



# 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 **14** professionals have generously pledged **708** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2018**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

**Dr. Ohad Barnea**, Tenafly Veterinary Center

**Dr. Sarah Barnes**, Eleos Veterinary Service

**Dr. Erno Hollo, Dr. Kelly Vex, Dr. Jessica Redin, Dr. Melissa Rotella & Dr. Sue Bliesath**, 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. David Croman**, Medical Director, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside, Robbinsville & Clayton

## **"PLANNED PETHOOD" YUCATAN MEXICO**

Vets from Mexico, USA & other countries come to Yucatan in June for the annual S/N Campaign. The free clinics are sponsored locally by donations from the local & expat community, Planned Pethood, Dr. Antonio Rios, & Dr. Jeff Young, Planned Pethood International. For the last 8 years, these vets + an army of volunteers have S/N'd thousands of companion animals. (Planned Pethood is proud that they are responsible for fixing >100,000 animals in Yucatan.) The local government provides \$ for some medical supplies. The average cost of this type of clinic is reportedly \$60,000-\$70,000 (about \$33/animal). Volunteers are critical to their work.

<http://www.theyucatanimes.com/2018/06/spay-and-neuter-campaign-2018-needs-volunteers/>

## **FREE S/N's HONOR FORD PETERSEN**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual FREE S/N day was held Feb 25, 2018 @ the Alicia Pet Care Center in Orange Co. CA. Each of these FREE S/N days has been held in memory of Ford Petersen who died in Feb, 2013, at age 21, from a congenital heart condition. He had spent 4 summers working @ the Center & had planned to attend veterinary school @ UC Davis. In the event's 6 yrs, Dr. Matthew Wheaton & his staff have S/N'd nearly 300 dogs & cats. "We are honored to give back in his name and to allow for his life to make a positive impact on dozens of families every year we put on this event." Full story & photos: <https://www.ocregister.com/2018/02/26/pet-owners-from-across-orange-county-win-free-spay-and-neuter-surgeries-for-their-companions/>

## **HIGH VOLUME CLINIC PUT TO TEST**

A 6yr study of 113,906 S/N's @ a Florida S/N clinic following specific protocols found a canine mortality rate of 0.9 per 10,000 surgeries. For Cats, mortality rate was 5 per 10,000. The research echoed findings from the human literature re the importance of specialized skills, volume of practice & lack of interruption as predictors of better outcomes. The article says despite the fact that an estimated 83% of pet dogs & 91 % of pet cats are S/N'd, only about 10% of pets entering shelters have been S/N'd. <https://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/2018/04/18/study-are-high-quality-high-volume-spay-neuter-clinics-safe/>

## **NECESSITY- MOTHER OF INVENTION!**

Jersey City NJ's Liberty Humane Society (LHS) has a strict S/N policy for its adoptable animals but, until now, there were no low-cost S/N options for them in Hudson County. LHS had to transport its adoptable animals up to 80 miles to their closest partner facility, a big stress for staff & animals, requiring an entire day. Jersey City's "Exchange Physical Therapy Group" raised > \$120,000 allowing LHS to purchase a specialized, S/N RV, which will service LHS and others in need. More@ [www.libertyhumane.org/spayneuter](http://www.libertyhumane.org/spayneuter)

## **DRUM ROLL PLEASE!**

Look for a Special 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the **Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program News** OCT. 1<sup>st</sup>