



# 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.

## **WITH THANKS 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 or discounted 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

## **STUDY RE: KITTEN S/N + RABIES SHOTS**

[Response to Rabies Vaccine in Kittens Under 12 Weeks of Age](#)  
[Journal of Shelter Medicine and Community Animal Health](#)

"...used a prospective observational study to determine whether...administration of rabies vaccine to kittens <12 wks...would induce protective antibody titers. All 10 enrolled kittens had Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Tests titers of <0.1 IU/mL prior to vac...indicating their susceptibility 2 ...rabies virus @ approx...9 wks of age. All ...demonstrated a robust immune response to vac...on samples collected 28 days after vaccination... results suggest that, in the absence of maternally derived antibodies, kittens approx 9 wks of age would be susceptible to... rabies virus but can also have an excellent immune response following vac....against rabies virus @...time of surgical sterilization."

*"Self compassion is not selfish.  
It is foundational. It sustains our capacity  
for care for patients and clients."*

.....Veterinary Practice News Dec 2025

*"Compassion is, by nature, peaceful and gentle,  
but it is also very powerful."*

.....Dalai-Lama

## **NJ COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES & TNVR**

Per Wikipedia: "As of 2024, NJ is divided into **21 counties & 564 municipalities!**" Google says:

**At least 5 NJ counties officially endorse or sponsor TNVR:**

**Essex:** County Commissioners have established a TNVR grant program that local nonprofits can use. (See below). **Bergen:** County website mentions S/N & TNR programs offered through its animal shelter & adoption center.

**Cape May:** County website provides info & links to a low-cost feline clinic for TNR, stating that many municipalities in the county support & even fund the procedure. **Monmouth:** The Monmouth County SPCA runs a "Community Cats TNR Program" w/goal of stabilizing feral cat population county-wide. **Atlantic:** Program info mentions efforts to help "1000 cats" through a TNR program in the County. **And, more than**

**150 NJ municipalities endorse or sponsor TNVR programs**, & state-level bills have been introduced to provide grants to municipalities & counties for TNVR initiatives." **#s seem to say there's MORE to be done? Who's Next? ☺**



## **THE ESSEX COUNTY**

## **COMMUNITY CATS TNVR PROGRAM**

Trap Neuter Vaccinate Release



In a TNVR program, cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their communities to live out their lives. Because they are fixed and can no longer breed, the number of cats goes down over time. It also stops nuisance behaviors, such as male cats fighting, spraying urine, and roaming. Females no longer yowl to seek a mate and no longer have kittens. TNVR also provides vaccines, so cats are healthier and do not pose a threat to public health.

The Essex County TNVR program funds local rescues to perform TNVR services and provide supplies to residents for feral/community cats at no cost.



**Free training  
Free traps  
Free cat food**

**Free spay/neuter procedures**



If you notice colonies of feral cats in your area and are interested in learning more about TNVR, please contact:

### **Associated Humane Societies**

(973) 824-7080  
[www.ahcares.org](http://www.ahcares.org)  
124 Evergreen Ave  
Newark, NJ 07114

### **CPAW NJ**

Communities Promoting Animal Welfare  
-OR- [amanda@cpawnj.org](mailto:amanda@cpawnj.org)  
P.O. Box 43024  
Montclair, NJ 07043



**These services are available to all Essex County residents.**

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