



# 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

## **BELGIUM MANDATES CAT S/N BY 6 MOS**

A new law requires almost all of its 2 million cats to be fixed by 2020, a 1st for any country. With just over 11 million people as of 2016, Belgians abandon nearly 30,000 cats yearly. Older cats also will be required to be fixed. Stiff fines will encourage compliance. When they visit a Vet or land in a shelter, cats will be microchipped & reproductive status listed in a central data base. <https://iheartcats.com/belgium-becomes-first-country-to-require-most-cats-to-be-spayed-or-neutered/>

## **IMAGINE: A SPAY SHOT?**

Alliance for Contraception in Cats&Dogs 6th Internat'l Symp. on Non-Surgical Contraceptive Methods of Pet Population Control is July 22-24, 2018 in Boston for the latest in non-surgical contraception. <http://www.acc-d.org/resource-library/symposia/6th-symposium/6th-symposium-registration>

## **PUERTO RICO'S PUPPY PLIGHT**

From the Sato Project's March e-news: "In the 12yrs I have been rescuing dogs, I have never witnessed anything like what The Sato Project & other rescuers....are trying to contend with right now. The calls for help & #s of abandoned dogs have continued to increase since the hurricanes, not decrease. All the while, our heroic vets are still working with generators most of the time. They can only open their clinics on a Ltd schedule, & regularly perform surgeries w/head-lamps. This is our new normal & it requires a new approach. I am incredibly excited to be formulating plans to participate in a massive coalition effort underway to S/N & vaccinate 10's of thousands of dogs & cats on the island...over the next yr. Pls stay tuned for more details on this effort!" [www.thesatoproject.org](http://www.thesatoproject.org)

## **GRANT FOR US VIRGIN ISLAND CATS**

Sept.'s hurricanes Irma & Maria hit the U.S. Virgin Islands hard. Dellia Holodenschi, founder of St. Thomas-based Lucky Paws Foundation, braved the storm to save animals. Committed to helping St. Thomas' cats long before then, she created a Cat Café (feeding) Program in 2007, & founded Lucky Paws in 2008 to lead a growing TNR move-ment. In 2010, she helped found "S/N Island Pets", providing \$ for S/N for low-income residents' pets. Lucky Paws has facilitated the S/N of some 4,000 cats. When she began, the island had an estimated 1,000 community cats. That # was down to about 400, when hurricanes hit. Lucky Paws will use 60% of an **Alley Cat Allies'** Grant on food 4 community cats & low-income residents' pets; 30% on S/N for nearly 100 cats, & 10% on cat cafés destroyed in the storms, towels, traps, & other supplies. Next, they plan to launch a strong TNR campaign & conduct a mass S/N clinic. <https://www.alleycat.org/alley-cat-allies-grant-to-save-cats-as-recovery-from-hurricanes-irma-and-maria-continues/>

*"Do the best you can until you know better.  
Then when you know better, do better."*

*Maya Angelou*

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