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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BIDEAWEE HOSTS PET MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES  
-- Sunday, September 13 --**

**Wantagh, New York, August 26, 2009** - Bideawee, Inc., a leading pet adoption and humane animal welfare organization serving Long Island and the New York metropolitan area, will host "Pet Memorial Day" on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at its two Pet Memorial Parks located in Westhampton and Wantagh as a loving tribute to departed companion pets that contributed to their owners' lives.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 13, 2009

**WANTAGH LOCATION:**

**Bideawee Wantagh Pet Memorial Park**                      **1:00 pm**  
3300 Beltagh Avenue  
Wantagh, New York

**SPEAKER:** Medea Berkman, Bideawee Bereavement Counselor

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Boy Scout Troop 776 of Massapequa presents colors  
Color Guard of the Wantagh Post, American Legion tribute  
to SARGE, WWII Army Scout dog  
Musical selections by Soh Young Lee-Segredo; Danielle Reed

**WESTHAMPTON LOCATION:**

**Bideawee Westhampton Pet Memorial Park**                      **11:00 am**  
118 Old Country Road  
Westhampton, New York

**SPEAKERS:** Joyce Sabella, Bideawee Bereavement Counselor  
Reverend Patricia Furino, Interfaith Minister

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Individual Pet Blessings

**MORE INFO:** Wantagh: Joan Stoppa, Coordinator of the Animal Assisted Therapy Program, 1-516-785-4199; or  
Westhampton: Amy Hraniotis, 1-631-325-0200, ext 118

All pets must be well-behaved and be leashed or in a carrier. Memorial services will include music, light refreshments, pet loss literature and more.

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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 organization and 100% of Bideawee’s funding comes from private sources. For more information visit: [www.bideawee.org](http://www.bideawee.org)