

## **BIDEAWEE SEARCHES THE NATION FOR A TRUE STAR PET** *Dogs and Cats Compete for a Career in Show Business*

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New York, NY- 6/26/2008- Do you think your dog could be the next Lassie or your cat the next Morris? Bideawee, one of the nation's oldest humane organizations, Bash Dibra, a celebrity dog trainer and best selling author, and NY Save, a veterinary organization have organized *StarPet 2008*, a national, online pet talent search for the best dog and cat star in America. The grand prize winner will receive representation by Bash Dibra to secure television, stage, print or film roles for their pet.

Pet owners can enter their pet contestants at [www.StarPet2008.com](http://www.StarPet2008.com) where they can submit photos and a video of their dog or cat.

Three dog semi-finalists and three cat semi-finalists will be announced on Oct. 13, 2008 on the *Star Pet 2008* web site. The six semi-finalists will receive a three day and two night stay in a NYC hotel and round trip airfare. They will compete to become the grand prize winner at a luncheon in New York City on November 10, 2008 where the semi-finalist pets will perform their special talents before a celebrity panel of judges.

“If you are a proud owner of that special, charming, photogenic dog or cat with extraordinary talents, then this is the ultimate competition for you. With its online access *StarPet* reaches an unlimited national audience and it's very easy to submit your pet to the competition,” said Bash Dibra, author and celebrity dog trainer.

#### **About Bideawee**

Founded in 1903 by Mrs. Flora D'Auby Jenkins Kibbe, Bideawee, which means "stay a while" in Scottish, is one of the oldest humane organizations in the United States. Bideawee's three locations in New York, Wantagh, and Westhampton is home to approximately 250 to 300 animals at any time and place 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](http://www.bideawee.org).

#### **About Bash Dibra**

Best selling author and celebrity dog trainer, Bash Dibra sets the industry standard of service to celebrities and their pets as well as to pets who are celebrities in their own right. Mr. Dibra has trained the pets of

countless celebrities, including Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Mariah Carey, Jennifer Lopez, Ron Howard, Kim Bassinger, Alec Baldwin , Ronald Perelman, Ralph Lauren, Henry Kissinger and a host of others. As one of the most famous animal trainers in the country he'll show how anyone can turn their beloved pet into a disciplined, well- behaved superstar. Bash has appeared on countless TV shows promoting responsible pet ownership. For more information, visit [www.BashDibra.com](http://www.BashDibra.com)

**About NY SAVE**

NY SAVE is a philanthropic organization that provides funding for the emergency veterinary care of companion animals when their owners are unable to pay the costs of such treatment. NY SAVE's overall purpose is to alleviate suffering of companion animals. NY SAVE serves the pets of New York City residents living in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island through veterinarians at local veterinary hospitals who are members of the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City. For more information, please visit: [www.nysave.org](http://www.nysave.org)