



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 **357** 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, Cliffside & Tenafly Animal Hospitals

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

CONGRATS TO PFA ON 30 YRS OF S/N!

In 1985 People for Animals opened their doors in a little house in Hillside, NJ. On that 1st day, their veterinarian performed 6 surgeries. Now, in 2 surgical facilities, & a staff of over 12 veterinarians, PFA S/N's 80-130 animals/day.

"FERAL FIXATHON"

Oregon's SNYP "Saving Lives Through Prevention" Nov 2014 event resulted in 93 S/N's in one day. It took 7 veterinarians & 10 Vet Techs from 5 hospitals & 28 lay volunteers. Each of those Veterinarians will be getting a letter from **Lucky Star**, hoping they will join our roster!

A FRONT ROW SEAT FOR TNR

South Orange NJ video tapes Town Council meetings, so we have a front row seat for a "10min" April 2015 talk on why TNR has been adopted by so many towns, by Michelle Lerner, attorney & policy specialist with the Animal Protection League of NJ, where she provides technical support to municipalities re TNR issues. When you click on the link, ignore the video/sound you see/hear initially & under "Timeline", click on "Presentation." Listen to the opening comments of a Board Member & the typical initial adjustments to the audio system with patience. The talk IS worth the slight "wait" for it to "get going", regardless of whether you are pro or anti TNR. The logic, facts & findings are concise and to the point.

<http://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?PGD=southorangenj&iID=272>

MORE HUMAN CANCER RESEARCH & S/N

In April, The Michelson Prize & Grants in Reproductive Biology announced a new research project in the search for a nonsurgical sterilant for cats & dogs. P. Donahoe, MD, and D. Pepin, PhD, both of the [Simches Research Center](http://www.simchesresearchcenter.org) at [Massachusetts General Hospital](http://www.massgeneralhospital.org), (MGH), received a 3yr \$605,366 grant: "Single treatment with AAV9 Mullerian Inhibiting Substance (MIS) as an ideal permanent contraceptive." Dr. Donahoe, Director of Pediatric Surgical Research at MGH, is a pioneer researcher of MIS, a recombinant reproductive hormone. Much of her research in the past has focused on MIS as a treatment for ovarian cancer. More at:

<http://www.michelsonprizeandgrants.org/blog/donahoe-mass-general>

"SPAY UP ALL NIGHT!"

This World Spay Day, Arizona Humane Society (AHS) [azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org) wanted to double their impact & their March 5th event did! 81 pets had free S/N's & 101 vouchers were given out in 24 hours. AHS vets started early doing surgeries at 6 a.m. at one clinic & then burned the midnight oil late into the evening at another. The **fun title of their event** caught our eye!

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