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## **Bideawee and Goldman Sachs Sponsor Pet Vet Exams for the Homeless**

***~Free vaccines, pet supply kits and preventative medicines for cats and dogs~***

NEW YORK, NY - August 23, 2016 - Bideawee, a leading pet welfare organization serving metropolitan New York and Long Island for the past 113 years, announced today that they are partnering with Goldman Sachs to provide veterinary care to the pets of homeless New Yorkers.

"The latest numbers indicate that 5% to 10% of the New York City homeless population are pet owners. Sadly, animals are not allowed in homeless shelters and, as a result, animal owners have limited options. For many homeless, they choose to live on the streets with their animals as they do not want to be separated from them and this, of course, poses a number of veterinary health challenges. Goldman Sachs is providing volunteers for this event as well as monies for the exams and pet supplies," states Jennifer Goodwin, Vice President for Development, Bideawee. "We applaud Goldman Sach's generosity. We at Bideawee are grateful that Goldman Sachs is so committed to the welfare and health of homeless pets and their owners."

In addition to Goldman volunteers, Bideawee will also work with the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen and the Mayor's Alliance, to reach out to the homeless to make them aware of this event.

Bideawee's on-staff veterinarian Dr. Shian Simms will conduct feline and canine health exams and distribute animal care packages in Bideawee's mobile adoption van. The event will be held at 296 Ninth Avenue at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. For more information contact: 866-262-8133.

### **About Bidawee**

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's *Loving Legacy* estate planning program allows pet owners who pre-decease their pets to provide for cherished companion animals. 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](http://www.Bideawee.org).

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