

Declawing Facts

WHAT IS DECLAWING?

Declawing is the amputation of a cat's toes at the first joint. In humans, fingernails grow from the skin, but in prey animals, the claws grow from the bone. Declawing a cat is equivalent in a person to amputating the entire first knuckle of every finger.

Celestial Zoo does not support declawing and by adopting from us you agree to not declaw your cat.

33% of cats suffer at least one behavioral problem after declaw surgery.

This includes:

- Increased biting
- Not using the litterbox
- Not covering feces

up to 50% of declawed cats develop acute physical complications

up to 20% of declawed cats develop long term complications

These complications include:

- Chronic pain
- Arthritis
- Lameness
- Wounds re-opening
- Nail regrowth
- Abscesses
- Paw pad atrophy
- Nerve/tissue damage

HOW TO DETER YOUR CAT FROM SCRATCHING

Scratching Posts

- Try a variety of scratching posts to determine which type your cat likes
- Provide boards that are tall enough to encourage full stretching.
- Try scenting the posts with cat nip
- Reward your cat with praise, love, and treats for scratching in the right place.

Trim Nails Frequently

- Trim every 1-3 weeks
- Just cut the tips

Nail Caps

- These are plastic caps that can be glued onto your cat's nails
- Replace every 4-6 weeks
- Brands include Soft Paws and Soft Claws

Furniture Deterrents

- Double sided sticky tape can be applied to furniture to discourage scratching

