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**BIDEAWEE & THE WESTHAMPTON BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
PARTNER TO SCREEN THE DOCUMENTARY *PICK OF THE LITTER***

Bideawee & the **Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center** partner to bring the acclaimed animal documentary, *Pick of the Litter*, to their East End community with two very special screenings: the first - Friday, September 28th at 7:30pm, the second – Sunday, September 30th at 4:00pm. The goal of the screenings serves two purposes: to a) present an enjoyable, adorable and family friendly film to the community, and b) generate awareness of the hundreds of thousands of cats and dogs that are rescued each year and in need of a caring and loving, forever home.

Directed by Dana Nachman & Don Hardy, Jr., *Pick of the Litter* follows a litter of puppies from the moment they're born and begin their quest to become Guide Dogs for the Blind, the ultimate canine career. Cameras follow these pups through a two-year odyssey as they train to become dogs whose ultimate responsibility is to protect their blind partners from harm. Along the way, the dogs meet a community of dedicated individuals who train them to do amazing, life-changing things in the service of their human. The stakes are high and not every dog can make the cut. Only the best of the best make it - the pick of the litter.

Family members come in all shapes, sizes, species and breeds. The animals we call our pets are more than that - they're best friends, companions, caretakers, protectors and none more so evidenced than by the dogs in this film. All too often, these animals are abused, forgotten, abandoned and left without a home and without a family. Hundreds of thousands of domesticated cats and dogs either roam the streets or are put down every year. That's where **Bideawee** comes in.

Bideawee, Inc.'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. The organization accomplishes its mission by providing the highest quality shelter experience, medical care, socialization activities and adoption services.

"The **Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center** was established as a community-based organization," says Joshua Bracken, Communications Manager for the WHBPAC. "We often forgot the fact that our pets are an integral part of that community, they're family. Because of that, we are truly excited to partner with, support and recognize **Bideawee** with this screening. We truly hope it sheds

light on the amazing work they do in our community, as well as nationwide, and hopefully leads to new homes for several of the animals in their care.”

The first screening will take place on Friday, September 28th at 7:30pm. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to stop at the Bideawee informational table and learn more.

The second screening will take place on Sunday, September 30th at 4:00pm. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to stop at the Bideawee informational table and also, be treated to a very special meet and greet by some four legged friends.

Tickets are available online at whbpac.org, by phone at (631) 288-1500, or at the box office.

Prices: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 15 & under, and \$9 for seniors.

Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center is a year-round, community-based, not-for-profit 501(c)3 arts organization, founded in 1997, that serves patrons on the East End and beyond. We are a vibrant venue committed to providing a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts and meeting the cultural aspiration of the area by: Presenting world-class performing arts, music, dance, comedy and cinema from around the world; Providing premier arts education programs to the widest and most diverse audiences, regardless of socio-economic status; & Contributing positively to the local economy and enriching the community’s quality of life.

For tickets, please visit whbpac.org or call the Box Office at 631-288-1500.

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