



# 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

## **MORE "FIXES" FOR THIS NJ ZIP CODE**

The Animal Friends Foundation (AFF) is offering free/low-cost S/N for all stray/feral cats living in zip code 08332 area, thanks to \$15,000 from PetSmart Charities®. Residents of Millville & surrounding area in "08332" call (856) 503-5572 or go to [www.AnimalFriendsFoundation.com](http://www.AnimalFriendsFoundation.com) Includes rabies & distemper vacs & ear-tip. Offer is time-limited & ends when \$ runs out.

## **"THE NEUTER COMMUTER!"**

Visit <http://neutercommuter.org> to learn more about the Passaic County Mobile Spay Neuter Van Coalition.

## **LUCKY STAR VET ON PEDIATRIC S/N**

From a May 14 article by Pat Summers/NJ Pets @ NJ.com: "At least two major rescue groups in Mercer County rely on Dr. Carolyn Wooley, whose Pennington practice is called "McSnip," to sterilize their cats. She has spoken about the advantages of pediatric spay-neuters, and her [website www.mcsnip.org](http://www.mcsnip.org) also references it. Not only does Wooley focus on S/N, but she also advocates pediatric S/N. "If we can get the little guys done before they even get adopted out, that would help a lot," she says. And "doing little tiny kittens is not more difficult than big cats. Their uterus is not that much smaller, and they actually do so much better when you do pediatric spays." Mentioning that kittens gain about a pound a month, she advises S/N starting at two months, or two pounds...It actually takes longer to prepare the cat than to do the surgery, Wooley says, and "They wake right back up, they eat, they act like nothing ever happened."



**HUMANE ALLIANCE**

For a 50 min. **pediatric S/N video for vets & students**, search "**Humane Alliance Medical Seminar: Pediatrics**" For their campaign to inform the public see [www.whentospay.org](http://www.whentospay.org). The "Get The Facts" page has testimonials from veterinarians re early age S/N & results of a Pet Smart Charities survey:

"The main reason respondents chose not to s/n their recently acquired pet... was that they believed their pet to be too young. Sadly, it seems that people are becoming less educated about the appropriate time to spay/neuter: in 2009, 34% of participants gave this response, but in 2011, that number increased to 41%. More specifically, it was shown that 72% of recent adopters estimated that pets needed to be 6 months of age or older, or simply didn't know when the operation was safe. Furthermore, 81% of potential adopters thought 6 months was the earliest age possible, or didn't know when spaying/neutering was safe."

<http://whentospay.org/get-the-story/27-get-the-story/blog/19-survey-says#sthash.MqIEqwF6.dpuf>

## **"THE CUTTING EDGE"**

ASPCA's NYC 2013 S/N Conference: Sept 26-28