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BIDEAWEE NAMES WINNERS OF THE 10TH ANNUAL LOVE YOUR PET ART CONTEST

Westhampton, New York, Feb. 21, 2018 – Bideawee, a leading animal welfare and pet adoption organization serving metropolitan New York and Long Island, is excited to announce the winners of the 10th annual Love Your Pet Art Contest. Students from more than 20 schools across Long Island and New York City submitted artwork and photography expressing their love of pets. Based on public votes, the winners are:

- **Grades 1-2:** Taylor Bigora, grade 2, Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary
- **Grades 3-4:** Valentina Koedderitzsch, grade 4, PS 116
- **Grades 5-6:** Victoria Pendzick, grade 6, Center Moriches Middle School
- **Grades 7-8:** Joelle Cole, grade 7, Westhampton Beach Middle School
- **Grades 9-12:** Stefanie Stypulkowski, grade 10, Center Moriches High School

“We were delighted to receive over 250 submissions from talented artists,” said Amy Brostoff, Director of Marketing at Bideawee. “After 10 years of hosting the Love Your Pet Art Contest, we continue to feel privileged to showcase the talented work of local pet lovers. Thank you to all of the students who participated this year, and the public for their support in selecting the winners.”

The contest was divided into groups based on grade level. First through eighth graders submitted various types of artwork (drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc.) for the contest, which was displayed at Bideawee’s Art Expo that ran from Feb. 10 through Feb. 16. Students in the ninth through 12th grades submitted photography for the online Love Your Pet Art Contest. Winning students received gift cards from retailers such as Target, Splish Splash, Tanger Outlets and Dave & Busters.

Visit www.bideawee.org/ArtExpo18-Winners to see this year’s winning artwork and photography. For more information, visit Bideawee’s [website](#) and follow the organization on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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 adoption centers in New York City and Westhampton.
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