



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 **15** professionals have generously pledged **408** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2016**, for which they have our admiration & thanks:

Dr. Ohad Barnea, Tenafly Veterinary Center

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, and Dr. Laurie Heeb, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside, Robbinsville and Clayton

THERE'S "tnr" & THEN THERE'S "TNR"



Too often, if TNR is said not to work, it just has not been implemented effectively. This 77 pg. book lays out a proven protocol, including mass trapping, insights re the "targeting" concept and making difficult but effective choices. "Because colonies are the basic

units of TNR, colony-level targeting is essential to any strategy a community TNR program decides to pursue. When targeting a part of town responsible for high cat intake, TNR in that area should proceed colony by colony with the aim of altering all the cats in each unit. The need to alter entire colonies also dictates how S/N surgical slots should be allocated." Download FREE @ <https://www.petSMARTcharities.org/pro/community-tnr-tactics-and-tools>

MICHIGAN'S UNITED SPAY ALLIANCE

Their mission is "No More Homeless Pets". S/N is their #1 priority. #2 is TNR and #3 is "Pets for Life." In 2015, they did 25,000 S/N's (60% cats - 40% dogs). They primarily serve the working poor. In severely under-served Detroit, they go door-to-door & talk with pet owners to gain their trust. Owners "... love their pets & want to make sure they will be well taken



care of. It means being there every day — "boots on the ground" — never leaving the community, & providing assistance so we can turn a low 10% S/N compliance rate into a high 80% or more compliance...For door-to-door work, it's important to not be judgmental.....some people may tie their dog on a chain outdoors, so you offer a longer chain or ask if you can bring a doghouse. If the animal has fleas, you ask, can I bring you medicine? People can't afford to feed themselves, let alone their dogs. You never leave — you're there for the long run. You are trusted". They are most proud of this "Pets for Life" program, and it's also the hardest, yet it helps where it is needed most. More at:

<http://www.unitedspayalliance.org/changemakers/changemakers-amber-sitko-animals-rescue-spay-michigan/>

S/N IS A "TRAVEL FOR GOOD" WINNER!

At <http://worldvets.org/campaigns/news/> scroll down to the entry for October 4 & then to the brief video that features the experience of volunteer Cortney Vaudreuil at a World Vets **spay neuter** small animal health clinic in Nicaragua, her opportunity funded by Travelocity's "Travel for Good" contest. World Vets' S/N **2017** volunteer opportunities are listed here:

<http://worldvets.org/volunteer/upcoming-projects/>

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"Happy New Year" (a little early) to All!