



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 **17** professionals have generously pledged **456** absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in **2015**, 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. Eric Etheridge, Dr. Laurie Heeb, Dr. Peter Midgley-DiGeronimo, & Dr. Faith Perrin, People for Animals, Inc., Hillside and Robbinsville

UPDATE: MARYLAND'S S/N GRANTS

1st covered in our Aug. 2014 issue, this novel new program, funded by a surcharge on fees pet food makers pay to sell in Maryland, has selected its 1st set of 14 S/N grant recipients listed in [FY2015 Funded Projects.pdf](#) for \$'s totaling \$474,785. It's actually up & running & has raised slightly more than expected. Legs. & Regs. in "Program Background" at http://mda.maryland.gov/spay_neuter_program/Pages/default.aspx

CANCER RESEARCHER TURNS TO S/N

Harvard bio-engineer David Mooney who developed an implant that activates the immune system to shrink tumors, received a 3 yr \$700,000 grant to develop a contraceptive vaccine for dogs & cats. The \$ is from the Michelson Found Animals Foundation, which also offers a \$25 million prize for the 1st team to find an effective nonsurgical sterilization technique.

In cancer, an im-planted chip attracts immune cells & teaches them to attack a protein found on tumors. For dog & cat contraception, the immune cells would be taught to attack the reproductive hormone. Mooney hopes to design a one-time injection for animals, instead of an implant.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/01/19/harvard-bioengineer-developing-way-neuter-pets-without-surgery/PA4G8kykqR1lGoYUTeKhmJ/story.html>

HOW'S NJ'S 1040 S/N TAX CHECK OFF?

\$ 22,291 for tax yr. 2013, up from \$21,336 in 2012! 2013 was the 4th tax yr for donating to the Cat & Dog S/N Fund by "x-ing" a box on the NJ 1040, + a \$ amt & the Fund's ID#10. \$'s fund low cost S/N's for pets adopted from shelters & pets of folks on public assistance. Demand far exceeds the \$ available. "Wildlife" again collected the most \$ in 2013 @ \$210,231. 5 of the 21 charities collected more than S/N in 2013, vs 7 of 20 collecting > S/N in 2012.

ASPCA/HUMANE ALLIANCE MERGER?

"Animals 24-7" reports NY's ASPCA & Humane Alliance, the largest facilitator of nonprofit S/N surgery, are "engaged". "I dos" hoped 4 summer.

<http://www.animals24-7.org/2015/02/20/aspca-and-the-humane-alliance-move-toward-merger/>

*"You have not lived today
until you have done something for someone
who can never repay you."*

.....John Bunyan (1628-1688)

English writer & teacher, best known for "The Pilgrim's Progress".

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