

5 REASONS WHY

YOU SHOULDN'T DECLAW YOUR CAT

For more information on declawing: <https://pawproject.org/>



- 1** Declawing is an elective and ethically controversial **painful bone amputation** procedure, which is medically unnecessary and often times requires follow-up **corrective surgery**.
- 2** Declawing **denies cats their normal, instinctual behavioral impulses** to use their claws to climb, exercise, and mark territory with the scent glands in their paws.
- 3** Declawing poses a serious and common risk of **long-term complications** for cats such as, but not limited to, mild to severe **chronic pain**, which often leads to **litter box avoidance**.
- 4** Declawing **deprives cats of their primary means of defense**—their claws. Non-declawed cats will use their front paw claws to stave off a threat by swiping. Without them, they cannot defend themselves properly and frequently **resort to biting**.
- 5** Top veterinary behaviorists and the **American Veterinary Medical Association** agree that declawing should not be considered a routine or preventive procedure.

Humane Alternatives

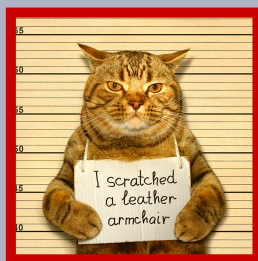
Continued scratching may be related to stress, anxiety, attention seeking or a perceived lack of security in their environment



Scratching posts/pads
Regular claw trimming
Synthetic facial pheromone spray or diffuser
Temporary synthetic nail caps
Double-sided sticky tape
Catnip
Behavioral consult etc...



"We Are NOT Feline Felons"



Cats scratch for 3 very basic reasons:

- 1-** The need to remove the outer sheath from nails and sharpen them.
- 2-** The desire to stretch their bodies while relieving stress and expending extra energy.
- 3-** The instinct to feel secure by marking their territory with the scent glands located on their paws.

And because cats have this instinctive need, they will use anything nearby to satisfy it — your antique chair, curtains, carpet, you name it — until they are **trained** to utilize the right surfaces.

What is a scratching preference?



Scratching is a normal and healthy behavior for cats. For this reason, designated scratching surfaces are crucial to have in an environment with felines. Although all cats have a scratching need, some may develop orientation and texture preferences. Examples: Vertical vs. Horizontal and Sisal vs. Carpet.

Visit our website blog or ask a staff member for a comprehensive article on "Cat Scratching Preferences" to find your furry feline the appropriate scratcher!