

# Spay with the Ovarian Pedicle Tie (OPT)

Help Spay More Cats with Less Risk while Saving Time and Money!

## What is the OPT?

Historically, veterinarians in high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) clinics use the ovarian pedicle tie for ovariohysterectomy (OVH) in female cats, but the ASPCA<sup>®</sup> recommends that general veterinary practices consider its use as well.

The OPT is an efficient autoligation technique exclusively performed on the ovarian pedicle in feline spays as an alternative to ligation with suture. It's performed in a similar manner as autoligation of the male feline cord.



## Why Use the OPT?

OPT is a preferred technique of HQHVSN veterinarians in most situations because it:

- Is as safe and possibly safer than traditional OVH using sutures with a comparable risk of hemorrhaging (only 9 of 15,927 cats—0.12%—experienced a pedicle-related hemorrhage, and all were corrected intraoperatively without serious complication or death)
- Is 30% faster when compared to the traditional OVH\*, allowing you to do more spays or perform other patient care
- Has potential health benefits to the animal by reducing anesthetic time and its associated risk
- Potentially lowers the risk of patient complications from foreign bodies (sutures)
- Requires no special equipment
- Relies on a tie that many veterinarians are already familiar with from neutering male cats and male puppies

*"The pedicle tie is safe, efficient, effective, and decreases surgical and anesthetic time. It can be used in any cat spay regardless of age of the cat or the presence of estrus, pyometra, pregnancy."*

— PHIL BUSHBY, DVM, MS, DACVS

*"It's time for all veterinarians to learn this valuable time-saving technique. Greater efficiency is good for patients - time is so valuable - not only for the individual animal but for the veterinary surgeon who has many patients that need this care. This is a win-win-win situation for everyone!"*

— BRENDA GRIFFIN, DVM, MS, DACVIM, DABVP



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