



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.

OUR LUCKY STARS

We are proud to present this roster of Lucky Star Veterinarians. Together these professionals have generously pledged 594 absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in 2024, for which they have our utmost admiration and 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

FIXING UKRAINE'S STRAY DOGS & CATS

<https://www.nowzad.com/news/article/rabies-prevention-in-ukraine> May 2024- "The invasion into the country by Russian forces in 2022 caused almost 12 million people to flee their homes, many of whom had no choice but to leave their animals behind. These dogs & cats ...joined the already high # of stray animals on the streets, desperately searching for very limited resources. #s exploded rapidly, w/tens of thousands of puppies & kittens born on the streets ea. yr. Ukraine is now among the top 10 countries in the world w/the largest # of stray animals. One approach that offers a humane & sustainable solution however is the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return ... model-a programme that we have been successfully using in Afghanistan for many yrs now. In 2023, Nowzad was awarded the Global Alliance for Rabies Control Award for our TNVR work in Kabul, & it is something we're unashamedly very proud of."

SHIPPING CONTAINERS=S/N CLINIC

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2024/08/13/friends-of-the-alameda-animal-shelter-opening-new-spay-neuter-clinic/>
CA shelter breaks ground on facility made from 8 shipping containers to include an inhouse S/N clinic for shelter animals, saving time, \$ & lives.

PICTURE WORTH 1,000+ WORDS?

August intakes @ NYC's Animal Care Centers :

DATE	# OF PETS TAKEN IN
AUGUST 1	62
AUGUST 2	60
AUGUST 3	54
AUGUST 4	57
AUGUST 5	47
AUGUST 6	44
AUGUST 7	53
AUGUST 8	42
AUGUST 9	66
AUGUST 10	53
AUGUST 11	39
AUGUST 12	51
AUGUST 13	33
AUGUST 14	61
AUGUST 15	81
AUGUST 16	60
AUGUST 17	59
AUGUST 18	35
AUGUST 19	49
AUGUST 20	49
AUGUST 21	53
AUGUST 22	50
AUGUST 23	5
TOTAL PETS: 1163	

NEW FOCUS ON S/N IN PUERTO RICO

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAiQOIBpTI>

"It is a reminder that the old model is not enough. We cannot rescue our way out of this. The strategic diversion of our resources towards S/N/vaccination initiatives, which include Operation Sato, TNR ... & our community voucher program, is an acknowledgment of that harsh reality. We must disrupt this systemic problem @ the root by preventing the birth of unwanted litters & the spread of disease. It is the only way we have a shot @ reducing the suffering for the sats of Puerto Rico."...*Chrissy Beckles, The Sato Project*

NJ JR GIRL SCOUTS HONORED

Sept 2024- The 7 received the Bronze Award for community service & leadership. Fueled by a love for animals & in support of the Edison Animal Shelter, they learned there about TNR from ACO Maria Flores who suggested making shelters for community cats. The rest is history! More @ <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/piscataway/sections/giving-back/articles/seven-junior-girl-scouts-from-piscataway-troop-80070-receive-prestigious-bronze-award>

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