

# **Top 5 Reasons to Spay and Neuter Your Pets**

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# 1. It helps keep your pet healthier.

An intact (not fixed) female is at risk of pyometra, a pus filled infection inside the uterus. Both males and females are at risk of cancer if they are not altered (fixed).

# 2. No heat cycles.

You can prevent messes caused by females in heat. Cats will yowl when wanting to mate and become very disruptive to your sleep.

### 3. Pets won't stray looking for a mate.

Altered pets are less likely to run away from home in search of a mate. A male dog can smell a female in heat miles away. Unaltered pets will be more likely to bolt out the door, leaving them at risk of getting lost or hit by a car.

#### 4. Better behaviors.

Altering your pet will help their behavior improve. You will see a decrease in unwanted behaviors caused by the hormones of an intact pet. You will have better success getting your pets focus on you which makes training easier.

# 5. Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation.

Every year, CVACF sees over 6,000 pets! That is only three cities in San Diego area. Spaying and neutering pets will help reduce this number by keeping unwanted litters from being born.

# Pree Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats and Kittens ~ Friday, March 16 ~

# How it works:

- Come in or visit www.cvacf.org and complete the Spay/Neuter Interest Form by February 26 to be entered into our lottery. We will contact you if selected.
- Animals must be two months or older and be in good health. NOTE: You will need to provide proof of residency (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)
- Drop off your cat or kitten at 8 a.m. to the CVACF (130 Beyer Way) on surgery day. Pick up is between 2 3:30 p.m. After 3:30 p.m., boarding charges will apply.





Supporting responsible pet ownership.







# Free Spay/Neuter Clinic for Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas

~ Friday, March 9 ~





130 Beyer Way, Chula Vista



#### Who is eligible?

- The free clinics are for residents of Chula Vista, National City and Lemon Grove.
- We are offering free clinics for Cats & Kittens (over 2 mos.)
- For these clinics we cannot accommodate feral cats.

#### How to apply

- Enter one animal per entry form using our interest form. You can do that in person or on our website www.cvacf.org
- You must submit an interest form by 4pm Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for cats.
- The free clinics are for residents of Chula Vista, National City and Lemon Grove. You will be asked to verify residency for the name you use on the Interest Form

#### If you are given an appointment

- We will try to contact you twice after we select the applicants through a lottery. We must hear back from you or we will offer the spot to the next applicant.
- You will be given a time to come in to complete the application process.
  - o You have to come in to sign the application and surgery consent.
  - You must show proof of residency
  - o There is a \$10 deposit to hold your appointment. That \$10 deposit can be used to cover an e-collar to send home with your animal.
- If you have to cancel your appointment you must call within 24 hrs. so that we can offer the spot to the next applicant.

#### Is it really free?

• Yes, the surgery is free. These free surgery clinics have been made possible through generous donations. There is a \$10 deposit to hold your appointment. That \$10 deposit can be used to cover an e-collar to send home with your animal.

#### Who is eligible?

- The free clinics are for residents of Chula Vista, National City and Lemon Grove.
- We are offering this clinic for Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas
- For this clinic we cannot accommodate dogs over 75 lbs.
- Dogs must be licensed. If you do not have a current license, you can get one when you verify paperwork.

#### How to apply

- Enter one dog per entry form using our interest form. You can do that in person or on our website <a href="https://www.cvacf.org">www.cvacf.org</a>
- You must submit an interest form by 4pm February 19<sup>th</sup>
- The free clinics are for residents of Chula Vista, National City and Lemon Grove. You will be asked to verify residency for the name you use on the Interest Form

#### If you are given an appointment

- We will try to contact you twice after we select the applicants through a lottery. We must hear back from you or we will offer the spot to the next applicant.
- You will be given a time to come in between February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> to complete the application process.
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  - You must show proof of residency
  - There is a \$10 deposit to hold your appointment. That \$10 deposit can be used to cover an e-collar to send home with your dog.
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- When Chula Vista and Lemon Grove residents purchase a microchip for \$30 they will receive a free rabies shot and license. Individually these would add up to \$50.
  (National City residents must still obtain a license from National City)