



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



37
Countries

+ 8 U.S. Cities

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

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



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

up to **20%**

of declawed cats develop long-term physical complications



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



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