

Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program News

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<u>Our Mission</u>: 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 **12** professionals have generously pledged **658** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2020**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

Dr. Ohad Barnea & Dr. Kyoung Han, Tenafly Veterinary Center

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 & Clayton

FULLY FUNDED BY DEPT OF AGRICULTURE!



What a great partnership & example for others! This absolutely free 2019 S/N opportunity for outdoor feral/stray cats included trapping & transportation, S/N, Rabies & FVRCP Vaccines, Parasite Treatment & Ear tip for Ferals, & was fully funded by the "MD Dept

of Agriculture S/N Grants Program" (Way to go Maryland!) designed to provide a humane solution to control the free roaming cat population & reduce shelter intake & euthanasia in Worcester & Wicomico Counties in MD. Program run by Forgotten Cats (302) 429-0124, www.forgottencats.org

S/N BACKLOG-CAVALRY ON THE WAY?

A coalition of national groups & funders have formed "#SpayTogether" to address backlog of S/N due to COVID-19. Goal initially reported was to provide visiting surgical teams in the 8 states w/the most need for HVHQ S/N (CA, TX, NV, LA, MS, OK, NC, FL) with help then to follow elsewhere. After a survey of needs, a later release (6-1-2020) mentioned providing \$ & resources to help US shelters & clinics reach a goal of 50,000 S/N's in 3 months. Latest word is #Spay Together is granting >\$2.3 million to >200 shelters, clinics, rescues & other animal protection groups in all 50 States to provide: (1) Surgery subsidy support grants, (2) On-ground assistance training in HQHV S/N & (3) Discounted veterinary supplies & services to S/N >54,000 dogs & cats in a 3-mo. Coalition also donating 50,000 microchips & >23,000 vaccines. Status @ https://www.animalsheltering.org/spaytogether

"ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!"

ICAM hosted **global experts** on dog & cat population management in the Covid-19 Era in a 1hr/45 min.webinar that can be viewed in pieces. Humbling to get this intro to efforts now on around the world to "keep safe whilst continuing our essential services to manage dogs & cats humanely & protect their welfare." https://www.icam-coalition.org/webinar-covid/

PFA's "WAIT UNTIL 8" INITIATIVE

To help deal w/effects of Covid-19 S/N pause, & help maintain TNVR results, PFA partners w/ residents & colony caretakers to find newborns & provide support & resources to keep kittens w/Mom inplace 'til kittens R 8 wks old. For orphans PFA will provide caregivers with needed supplies. At 8weeks, PFA will S/N & help caregivers find them permanent placement. Says Michelle Brodbeck, Community Cat Program Manager "..one more way PFA takes a community problem & creates a community solution."

MOTHER TERESA SAID IT BEST!

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving"

NEXT ISSUE:OCTOBER 1ST 2020-STAY WELL!