her fate would be uncertain, so I looked for quite some time. A few months into my search, my parents found Bideawee – a no-kill shelter. Bideawee took her and her toys, wrote down her history--including the games she liked to play--and was incredibly kind to us. I was so grateful that there was a safe place where she would be well cared for while waiting for her new family. Happily, Boobah quickly found her forever home.

[Read more](#)

Check it Out



A Great Weekend of Adoptions Sponsored by Teachers Federal Credit Union & News 12 Long Island

Thanks to Teachers Federal Credit Union and News 12 Long Island, 19 animals spent the holiday season in loving, forever homes! The Holiday Adoption Weekend, which was held December 8th-10th in Westhampton, was sponsored by Teachers Federal Credit Union and News 12 Long Island. Bideawee was featured on News 12's Dog Days Friday and received a generous \$1,000 donation from Teachers Federal Credit Union.



Save the Date for Bideawee's Annual Gala

Mark your calendars for Bideawee's Annual Gala, The Bideawee Ball. This year, the ball will be held on Monday, May 21st at the Metropolitan Pavilion from 6:00 to 10:00 pm and will be hosted by four-time Tony award nominated Broadway actor, Gregg Edelman. The event will feature cocktails, seated dinner, dancing, and awards to those who have made a difference in the lives of our animal companions. Join us for this very special dog-friendly evening by [purchasing your tickets today](#).



Donate your Vehicle to Help Animals in Need

Do you have a used car you are ready to get rid of? Consider donating your vehicle to Bideawee to help the animals in our care. Your donation is tax deductible and can help Bideawee provide food, shelter and medical care for the dogs and cats who need it most. [Learn more.](#)



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