



Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program News

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Our Mission: To gather, recognize and celebrate the continuing annual commitment of each of our member veterinarians to provide some level of absolutely free spay neuter services to the needy animals of their choice, along with any other free services they choose to provide.

OUR LUCKY STARS

We are proud to present this roster of Lucky Star Veterinarians. Together these **18** professionals have generously pledged **456** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2013**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

Dr. Ohad Barnea, Cliffside & Tenafly Animal Hospitals

Dr. Sarah Barnes, Eleos Veterinary Service

Dr. Erno Hollo & Dr. Kelly Vex Basking Ridge Animal Hospital

Dr. Harvey E. Hummel, Andover Animal Hospital, Newton

Dr. Danci Mock, West Caldwell Animal Hospital

Dr. Maritza Perez, West Orange Animal Hospital

Dr. P. Picone, Audubon Veterinary Associates

Dr. Sandra Stalder-Frey, Alpha Veterinary Care

Dr. Carolyn Wooley, MCSNIP, Pennington

Dr. Laura Acosta, Dr. Iris M. Biely, Dr. David Croman, Dr. Laurie Heeb, Dr. Diana Knight, Dr. Peter Midgley-DiGeronimo, Dr. Faith Perrin & Dr. Michelle Wong, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside and Robbinsville

CHARTING IMPACT

This Guide Star initiative encourages organizations to answer 5 questions & share the answers. Why? To encourage people to invest in effective organizations, to help organizations highlight the difference they make, to position organizations to work with and learn from other organizations and to help organizations sharpen approaches to making a difference. To read how Huston's Spay Neuter Assistance Program answered: www.guidestar.org/CIPdf.aspx?orgId=597936138

SPAY DAY IS COMING: FEB 25, 2014

DOGS WITH NO NAMES

Dr. Judith Samson-French founded the contraception pilot [Dogs With No Names](http://dogswithnonames.com) <http://dogswithnonames.com> & received the 2013 Canadian VMA Humane Award. Working in Alberta's 1st Nations communities, Dr. Samson-French & team quickly & painlessly insert contraceptive implants under the skin of female dogs. Approved through an Emergency Drug Release from the Canadian Government, this scientific pilot has yielded valuable info while preventing births of thousands of puppies, protecting against rabies, fostering positive connections with 1st Nations community members, & greatly improving the welfare of free-roaming dogs. To see the inspiring videos, search: "Dogs with No Names What we Do" and "Dogs with No Names Meet the Innu Dogs" & visit www.facebook.com/dogswithnonames for news of their latest expedition.

"TAIL" OF 2 FLORIDA COMMUNITIES

10 yrs ago, Jacksonville & Kern County- with similarly sized #'s of diverse low & middle-income people—each took in 30,000 stray, lost or unwanted animals a year & euthanized 20,000. Fast forward to today: Kern, with an \$8+ million AC budget, is killing about the same #. Jacksonville, with a \$3 million budget, euthanized 5,090 animals in 2012. What happened? Kern County, has pursued a series of short-lived, reactive programs implemented with minimal analysis or understanding of how they would reduce intake or kill numbers. In contrast, in 2002, a local business man, with financial support and cooperation from Jacksonville, founded a nonprofit with the goal of analyzing where most of the unwanted animals came from, marketing free S/N surgeries to pet owners in those areas & working to stop the flow @ that source. Key was targeting neighborhoods producing most of the unwanted animals, & fixing animals most likely to produce litters of unwanted animals year after year. It worked.