



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.

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

NJ SHELTERS: MORE "GUESTS" 4 LONGER

<https://nj1015.com/overcrowded-shelters-across-nj-how-you-can-help/> "Following a trend seen nationwide, NJ animal shelters continue to battle... overcrowding. Experts ...feel... stronger S/N laws can help" "A 2024 Yr-end report (Shelter Animals Count) noted ... length of stay for dogs of all sizes has increased, "adding strain to an already over-burdened ...system." "Some ...have said that it can be the economy," ... "It's not cheap to own a pet. ... "Key to keeping ... overcrowding @ bay is overpopulation... NJ has programs...to support ... S/N of pets, but there R no mandates ... even 4 shelters, for S/N of pets." See link.

CAMDEN

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/camden/sections/government/articles/thousands-of-stray-animals-collected-in-camden-mean-a-1m-expense-for-the-city> In 2024, City of Camden rounded up 2,622 stray dogs & cats vs. the typical 1,700/yr... since 2019. City Council ...will consider spending \$962,500 in 2025 to place a maximum of 2,500 animals @ Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center ... where the nonprofit operates the Camden County Animal ShelterIf the same # of animals is collected this yr as last, expense will rise to > \$1 million. More @ link.

BODEGA CATS OF NYC

<https://pix11.com/news/local-news/bodega-cats-could-become-legal-and-more-cared-for-under-proposed-nyc-law/> They're about as New York as the subway, the Empire State Building, or a perfect pizza slice. Bodega cats inhabit many of the thousands of delis across the city's 5 boroughs, & while many are well cared for by shop owners & customers ... care for the cats isn't universally high-quality, & the cats are officially illegal in businesses that have food on premises. A proposed initiative hopes to change all that for the better. A petition by "Bodega Cats of NY" [Petition · Supporting NYC's Bodega Cats: A Community Resource Initiative - New York, United States · Change.org](#) calls for a citywide certification for cats in businesses. Cats would have to meet safety guidelines so stores would not risk fines for having them. It would also establish a fund to keep these cats **spayed, neutered & healthy**, helping small business owners w/vet bills & ensure that cat owners are trained to care for the pets in their businesses.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES?

<https://www.myvetcandy.com/blog/2025/3/16/government-freeze-causes-chaos-for-military-pet-care-and-working-dogs> A recent government freeze on credit card usage has thrown military veterinary clinics into disarray, impacting care of service members' pets & military working dogs. This temporary halt, initiated by an executive order aimed @ federal cost efficiency, has caused a major disruption in base veterinary services, leaving military families scrambling for alternatives. More @ link .

PAST PRESIDENTIAL "PROCLAMATIONS"

Courtesy of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation <https://www.cvhfoundation.org> : "... Abraham Lincoln was a devout animal lover. Not only did he adore his pet dogs but he also regularly took strays into the White House & was gifted 2 kittens from a cabinet member. When his wife Mary Todd Lincoln was asked if her husband had any hobbies, she replied, "cats." ...in the timeless words of the man himself:

"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being."

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