



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

SPRING BRINGS BUNNIES TO MIND

<https://humanepro.org/magazine/articles/bunny-days-ahead> Excerpts below from article above ☺:

"Just like w/ cats & dogs, S/N carries significant health benefits for rabbits, guarantees that they won't be producing unwanted litters & allows the animals to put their best paw forward...Altered rabbits quickly learn to use the litter box (though they will continue to drop some fecal pellets as they hop to mark territory) ...Male rabbits reach sexual maturity at 10-12 weeks, females at 4 months. That's when hormones take over, & cute little bunnies can turn into little monsters, spraying urine & making aggressive overtures to people & other rabbits.....many "problem" rabbits shed their bad behaviors w/n weeks after surgery." Get detailed guidelines for maintaining bunnies' physical & emotional health @ House Rabbit Society's website rabbit.org. & a FREE webinar at animalsheltering.org/all-about-bunnies.

2023 A BANNER YEAR

Oct 2023 will mark Lucky Star's 20th Year!

UPDATE: AFGHANISTAN & UKRAINE

Amid the turmoil, efforts continue despite enormous challenges to bring relief to all. <https://www.nowzad.com/news>. **Keeping to our S/N theme**, here's what this UK based 501(c)3 reported: "**Afghanistan** was not the easiest country to operate in before August 2021 & now it is even worse...But as we went to print w/this news letter our dedicated Kabul team on **World Spay Day S/N'd 28 cats** as well as vaccineating them all against rabies. We are just super proud of them. Animal welfare is their priority." More @ <https://www.nowzad.com/news/article/afghanist-an-update-march-2023> Re: help for **Ukraine**, logistics & choices are both daunting & heartening. Re:**S/N**, here's Nowzad's **report**: "Our team in Ukraine is not only delivering vital animal supplies but also supporting localised Trap Neuter Vaccinate and Release programs (still operating even under conflict conditions) to humanely reduce the stray dog population where a recent outreach programme managed to treat over 2000 dogs." (All spelling above as in the UK!) More @ <https://www.nowzad.com/news/article/ukraine-update-march-2023>

EARTHQUAKE MIRACLE-TURKEY/SYRIA



(Though this news is not about S/N, it always helps to know that even in the worst of times, **miracles do happen!**) Trained rescuers & volunteers from the stricken areas & around the world have worked tirelessly to find & recover the many thousands of people & animals lost in the massive earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. Any

good news there is celebrated & cherished. Here is just one short story+photos, shared around the world, w/a **very happy ending!**: See [Turkish firefighter rescues cat trapped in rubble; adopts it after animal refused to leave his side - YouTube](#)

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