

Declawing:



Is it cruel to have my cat declawed?

In general, we do not recommend declawing your cat. Declawing can be very stressful and can cause further aggression and litterbox problems. We encourage training kittens to allow their paws to be handled at a young age, making nail trims much easier into adulthood. Additionally, we recommend keeping several scratching posts around the house. Try using different materials, i.e. carpet, wicker, cardboard, etc. Cat's usually favor one material or another. As a last resort, two of the doctors in our practice will perform a declawing operation on selected cats using extensive pain control procedures. If your cat is exhibiting destructive scratching, please call our office for more humane options.

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