



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 **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

THANKS & GOOD WISHES, DR. VEX!

All our best to long-time "Lucky Star" Dr. Kelly Vex as she leaves Basking Ridge Animal Hospital (BRAH.) Dr. Vex joined Lucky Star in 2003 when Dr. Erno Hollo's BRAH became the very 1st Lucky Star Practice!

OPINION: WHY S/N IS "ESSENTIAL!"

CDC guidelines called S/N "non essential". NY's Regulations list S/N as "Essential"; PA's do not. In NJ the decision is the Veterinarian's. Bryan Kortis (Neighborhood Cats) makes the compelling case for "Essential" @ <https://www.animals24-7.org/2020/04/15/we-need-to-open-up-spay-neuter-now/>

"50 SHADES of S/N" DURING COVID -19

Is S/N legal in your State? Best Friends & HSUS are monitoring current Stay-at-Home orders (date issued & date lifted.) For their current table by State re S/N directives: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iRkL6IU7COv9SthGZelfpWyjE7Z6umR9y2WkBLli-Xo/edit#gid=1680051414>

IMPORTANCE OF GRATITUDE

A CBS radio piece in mid-May featured the importance of gratitude, especially during a crisis. The author of "Leading with Gratitude" was asked his most important guidance to everyone now. He said "assume positive intent!.... People want to do the right thing, it's just more difficult in a crisis." It's time to say a big THANK YOU to our **Lucky Stars** and to all who are working tirelessly to help animals during this crisis! We have never needed or appreciated you more!

NJVMA UPDATE OF MAY 11, 2020

"NJVMA supports the AVMA position that resuming non-urgent/elective veterinary services is appropriate & that veterinary practices should continue to use strategies that conserve PPE & support social distancing as appropriate & practical.... At this time, it is the position of the NJVMA that veterinarians may resume elective procedures & wellness visits as long as PPE supply exceeds demand, & social distancing guidelines continue to be strictly maintained." For AVMA's Talking Points on Resuming Non-Urgent/Elective Services:

<https://njvma.org/page/COVID-19andNJVeterinaryPractices>

PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS LTD REOPENING

For details see: <https://www.pfaonline.org/covid-19/limited-reopening/>

THE COMMUNITY CATS PODCAST

In these times, there's comfort & opportunity in networking remotely. Free news re common S/N challenges, tools, protocols & work arounds in the world of Covid-19 in snippets of <1 hr.

<https://www.communitycatspodcast.com/>

Past recent webinars are also on youtube @: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd6QBidLDxPNE3IzI1323TSJiaml6vzE&mc_cid=8e866005f9&mc_eid=e4cf20f46f

IF SPAY NEUTER HAS TO WAIT

<https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/behavior-tips-living-intact-dogs-and-cats>

ACC&D: MEGESTROL ACETATE & COVID-19?

<https://acc-d.org/> begins the discussion. More @ <https://acc-d.org/available-products/progestin-contraceptives> <https://alliance-for-contraception-in-cats--dogs.mailchimpsites.com/>

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