



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.

PROUD TO PRESENT OUR LUCKY STARS!

We are proud to present this 2026 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 2026, 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

WHY ARE U PASSIONATE ABOUT S/N?

SOURCE: SNAP San Diego: "I am a shelter veterinarian by training, & I have worked in shelters across the US of varying sizes & resource levels. I have worked in shelters where, at the end of every single day, the director would need to go out to the kennels & choose 15 healthy dogs to die because there was simply not enough kennel room for all the animals flowing in as surrenders & strays. The people who work these jobs do it because they have massive hearts & love the animals; it is heartbreaking for the animals' loss of life & for the people who love them to have to make that terrible decision. Especially when the public does not understand the scale & scope of the problem & attacks shelters that are in this horrible position. Until there is a home for every single healthy, adoptable pet & until I am out of a job as a shelter veterinarian because our kennels are empty, I will always fight for S/N. Every single litter prevented is that many lives saved of pets who need loving homes today."

.....Lisa Tomlinson, DVM
High-Volume, High-Quality, Spay-Neuter Surgeon

PILOT GRANT FOR ATLANTIC COUNTY?

A \$150,000 grant for a 1 yr pilot program in Atlantic County has been introduced in the NJ Legislature (A3692) to establish a free S/N & vaccination clinic for cats @ the Atlantic Co. Animal Shelter. Goal: to manage the local cat population, reduce # of stray & feral cats, & decrease rate of cats impounded & euthanized, aiming to provide services at no cost to community members, w/ focus on controlling the overpopulation of cats in the County. This proposed government funding comes on top of existing initiatives in the area, such as Alley Cat Allies collaboration w/ the Humane Society of Atlantic County which has provided \$ to S/N & vaccinate thousands of cats in Atlantic Co. since 2022.

https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2026/A4000/3692_I1.PDF

BEST PART OF "TAX DAY" APRIL 15TH

<https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/pop-control/> When you file your 2025 NJ-1040 consider donating to the NJ Animal Population Control Fund. On a line "Other Designated Contribution" on the signature page select this fund by entering its Code # where prompted (it's 10), & the \$ U want to donate.

"WHY U SHOULD S/N UR CAT"-5 MIN VIDEO

<https://www.jacksongalaxy.com/blogs/news/why-you-should-still-spay-neuter-your-cat-dog>

As a longtime pet parent, I'm embarrassed to say that I'm just now discovering & appreciating Jackson Galaxy & his FREE videos on cat behavior issues & more. Video & text @ link make an excellent case & might be helpful persuading the undecided.

"Spaying or neutering your cat isn't just about preventing a litter. It changes what the future looks like for entire communities. It means fewer cats flooding shelters & fewer struggling to survive outside. I've seen the difference when communities step up & when they don't." ...Jackson Galaxy

NATIONAL PET DAY is April 11, 2026

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-pet-day-april-11>

Important & thoughtful ways to help all species not only dogs & cats. 2026's Day also "encourages helping out orphaned pets to improve their health & their chance for adoption." Unfortunately, they don't mention S/N! Maybe we can "fix" that for 2027. Worth a try! ☺

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