



# 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 **17** professionals have generously pledged **381** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2015**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

**Dr. Ohad Barnea**, Tenafly Animal Hospital

**Dr. Sarah Barnes**, Eleos Veterinary Service

**Dr. Erno Hollo & Dr. Kelly Vex** 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. Laura Acosta, Dr. Iris M. Biely, Dr. David Croman, Dr. Eric Etheridge, Dr. Laurie Heeb, Dr. Peter Midgley-DiGeronimo, & Dr. Faith Perrin**, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside and Robbinsville

## **NY'S TNR FUNDING BILL VETOED**

Gov. Cuomo vetoed A2778 which would have let up to 20% of NY's Animal Pop. Control Fund go for TNR. He cited concern re diversion of APC \$ from S/N, violations of trapped animal handling laws, no guarantee of success, & neg. impact on wildlife. TNR advocates want NY to devote more \$ to TNR, to help both cats & birds.

## **PET SAVERS LAUNCHES 'TNR WORKS'!**

to educate towns in Gloucester County NJ re TNR. Goal is to form "TNR Works" teams, with local volunteers helping to do TNR work, to share TNR facts with local leaders & to drive down the high euthanasia rate in the County. To volunteer or for more information contact PET SAVERS at 856-7960361 or [petsaversnj@gmail.com](mailto:petsaversnj@gmail.com)

## **CHANGES @ PETSMART CHARITIES**

Incorporated in 1994 as an independent 501(c)(3), PetSmart Charities (PSC) has reportedly distributed more than \$165 million raised from customers to animal welfare groups. At peak, **in 2014**, PSC **helped facilitate** about 470,000 dog & cat adoptions, & about **285,000 S/N surgeries**, while making about \$34 million a year in grants to about 2,800 other animal charities. As part of a restructuring, PSC laid off its entire staff of 37 on Nov 4, including cat program mgr. Bryan Kortis, who earlier founded Neighborhood Cats. The 37 laid off will get a chance to apply for 34 new jobs. PSC says they "will continue to donate \$ to animal welfare efforts." Here's hoping S/N stays on their agenda! <http://www.animals24-7.org/2015/11/09/entire-petsmart-charities-staff-gets-the-boot/>

## **TNR WEBINAR FOR VET STUDENTS**

In October, Alley Cat Allies (ACA) hosted a webinar for 54 students of Grenada's St. George's Univ & the Univ.'s TNR group, the Feral Cat Project. FCP manages a colony on campus & holds TNR clinics to teach veterinary students best care practices, introducing new members to TNR & the crucial role veterinarians have in the process. ACA's Veterinary Awareness Campaign seeks to increase info. available in the veterinary community re TNR & Community Cats.

## **"PIT STOP"- FREE S/N PATERSON, NJ**

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge, Oakland is funding free S/N (non surgical for males, surgical for females) to slow growth in pit bulls in Paterson, where 100s of pits R rescued /yr. Any pit/pit mix owned by a Paterson resident is eligible til \$ runs out. For info or 2 help Email: [adoptlove@rbari.org](mailto:adoptlove@rbari.org), <http://www.rbari.org/> Put "PIT STOP" (Paterson Initiative To Stop The Overpopulation of Pitties) in comments at: <http://rbari.org/programs/pitstop/>

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.".....Anne Frank

*Happy, Healthy Holidays  
and a Prosperous New Year to All*

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