



Declawing Facts

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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

18%

show increased
biting

17%

suffer wounds
re-opening

15%

will not use
the litterbox

11%

suffer from
lameness

10%

see nail
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

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



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

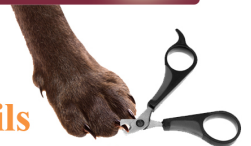
**more common
in declawed cats**

**Osteomyelitis
affects**

30%

of declawed cats
(a painful bone infection)

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



Please don't declaw me!



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