

Do you really want a low-cost spay or neuter for your beloved pet?

At Otay Pet Vets, we treat your furry family members as if they were our own. But sometimes people ask us why they would want to spay or neuter their pets here when they can get it done for a lot cheaper at a low-cost spay neuter clinic. Why spend the extra money?

At OPV, a team of staff is dedicated to following your pet from check-in and pre-medication until they go home with you at the end of the day. At the low-cost clinic, your pet goes into an 'assembly line' where the pets are fed to the surgeon one after the other.

At OPV, we want your pet to have the least stressful experience possible. As soon as they are checked in, they are given medications to help them relax and they are placed in a quiet environment. At the low-cost clinic, they will likely not receive any medications until just before their procedure and they will be kept with a large group of stressed-out animals awaiting their procedures.

At OPV, we run pre-anesthetic blood work to make sure that your pet is a good candidate for anesthesia. At the low-cost clinic, there is no pre-screening to be sure that the animals can tolerate anesthesia and surgery.

At OPV, we place an IV catheter so that we can give your pet medications with minimal stress. Also, if there is any kind of complication or anesthetic emergency, the catheter is in place so that we can give lifesaving drugs quickly if needed. At the low-cost clinic, induction drugs are given with a needle that can be painful if your pet struggles. Worse, if they can't give the medication intravenously, they may place your pet in a box and induce anesthesia with gas. This is a **very stressful** experience for the animal! If there is an anesthetic emergency, they may not be able to get lifesaving drugs on board quickly enough to save your pet.

At OPV, we tailor our protocols to the needs of your pet. If they need more or different medications to relax, we have the time to give them what they need. If they have a higher risk of anesthetic complications, we have many options to make the procedure as safe as possible. At the low-cost clinic, they have a one-size-fits-all protocol and they don't have time to change anything if it doesn't work well for your pet.

At OPV, every patient receives the same type of monitoring that a human would receive in a hospital. There is a nurse whose only responsibility is monitoring your pet's anesthesia. We can make adjustments early if any problems arise. At the low-cost clinic, there is little, if any, monitoring so they may not be able to make adjustments until it's too late.

At OPV we use the same suture (Johnson & Johnson Ethicon) that is used in human surgeries. This suture costs more but is very reliable and has one-use needles that cause very little tissue trauma. We use only internal, absorbable suture so there is an extremely small risk that your pet could rip open their surgical site after the surgery. At the low-cost clinic, they

often use generic suture and reusable needles that become dull with time. They use external sutures that your pet could tear out.

At OPV, we provide long-acting pain medication before, during, and after your pet's procedure so that your pet will be as comfortable as possible. At the low-cost clinic, your pet will likely receive only a less expensive short-acting pain medicine and may not receive any medicine to control pain after their procedure.

At OPV, we are here for you after your pet's procedure if you have any questions or just need support to know what is normal. There are doctors here 7 days a week if any problems arise. At the low-cost clinic, they may not offer any aftercare.

We want our patients to have the safest, least stressful, most comfortable, best quality experience possible. We think it's worth a little extra to make this possible. We hope you'll agree.