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**HELP BIDEAWEE HELP OUR HOMELESS PETS
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Contribute to Bideawee's Hugs for the Holidays Campaign

New York, NY- 12/4/2007 – Bideawee, one of the oldest humane organizations in the country, is holding the Hugs for the Holidays toy, blanket and pet food drive to benefit less fortunate pets this holiday season. This is an opportunity for all animal lovers to donate toys and blankets, cat and dog food, to our cats and dogs, puppies and kittens. Recipients of the drive include animals of Bideawee partners served by Visiting Neighbors, Sacred Heart Outreach, St. Paul's Food Pantry, Animal Lifeline, All About Spay/Neuter, Kat Konnection, Save Our Strays, Heart and Soul and Bideawee residents.

Please drop off your donations in the holiday drive bins before January 1, 2008 at one of Bideawee's three Adoption Centers:

Manhattan

410 East 38th Street
New York, NY 10016

Hours: Tuesday/Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Wednesday/Thursday: Noon – 7 pm
Saturday/Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Wantagh

3300 Beltagh Avenue
Wantagh, NY 11794

Hours: Monday/Saturday/Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm
Thursday/Friday: 10 am – 8 pm

Westhampton

118 Old Country Road
Westhampton, NY 11977

Hours: Wednesday-Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

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About Bideawee

Founded in 1903 by Mrs. Flora D'Auby Jenkins Kibbe, Bideawee, which means "stay awhile" in Scottish, is one of the oldest and largest humane organizations in the United States. Bideawee's three locations in New York, Wantagh, and Westhampton is home to approximately 350 to 500 animals at any one time and places thousands of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in loving homes every year. The organization operates two full-service veterinary practices in Manhattan and Westhampton and is also home to two of the oldest and largest Pet Memorial Parks in the country located in Wantagh and Westhampton, NY.

Bideawee's Learning Centers in all three locations provide a wide range of educational programs and fun activities that help strengthen the bond between people and pets. Our mission is to promote and support safe, loving, long-term relationships between people and companion animals by providing a continuum of services and programs that are innovative, personalized and of high quality.

Bideawee is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 humane organizations and 100 % of Bideawee's funding comes from private sources. For more information, please visit www.bideawee.org.

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