



# 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 **18** professionals have generously pledged **456** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2014**, 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. Laurie Heeb, Dr. Diana Knight, Dr. Peter Midgley-DiGeronimo, Dr. Faith Perrin & Dr. Michelle Wong**, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside and Robbinsville

## **MARYLAND ADDS S/N SURCHARGE**

A fee on dog/cat food will fund a state-wide S/N program aimed at low-income communities. Fees will fund grants to municipalities & animal groups that provide & promote pet sterilization services via a surcharge on the registration fees that pet food manufacturers must pay to sell their products in Maryland. Consumers can expect to pay about 36 cents more for food per pet annually, raising about \$400,000 a year. (Per AHS's Aug. 2014 Humane News.)

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## **MARICOPA CO. ARIZONA RAISES S/N \$**

Maricopa County, AZ added a line to the bottom of its dog license form saying: "I would like to give a voluntary donation of \$\_\_\_ to save more pets' lives." This raises \$10,000 /mo. for Animal Care & Control & helps fund programs budget doesn't cover, like help for sick/injured animals & S/N for feral cats. [www.maricopa.pets/gov](http://www.maricopa.pets/gov)

## **ALABAMA 'S S/N CONTROVERSY**

My attempts to follow up on House Bill 141 OK'd in Feb 2014 allowing non-profits to employ licensed veterinarians for S/N clinics led to a recent article on the continuing controversy in which some argue that there is no excess of animals despite the killing of 150,000 animals annually (that's 400 a day) in Alabama shelters. One vet now running 1 of 4 low cost high volume clinics in AL is giving up due to pressure from the State Veterinary Board opposing such clinics. [http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/05/low-cost\\_spayneuter\\_clinics\\_on.html](http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/05/low-cost_spayneuter_clinics_on.html)

## **WILL NY STATE OK S/N FUND FOR TNR?**

The NY State Senate adjourned for the summer without taking up AB 9487/SB 7290 which would have OK'd funding for TNR by the NY State spay/neuter fund.

## **ARLINGTON, TEXAS TNR RECOGNITION**

Mayor Robert Cluck received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the 2014 City Livability Awards Program from the U.S. Conference of Mayors for positive changes in the quality of life for Arlington residents. This national award specifically noted the effectiveness of Arlington's TNR program.

## **NORTH AMERICAN S/N CONFERENCE**

Hosted by Found Animals and PetSmart Charities August 14-17, 2014, Renaissance Austin, Austin, Texas (513) 343-2626