



# 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

## **"CHATTA-NEUTER'S" 30,000TH S/N**



If you were going to open a non-profit clinic providing surgeries & professional care 4 pets & adoptable dogs & cats housed @ Chattanooga

Tennessee area shelters & rescues, what would you call it? Why **"ChattaNeuter Spay Neuter"** of course! (Gotta love the creativity of "animal people"! ) Opened in 2017, they celebrated their 30,000<sup>th</sup> S/N surgery in July 2021. A key component in preventing pet homelessness, these services are partially funded through local & national donors & client donations. They are 1 of 180 clinics mentored by the ASPCA S/N Alliance, the nationally recognized leader in HQ/HV/LC S/N. For more information: [www.ChattaNeuter.org](http://www.ChattaNeuter.org)

## **BEARDED DRAGON "THOR" is SPAYED!**

[Spay and neuter advice goes for reptiles, too | News | duncanbanner.com](http://duncanbanner.com)

Dateline: June 11, 2019 By Nicola Di Girolamo, DMV, GPCert (ExAP), MSc, PhD, DECZM (Herpetology) /Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences: "...A spay recently performed at Oklahoma State University's Veterinary Medical Hospital was definitely "exotic" — done on a 3 yr old female bearded dragon named Thor!... In fact, certain female reptiles are commonly affected by reproductive problems. Lizards (including bearded dragons, leopard geckos and iguanas), aquatic turtles and terrestrial tortoises are all frequently diagnosed with problems related to reproductive activity"... (Text @ the link includes mention of the most common disorders, problems they can cause if not caught early, why diagnosis can be complicated & why an early spay can resolve most of these problems. Thor's particular issues are discussed. She fully recovered!)..."Since reptiles are extremely different from mammals, and there is significant variability not only between species but also between individual animals, there is no common recommendation for all of them. Instead, owners should book an appointment with a veterinarian who specializes in exotic animal health care to discuss this important issue."

## **JUST BEFORE THE PANDEMIC HIT.....**

I looked @ the list (as of 9-2019) of NJ Veterinary practices in NJ's Animal Population Control (APC) program. 100 veterinarians/hospitals were listed. (3 of those were also Lucky Star practices in a total of 5 of the 100 locations!) I next checked latest available #'s (2016) re: mean annual income (MAI) by County. Cumberland w/lowest MAI (\$49,100) had 3 of the 100 APC practices. Hunterdon w/highest MAI (\$113,700) had 6. Bergen (\$93,000) had 12. Morris (\$110,000) had 10. Salem (\$53,700) had "1." Sussex (\$87,800) was only Co. w/ "0."

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