

# Declawing Cats

People often mistakenly believe that declawing their cats is a harmless "quick fix" for unwanted scratching. In reality, it does a lot more harm than good!

## What is declawing?

Declawing is not the simple removal of claws that many people think it is. In reality, declawing cats involves the amputation of the last bone of each toe. If performed on a human being, it would be like cutting off each finger at the last knuckle.



## Long Term Issues

Declawing can make a cat less likely to use the litter box and/or more likely to bite. Declawing also can cause lasting physical problems for your cat such as permanent pain in the paw, tissue death, lameness, and back pain..



## Solutions to scratching

To avoid your cat ruining furniture try these tips:

- Keep their claws trimmed
- Provide scratching posts and boards
- Attach a special tape to furniture to deter your cat from unwanted scratching.

