



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.

OUR LUCKY STARS

We are proud to present this roster of Lucky Star Veterinarians. Together these professionals have generously pledged 594 absolutely free spay neuter surgeries & other free services for needy animals of their choice in 2024, for which they have our utmost admiration and 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., Hillside, Robbinsville & Millville

FRANKIE'S FRIENDS HQHVSN TRAINING

See: <https://www.frankies-friends.org/hqhvsn-training> We learned of this via <https://www.unitedspayalliance.org/Externships:2-weeks>, for vet students, vet tech students, & others early in their careers or w/ little surgical experience. Held both in the clinic & on the mobile surgery unit. **Workshops:** One to 2-days @ the HQHVSN training center, for practicing veterinarians (w/surgical experience) & their support team. 6 hrs of RACE credits R available for didactic portion & 6 are available for hands-on portion. **In-Clinic Trainings:** -in Western PA & Eastern OH practices (w/n a 150-mile radius of the FF clinic) for entire teams, based on demand, # of attendees & training team availability.

THESE RESULTS NEED "FIXING"!

<https://www.boehringer-ingenheim.com/animal-health/our-responsibility/world-veterinary-day-aspects-veterinary-profession> Per Veterinary Practice News only 49% of veterinarians surveyed felt their profession is appreciated. For details by country, practice type & possible reasons see link above. There you will also find 3 brief videos each highlighting scenes from the work of pet, livestock & equine vets. We missed World Veterinary Day (4-27-24). Did you?

JOINT EFFORTS RE CRISIS IN #s



San Diego Animal Welfare Organizations Come Together
Just one example from SNAP-San Diego:
"Last week local animal welfare organizations came together to raise awareness about the critical state of animal shelters in San Diego County. SNAP has joined the partnership & asks the community to help in 3 ways-**Adopt, Foster, and Spay/Neuter** to reduce unwanted animals from entering our already over-capacity shelters**Increasing the number of S/N'd animals is the only way to stop the crisis of pet overpopulation at its root.**" State of the Shelters Press Conf. Video-short but good! ☺
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJXuFbqvJPO>

BPF's "FIX THE FUTURE" CAMPAIGN

Since Sept 1, 2023 Bissell Pet Foundation (BPF) has helped more than 45 shelters & clinics, S/N'ing nearly 13,000 cats & dogs. Their **network of >140 relief veterinarians** is S/N'ing pets in 14 states nearly daily. Per Cincinnati Animal CARE (CAC): "Today we celebrated our 1,000th in-house S/N ... thanks to BPF & the amazing CAC medical team! We have been so lucky to partner with BPF since November 2023 to support the S/N needs of the thousands of animals who enter the Hamilton Co. animal shelter annually."... "BPF has made a significant impact on our operations & w/n the Hamilton Co. community," said Med. Director A. Gilbert. "By funding a regional veterinary team to come on-site to provide S/N services w/the support of our medical staff, we've been able to essentially eliminate our backlog, releasing animals for adoption sooner & allowing us to reallocate our resources to other pressing medical needs."

*"To the world you may be one person;
but to one person you may be the world."
....Dr. Seuss*

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