



Declawing Facts

KNOW
THE
TRUTH



**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
42
Countries**

+ 3 U.S. States
+ 18 U.S. Cities
+ 9 Canadian Provinces

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%
develop long-term complications

**All Feline Veterinary Medical
Association (FelineVMA)
Cat Friendly Practices®
DO NOT DECLAW CATS
as of 2021**

"Recent studies have found
significant increase (3-7 times
more likely) of the following in
declawed compared to non-
declawed cats: chronic back
pain, inappropriate urination,
biting, and overgrooming."

--American Animal
Hospital Association
(AAHA)



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



"Removing claws changes
the way a cat's feet meet
the ground and can cause
pain like wearing an
uncomfortable pair of shoes.
Improperly removed claws
can regrow, causing nerve
damage and bone spurs."

--Humane Society of
the United States

**Litterbox issues
are**

2x

**more common
in declawed cats**

**Osteomyelitis
affects up to**

30%

**of declawed cats
(a painful bone infection)**

**You wouldn't
declaw a dog...
you trim their
nails!**



Please don't declaw me!



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