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BIDEAWEE'S 8th ANNUAL LOVE YOUR PET ART CONTEST & EXPO

Westhampton, NY, January 6, 2016 – Bideawee invites artists grades 1-12 to participate in the organization's 8th annual "Love Your Pet Art Contest & Expo." All are encouraged to use their artistic talent to express their love for animals.

Students grades 1-8 can submit artwork representing any medium (drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc.). All artwork must be mailed or dropped off at the Adoption Center at Bideawee located at 118 Old Country Road, Westhampton, NY 11977 from 9am-5pm daily, before February 3, 2016.

Students grades 9-12 are invited to submit photography for Bideawee's online contest. Students can enter photos at www.bideawee.org/loveyourpet from January 8, 2016 – February 4, 2016. Photography specifications are listed on the website.

The first 300 art entries from grades 1-8 will be displayed at Bideawee's Art Expo for viewing by the public at select times from February 6th – 12th. Winners will be determined by public vote. A \$5 donation will grant entrance into the show and help continue to care for the pets in need at Bideawee.

The online photography entries from grades 9-12 will be displayed at www.bideawee.org/loveyourpet from February 6th – 15th. All are invited to visit the website to vote for favorites.

All winners will be announced on February 17th. Prizes will be awarded in groupings based on children's grade year in school: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th -12th. Winning students from both the Expo and online contest will receive Gift Cards from our supporters: Target, Splish Splash, Tanger Outlets, Dave & Busters... and more! Bideawee will also choose one submission to appear on our Mailing Labels delivered to more than 30,000 supporters.

For more information, please visit www.bideawee.org/loveyourpet.

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 has been cultivating and supporting the life-long relationships between pets and the people that love them for more than 100 years. 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 one facility in New York City and two on Long Island, one in Wantagh, and one in Westhampton. For more information visit: www.bideawee.org.