



# 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. Sue Bliesath**, 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

## **CONGRATULATIONS PFA!**

**People for Animals, Inc.** has been awarded a **GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Award for 2019!**

See Link below to see why & learn about this designation! Congratulations to all @ PFA!

<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/people-for-animals-inc>

## **PER JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT!**

In June's bill insert, under "Be a Meter Reader's Best Friend", JCP&L says: "**Spay or neuter your dog**- dogs who have been S/N'd are less likely to bite" ....they add "For more pet owner tips visit [www.avma.org/public/pages/dog-Bite-prevention.aspx](http://www.avma.org/public/pages/dog-Bite-prevention.aspx)."

## **BERGEN COUNTY FREE FERAL FIX INFO**

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/animal-shelter-adoption-center/spay-neuter> In towns that contract w/the shelter & don't ban feeding feral cats, Co. helps residents who manage existing feral cat colonies w/**free or low cost** S/N. For info, call/email: 201-229-4600 [dyankow@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:dyankow@co.bergen.nj.us)

## **ZERO STRAYS-HOW'D HOLLAND DO IT?**

Current news articles are spotlighting Holland as the 1<sup>st</sup> country to humanely resolve their long standing stray dog problem which they did in 2016. The government (a) implemented "PSVIR" (pick, sterilize, vaccinate, identify, & return),(b) made S/N mandatory & free with exams & needed treatments (c) passed animal protection, health & welfare laws, with violators getting up to 3 yrs in prison & big fines (d) put 250 "Animal Cops" in charge of dog protection & safety, (e) raised taxes on the purchase of dogs, increasing stray adoptions & (f) started a "fostering" campaign, encouraging people to take in homeless dogs. More than a million strays found homes, as 90% of the population adopted a dog. Today, dogs in the Netherlands are reportedly living comfortably in homes, not suffering as strays on the streets & others are taking notice.

<https://www.thinkinghumanity.com/2019/06/holland-becomes-the-first-country-without-stray-dogs.html> & <https://talanews.blogspot.com/2019/06/holland-becomes-first-country-without.html>

## **DON'T MISS THIS NYTIMES ARTICLE**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/22/science/rabies-dogs-india.html> A "Mission Rabies"(MR) targeted program of stray dog "capture, vaccinate & release" had good results in India's unique environment, but a politician urges adding sterilization to the mix. This lengthy article gives an eye opening look @ the size & realities of the challenges & the logic behind the need to do more. First a project of "World Wide Veterinary Service", "MR",founded in 2013, began their work in India where 1/3 of the 59,000 global human rabies deaths occur. There, a 14-city effort vaccinated >61,000 dogs in 25 days!

<http://www.missionrabies.com/>

## **"THE CAT RESCUERS"- A DOCUMENTARY**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/24/nyregion/gentrification-latest-victims-new-yorks-feral-cats.html?module=inline>:

"...a fascinating, difficult topic... and while "The Cat Rescuers" movingly portrays the unique individuals committed to helping these cats, it doesn't quite tackle the full complexity of this subject." (Film review by B. Eberi, NY Times)

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