



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

NJ HOARDING CASES UNPRECEDENTED

"370 or more Dogs in Howell Home"....."100 Cats in Woodbridge Condo", etc, etc. In the "Condo" case they: "...tried to take in the cats after a cousin died, but the felines multiplied too quickly..... "I tried to get people to help me out & work with me, but I would make phone calls & not get any back; it just got out of control." What's the solution? I'm sure it's complex. But, personally, I dream of a day when anyone can get prompt FREE help to trap & transport, if needed, and to get any animal fixed for FREE and that the "phone #" for such comprehensive help would be as well known to ALL as is "911". That would be a start. We are not there yet. For recent NJ "hoarding headlines" : http://www.nj.com/monmouth/index.ssf/2016/07/official_says_hes_never_seen_so_much_animal_hoardi.html

NEW BEST PRACTICES FOR S/N PROGRAMS

By the Assoc.of Shelter Veterinarians, at: <http://avmajournals.avma.org/doi/full/10.2460/javma.249.2.165>

NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY-OCTOBER 16



Thanks to Alley Cat Allies, all can learn how to get involved at NationalFeralCatDay.org, whether you blog about cats, inform your

neighbors about TNR, or host S/N clinics. For Ideas & inspiration click on "Get Started". When you register your action, you'll receive a special National Feral Cat Day 2016 CatKit with information & gear or shop the website for even more info to help educate others. **Surgical equipment suppliers and trap vendors are offering special deals!** Offers at end of page at: <http://nationalferalcatday.org/gear/>

RAINBOW BRIDGE WELCOMES BETSY



Betsy, the tiny kitten rescued from a NJ supermarket lot on July 7, 2003, named for Betsy Ross, & the impetus behind the Lucky Star S/N Program, died in April. The "Lucky Star Spokes Cat", a title she bore with much grace, lived

her 13 yrs. in the care of her "Foster Mom" & that family's wonderful group of rescued dogs, cats & horses. Her "Foster Mom" writes:

"We lost Betsy in April. She developed kidney disease last summer. We were able to manage it for a while with medicine & then during the fall adding fluids, but she finally lost the battle. She was a wonderful little kitty & I miss her. Thank you for letting me have the privilege of raising her. She was much loved."

Thanks to the generous pledges of our Lucky Star veterinarians, thousands of helpless animals since have been spared outcomes likely far less fortunate than Betsy's. Thank you Lucky Stars, Thank you "Foster Mom" & Thank you, Betsy!

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Is there a Lucky Star patient's story you'd like to share? Just let us know.