

Behavioral Benefits of Declawing

Declawing (onychectomy) is an elective surgical procedure in which the nail and the last bone are removed from all of the toes of a cat's front feet, and occasionally the rear feet as well. Scratching with the front claws is normal, instinctive behavior for cats, this behavior can be destructive and costly in the home and the bond between the owner and the cat may be permanently stressed. Also, some cats are aggressive to others and children and run the risk of injuring people or transmitting viruses. Because cats seldom use their rear claws to scratch furniture it is generally recommended that only the front claws be removed. Additionally, cats that have only their front claws removed can still climb trees and claw with their rear claws to protect themselves somewhat. However, it is highly recommended that once you declaw your cat, that he or she is confined indoors. It should be said that declawing should be the last option for a pet owner since it is not just like trimming a nail. It is the amputation of the last joint of the cat's paws.

Alternatives to declawing include:

- Behavior modification
- Regular nail clipping to keep the nails blunt
- Glued-on vinyl nail caps replaced every 6 – 8 weeks



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Hours

Doctor hours by appointment

Monday

8:30AM – 12 PM
2 PM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 AM – 12 PM
2 PM – 5:30 PM

Closed from 12PM – 2 PM for surgeries

New clients always welcome

Emergency calls are welcome. After hour instructions will be available on the answering machine

Payment

due at the time of discharge.

We accept cash, check, Visa or Mastercard
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Feline Declaw



Your pet's
"Health and Happiness"
is our priority



"Oliver"

Surgery appointments
available Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday

Admit 7:15 – 7:45 AM

Feline Declaw

Our fee includes:

1. A pre-surgical exam
2. Patient and room preparation
3. Sterile surgical pack, drape and suture
4. Laser surgery
5. General anesthesia
6. Surgery time
7. Pain medication. Fee is based on weight of pet.
8. Anesthesia monitoring by veterinarian assistant during and following surgery & during recovery.
9. EKG, O₂, CO₂ & BP monitoring
10. Frequent monitoring to assess pain and patient status
11. Hotdog warming blanket during surgery
12. Complimentary nail trim
13. Lots of tender loving care

What's extra....

We offer a variety of extra services at the time of surgery. These are optional and offered at an additional cost to the spay.

1. Microchipping, a safe and proven permanent identification.
2. Pre-surgical blood work (required if pet is 7 years of age or older)
3. Feline Leukemia, FIV and Heartworm testing.

Facts

1. The cat's front paw has 5 toes, but the back paws have 4.
 2. Some cats are born with as many as 7 front toes and extra back toes, this is known as polydactyly.
 3. When a cat is stropping or "sharpening their claws" they are actually removing the old, worn out claw sheaths. Revealing new pin-sharp claws underneath.
 4. Another function of stropping is that of scent-marking. They have scent glands located under its front paws and when the paw is rubbed vigorously it releases the scent.
 5. Cats lap liquid from the underside of their tongue, not from the top.
 6. Cats walk on their toes.
- * Please call ahead for an appointment
 - * Cats must be 2 months of age for surgery.
 - * **Please withhold food and water from your pet after 6 pm the night BEFORE surgery.**
 - * You may call anytime after 3 pm to check on your pet.
 - * Current Rabies vaccination is **required** for all surgery pets (can be given the day of surgery).

Recommended Services

Pre-anesthetic Blood Work is recommended to ensure the internal organs are functioning properly to metabolize the anesthesia, and to check for infection & anemia. Required if pet is 7 years of age or older.

Feline Leukemia is a serious disease, causing leukemia (cancer of the white blood cells), cancerous tumors, and various other non-tumorous diseases.

FIV, often called Feline AIDS, is a serious infectious disease that affects a cat much like human AIDS affects a person

Pain Medication We believe controlling our patients' pain is important. Pain medication is administered before your pet's medical procedure to reduce pain and discomfort and to promote recovery, and can be sent home.

Current Physical Exam (required) The health of your pet is very important, especially when they are being anesthetized. Your pet will be checked from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail. This includes: oral exam, ears, hernias, heart, parasites & verifying sex of your pet.

Vidscope Exam (required) The visualization of the ear canals, using a tiny camera to aid in the detection of problems.

Laser Surgery (required) Uses a "no touch" delivery system that cuts and cauterizes with a beam of light. This greatly reduces post surgical pain, inflammation, swelling, and bleeding during surgery which leads to a more comfortable recovery and fewer side effects.