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SAY “CHEESE!”...OR “WOOF!”...OR “MEOW!”

LONG ISLANDERS GET THEIR PETS PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SANTA!

**BIDEAWEE HOSTS HOLIDAY PET PHOTO SHOOT WITH SANTA,
BAKE SALE & ADOPTION EVENT**

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(Saturday, November 23, 2019 – Westhampton NY) – Santa made an early appearance this year and trekked out to eastern Long Island to visit Bideawee’s Westhampton adoption center for a special animal-friendly photo session. Long Islanders brought their pets for a photo shoot with Jolly Old St. Nick himself as **Bideawee**, one of the country’s oldest and most respected animal welfare and pet adoption organizations, hosted a photo session, bake sale, and adoption event.

Leslie Granger, President & CEO of Bideawee, said, “Each year Bideawee hosts a day where we invite folks -- and their furry friends -- into our Westhampton adoption center for a photo session with Santa. At today’s ‘unofficial kick off to Christmas,’ we also took the opportunity to introduce our guests to the wonderful adoptable cats, dogs, puppies and kittens in our care. Thanks to all who came out today to pose with the ‘Big Guy’ and to those who found their forever four-legged friend.”

All pets who have their photo taken got a free holiday gift. Photos will e-mailed to participants by December 2. Bideawee staff were also on site with adoptable dogs, cats, kittens and puppies!

Bideawee is also holding an end-of-year drive to increase adoptions for long-stay and senior cats and dogs. While the majority of cats and dogs that pass through Bideawee’s doors are quickly adopted, some pets who are older or have health issues are harder to adopt. Bideawee’s no-kill policy means that pets who come to their shelters have a home at Bideawee until a forever home is found. **Throughout the month of November, the typical adoption fees—\$150 for dogs and \$125 for cats—will be waived for adoptions of pets over seven years old.**

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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, Bideawee’s mission is to be Greater New York’s leader in rescuing, caring for, and placing homeless cats and dogs with people who love them. Bideawee provides an array of high touch services including adoption centers, animal hospital, pet therapy programs, and pet memorial parks that serve pets and pet lovers on their lifelong journey together. Bideawee is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 humane animal organization and 100% of Bideawee’s funding comes from private sources. Bideawee operates in New York City, Wantagh, and Westhampton. For more information, visit: www.Bideawee.org