



The Facts about Declawing...

- Declawing is an amputation of the first joint of each toe. It is not just the removal of the nail. It can take up to six months for the paws to heal. Many veterinarians are choosing to educate owners and refusing to perform this surgery.
- Declawing can cause the cat to walk abnormally. This can lead to fallen arches, back pain, and arthritis in later years.
- Declawing a cat can take up to six months for the paws to heal.
- Declawing is considered a mutilation. It is illegal in many counties and states in the U.S.
- Declawing can cause changes in attitude and behavioral problems. Declawed cats sometimes manifest aggressive tendencies such as biting, spraying, urinating, and defecating inappropriately.
- Declawing a cat can subject it to immediate euthanization if brought to almost any public shelter.

It is in a cat's nature to scratch. However, they can be trained to do this appropriately. If claws are trimmed regularly and scratching objects are provided, such as scratching posts, cat trees, or scratching boxes, many problems can be eliminated.