Why I shouldn’t Declaw my cat



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# Behavioral Issues w/ Declaw

Although it does not happen to all, many cats experience extreme physical pain and will not use the litter box and urinate outside the box.

# Other Methods Besides Declawing

* Nail Caps- amazon, chewy & pet stores
* Feliway Deterrent Spray- amazon, chewy
* Get a scratching post- found everywhere
* Feline Deterrent Tape- amazon
* Clipping - this is a great no-cost option. Be very careful when you are first trying this to never clip too much.

# What does declawing do to my cat?

1. **Pain, Pain, and more Pain**

**Declawing is a surgical procedure that involves amputation of the last bone in the knuckle of each toe on your cat.**

1. Declawed cats are much more likely to bite (using this as their only defense).
2. **They are much more likely to not use the litter box anymore.**  Out of pain they begin to urinate wherever is comfortable.
3. **Cats are not able to defend themselves as effectively.** Claws are a cat's natural defense mechanism. When claws are removed they are not able to defend themselves if they accidentally get outside. 