

# Spay & Neuter

## VC Ordinance 4421-3

**IT'S THE LAW!**

For residents of Port Hueneme, Ojai and Unincorporated Ventura County.



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In 2014, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved a mandatory spay and neuter VC Ordinance (4421-3) requiring all dogs and cats six (6) months and older to be spayed or neutered. **The purpose of this ordinance is to control the overpopulation of animals in Ventura County.**

### HOW TO COMPLY

It's simple. Spay or neuter your pet. If you have been given a notice to comply with this ordinance, you must submit proof of sterilization within 60 days from the time of notice. Proof may be submitted via email, FAX or US Mail.

### CONSEQUENCES

Failure to comply may result in an administrative citation.

### EXEMPTIONS

**Ventura County Ordinance 4421-4** lists exemptions to the spay and neuter ordinance. Ordinance 4421-4 lists the requirements for each exemption. To view this ordinance, please visit [vcas.us/SpayAndNeuter](http://vcas.us/SpayAndNeuter) and click **4421-4**.

### HEALTHIER & HAPPIER PETS

Benefits of a spayed or neutered animal:

- Prevents certain types of cancer.
- Cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- Less behavior problems than animals who have not been spayed or neutered.
- Pets tend to live longer.

For more information, visit [www.vcas.us/SpayAndNeuter](http://www.vcas.us/SpayAndNeuter).

### FACT VS. FICTION

- FALSE:** My pet will gain a lot of weight.
- FACT:** Lack of exercise and overfeeding causes weight-gain, not spay or neuter.
- FALSE:** Neutering will make my pet feel less of a male.
- FACT:** Animals do not have a concept of ego or sexual identity.
- FALSE:** It's too expensive.
- FACT:** There are non-profit agencies that offer low-cost or no-cost services.

Spay and neuter resources can be accessed through numerous veterinary clinics and hospitals throughout Ventura County. **Low-cost** spay and neuter options are available through Mercy Crusade, Humane Society of Ventura County, and Simi Valley Non-Profit Spay and Neuter Clinic. **Vouchers** are also available for licensed companion animals through Ventura County Animal Services.

Mercy Crusade <a href="http://www.dogcatfix.com">www.dogcatfix.com</a>	VC Humane Society <a href="http://www.hsvc.org">www.hsvc.org</a>
Simi Valley Non-Profit Spay and Neuter Clinic <a href="http://www.simivalleynonprofitspayandneuter.com">www.simivalleynonprofitspayandneuter.com</a>	

### ORDINANCE 4421-3

Every person who owns a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months that is kept in the unincorporated areas of the County of Ventura is required to have such dog or cat spayed or neutered unless an exception applies under Section 4421-4.