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BIDEAWEE CREATES UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND SERVICES IN WANTAGH

Last Hope Animal Rescue To Open Shelter In Shared Space

Wantagh, New York, March 15, 2011 - Bideawee, Inc., a leading pet adoption and animal welfare organization serving Long Island and New York metropolitan area communities, is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement with Last Hope Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc. to lease a portion of The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People in Wantagh to provide animal rescue and pet adoption services to area residents. The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People located in Wantagh will continue to offer its continuum of animal welfare and learning programs, as well as Pet Memorial Park services, on-site at its historical grounds spanning more the 13 acres on Beltagh Avenue.

Last Hope Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation has been serving Long Island communities from two area adoption centers in western Suffolk since 1981. The organization will be moving dogs and cats into The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People in Wantagh over the coming weeks, and will be fully operational as of June 1, 2011.

“We welcome the staff and volunteers from Last Hope Animal Rescue to share our building space so that together, we can continue Bideawee’s long-established tradition of promoting the animal and human bond on so many levels,” said Nancy Taylor, President of Bideawee, Inc. “The Bideawee Campus in Wantagh has and continues to serve as a vibrant, active hub for pet lovers that enjoy our programs and benefit from the community services we provide to area animal lovers.”

“Sharing the space in The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People in Wantagh with Bideawee will allow Last Hope to centralize our dog and cat adoption programs, expand our presence in the Long Island community while continuing our current programs and

initiating new ones,” commented Linda Stuurman, President of Last Hope Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation. “Our move to open a shelter at The Bideawee Campus marks an exciting new chapter in Last Hope’s ongoing history of animal rescue and rehabilitation and responsible pet adoptions.”

The learning center at The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People in Wantagh has been offering diverse, innovative animal welfare programs since its inception more than forty years ago. Bideawee Pet Therapy staff and volunteer Pet Therapy pairs visit children and adults in hospitals, nursing homes, and special educational facilities to share the unconditional love of companion pets with people. Bideawee’s Reading to Dogs Program now partners with several dozen schools and libraries on Long Island, helping more than 800 children annually discover the joy of reading. Bideawee’s Humane Education classes help children and adults become informed and responsible pet parents, as well as to advocate for the humane treatment of all animals. The Bideawee Campus in Wantagh also hosts a series of animal behavior classes that are taught by Bideawee’s certified, animal trainer to create stronger more fulfilling relationships between individuals and their pets.

One of the Pet Memorial Parks at Bideawee is located at The Bideawee Campus in Wantagh and was established in 1915 to honor and serve as a peaceful final resting place for pets. As a compliment to the interment and cremation services offered, Bideawee offers bereavement counselors to help individuals cope with the grieving and void that accompanies the loss of a pet.

Ms. Taylor noted that Bideawee is eager “to reach out to other area non-profit animal welfare organizations whose philosophy mirrors the mission of Bideawee for promoting and supporting safe, loving, long term relationships between people and pets to determine if The Bideawee Campus for Pets & People can play a role in their future.”

About Bideawee

Bideawee, which means “stay awhile,” in Scottish, is one of the country’s oldest and most respected animal welfare and pet adoption organizations. Founded in 1903 by Mrs. Flora Kibbe, Bideawee has been providing shelter, care and compassion to homeless animals in helping them to find their forever homes for over 100 years.

Bideawee is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 humane animal organization and 100% of Bideawee’s funding comes from private sources. For more information visit:

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