



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 **10** professionals have generously pledged **657** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2021**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

Dr. Erno Hollo, Dr. Melissa Rotella & Dr. Emily Denning, 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

WITH THANKS TO DRS BARNEA & HAN

Soon after the Feb. issue hit the streets, we heard from long-time Lucky Star Dr. Barnea of Tenafly Animal Hospital & his colleague Dr. Han that they felt it appropriate to take a break from Lucky Star. We thank them both VERY much for their past support & look forward to a time when they might opt to again make a free S/N pledge.

"ASPCA PRO" CELEBRATES SPAY DAY!

FREE info @ 2 links below (6 courses & 5 anesthesia protocol videos!) Once @ 2nd link, scroll down to link to "S/N Library!" (In 2015 ASPCA acquired Humane Alliance, nationally recognized leader in high-quality, high-vol, low-cost S/N.)

S/N Workshop series from ASPCA Pro:

https://www.aspcapro.org/spayneuter-workshop-series?utm_campaign=Pro%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&hsmi=112376057&hsenc=p2ANqtz-6F9nheyDz-DSwoLa_32Iq0v8KK-z3F9SYOXCaN

Anesthesia protocols including many videos:

https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/anesthesia-protocols-spayneuter-clinic-patients?utm_campaign=Pro%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&hsmi=112376057&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9XSzSnixdXA4eL-V3kAUmrspSRStSnIEDHHIbQeDR2JSuH0SKZ2xXRJAX7sEKRTJgq-TSo2lvfUUh6HpvoHlr

MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER.....

As the song says, finding a good match is not always as easy as it sounds. Yet, effective partnerships can help LS pledges become a reality. Sometimes there is a willing veterinarian who just can't find a way to turn his or her FREE S/N pledge into help for a needy animal. If a rescue group or shelter is the intended beneficiary, that group must be able & willing to limit their needs to the terms & timing of service that the veterinarian offers. Sometimes, dedicated shelters & rescues can be so motivated to help as many animals as possible they can give new meaning to the phrase "give them an inch & they'll take a mile!" ☺. Consideration of the veterinarian's needs and meeting his/her requirements is key to a successful match. The local Animal Control Officer, who likely knows of some of the neediest animals in the community, can also be an excellent partner. And, sometimes reaching out to agencies whose mission is to help needy people will lead Lucky Star Vets to the needy animals they are seeking to help. Successful matchmaking is definitely an Art!

S/N "TOO EFFECTIVE" IN THE US????

I was disheartened by this article, [Have spay/neuter policies in the US been too effective?](https://news.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=210&id=10087056&mc_cid=fa5200449e&mc_eid=e4cf20f46f-News-VIN) https://news.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=210&id=10087056&mc_cid=fa5200449e&mc_eid=e4cf20f46f-News-VIN which calls for a re-think of S/N policy due to a so called "shortage" of "adoptable" dogs. But, to be unaware of this growing debate would be to have one's head in the sand. For me, a layman, a simple trip to www.Petfinder.com, or one of its many equivalents, tells me that there is as yet no shortage of animals needing homes. That said, it is important to be aware of the concerns expressed, to arrive at reasonable conclusions leading to reasonable actions & results, before considerable damage is done quietly w/little notice. Fortunately others are stepping up w/ opinions based on long-time, real-world experience, like those in this 3 min. read, giving me hope that rational, curative thinking, aimed @ the source of the pet-over-population-problem will prevail, in lieu of actions that perpetuate it.

[https://www.animalbalance.org/post/march-ing-on-March\(ing\)on!\(animalbalance.org\)](https://www.animalbalance.org/post/march-ing-on-March(ing)on!(animalbalance.org))

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