



# 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 or discounted services they choose to provide.

## **WITH THANKS TO OUR LUCKY STARS!**

We are proud to present this roster of **Lucky Star Veterinarians**. Together these professionals have generously pledged 394 absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free or discounted services for needy animals of their choice in 2025, for which they have our utmost admiration & thanks:

**Dr. Erno Hollo & Dr. Melissa Rotella**, Basking Ridge Animal Hospital

**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. David Croman**, Medical Director, People for Animals, Inc., (PFA) Hillside, Robbinsville & Millville

## **NJ TOWN BANS CAT & DOG BREEDING**

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/asbury-park/articles/ending-the-stray-pipeline-city-council-bans-breeding-for-profit> July 30, 2025 NJ - In an effort to curb the overrun of stray dogs, ... **Asbury Park** enacted an ordinance banning breeding of dogs & cats for...commercial gain within city limits... While many cities in the US focus on breed-specific bans—often targeting pit bulls—Asbury Park joins only a few ... implementing a comprehensive ... prohibition intended to address animal welfare & overpopulation systemically, rather than criminalizing particular breeds. Deputy Mayor ... Quinn stated that she had been in touch with **Neptune** Township ...&...they may @ some point wish to implement a similar ordinance. Quinn noted ...the ordinance, which passed unanimously, is meant to be a starting point to controlling the stray population. Neptune Committeeperson Stroud said, "I applaud ... Asbury Park on their efforts to regulate this harmful practice." (The ordinance notes that accidental litters are not subject to a fine, as long as the owner can document that the litter has been spayed or neutered) See link above.

## **NJ CAT VS DOG:ADOPTS & SURRENDERS**

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/across-nj/cats-more-popular-dogs-among-nj-adoptions-trend-continues-grow>

Aug 6, 2025 : "...In NJ, the # of both intakes & transfers out of shelters & rescues for cats out#’d dogs in 2024, & it wasn’t even close....According to Shelter Animals Count data, facilities in NJ took in 54,322 cats (up 5.3% from 2023) to just 35,434 dogs (up .98% from 2023). This led to 8,509 cats being transferred out in addition to just 6,722 dogs leaving the facility....This trend is echoed by the (NJ’s) Associated Humane Societies (AHS), ... In 2024, they faced a record-breaking influx of 7,429 animals with more than 60 percent of them being strays. Of the animals adopted, 1,634 were cats & kittens to just 1,228 dogs & puppies.... According to the ASPCA, the length of time... large breeds of dogs are staying in shelters has increased over the last 5 yrs... shelters nationwide are also in a capacity crisis..."

## **NJ TOWNS OK TNVR FOR FERAL CATS**

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/mount-laurel/sections/government/articles/amid-some-concern-mt-laurel-adopts-trap-neuter-vaccinate-return-ordinance-for-feral-cats> Aug 14, 2025 NJ - "An ordinance recently adopted by the **Mount Laurel** Council, unanimously, authorizes a TNVR program.... The ordinance also called for the Township’s ACO to determine ways to reduce the # of cats becoming a "neighborhood nuisance"...Similar ordinances ... adopted by **Hainesport, Lumberton & Maple Shade** prior to...Mount Laurel ... " (See pg 31 @ <https://www.mountlaurel.com/Meeting%20Packet%20-%20July%201,%202025.pdf> for Mt Laurel Ordinance.)

## **WHAT IS "SANSTEP"??**

Thanks to SNAP San Diego for this info: Sanstep is a new initiative to enhance S/N skills for shelter vets, new grads & private practice professionals committed to serving communities in need. The need for high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) is more urgent than ever. Sanstep is seen by some as a scalable, cost effective solution to making S/N safe, accessible, & affordable for all. See <https://www.sanstep.org/> & the "About Us" & "Curriculum" Tabs there.

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