



# 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

## **BEST WISHES DR. HUMMEL!**

We learned in late Jan. that Andover Animal Hospital's Dr. Harvey Hummel had left & moved South. A "Lucky Star" since 2004, we thank Dr. Hummel for his past pledges & wish him the best!

## **PUPPY RECOVERY POINTERS POST S/N**

<https://www.thepuppyacademy.com/blog/2022/5/23/activities-to-do-after-spay-or-neuter> Tips on keeping a puppy occupied and safe during recovery at home after S/N surgery.

## **SPAY USA FERAL CAT SUBSIDY**

"SpayUSA offers subsidy funding for stray & feral cat **caretakers** throughout the US. The application is open to INDIVIDUALS ONLY & is not for animal shelters or other rescue groups.... this \$ is only to be applied to stray, feral, & unowned cats; **pet cats not eligible** Aim is to help Good Samaritans looking to do their part in controlling the over population of community cats in their area. For ?s or help finding low cost options in UR area, (800) 248-7729. Apply for \$ online @ <https://www.animalleague.org/get-involved/spay-usa/feral-cat-program/>, or email: [spayusa@animalleague.org](mailto:spayusa@animalleague.org)

## **AVMA CHARITABLE REIMBURSEMENT**

<https://www.avmf.org/grants-and-scholarships/reach-animal-care-program/> The AVMF REACH Program™ is an exclusive AVMA member benefit to support vets' charitable efforts w/grants to reimburse AVMA members for expenses related to providing charitable care. Vets may apply for up to \$2,000 /yr. Money may be used for 1 case, multiple cases, or pooled between members of a practice. Reimbursements can B 4 services already provided, no preapproval or program enrollment needed. Benefit can be used for large & small animal vet services, all vet specialties, acute & chronic conditions, infections, woundcare, pain & more. [avmfreach@avma.org](mailto:avmfreach@avma.org) **S/N is specifically excluded from the AVMF REACH Program! :(**

## **S/N HELP ENDS 4 PETS OF HOMELESS**

<https://vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca/posts/saying-goodbye-to-helping-people-pets-in-crisis> In 2021, the VHS launched "Helping People & Pets in Crisis" (HPPC) providing **preventive care** for pets of folks, many w/ little to no income, w/o a permanent place to live or fleeing violence, (such as living outside, or in temporary shelters, transition homes or recovery houses. ) Applicants are unable to pay for the mandatory vet care needed to secure a space in a shelter or permanent housing for themselves and their pet. **The program fully funded services such as having their pet S/N'd, vacc'd, dewormed, & flea free so pets could remain with their people.** Due to lack of \$, VHS ended HPPC on 12-31-23. Instead, **lifesaving care** is addressed by a more viable fund that VHS administers.

## **NJ STATE OPTIONS SUPPORTING S/N**

For a poster to share re donating to the Animal Population Control Fund via your NJ 1040, see: [https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/documents/apc\\_tax.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/documents/apc_tax.pdf) For details re how to benefit see: <https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/aflp.shtml> To buy "Animal Friendly" License Plates see: <https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/aflp.shtml>

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