



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 or discounted services they choose to provide.

PROUD TO PRESENT OUR LUCKY STARS!

We are proud to present this 2026 roster of **Lucky Star Veterinarians**. Together these professionals have generously pledged **394** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free or discounted services for needy animals of their choice in 2026, for which they have our utmost admiration & thanks:

Dr. Erno Hollo & Dr. Melissa Rotella, Basking Ridge Animal Hospital

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., (PFA) Hillside, Robbinsville & Millville

ADDING 3 NJ COUNTIES TO TNVR LIST!

Our readers R the best! Thanks to Jane Guillaume for this info: "**Gloucester Co.**... passed a resolution encouraging TNR in 2017 & **Camden Co.** had done the same a few yrs earlier. **Burlington Co.** also." This brings the total reported in R Dec 2025 issue (**Essex, Bergen, Cape May, Monmouth & Atlantic**) to **8!**

Update: NJ SCHOOL OF VET MEDICINE

With thanks to "USA" 4 the article @ this link: <https://www.unitedspayalliance.org/new-gen-shreiber-school/> Excerpt: "Dr. White reminds her students that pet overpopulation affects every community—and that "whether their patients R beloved pets or shelter animals waiting for adoption, the animals in the community R everyone's responsibility." Strong community medicine programs, she emphasizes, benefit everyone. Her goal is to inspire students to approach their work with one guiding question: *How can I help here?*" More info: Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine of Rowan Univ. 1000 Gilbreth Pkwy, Harrison Township, NJ 08062. Gen'l Inquiries to the Veterinary Teaching Hosp by email: ssvminfo@rowan.edu

THANKING OUR LUCKY STARS!

What a great way to start 2026!: Feb is S/N Awareness Month, Spay Day USA is Feb 24th & needy animals will again benefit from the generosity of the Lucky Star veterinarians who have renewed their generous pledges as we start 2026! Thank you Lucky Stars! You've changed the world for every animal you've helped & as a bonus spared so many others from so much at the same time! ☺

GALAPAGOS: GROUND BREAKING RESULTS

<https://www.animalbalance.org/>

"ISABELA, GALÁPAGOS — "On Wed, Nov 26, 2025 inside a modest municipal chamber in Puerto Villamil, the local government of Isabela signed a landmark animal-welfare ordinance defined not by crisis, but by prevention. The measure, ...formalizes a system that has already begun to reshape the relationship between people, companion animals, & the islands' fragile ecology. The signing itself was straightforward, a mayor, a handful of municipal staff, & representatives from partner agencies, but its significance was anything but routine. After 2 decades of coordinated high-volume sterilization, micro-chipping, enforcement, & community education ... the Galápagos has now taken a decisive step toward something no U.S. city or county has achieved in 150 years of organized animal control: **Render the traditional animal shelter unnecessary.** This model ... came from a small nonprofit that started w/coolers of vaccines, makeshift surgical clinics, & a simple premise: **Stop the births, & you end the suffering.**" More @ 3rd big box @ link. above.

A "RE-LOOK" @ "BODEGA CATS IN NYC"

https://open.substack.com/pub/animalsmatter/p/bodega-cats-in-nyc?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email

Through the eyes of a longtime activist who has viewed this issue for decades, who understands the importance of enforcement & has lived the challenges NYC politics presents. Not light or brief but a rare perspective and a valuable read!

"Act as if what you do makes a difference.
It does."William James (1842-1910)

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