



# 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 professionals have generously pledged 606 absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in 2023, for which they have our utmost admiration and thanks:

**Dr. Erno Hollo & Dr. Melissa Rotella**, 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 & Millville

## **CASE FOR "S/N BEFORE ADOPTION"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YweQwh12rgc> for a 35 min. compelling case for shelters to continue, not abandon, "Neuter Before Adoption", despite pressures to adopt out "asap", as shelter resources & fosters are inadequate to care for record #s of abandoned & surrendered animals leading to higher shelter euthanasia rates. More: <https://www.unitedspayalliance.org/neuter-before-adoption-good-for-community/>

## **>300 CATS FIXED 1 DAY IN PITTSBURGH!**

October 17, 2023: "The Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh (HARP) held another successful Spay-a-Thon on Mon., the 6<sup>th</sup> yr for the event, by S/N'ing community cats. This time 341 cats were "fixed", including vaccines & other preventative care @ no cost to caretakers. Over 100 people worked together, from veterinarians & vet. Techs. to animal welfare groups from across the region. <https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/more-than-300-cats-receive-care-during-humane-animal-rescues-annual-spay-a-thon/ODUTB7LLNJCPJKG2AIKBY6A5ZM/>

## **"OPERATION SATO": 1,200 S/Ns & MORE**

*Edited excerpts from recent announcements:*

"In just 6 days (Nov.1-6) The Sato Project & The BISSELL Pet Foundation S/N'd, vac'd, chip'd, tested & medicated >1,200 dogs @ no cost to the families of Puerto Rico who needed this help the most. This...wouldn't have been possible w/o rock-solid teams in NY & PR, a yr of planning & incredible volunteers from the mainland & the island - from vets, to techs, to those doing laundry & cleaning instruments, & many more. ...Huge thanks... to partners @HugeKeepingFinn, Titos Vodka for Dog People, The Candice & Noah Feinberg Charitable Foundation, Jose Mendez, Sydney Hale Co., & The Rosemont Foundation, among many ..." & to "... generous sponsors like IDEXX, Boehringer-Ingelheim, & Bissell Pets, who understand the importance of disease detection & prevention... Disease in PR's strays... shortens their lives to just 1.5 yrs....With an estimated 500,000 abandoned dogs still roaming the island, S/N is crucial..." <https://thesatoproject.org/operation-sato-event-details>

## **STREET-DOG SUCCESS IN BHUTAN**

In the Eastern Himalayas, Bhutan has historically faced street dog-related issues. For a humane solution in sync w/its Buddhist values, they reached out to H S International's team in India in 2009. That was the beginning of a sustainable model for free-roaming dogs. Today, more than 153,000 dogs in Bhutan have been vac'd & S/N'd & > 31,000 pets have been registered & chipped. Estimates R that the program has achieved nearly 100% "fix" of all street dogs in Bhutan, a positive model 4 street dog mgmt. worldwide. <https://www.humanesociety.org/blog/how-one-country-spayed-and-neutered-nearly-100-its-street-dog-population>

## **FREE GROOMING 4 RESCUE DOGS**

<https://www.nj.com/news/2023/11/many-dog-groomers-refuse-matted-rescues-meet-the-nj-pet-barber-who-welcomes-them.html> Access 2 full article by subscription but even 3 min video freely accessible @ this link will make your day! Happy Holidays 2 "Homer", "Barber John" & especially to our Lucky Stars. You are each & all special in our eyes!

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