



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 annual services to the needy animals of their choice, along with any other free or discounted services they choose to provide.

BIG THANK YOU 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 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

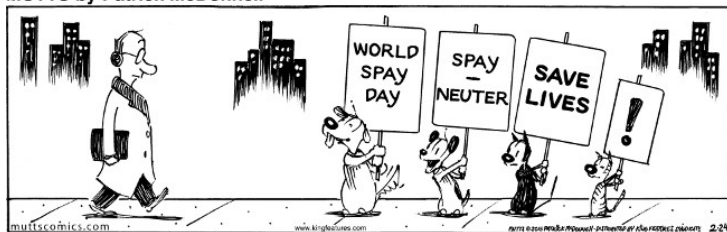
Dr. Sandra Stalder-Frey, Alpha Veterinary Care

Dr. Carolyn Wooley, MCSNIP, Pennington

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

CELEBRATE SPAY DAY FEB 25 2025

MUTTS by Patrick McDonnell



Hoping the artist won't mind us sharing his syndicated cartoon! <http://www.worldspayday.org/>

As pressures on the veterinary community continue, we thank ALL our Lucky Stars for their continued participation, as they S/N the neediest animals, even as challenges persist. EACH Free S/N is a gift to that animal and many more!

"In poverty or wealth, Spay/Neuter is the first step to helping animals."

<http://www.spayfirst.org/#>

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Every yr since 1995, when 1st so named by the Doris Day Animal League, Feb. has been S/N mo. & the last Tues. in Feb labeled S/N day. Much suffering has been avoided.

Yet today, 30yrs later, the nation & the world are awash in cats & dogs in #s that all the sheltering, fostering, adopting & transporting just can't handle. Hoarding & abandonment abound. Euthanasia is the option faced by many adoptable animals. Many others, like feral cats & dogs, many w/o benefit of even basic humane oversight die horrible deaths, inflicted by circumstance or deliberate elimination campaigns.

We're still not tackling the problem w/the urgency & respect it deserves or realizing the potential that doing so offers. "S/N" is being left underfunded, unorganized & unappreciated, left to the "kind-hearted," who are also underfunded, unorganized & underappreciated.

"Covid" showed us that we as a country are pretty good @ controlling a pandemic when our efforts are organized, prioritized, funded & staffed. That is reason to believe that we could, if we really wanted to, effectively muster S/N resources to address pet over-population.

Doing so would produce millions of \$ in savings 4 municipalities & spare millions of animals from the horrors they now endure. Our current approach seems to endorse the suffering & accept the ever-growing \$ burden our inaction creates. Sure, we'd have to think outside the box. We'd have to improve current methods & initially boost dedicated resources. But the most important thing we'd need to bring to the effort is to really WANT to make it happen! That's the key ingredient missing now. If this were a War, we'd figure out how to win it! ☺

"I really believe with all my heart and soul that there is not one problem that cant be resolved by good people. That is the drive for me as a journalist."

.....Jim Lehrer, anchor, PBS