

BIDEAWEE

VOLUNTEER

Newsletter

AUGUST 2024

Enjoy the very first volunteer newsletter to celebrate the achievements of all three sites! Abby, Deanna and I thank everyone who has contributed to this issue.

Warmly,
Franny Kent, Director of Volunteer Experience

VOLUNTEER PEERS



EVA COLEMAN WITH BAXTER

Started volunteering in Westhampton in June 2024

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? My grandfather was thinking about adopting a dog a while ago from Bideawee and ever since then I've kept the shelter in the back of my mind! Now that I have more free time this summer I decided to volunteer. Volunteering at Bideawee makes me feel closer to him - plus I have always loved dogs.

How has your pet embarrassed you in front of others? I was sitting at an outdoor restaurant with my dog and mom (my dog is extremely attached to her). His leash was tied to the chair at our table. My mom went to the bathroom and when my dog realized she was gone he took off - with the entire chair - across the restaurant patio and the chair made this terrible scraping sound. Needless to say it caused a huge racket and everyone was staring at my dog as he was dragging this chair behind him barking and trying to chase my mom down!

How did you pick your pet's name? A stranger named him Baxter! We couldn't decide on a name and this random guy at the pet food store took one look at him and said "What about Baxter?" and as the saying goes, the rest is history! My Baxy boy has been my faithful companion for the past 13 years. Here's to the next!





TERRY CERUTI

Started volunteering in Westhampton in 2023

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? Retired and lost both of my kitties last year.

How has your pet embarrassed you in front of others? Prospective landlord wanted to meet my dog...I brought her to their home and she peed right there on their entrance carpet. I got the apartment anyway. (This was many years ago!)

How did you pick your pet's name? Gratey was grey and gratitude is important in life. Howie was named after the vet he was adopted from (Dr. Howard). Both Gratey and Howie were abandoned in crates across the street from vet office.



IRA PERLMAN & OZZIE

Pet Therapy volunteer since 2015 (Wantagh)

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? Early on, we recognized Ozzie's special disposition and knew he would be an ideal therapy dog and we wanted to do something to help others, with him.

What activity do you love to do with your pet? Ozzie and I love to visit various parks and beaches as well as spending time with friends and family.

What's your favorite cartoon character and why? Foghorn Leghorn. He has a bombastic and unrefined personality and shows a penchant for mischief.



JOANN KAEDING

Started volunteering in NYC in 2021

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? My love of animals. I don't have any pets but I foster kittens!



LINDSEY AND SIMBA

Started volunteering in Wantagh in June 2024

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? I used to go there as a child to visit the sweet animals.

How has your pet embarrassed you in front of others? Her gas!

What activity do you love to do with your pet? Play fetch in my backyard

What's your favorite snack? Brie cheese and crackers or popcorn



ROD THOMAS (AND SUNNY)

Started volunteering in NYC in 2023

FUN FACTS

What sparked you to volunteer at Bideawee? I adopted Sunny from Bideawee in 2021, then became involved as a DJ for events, and then when volunteer opportunities came up, I was excited to join the team and help out other cats who had a rough start like Sunny.

How has your pet embarrassed you in front of others? It SHOULD have been embarrassing but ... Sunny farted in his first vet's face. But the guy was the rudest man I've ever met and just as he said something super condescending, Sunny looked at me then farted at him. Iconic, honestly.

What activity do you love to do with your pet? Sunny loves to come for a walk up to the roof with me and bask in the sun for a while. He strolls around in his little harness and watches the birds fly by.

WE WELCOME



BIG SIS



LILITH



EMMA



DYLAN

NYC

Zen Hung
Cleo Hung
Joseph Hung
Bruce Jones
Brandi Whitlock
Natalie Ortega

Wantagh

Sara Afridi
Lindsey Ewer
Amari Gathers
Christine Mandzuk
Valerie Marchesi
Denise Steck
Jennifer Tampone
Jessica Young

Westhampton

Angela Rea
Danielle Sammer
Eva Coleman
Lily Farano
Nancy Iannucci
Holly Jordan
Anila Khan
Stefi Packard
Lois Simson
Samuel Snyder
Michael Stone
Marie Baumann
Lauren Giblin
Aaron Kiefer
James Petipas
Danielle Spiciati
Mark Uriarte
Marilyn Valencia
Shelby Walthers
Katya Dolgonos
Chloe Maxwell
Gina Caccavalla
Rosalee Dorsa
Greg Foehr & Meghan Foehr
Alexa Johnson
Vivianne Laura
Madison Lewis
Sheryl Niemeyer
Kassidy Thompson
Sarah Tindel
Julia Weissman
Alvyda Zukas

Thanks for joining the Wee family (March 1 to June 30, 2024)!

Do you remember all of these dogs that started their journey at PAWS?

February 8, 2024

Cledus
Connie
Dobbie
Naomi
Oakley
Odell
Odin
Oriel
Ozzie
Peaches
Pepper
Philo
Ralphie
Raylan
Romaine
RubySue
Rusty

February 27, 2024

Alexandria
Artemis
Cocoa Puff
Ephesus
French Toast
Gus
Olympia
Pancake
Poppy
Posie
Rebel
Simon
Theodore
Turbo
Waffles

March 26, 2024

Avocado
Bear
Bertie Mae
Bronx
Chester
Chubbs
Cortland
Henry
Kale
Onyx
Selena
Sheep
Sooty
Turnip
Cameron
Carrot

Cersei

April 9, 2024

Andrew
Audrey (Bingo)
Carl
Eugene
Ian
Ike
Indigo
Irwin
Isley
Ivan
Judith
Maggie
Martini
Rosita
Sable
Xyler

April 19, 2024

Aqua
Bay
Daisy
Drizzle
Febbee
Fiona
Frank
Lake
Mist
Ocean
Puddles
Rain
River
Sandy
Selena
Siri
Snoop

May 1, 2024

Gracie
Greta
Gus
Lacy
Layla
Levi
Lily
Lion
Lola
Luna
Mable
Maggie
Marigold

Martina
Mary
Zach
Zane
Zed

May 7, 2024

Baxter
Birdie
Blair
Blossom
Bodhi
Bridget
Brynn
Cadence
Hadley
Harbor
Hatsy
Haze
Hera
Hooch
Holly
Hope
Jenna

May 29, 2024

Caleb
Emmie
Flabby
Gunter
Hoover
Swiffer
Lenore
Major
Mary
Maverick
Milo
Mindy
Mo
Sonya
Reba
Vonore

June 4, 2024

Alaska
Aprilla
Atlas
Balto
Beau
Bella
Buck
Busa
Cade

Davidson
Ducati
Echo
Evoke
Kawasaki
Motocross
Suzuki
Thunder
Yamaha

June 18, 2024

Beau
Bonnie
Charmin
Clyde
Dottie
Dozer
Kenzie
Kranston
Krystal
Lipps
Lucy
Madrid
Ms. Brownie
Nelly
Nick
Nika
Nike
Peanut
Quincy
Skippy
Sunday
Taki

WHO'S ON STAFF?



STEVEN LUFRANO with Jojo

VP of Human Resources & Information Technology

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Halloween because I love all things spooky, like scary movies and haunted houses! Fall foods are also some of my favorites and this time of year is a good excuse to eat candy!

What's your favorite snack? Popcorn! I like making different flavored versions of it for everyone to try. My favorites are cinnamon sugar or truffle.

What activity do you love to do with your pet? I love going on walks around the neighborhood, and playing fetch and hide and seek (which I always lose very quickly.)



Medical Minute

by Laura Rosa

LVT, Senior Manager, PAWS Wantagh Bideawee



OVERVIEW OF CANINE PARVOVIRUS (CPV) - WHAT TRIGGERS PARVOVIRUS INFECTION?

Transmission and Infection

Canine parvovirus is widespread in the environment, but not every exposed dog becomes infected. Factors such as the dog's immune status and the viral load play roles in infection. Once infected, CPV targets rapidly dividing cells, beginning in the throat's lymph nodes. It replicates inside lymphocytes and then spreads via the bloodstream. The virus particularly affects the bone marrow and the intestinal lining, causing severe damage. Puppies may also suffer from heart inflammation.

Symptoms and Complications

After an incubation period of 3 to 7 days, symptoms like lethargy, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea (often bloody) set in. CPV weakens the immune system by attacking the bone marrow, leading to a drop in white blood cells. This allows bacteria from the gut to enter the bloodstream, causing further complications.

How do we diagnose CPV?

Staff members initially note a dog is lethargic, mopey and has no appetite. A swab of a stool sample can be used to do an Idexx snap test. Positive snap tests require immediate action. Blood samples are sent to the lab as well and a low white blood cell count often confirms CPV.

Treatment

Treatment includes supportive care such as IV fluids and nutrients to counter dehydration, antibiotics for secondary infections, and medications for nausea, vomiting, and appetite stimulation. Early intervention enhances recovery chances, and surviving dogs gain lifelong immunity to the specific CPV strain.

Introducing a new treatment option: CPMA (Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibodies) mimics a dog's natural antibodies but is synthetic, specifically binding to the canine parvovirus. This binding action neutralizes the virus swiftly, offering immediate, strong defense against Parvovirus. Although costly, the savings in treatment time justify the expense, and potentially saving the dog's life holds great value.

Prevention

Regular vaccination starting at 6 weeks old is crucial. A series of shots are given until the dog is at least 16 weeks old, followed by boosters at one-year intervals. Vaccination is essential as CPV remains highly contagious and resilient in the environment.

In the shelter environment, stringent cleaning and sanitizing protocols are crucial.

We promptly collect blood samples from all current puppies to test their Titers. Using an in-house test, we assess their immunity levels against hepatitis, distemper, and parvovirus. This helps us determine whom to isolate to prevent potential infection and identify those who may be susceptible.

Given CPV's resilience, disinfecting contaminated areas and limiting exposure to infected dogs are vital. Despite its hardness, CPV's infectivity decreases over time with sunlight and natural dilution.

What can volunteers do to help?

Our staff appreciates your support during a Parvo outbreak. Understanding the severity of the disease and knowing when we need to minimize on-site presence is so important. Creating disposable toys helps us provide comfort to our recovering Parvo dogs, as all bedding and toys must be disposed of after use. Being diligent when handling all new puppies is key, as you can potentially spread the virus. Following PPE protocols, changing booties regularly, and promptly reporting any signs of illness, lethargy, or digestive issues to our staff are ways you can continue to make sure our puppies stay healthy and happy!

Who Let the Dogs Out?

Outdoor Living and Leash Walking

-- Deanna Maharaj, Westhampton Volunteer Manager

With the beautiful weather at hand, the Spring, Summer, and Autumn seasons are a great time to get outside with Fido for some exercise, socializing, and fun. However, it's important to remember the importance of getting your pooch out for walks and not just playtime in the yard. The backyard is certainly a great place for off-leash fun where your dogs can play, swim, or run free. However, it's important to remember that your dog likes to get out of the house just like you to meet new people and pooches and get a change of scenery. It's also a great time to bond with your pooch on a walk, work on leash-skills, practice nice greetings when making friends, and house-breaking, for those who use walks for bathroom breaks.

Many dogs get quite bored in the backyard, and they aren't getting any exercise out there alone. Instead, they often practice undesirable behaviors such as digging, barking, fence-chasing, and preying on wildlife. They also go to the bathroom out there indiscriminately, without reward or guidance to use a certain area (if desired). Time with your dog in a secure yard can be a joy, but it's important to be mindful, engage them in play for exercise, and reward them for good behavior while keeping them safe.

It occurs to me that people opt not to walk their dog due to struggles on the leash. To help a walk with your pooch be a bit more pleasant, you may want to consider these tips for dogs that pull:

- ~If the pulling begins, stop the walk. Wait until your dog is calm and try again.
- ~Change directions and speeds frequently, which in turn makes the dog need to focus on you instead of pulling to find out where you're going.
- ~Carry treats or kibble with you to reward them for walking next to you or near you.
- ~Consider buying a no-pull harness to reduce strain on their neck and your arm.
- ~If your dog likes toys, carry a squeaky toy to gain their attention or to keep in their mouth (this is great for dogs that like to pick up "presents" as they walk).
- ~When at home, practice obedience cues such as "sit" and "focus" to give your dog some tools.

Remember to practice in a quiet area for a while first!

~You can also practice walking inside, in a yard, or in a quiet area with these tips in mind before you hit the sidewalk. Once your dog catches on consistently, start adding small distractions in the quiet area. When they can still walk nicely despite this, bring your dog out for a real walk to practice!

Start at a time when there will be small, real-life distractions. Early morning and late-night are great times to walk dogs that become easily distracted or who are reactive.

~Seek out a positive reinforcement-based trainer if you still need help!

Who Let the Dogs Out?

Beat the Heat

-- Abby Michaels, NYC Volunteer Manager

This summer heat and the scorching sun has us humans wishing for Winter to hurry back! And our best friends, our dear nuggets, also feel discomfort during this weather that is so hot. So what can you do to ensure your pet is comfortable and happy during these summer months?

Here are some wonderful tips you can try!

- Always have fresh cold water available for your pet at all times! Placing a few ice cubes in your pet's water bowl can keep the water cooler for longer. Avoid using community water bowls in the street, plan ahead and bring your own.
- Nothing makes you a cooler pet parent to your dog like a frozen dog treat bowl! A frozen dog lick bowl is just a frozen ice block with toys or treats. It can be as simple as kibble frozen in water or as complex as a layered lick using bone broth and peanut butter (avoid xylitol) with your dog's favorite chew frozen inside!
- Provide cool surfaces for your pets! Cats and dogs enjoy laying on hard cold surfaces, especially if it is hot. There are great cooling blankets you can purchase from Amazon that are meant to stay cooler for your pet's comfort!
- Double check the floor before allowing your dog's paw to touch it! Take the back of your hand, get down to ground level, and place the back of your hand on the floor. If the floor feels too hot, causing you to feel stinging and burning, do not allow your dog to walk in that area! Pick up your dog and carry them to grassy areas to avoid burns on their paw pads! And consider walking them during cooler times of the day.
- Protect those paws! It is very helpful to provide some additional support, a shield if you will, for your dog's paws when touching the floor. Paw balm will help keep your pet's paws nourished and protected. Try using vet-recommended products like shea butter, beeswax, and coconut oil.
- If the ground is not too hot provide your dog as short of a walk as possible! Walking in heat, especially during long periods of time, can cause heat strokes.
- Don't shave your pet. Instead, talk to a groomer to see if a haircut is right for your pet. For some breeds, fur can prevent sunburn and actually keep your pet cool in the summer heat!
- Never leave your pets in the car!!!

For additional information about beating the summer heat, have a look at this power point created by Alison Cappabianca: [Summer Safety by Ali C.pptx](#)

Remember- a cool pet is a happy pet! So, who let the dogs out? We did, safely!

Campus Highlight

NYC

Girl Scout Troop 3535 made original designs for cat sheets and beds.



Two Junior Girl Scouts from Bay Ridge chose Bideawee as their topic for their Bronze Award presentation and we worked with many other Girl Scout Troops in the past few months. Some of the groups had donation drives in which they used our Chewy and Amazon Wishlists to get items we truly needed!



Troops also visited our Chelsea location to learn about Bideawee and how everyone can help shelters even if they cannot adopt a pet.

Campus Highlight

NYC



PUPPY YOGA IS BACK! Our amazing partner instructor, Sharri, is joined by our amazing musical volunteer, Zen, and together they attempt to bring the attendees to do Downward Dog Yoga poses as our puppies run amok with the zoomies over and under everyone! Our incredible volunteers work together as Puppy Handlers and make sure it is a beautiful experience for all!



Corporate Volunteer Groups are coming in full force! Activities include learning about Bideawee, cleaning and organizing, and making cat and dog beds, snuffle mats, etc.



Campus Highlight

WANTAGH

Pet Therapy dogs Bella and Skye have been regularly visiting the Head Injury Association to bring joy to their residents.



St Patrick's Day Parade: Our PAWS and Pet Therapy volunteers showed off their Bideawee pride during the annual Wantagh St Patrick's Day Parade! Bideawee pup Gus and Pet Therapy dog Cinderella joined us as we marched from PAWS to Sunrise Highway handing out giveaways along the route. Gus also found his forever family that day!



Laura Rosa, LVT, Senior Manager, PAWS Wantagh Bideawee, hosted Girl Scout Cadets. In addition to learning about the facility and work that happens at a medical intake center, they enjoyed time learning about Pet Therapy with team Susan Benyo and Mojo.

Campus Hightlight

WANTAGH



**Pet Therapy dog Nikko
(handled by Katalina) helped
Stuart School students learn
to read in May!**



**An adoption pop-up event
in the PAWS parking lot
was a success, thanks in
part to future volunteer
John Michael's (Lisa T's son)
interaction with our pups!**



Campus Highlight

WESTHAMPTON

Dog Sensory Garden: Each Spring, we work on the Dog Sensory Garden, a place where dogs can learn to socialize with the world around them through engaging the five senses. We have even buried our Volunteer Time Capsule in here which is to be dug up in 25 years!



Teen Group: Our summer Teen Group in Westhampton has been meeting every other week to work on indoor and outdoor projects which benefit the Adoption Center.



Walks in Town: Volunteers in Westhampton take to the town and enjoy strolls through Westhampton Beach on Main Street. The town is very dog-friendly and it's a great social opportunity for pups and adults. Many volunteers often enjoy pit stops by the water or the local beaches as well!



In Case You Missed it

Volunteer Recognition Celebration By Denise Menelao, PAWS Volunteer

Bideawee's Chelsea location hosted a Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Saturday, May 11, honoring volunteers from all three sites. The afternoon started with a welcome by Leslie Granger. Franny Kent continued the acknowledgements by introducing Abby Michaels, NYC's Volunteer Manager and Deanna Maharaj, Westhampton's Volunteer Manager. Franny, Abby, and Deanna awarded service pins to volunteers who hit benchmark years of service for 1, 5, 10, and 15 years at Bideawee. They also presented an award to the person from each location with the most service hours in 2023. All volunteers present were then gifted pins based upon their volunteer experience: clerical, Pet Therapy, foster, events, and animal care. Refreshments were provided, including a Belgian waffle truck and Bideawee-themed drinks. Wantagh and Westhampton volunteers were given a tour of the Chelsea location, with an unplanned extra-special STOP in the elevator! At the end of this special day, a beautiful dedication ceremony was held in the outdoor pen area in loving memory of Finch, a truly special Bideawee pup. Volunteers give so much in many different ways to the Bideawee organization and are truly appreciated.

Let your voice be heard! Take the 2024 Volunteer Survey to provide feedback about your volunteer experience at Bideawee by 8/13.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YRZB579>





WE CELEBRATE

ANNIVERSARIES

NYC

March:

George Blank, 22 years
Jeanine Ierardi, 2 years
Tiffany Perez, 4 years

April:

Lucy Scull-Ennassef, 8 years
Brady Shar, 6 years
Wendy Shar, 6 years
Courtney Weinholtz, 6 years
Yu An Chen, 2 years
Jasmine Chen, 2 years
Liping Xu, 2 years
Kurt Adams, 2 years

May:

Maryann Pulvirenti, 10 years
Naima Eastmond, 5 years
JoAnn Kaeding, 3 years

June:

Barbara Horn, 10 years
Jeremy Seow, 6 years
Maria Rossi, 5 years
Ann Butler, 5 years
Danielle Flores, 3 years

WESTHAMPTON

March:

Dilan Castillo, 1 year
Virginia, Laura, & Ignacio Delso, 1 year
Michele Kavanagh, 7 years
Larry Rausch, 2 years
Jeannie Rindfuss, 15 years

April:

Jake Hart, 1 year
Jane Kelly, 15 years
Joan Maturando, 10 years
Melissa Morgan Nelson, 12 years
Arlene Sanmiguel, 10 years
Catherine Scala, 1 year
Josephine Shuman, 1 year

May:

Samantha Boland, 1 year
Maura Frankman, 10 years
Trevor Hayes, 1 year
Maryann Langella, 6 years
Anthony Vlasak, 5 years

June:

Sydney Farley, 1 year
Susan Mulqueen, 16 years
Aiden Myers, 4 years
Mark Stevens, 2 years
Jo Wilkes, 8 years



WE CELEBRATE

WANTAGH

March:

Arielle Dagger, 1 year
Josie Mash, 7 years
Louis Ruggilo, 4 years
Lisa Turturro, 8 years

April:

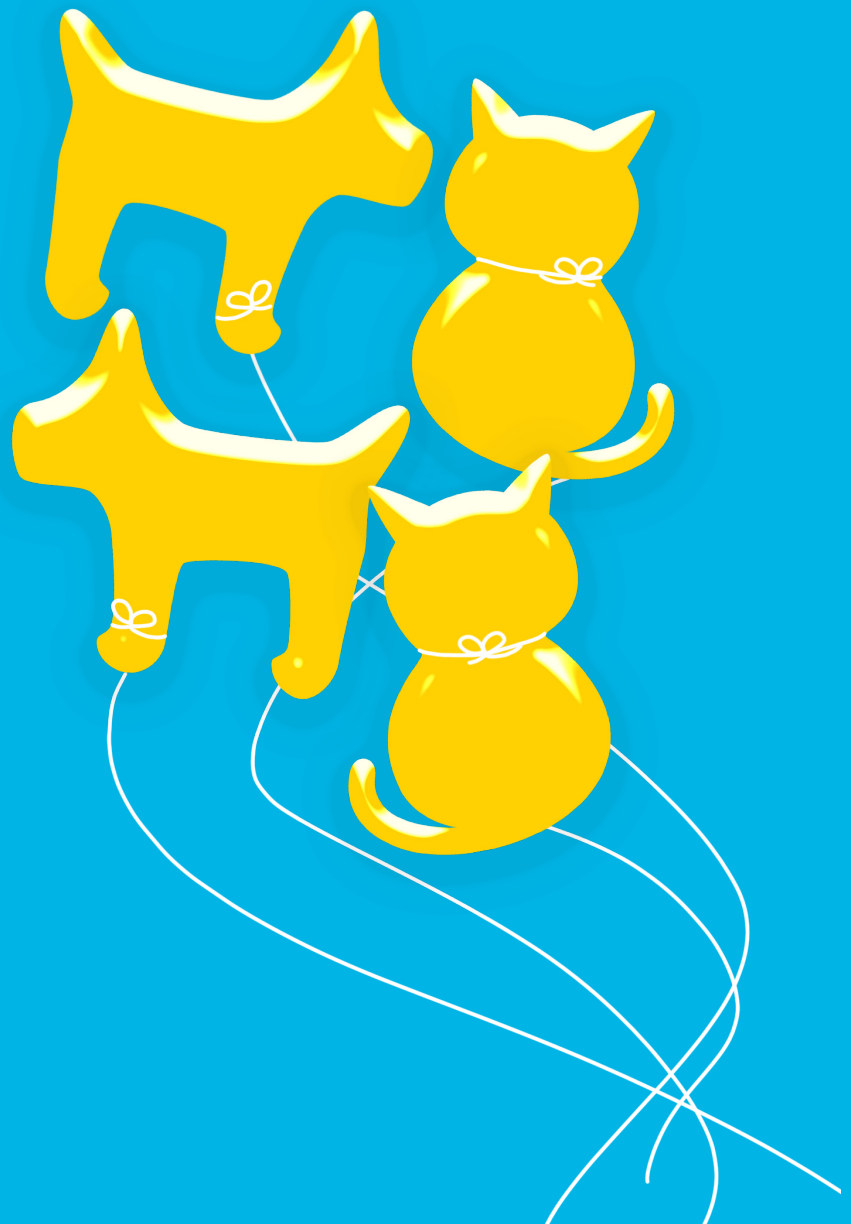
Marcia Berrios, 23 years
Jen and Daniela Brock, 1 year
Sharon Essner, 2 years
Lisa Funk, 2 years
Denise Menelao, 7 years
Ira Perlman, 8 years

May:

Aimee Bench, 8 years
Susan Benyo, 6 years
Loretta Celitan, 8 years
Tana Christie, 9 years
Janet Pianese, 16 years
Cathy Torpey, 8 years

June:

Anne Marie DiLoreto, 7 years
Carolann Higgins, 7 years
Kaitlyn Zambrana, 1 year





PAWS GUFFAWS

What animals are on legal documents?
Seals

What animal has more lives than a cat?
A frog, it croaks every night

Why don't dogs make good dancers?
They have two left feet

What dog loves to take bubble baths?
A shampoodle

What did the cowboy say when his dog ran away?
Well, doggone