



## Did you know a common veterinary surgery can be harming cats?

*Can you answer these four commonly asked questions?*

### 1. Is declawing harmless to cats?

**No.** In reality medical research has found that it is detrimental to their well-being and causes severe pain. Declawing is outdated no matter the method – the amputation of a cat's toes up to the first joint.

### 2. Is declawing cats widely accepted among all veterinary professionals?

**Absolutely not.** Over half of U.S. veterinary schools no longer include onychectomy in their core curriculum. The State of New York and 10 major U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, have outlawed cat declawing.

### 3. Is it necessary to declaw cats in order to protect humans with autoimmune diseases?

**No.** In truth, human health experts do not advise declawing cats to protect human health, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Public Health Service.



### 4. Does declawing only cause short-term discomfort to cats?

**No.** On top of short-term pain, declawed cats suffer from physical and behavioral complications which are often permanent and lifelong.

**Non-therapeutic cat declawing should end.**

*Will you join the growing movement to protect defenseless cats?*

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