



# Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program News

Published by the **Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program** 12 Birch Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960

On the Web at: [www.luckystarprogram.org](http://www.luckystarprogram.org)

Email: [luckystarprogram@att.net](mailto:luckystarprogram@att.net)

Volume 104

June 2021

**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

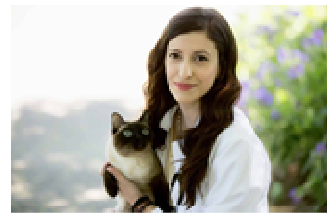
## **FERAL FIX CHALLENGE-MARCH 2021**

[Alley Cat Rescue](http://www.alleycatrescue.org) [Announces the Start of its Global Feral Fix Challenge \(yahoo.com\)](http://www.alleycatrescue.org) Alley Cat Rescue, Inc. announced start of "Feral Fix Challenge", an annual global event joining veterinarians & communities to save cats. Vets are invited to get involved by providing low-cost or FREE S/N & rabies vacs for free-roaming cats. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> yr, the efforts of >1,500 veterinary participants from USA, Canada, South Africa, Greece, Israel, Japan, Croatia, Antigua, Nicaragua, & India have S/N'd >130,000 cats! Vets can sign up at [www.saveacat.org/the-feral-fix.html](http://www.saveacat.org/the-feral-fix.html) & pledge to provide FREE or low-cost S/N to as many free-roaming cats as is feasible for their individual practices. (PS. I bet they don't each receive anything as prized & unique as our "Proud to Be A Lucky Star Vet Button!" © ) It is estimated that 860,000 cats are euthanized in U.S. shelters every year, many of whom are newborn kittens or unsocialized free-roaming cats. The two go hand in hand, as 80% of kittens entering shelters each year are born to free-roaming cats. Many die before getting there.

## **A KEY US GROUP OK'S TNR!**

See recent statement of [National Animal Care & Control Association](http://www.nacacat.org), representing officers responsible for public health & safety, in support of humane community cat management & TNR [Animal Control Intake of Free-Roaming Cats | National Animal Care & Control Association \(nacacat.org\)](http://www.nacacat.org)

## **S/N MISSION UNDERWAY IN GREECE**



June 2-23, 2021- The island of Karpathos is home to about 1,000 stray animals too often subject to neglect & abuse. This Greek America Corps Program is one of a series of

high volume S/N expeditions using International best practices. Volunteers 18+ wanted w/preference to pre-vet/veterinary students. Participants will learn each step of a successful high volume S/N campaign, working closely w/& under supervision of licensed veterinarians, specialists in high-vol. S/N. Karpathos native, US based, Dr. Anna Katogiritis, degreed in molecular biology (Univ. of Crete) + a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Med) & Director & co-founder of "R&S Greece", Dr. Jane Goodall's Athens office, leads program pro bono. Re: what is needed, what they offer volunteers & what to expect: [Greek America Corps Karpathos 2021 - Greek America Foundation](http://www.greekamericafoundation.org)

## **UPDATE: S/N WEST VIRGINIA**

This State's creative program, run by their Dept of Ag., using fees charged to pet food cos. selling in WV to fund grants to WV municipalities & 501 c (3) orgs. is described & stats updated @ [West Virginia Spay and Neuter Assistance Program : West Virginia Department of Agriculture \(wv.gov\)](http://www.wv.gov) Stats for their 1<sup>st</sup> yrs: (Awards: 2018: \$343,000, 2019: \$422,266, 2020: \$525,113.) The "History" @ end of Web pg. shows a concern for the situation they hope to improve & for those working w/them to help.

*"No step in the right direction is too small."*

.....State of WVSNP

**NEXT ISSUE: AUGUST 1st 2021**