

VBSPCA

DECLAWING IS INHUMANE WHY CATS NEED CLAWS

Declawing is illegal or considered inhumane in 39 countries and in 8 U.S. cities.
The procedure is equivalent to cutting off the first knuckle of a human finger.



Physical & Muscular
Health



Emotional
Wellbeing



Olfactory
Communication



Self-defense
& Confidence

50% of declawed cats develop acute physical complications

33% of declawed cats develop at least 1 behavioral problem

DECLAWING CAN PRODUCE:

Chronic Pain	Paw Pad Atrophy
Arthritis/Lameness	Bone Regrowth
Nerve/Tissue Damage	Osteomyelitis
Gangrene	Litter Box Issues
Abscesses	Increased Aggression

ALTERNATIVES:

You can trim your cat's nails, train them to use scratching posts, use positive reinforcement, apply Soft Paws, use a double-sided tape to protect your furniture and break the habit, or use Feliway spray or diffusers.



All VBSPCA feline adopters sign a written agreement that they will not declaw their cat.
Visit vbspca.com for more information about why cats need claws.