



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS KITTY'S



# DECLAW PAIN

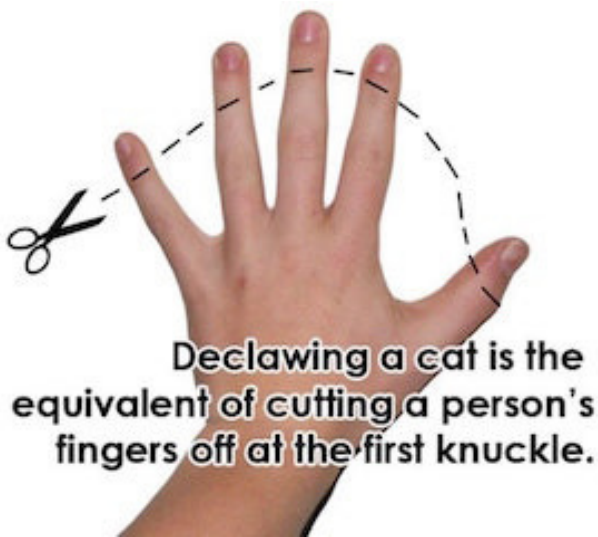
THIS CAT CAME TO HSHC WITH HIS/HER PAWS DECLAWED. HSHC STRONGLY DISCOURAGES DECLAWING CATS FOR ANY REASON...AND HERE'S WHY!

Declawing is a surgical procedure that is actually an amputation of the last joint of a cat's toe. Most do not realize that part of the cat's bone is removed also, not just the nail. This process often results in long-term complications including severe pain--and then subsequent behavior issues.

## THIS CAT'S CONDITION WAS EVALUATED BY THE PAW PROJECT TEAM



And it was determined this cat was suffering from pain resulting from a declaw surgery.



Declawing a cat is the equivalent of cutting a person's fingers off at the first knuckle.

## DECLAWING PAIN IS THE RESULT OF NERVE DAMAGE

Because pain is often caused by fragments of bone that have been left in the paw after the initial surgery, or problems with the joints, HSHC has funded the procedure to have these issues repaired. Some nerve damage is, however, permanent, so this kitty needs an understanding owner--and hopefully it's YOU!

## WHAT WILL THIS CAT NEED FROM THEIR PERSON

Many cats with this type of paw pain will require life-long pain management. These medications are typically inexpensive and readily available from your personal veterinarian.

## THIS CAT MAY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Soft litter
- 2) A low entrance litter box
- 3) Training pads
- 4) Pet stairs
- 5) And techniques such as acupuncture, cold laser therapy and physical therapy may also improve the condition

