

THE OREGON **HUMANE** SOCIETY LEADS YOU TO BELIEVE THEY ARE
HUMANE, BUT, IF YOUR CAT SCRATCHES,
YOU HAVE THE CHOICE TO HAVE THEIR CLAWS AMPUTATED



Cats: Destructive Scratching

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Should I Declaw My Cat?

Declawing is a procedure whereby a veterinarian amputates the end digit and claw of a cat's paws—similar in scope to cutting off a person's finger at the last joint. The Humane Society of the United States opposes declawing when done solely for the convenience of the owner. Scratching is a natural behavior for cats and can be directed to appropriate items. Declawing can also lead to litter box or aggression problems. However, if you feel that you must either declaw your cat or give her up, we would rather see your cat stay in her home and be your lifelong companion. If you do decide to have your cat declawed, we suggest that you have the surgery done at the same time she's spayed (or neutered, if your cat is a male). Never have rear paws declawed, and be sure to always keep your cat indoors; without claws to defend herself or climb to escape, your cat is in much greater danger outdoors—and the great outdoors is a very unsafe place for cats to begin with.

LINK TO THE FULL DOCUMENT

https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B0qepl5eJyIXenhJRTFpVkt5TDQ/edit?usp=docslist_api

Thank you,
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