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BIDEAWEE HELPING RESCUE SHELTER DOGS FROM PUERTO RICO

New York, New York, January 31, 2017 – Bideawee, a leading animal welfare and pet adoption organization serving metropolitan New York and Long Island, will today welcome a dozen shelter dogs from Puerto Rico. [Stray from the Heart](#), a New York City-based animal rescue, helped facilitate the 4:00 p.m. EST arrival of the dogs on American Airlines at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Later next month, Bideawee will also take in over 20 dogs brought to New York City by [the Sato Project](#).

“More than four months since Hurricane Maria, animal shelters in Puerto Rico are still overwhelmed with housing and caring for thousands of homeless animals,” said Leslie Granger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bideawee. “These shelters are still desperate for assistance from rescues in the United States to make room for all of the animals in need on the island. We’re grateful to Stray from the Heart, the Sato Project and American Airlines for their admirable work facilitating travel for the shelter dogs to New York City. We look forward to welcoming these dogs to Bideawee and helping them find their forever homes.”

In addition to taking in dogs from Puerto Rico, Bideawee was also active in housing cats and dogs from Texas and Florida that were displaced by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. They helped save a total of 52 animals, and most have been adopted by families in New York City and Long Island.

Bideawee invites media to help welcome the arrival of the dogs today. Once the dogs arrive, they will be immediately taken to Bideawee where they will be medically treated, behaviorally evaluated, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, socialized, and ultimately placed up for adoption, where they will be on their way to becoming beloved family members. For more information, visit Bideawee’s [website](#) and follow them 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 hospitals, 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, Wantagh, and Westhampton. For more information, visit: www.Bideawee.org.

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