

Why Cats need their claws

1 Clawing is a natural, healthy and necessary behavior for cats

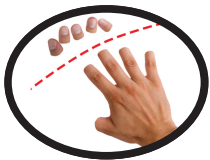


this is an innate behavior coded in their DNA

Scratching and clawing helps kitties to:

- shed the dead outer husk of their nail to expose the new healthy nail underneath
- deposit their scent from glands in their feet
- offer visual and olfactory territorial markers
- use the resistance created during scratching to stretch their leg and back muscles
- play an important role in their muscle tone and agility

2 Declawing is amputation

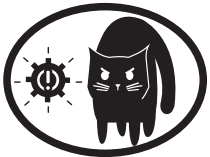


equivalent to cutting a human finger off at the first knuckle

This is life-changing surgery that can cause chronic physical issues:

- Cats have to re-learn how to walk after surgery just as a human would if they lost parts of their toes. 50% of declawed cats develop complications.
- They can have long-lasting issues with mobility, dexterity, grooming, and balance.
- Cats can develop arthritis, bone spurs, and nerve damage.
- Surgical risks include infection and pain and inflammation from fragments of bone left behind, lameness, and chronic pain in their paws and backs

3 Declawing causes behavioral issues



33% of declawed cats develop at least one behavioral issue

Cats that have been declawed are more likely to develop emotional issues:

- 7x** more likely to have litter box issues or inappropriate marking
- 3x** more likely to be aggressive and fearful
- more likely to overgroom due to stress and anxiety
- more likely to be diagnosed with chronic pain

4 Declawing is banned across the world and in parts of the US



Additional states and countries have declawing bans in legislative review

Banned, deemed inhumane, ethically unacceptable, and unnecessary in:

- 39** countries including England, Scotland, Italy, Germany, France, Israel, Australia, Japan, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and Quebec.
- 10** parts of the US including New York state, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and our capital city of Madison, among others.

What we can do instead

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| 1 - Kitty Spa Sessions! | Nail trimming and soft nail caps |
| 2 - Offer Enrichment and Happiness! | Scratching posts, pheromone sprays, calming collars, catnip, interactive toys, bonding and spending energy in good ways! |
| 3 - Train your kitty! | Cat training tape, foil, citrus sprays, canned air deterrents |
| 4 - Ask for help 🐾 | Find a certified Feline Behaviorist to help guide you |