



# 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 **13** professionals have generously pledged **658** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2019**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

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

**Dr. Erno Hollo, Dr. Kelly Vex, 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

## **IMMUNOCONTRACEPTION CONFERENCE**

In Aug. 2019, a 3 day "PZP Immunocontraception Conference" was held in Montana re non-lethal wildlife management, hosting >100 attendees from Bureau of Land Mgmt, U.S. Forest Service, NGOs, tribal communities, sanctuaries & universities. The majority are currently using the immunocontraception vaccine Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP) as a humane, non-lethal & sustainable way to manage wildlife @ sites around the world. Program included study results for PZP use in managing (a) elephants in South Africa, (b) white-tailed deer in urban & suburban areas in the US & (c) wild borros in Arizona & to develop a longer-acting, replicable & cost-efficient PZP vaccine formula. Event organized by Montana-based [Science and Conservation Center](#) (SCC), sponsored by the [Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control](#) & Zoo Montana.

## **WELCOME DR. DENNING!**

We are very happy to welcome Dr. Emily Denning to the Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program as she joins her colleagues at Basking Ridge Animal Hospital in fulfilling their Lucky Star pledge!

## **TULIP'S TAKE: "FIXING" THE CONFLICT**

From the LS "Spokescat": Nationwide, animal welfare groups large & small are lining up behind apparently competing ways to stop the still vast #'s of "excess or unplaceable" animals being killed. Two of these R "No Kill" vs "Socially Conscious Animal Sheltering". <https://scvnews.com/2019/08/07/county-adopts-socially-conscious-animal-sheltering/> Big groups are on opposite sides of the



debate: <https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/no-kill-animal-shelters> & <https://www.peta.org/features/deadly-consequences-no-kill-policies/> How can 2 approaches, each w/the best of intentions & goals, with which presumably no one could disagree, be at odds? The critical element on which most would seem likely to agree is S/N, which now gets some but too little attention & inadequate resources under either option. Let's stop the conflict & focus more resources on the 1 thing that will get all to the common goal faster: S/N! Getting all the animals "fixed" that need "fixing" is still way underfunded & under facilitated, privately or publically. This topic is now "main stream." See 9-3-19 NY Times re issues, actions taken & results achieved so far. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/03/upshot/why-euthanasia-rates-at-animal-shelters-have-plummeted.html>

## **A PRES. CANDIDATE'S PLAN for S/N**

Julian Castro calls for \$40 million in Fed \$ for "Local Animal Communities Grant Program," to help defray costs of vaccinating, S/N'g + promoting animal adoption. 1<sup>st</sup> time S/N has been part of National Politics? Lucky Star makes no endorsements, just celebrates attention to S/N! [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/juli%C3%A1n-castro-animal-welfare-plan\\_n\\_5d5ad81ce4b0d8840ff6c227](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/juli%C3%A1n-castro-animal-welfare-plan_n_5d5ad81ce4b0d8840ff6c227)

## **NEXT ISSUE: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2019**

Practice news from LS Veterinarians always welcome, as is S/N News from any source.