



Declawing Facts

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Declawing = amputation of cat's toe at first joint
(like cutting off a human's first knuckle)

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

Illegal in 37 Countries
+ 8 U.S. Cities

18% show increased biting

17% suffer wounds re-opening

15% will not use the litterbox

11% suffer from lameness

10% see nail regrowth

Declawing can produce:
Chronic pain
Arthritis/lameness
Nerve/tissue damage
Gangrene
Abscesses
Paw pad atrophy
Bone regrowth

up to 50% of declawed cats develop acute physical complications

up to 20% of declawed cats develop long-term physical complications



"The pain must be excruciating; it is certainly a gruesome spectacle to watch."
--A Vet Tech

75-90% of pet owners change their mind about declawing once they know the risks

"Claws are a physically, socially, and emotionally vital part of every cat."
--Jackson Galaxy, Cat Behaviorist

"Unlike routine recoveries... declawing surgery results in cats bouncing off the walls of the recovery cage because of excruciating pain..."
--Dr. Nicholas Dodman, DVM

Litterbox issues are 2x more common in declawed cats

Osteomyelitis affects 30% of declawed cats (a painful bone infection)

You wouldn't declaw a dog... you trim his nails

