

Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program News

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<u>Our Mission</u>: 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 **2013**, 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

5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The ACC&D will host "Non-Surgical Contraceptive Methods of Pet Population Control", June 20-22, 2013 in Portland, Oregon. More @: www.acc-d.org

NATIONAL "FIX AT FOUR" CAMPAIGN

Best Friends Animal Society urges "fixing" pets at 4 months: "Half of the 70,000 puppies & kittens born each day in the U.S. are accidents". More at http://fixatfour.com

NJ'S S/N PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS?

NJ's Dept. of Health (DOH) seeks up to 6 counties for pilot. Each must name a coordinator, supply background info & list of all shelters, pounds & kennels operating as such, each of which must agree to comply with the pilot's terms, which require "all" cats & dogs be "fixed" before release. Exceptions for those under 6 months: a deposit is required, refundable on proof of sterilization or vet letter saying doing so bad for the animal's health. Many see this exemption as a major shortcoming. Letters of intent were due Feb 15. As of our publication date, no counties had responded! Bummer!

ZEUTERIN DELAY-TRAINING GOES ON

In Dec 2012, Ark Sciences, Inc. announced the timeline for final FDA approval of their manufacturing facility is being extended largely due to incomplete documentation filed by a supplier. They expect Zeuterin™ will be available by mid-2013. Meanwhile they will continue training of veterinarians & will continue to provide the product free of charge to clinics & shelters doing the training between now & product launch. FDA has already approved Zeuterin™ as safe, effective and permanent. Demo vials of Zeuterin™ produced at their US site are cleared for use in post-approval studies & in training. More at www.acc-d.org

AHS S/N VAN HAS NEW WEBSITE

Check out the schedule & services available from Associated Humane Societies mobile S/N van @ http://ahsmobileunit.com The van provides low cost S/N, wellness visits & routine care to local communities where resident s' animals may be less likely to receive vet care. To arrange visit in your area, email: assocatedhumane@aol.com

WISHING ALL A QUIET KITTEN SEASON!