



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

ANOTHER "KITTEN SEASON" IS HERE!



Kitten season reminds us every year that there is still so much to be done.

<https://www.thedodo.com/heres-what-to-do-if-you-find-a-litter-of-kittens-1670720479.html>

"CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE?"

What looks to me like a blanced look at the conflict between private & non profit clinics:

<https://www.animalsheltering.org/magazine/articles/caught-middle>

FOCUS: PETOWNERS IN TRANSITION

The Community Spay Neuter Initiative Partnership (C-SNIP) is a non-profit, providing HQHV LC S/N surgeries for dogs & cats of caretakers not able to afford full service veterinary care. C-SNIP received a \$45,000 BISSELL grant for S/N in West Michigan. Since August 2014, the award has helped over 1,200 cats and dogs! C-SNIP focused this grant on pets of people in transition, specifically students, seniors & military veterans. The BISSELL Pet Foundation is a 501(c)(3) funded by BISSELL Homecare, a 137-year-old Grand Rapids-based floor care appliance brand. <http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/2015/01/helping-to-control-the-pet-population-one-snip-at-a-time/>



Surprised to read that this Atlanta-based company offers to cryogenically store stem cells collected by your veterinarian from your dog's S/N surgery to be available for future use in your dog's care as stem cell therapy advances. https://www.veticell.com/veticell_about_spay_neuter_stem_cells.html

A "WHAT IF.....?" BECOMES A REALITY

A Vet Clinic employee asked: "Wouldn't it be awesome if we could do a world record S/N-a-thon?" She & the clinic owner & the HS of S. Arizona got help from The Arizona Veterinary Medical Assoc. An empty school was tapped to house the clinic; 2 professors at the Pima Medical Institute assigned entire classes of veterinary technicians to the event; local organizations, council-members, police & a radio station donated time & \$. Veterinarians from nearby cities signed up. 1 year in planning, the event, which lasted 56 hrs, fixed 800 pets & 100's more signed up for future low-cost or free S/N's <https://www.animalsheltering.org/magazine/articles/going-distance-spayneuter>

"When you have exhausted all the possibilities, remember this: YOU HAVEN'T."

.....Thomas Edison

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