



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., (PFA) Hillside, Robbinsville & Millville

YES!...A DOG NAMED "LUCKY STAR"!!!

Introducing "Lucky Star", a 3 yr old dog for adoption @ Austin Pets Alive in Texas!. Not sure how he got his name, but it was "Heaven Sent!" Bio: <https://www.austinpetsalive.org/adopt/dogs/apa-a-124923> & Video offered here with our "May this be your Lucky Star!" wishes for a wonderful forever home! https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBZ0sNaM_Hj/?utm_source=ig

ACOs: PARTNERS IN CARE

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/basking-ridge/sections/giving-back/articles/bernards-township-animal-control-launches-second-annual-fundraising-patch> Bernards Township NJ's ACOs present their 2nd annual "Supporting Local Animal Welfare" fundraising patch, yours for a donation \$20 or

more, honoring the efforts of ACO P. Segal, just 1 of the Township's ACOs available 24/7 for animal emergencies, helping both domestic & wild animals, rabies control, return of lost pets & investigation & enforcement of animal cruelty laws. Donations, can be made in person or by mail to Bernards Township Health Department 262 So. Finley Ave. Basking Ridge NJ 07920. More info: <https://www.bernardshealth.org>



HOW BRICK TOWNSHIP NJ DOES TNR!

<https://www.ierseyshoreonline.com/brick/trap-neuter-return-program-humanely-reduces-feral-cat-population/> For a look at all that makes this

program work see article @ link above & a video of the Mayor interviewing the TNR Chair here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BO7qJeW_vNo

It's about wanting to do it & to do it right, working w/ help from experienced organizations & individuals who know what works & what doesn't, dedicated colony caretakers, essential veterinary S/N and other help, community support & group & individual donations of food & funds. Leadership is critical & they've got that covered! It says a lot when the Mayor is the one interviewing the TNR Chair in the video above! ☺

From the article:"There is humane support in the township for anyone who is feeding stray or abandoned cats: the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program exists to help feral cat colony caretakers S/N & vaccinate the animals, which ultimately helps to halt the number of kittens born in the wild... Brick has an estimated 80 cat colonies w/some 453 cats, w/ ea. colony ranging from 3-10 cats. ...colony caretakers sign an agreement ... that they will care for & feed the animals & keep them sheltered & warm in the winter, said committee chair John Talty, who served as a Brick police officer for 30 yrs before retiring in 2017. The TNR Committee meets every 4 to 6 wks, w/ some 20 residents attending the most recent meeting.... During the meeting, ...they were able to distribute some 1,000 lbs. of cat food that had been donated from veterinarians of soon-to-expire cat food, donations from shoppers @ Petco, where there is a drop-off bin ... & from private donations...The TNR program started yrs ago w/ some seed \$ from the township, Now the committee gets its funding from a 50/50 raffle ...concerts ...fundraising & from private donations." <https://www.bricktownship.net/boards-commissions/trap-neuter-release-tnr-committee/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & THANKS TO ALL
from the Lucky Star Spay Neuter Program

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